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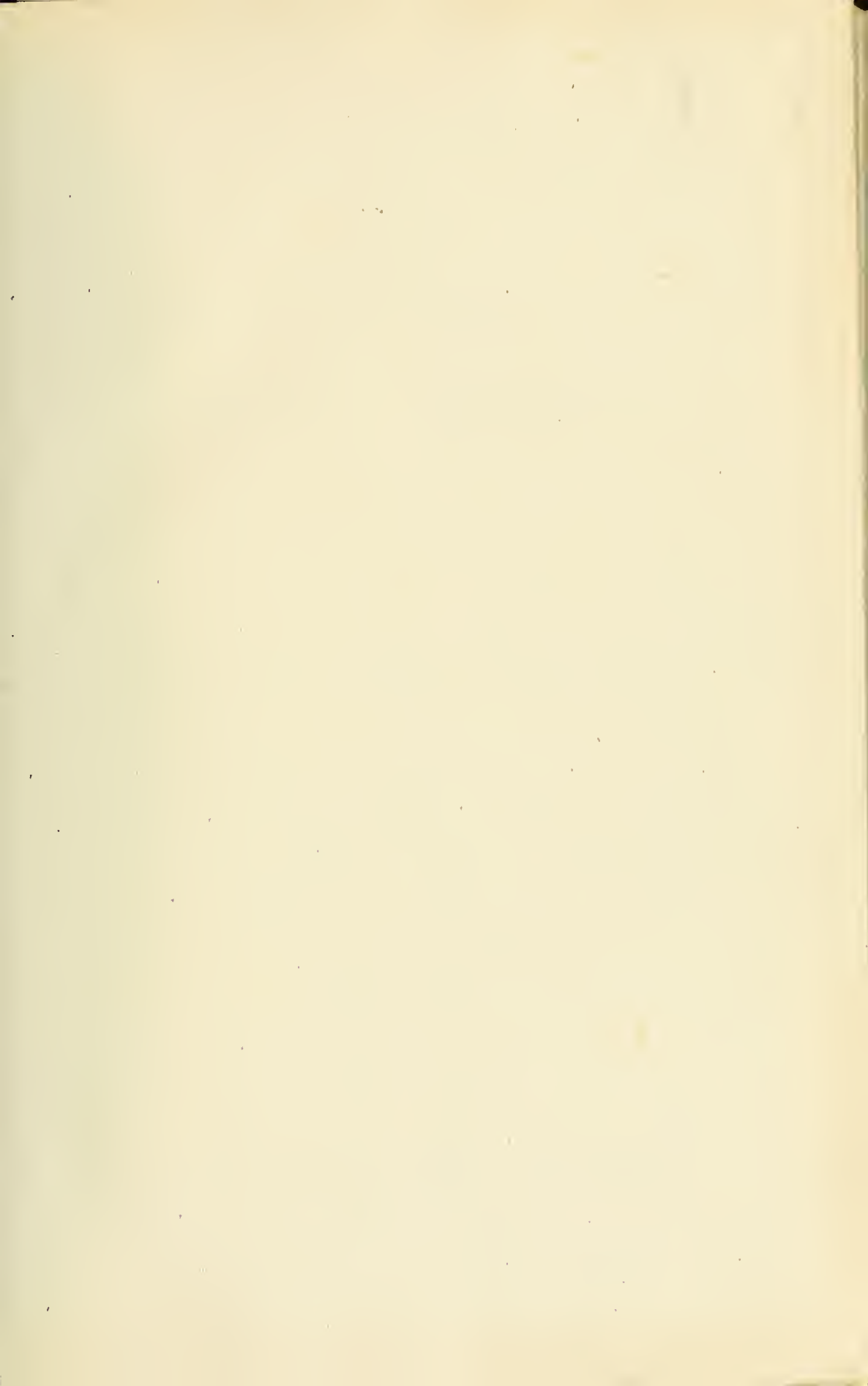


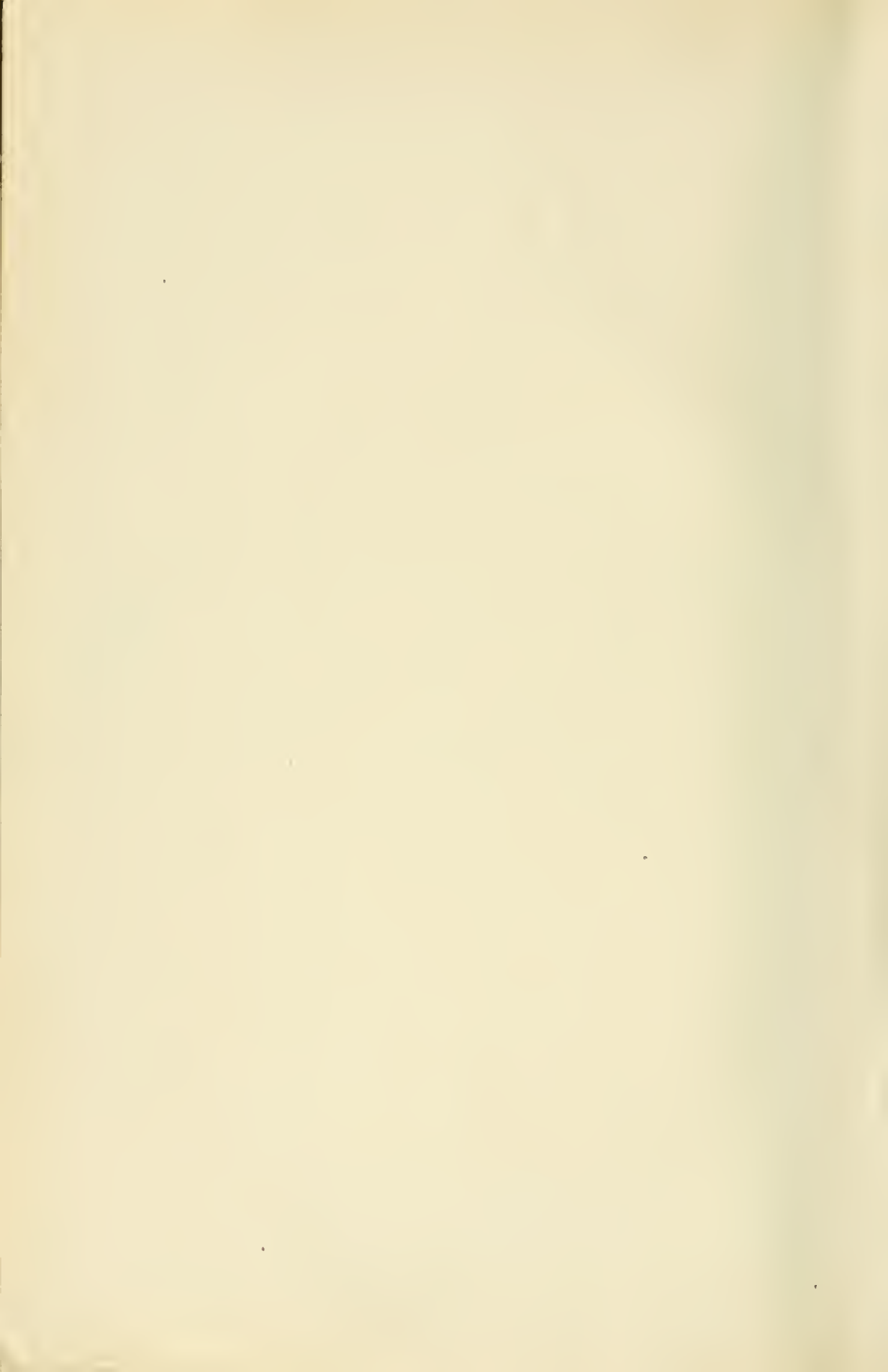
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of Many Families and Persons in the County


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## BIOGRAPHICAL

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**Adams, George**, deceased, for many years one of the most prominent and public spirited citizens of Schuylkill county, was born in Windsor township, Berks county, March 3, 1828. He was a son of Samuel and Catherine (Strausser) Adams. In early life he learned the carpenter's trade and located in Ashland, removing from there to Middleport, where he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad as foreman in charge of the building of bridges and stations. He also built numerous breakers for private concerns. He resigned his position with the railroad company and secured employment at one of the boat-yards located at Landingville. In 1858 he started in business for himself. Mr. Adams carried on boat building on a scale larger than any of his competitors, sometimes employing as high as 50 men, and had six boats on stocks at one time. This business was conducted continuously for thirty-two years, and was only discontinued by reason of the abandonment of that portion of the Schuylkill canal between Schuylkill Haven and Port Clinton, this having been the only outlet for the larger type of boats built during the later years of the industry in this section. At first boats were constructed for the Schuylkill canal with a carrying capacity of 80 tons, and later with a freight limit of 300 tons for trade along New York, Baltimore and New Haven. In 1866 he purchased a farm in this county and by industry and perseverance built up what later became the village of Adamsdale. In 1875 he erected a hotel and later a general store which is still conducted by the estate. Besides these, several residences and a wheelwright shop were put up. In 1891 with two partners he established the Adams Shoe Company of Adamsdale. The first factory was the rear of the general store conducted by Mr. Adams, but in 1900 a three-story frame building, 40 feet wide by

100 in length, was built and in this the industry has since been carried on. Mr. Adams was twice married. His first wife was Miss Eliza Deiner, and from this union there were nine children, seven of whom are living. They are George, Richard, Frank, Charles, John, Robert and Katherine Elizabeth, the last named of whom is married and lives in Landingville. After death had annulled the first marriage Mr. Adams married Mrs. Diana Schall, a widow, and a daughter of Rev. Philip Mayer, who for more than forty years was a minister of the Reformed church. Mr. Adams' death occurred on March 5, 1901, and was mourned by all who knew him. The borough which was named after him will stand as a lasting monument to his memory. He was a man of unexcelled ability, stalwart Christian principles and unsullied honor.

**Albert, J. V., M. D.**, a prominent physician and surgeon of Pine Grove, was born in Lebanon county, Pa., on Jan. 27, 1849. He is a son of John and Catherine (Urich) Albert, both of Lebanon county. The father was a miller and operated a mill at Greble all his active life. Both he and his wife were zealous and devout members of the Reformed church and he held offices in the same. The mother died in 1894 at the age of seventy-five years and the father in February, 1903, at the age of eighty-six. They were the parents of three children. The eldest, David, was a doctor of medicine who died in Greble at the age of twenty-four, two years after starting in the practice of his profession. Rebecca is the widow of William Louser and lives in Lebanon. The subject of this sketch, the youngest child of his parents, attended the academy at Myerstown and Bucknell college for a year and a half for his preliminary education. He began his medical studies when he was but sixteen years of age, doing considerable reading in the office of Dr. Frank-enbower at Myerstown. In 1870 he was granted the degree of Doctor of Medicine by the faculty of the Jefferson Medical college of Philadelphia and at once began his professional practice at Myerstown. Subsequently he went to Millersburg and since 1880 has been a general practitioner in Pine Grove. His practice has steadily increased with each year and he is recognized as a leader in the profession, being often called in consultation with other physicians. He is the oldest member of the profession in the borough, and is actively interested in the welfare of the community. Politically he is an adherent of the Democratic party and as such served one term as deputy coroner. On Sept. 30, 1867, Dr. Albert married Miss Emma E. Fisher, a native of Berks county and a daughter of Adam and Amelia (Filbert) Fisher. The one child of this union, Claude N., is now grown to manhood and conducts a stationery store in Pine Grove. The son married Rebecca Fair, by whom he had two children, both deceased. The doctor and his wife are members of the Reformed church and the doctor is an active worker in the Royal Arcanum, of which he is medical examiner.

**Albright, Hiester S.**, at the head of the shoe manufacturing firm of H. S. Albright & Co., of Orwigsburg, was born in Schuylkill

county on June 20, 1856, a son of William S. and Amanda (Bodey) Albright, natives of the Keystone state. The father was a farmer and dealer in live-stock and died in 1868 at the age of thirty-two years. The mother is still living, making her home with an unmarried daughter in Orwigsburg. This daughter, Bella V., is the only other living member beside the subject of this sketch of a family of five children. Mr. Albright left school when he was twelve years of age and "hired out" as a clerk in an Orwigsburg store. Then he served an apprenticeship in the shoe cutters' trade for three years and after two years as a master of the trade he drifted into the business. This furnished him a good means of livelihood for a number of years and in 1880 he embarked in the shoe manufacturing industry with a partner, under the firm name of Albright & Brown. This partnership continued until 1883, when Mr. Brown severed his connection with the firm and the name was changed to H. S. Albright & Co., with George C. Diefenderfer as the other member. The firm has an enviable reputation as makers of high class goods and it has been most successful. On Jan. 6, 1886, Mr. Albright married Miss Virginia F. Newhard, of Lebanon, Pa., a daughter of James J. Newhard. This marriage was blessed with one child, Nellie Virginia, a graduate of the Allentown college for women, in the class of 1905. Mrs. Albright died in February, 1899, at the age of thirty-two. Mr. Albright is a member of the Reformed church, a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the various Masonic bodies. Although not active he is an interested adherent of the Republican party. Probably no man in Schuylkill county is better or more favorably known than Mr. Albright, who is always a leader in any enterprise that has for its object the betterment of the county or state.

**Albright, Morgan S.**, steward of the Schuylkill county alms-house, is a son of Joseph and Esther (Sheridan) Albright, and was born in West Brunswick township, on Dec. 27, 1842. He attended the public schools of his home town and at the age of fifteen years began working on his father's farm. At the age of twenty-two he purchased a farm of his own, which he conducted for ten years. In 1874 he went into the butcher's business, in which line he continued for twenty-five years, and followed that for three years by dealing in cattle and horses. In 1902 he was elected steward of the alms-house, which position he is at present occupying. On Aug. 29, 1864, Mr. Albright married Susannah E. Diebert, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Drumheller) Diebert, of North Manheim township. From this union eight children were born, and of them record is here made: Alvin A., of Pottstown, Pa.; William M., living in Louisiana; Hetty R., married to Allen Smith, of Orwigsburg; Nora C., married to Burd Linder, postmaster at Orwigsburg; Annie, deceased; Margaret, living at home; and two daughters who died before reaching maturity. Mr. Albright is a member of the Free Masons and his family are members of the Reformed church of Orwigsburg.

Allison, Robert, retired, a pioneer citizen of Port Carbon and for many years a prominent figure in the scientific world, was born in Middleton, Teesdale, Durham county, England, on Dec. 25, 1827. He is one of five surviving children of Joseph and Elizabeth Allison, the others being Emily (Mrs. Evans), Martha, Louise and Jane. With his mother he came to the United States in 1830, the father having come a year previous and made a home for the family in Schuylkill county. His early life was that of any boy of the region, attending school until twelve years old and when between twelve and sixteen years of age working in the mines in summer and going to school in the winter. In his seventeenth year he entered the machine shops of Haywood & Snyder of Pottsville as an apprentice to the machinist's trade and after he had become a journeyman he was employed by the firm for two years. Then he accepted a position as foreman in the machine shops of Tobias Wintersteen at Port Carbon and served in that capacity until 1862. In that year he formed a partnership with F. B. Banman and established the Franklin Iron works at Port Carbon and fourteen years later he purchased Mr. Banman's interest in the concern. He continued in the active management of it until 1901, when he disposed of his control to William A. Cathers, and since that time has lived a retired life. While actively engaged in his vocation Mr. Allison established a world-wide reputation for himself and had many unique experiences. While in the employ of Haywood & Snyder he assisted in the erection of the first coal breaker ever erected in the territory between Port Carbon and St. Clair. When that same company built the Montour Iron works at Danville he was one of their workmen, and when the mill was completed he remained in Danville to see turned out the first T-rail ever rolled in this country. Many of the inventions which are today used to great extent in mining are the result of Mr. Allison's hard labor and experiments. Among his inventions which have become universally used are the Cataract steam pump, the hydraulic feed for diamond drills, percussion rock drills and compressed air engines. Shipments of these instruments and machinery are made to all parts of the world. Mr. Allison has been twice married. In 1849 he was united to Miss Catherine Thornburg, daughter of Solomon Thornburg, of Pottsville. Twelve children blessed this union, of whom two sons, Joseph and William, are deceased. The surviving members are Emily, Kate, Laura, Minnie, Louise, Fannie, Charles, Frank, Carrie and Nellie. Death annulled the first marriage in 1880, and in 1882 Mrs. Mary M. Stocker of Philadelphia became the wife of Mr. Allison. There are no children by the second union. The family are all devout communicants of the Presbyterian church. The father is a member of Schuylkill Lodge, No. 27, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and for a number of years past has been treasurer. In Masonic circles he is also prominent, being a member of the Pulaski Blue Lodge, the Constantine Commandery, Knights Templars, and the Lulu Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Philadelphia, and for many years has



been a member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers and of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. In political matters he is a Republican and as such has at different times been the successful candidate for election to the offices of school director and borough councilman. His business interests include many enterprises, not only in Port Carbon, but also in other cities and counties. He is a director of the Schuylkill Trust Company, the Pottsville Gas Company, treasurer of the Port Carbon Electric Light Company, trustee of the Miners' hospital at Ashland, and is financially interested in the Turkey Gap Coal & Coke Company of West Virginia. When Mr. Allison first came to Port Carbon it was a place of very few inhabitants, and his family located on the property opposite to where the Catholic church now stands. For more than sixty years he has been a large factor in the development of the borough, and he may justly feel proud of his connection with it.

**Allott, Rev. R. D.**, was born in England and is the son of Robert W. and Annie (Snaith) Allott. He is one of a family of eight—five sisters and three brothers. Of his sisters, Mary married John English of Kaska, Schuylkill county; Anna married Thomas Main, of Chester, Pa.; Madeline married Willard Linn, of Philadelphia; Ida and Jenny are at home. His two brothers are Robert and William. All of the family are living. The parents of Rev. R. D. Allott came to the United States when he was one and a half years old and located in Pottsville, Schuylkill county. He obtained his early education in the public schools and his academic training at the theological seminary in Pennington, N. J., where he was graduated in 1902. His first appointment was to Bridgeboro, N. J., and the second to Atglen, Chester county, Pa., coming from that place to Schuylkill Haven. The First Methodist Episcopal church of Schuylkill Haven, of which he is pastor, was organized in 1849. It was closed in 1875 and after being closed for over a quarter of a century was reorganized in 1902 by Rev. C. T. Isenberger, with a membership of seventy-nine. A new brick church was erected at a cost of \$8,500, on St. John street. After a three years' pastorate Rev. Mr. Isenberger was transferred to the Windsor Street Methodist church of Reading, Pa., and was followed in Schuylkill Haven by Rev. Broder Matzen, who was pastor one year, going then to Churchtown, Lancaster county, Pa. In March, 1906, Rev. Ralph D. Allott became pastor, the membership having increased to one hundred and thirteen. On July 7, 1906, Rev. R. D. Allott was married to Miss Estella B. Coldren, daughter of John D. and Kate B. (Becker) Coldren, of Schuylkill Haven. Previous to her marriage Mrs. Allott was a music teacher and is a very fine musician. Mr. Allott is a member of the Philomathean society, a college fraternity. In politics he is independent, being in favor of reform government.

**Archbald, James, Jr.**, was born in Scranton, Pa., Feb. 19, 1866. He comes from a family well known throughout the anthracite

region, and which has been prominent in its development. Of his grandfathers, one, James Archbald, planned, built and managed the gravity railroad of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company, the first railroad to enter the Lackawanna region, and later became chief engineer of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad; while his maternal grandfather, Joseph J. Albright, was general manager of the coal department of the Delaware & Hudson. Colonel Archbald's father, also named James, was a captain in the 132d Pennsylvania volunteer infantry during the Civil war and in 1870 succeeded his father as chief engineer of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad. Colonel Archbald is also a nephew of Judge Robert Wodrow Archbald of the United States district court. He was educated at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., and at Yale university, graduating at the latter in 1887. His business career was begun with the Barber Asphalt Paving Company in Scranton and Wilkes Barre, varied by engineering work in winter. Some time also was devoted to the study of law. After 1890 he was for two years manager of the Sterrick Creek Coal Company at Peckville, Pa., and for six years manager of the Albright Coal Company at Llewellyn in Schuylkill county. In 1898 he became associated with his father-in-law, Maj. Heber S. Thompson, as a civil and mining engineer at Pottsville. He is a director of the Miners' National bank of Pottsville; of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company; of the Royal Wholesale Grocery Company; and is a director and treasurer of the Young Men's Christian Association. He is also a member of the Pottsville club, and president of the Outdoor club of Pottsville. Colonel Archbald's military history dates back to 1880 when he began his career as a regimental guide or "marker," being then a member of Company C of the 13th regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard. The late Col. Henry M. Boies was in command of the regiment, Col. Ezra H. Ripple, now assistant adjutant-general, was the major, and Lieut. Louis A. Watres, later lieutenant-governor of the state, and recently commander of the 13th Regiment, was then second in command of Company C. Under such officers there was a discipline maintained unusual in a militia regiment, and the training given was very valuable. As a member of the 13th, Colonel Archbald attended the first division encampment at Fairmount Park in 1880. Three years later, on entering college, he was honorably discharged, but did not relax his interest in military matters, keeping himself informed as to the drill regulations, so that when the Spanish-American war broke out his services were sought as drillmaster for a battalion organized in Schuylkill county. The services of this battalion were not, however, accepted, and at the request of the state authorities, he organized Company M of the 11th infantry, of the Provisional National Guard which he commanded 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 as captain of that organization. He at once instituted measures for the systematic development of the company, making it one of the best

in the state, and served with it through the anthracite strike of 1900. Pressure of business, however, compelled his reluctant resignation on April 1, 1901, though he has ever since maintained an active and close connection with his old command, and his efforts for the advancement of its interests have been untiring. Colonel Archbald returned to the service on Feb. 4, 1904, when he was appointed an aide-de-camp on the staff of Governor Pennypacker with the rank of lieutenant-colonel. On Feb. 14, 1907, he was re-appointed by Governor Stuart. He is known throughout the guard for his intelligence and zeal in its service. He is an earnest student of military affairs and one of the type of men who have made the Pennsylvania National Guard a noted and efficient body of troops. The interesting ancestral history of Colonel Archbald is traceable in America to the early Colonial days. His paternal grandfather, James Archbald, was the fourth of that name in direct descent and was a descendant of Robert Wodrow, the Scotch historian. He was born in Scotland and came to this country with his parents when a youth of twelve years. His life work has been mentioned on a preceding page. The town of Archbald, above Scranton, was named in his honor. The long line of American descent is represented in greater degree by the paternal grandmother, who in maidenhood was Sarah Augusta Temple Frothingham. She was a native of New England, and a descendant in the fifth generation from William Frothingham who came from England in 1630 and settled at Charlestown, Mass. Some of her ancestors were officers in the Colonial army during the Revolution. Colonel Archbald's maternal grandfather was Joseph J. Albright, who was born in Nazareth, Pa. His early life was spent in manufacturing iron in Pennsylvania and Virginia, where he owned and operated furnaces. His later life work has already been briefly mentioned. His ancestors were Moravians. The Albright library in Scranton was erected as a memorial to him. The maternal grandmother was Elizabeth Sellers, a representative of a Quaker family near Philadelphia. James Archbald, father of the subject of this sketch, held the position of chief engineer of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad for over thirty years. He was at one time the general manager of the Barber Asphalt Paving Company, and is now engaged in the construction of railroads in Mississippi. He married Hannah M. Albright. Colonel Archbald married Margaretta Thompson on Oct. 21, 1897, and three children have been born to them: Margaretta Thompson, Sara Thompson and James.

**Aregood, Samuel C.**, senior member of the firm of S. C. Aregood & Son, contractors and builders, of Pottsville, was born at Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, May 10, 1840, a son of Isaiah and Juliana (Kromer) Aregood, the former a native of York Farm, Schuylkill county, and the latter of Northampton county, the grandfathers being among the pioneer settlers of the two counties. Isaiah Aregood was born in 1810 and while in his boyhood his family removed to Snyder county, where he learned the tailor's trade, but soon after reaching his majority he returned to Port

Carbon and opened a tailor's shop there, which he conducted for several years. He was then engaged in carpentering, and in later life operated a tin shop. He died at Port Carbon in 1893 at the age of eighty-three years. His family consisted of the following children: Osman, Charles, Samuel C., Joseph, Henry, Mary, Susannah and Hannah. Osman and Charles are deceased; Mary is the wife of Eli Thompson; Susannah is the wife of William Cliff; and Hannah is the wife of William Auer. Samuel C. Aregood was reared and educated in Port Carbon, where he learned the carpenters' trade, at which he worked as a journeyman until 1887. He came to Pottsville in 1872 and in 1887 he became a member of the firm of Wolff & Aregood, contractors, and this partnership lasted until 1900, when he formed a partnership with his son. Among the important buildings erected by Aregood & Son may be mentioned the Humane engine house; John Raring's store and office building on Center street; Green's jewelry store; as well as a large number of the finest residences in the city of Pottsville, and it is no disparagement to their competitors to say that no contractors in Schuylkill county stand higher in the public estimation than they. On May 23, 1867, Mr. Aregood married Miss Emma, daughter of John and Nancy (Bell) Griner, of Port Carbon, and of the children born to this union six are living, viz: Mary, wife of William Crawshaw; Osman, George, Bertha, Samuel H. and Cora.

**Assmann, Rev. Joseph A.**, the popular and greatly esteemed pastor of the German Catholic church in Minersville, is a native of Grevenstein, Westphalia, Germany, born on March 14, 1868. He was reared to young manhood, and began his ministerial studies in his native land. In 1886 he came to America and completed his studies in philosophy and theology at Saint Charles seminary, Overbrook, Pa. Father Assmann was ordained to the ministry of the Roman Catholic church at Philadelphia, by the Most Reverend P. J. Ryan, Archbishop of Philadelphia, May 19, 1894. After serving the church in the capacity of assistant rector for several years, Father Assmann was appointed rector of the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, his present pastorate, on Sept. 30, 1901. Numerous pastors of high distinction had preceded him during the fifty-six years from the organization of the church until the date of this appointment. The corner stone for the first church was laid on July 8, 1855, Bishop Freeman officiating. The organization was then numerically weak, embracing some forty families, among whom were the ancestors of many of the progressive German-Americans who are today residents of Minersville. The first services were conducted by Father Wachter, from Pottsville, and the first resident pastor was Father Matthias Meurer, who took charge of the church in 1857, and officiated for about two years; but in the latter part of 1859, the church was supplied by Fathers Weerner and Wegmeirer from Pottsville. In 1860 Father Newfeld became the resident pastor, and remained until February, 1862, during which time the membership was largely increased through the influx of new settlers. Father Schwartz succeeded him and remained the resident pastor for



a period of twenty-nine years. This was one of the history-making periods in the existence of the church which has continued, with but few discouragements, to the present day. Father Schwartz was universally beloved by his people, and held in the highest esteem by all classes of citizens, whether Catholics or Protestants, and this gave him great prestige in the upbuilding of his church in Minersville. He built the pastoral residence, and made many interior improvements of a permanent character in the adornment of the church edifice. Father Schwartz had sole charge of the church until 1884, when failing health and approaching old age necessitated the services of assistants, who came from St. Clair and Pottsville, as needed, but in the year 1888 Rev. Joseph G. Nerz, who had been rector of a church at St. Clair, was given full charge of the Minersville congregation. Rev. Schwartz remained at Minersville as pastor emeritus until his death. A Golden Jubilee was celebrated in his honor at the church of St. John the Baptist, in Pottsville, whereat more than fifty priests from other parishes assisted in the commemoration of the life work of this venerable priest. A purse containing \$1,500 was presented to Father Schwartz on this occasion, and with that liberality which had characterized his life career, he immediately donated \$800 to his loved church at Minersville, to assist in making some needed repairs. He died in February, 1892, sincerely mourned by all who knew him. The church was without a regular pastor until October, 1888, when Father Joseph G. Nerz was installed, and succeeded in doing much good in the short time of his sojourn among this congregation. Father Nerz was instrumental in establishing the parochial school, under the teaching of the sisters of the Order of St. Francis, which has been a prominent feature in the education of the German Catholic youths of the community. At present this school is in charge of three sisters, and 125 students from the 100 families in the parish are taught in all the essentials of elementary education. Father A. Mersch was appointed pastor in October, 1892. Rev. Father Peter Masson succeeded Father Mersch in 1894, and was a very efficient and popular pastor. He was young and energetic, wholly devoted to his chosen calling, and did much for the growing church. During his pastorate, which continued until the summer of 1899, he was instrumental in establishing the missions at Newtown and Blackwood, and built a handsome church edifice at the former point where forty-five families have since been served by the pastors of the church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. He also added substantial improvements to the church at Minersville, and left the congregation to take up the work of vice-rector of the American college at Louvaen, Belgium. Rev. Father Francis Regnery, a native of Schuylkill county, served one year as pastor of the church at Minersville following the transfer of Father Masson, and was a very acceptable and efficient pastor. He is now engaged in pastoral duties at Lehighton, Pa. Rev. Edward George Werner succeeded Father Regnery in September, 1900, and served the church until the coming of Rev. Father Joseph A. Assmann,

Sept. 30, 1901. The present very efficient and popular pastor found the church, and all its interests, in excellent condition; but with that commendable ambition which permeates the Catholic clergy everywhere, he has not been willing to stand still. He has liquidated a considerable debt incurred by his predecessors in rebuilding the church, and the congregation is now entirely free from debt. Not only this, but he has also added a fine pipe organ, at a cost of \$1,000, adorned the church with handsome stained glass windows, thoroughly renovated the interior of the building, besides making minor improvements.

**Atkins, Charles M.**—In this age of colossal enterprise and marked intellectual energy, the prominent and successful men are those whose abilities, persistence and courage lead them into large undertakings and to assume the responsibilities and labors of leaders. To the subject of this memoir came the attainment of a distinguished position in connection with the great material industries of the nation, and his efforts were so discerningly directed along well defined lines that he seems at any one designated point to have there realized the full measure of his great possibilities for accomplishment. His was a truly successful life, as men measure success, and, over and above this, it was a life guided and governed by the highest principles of integrity and honor. A man of distinct and forceful individuality, he left his impress upon the industrial world, and it can be said without fear of contradiction that he was the foremost citizen of Pottsville, to whose upbuilding he contributed in magnificent degree, both by fostering enterprises which afforded the necessary base for advancement and by exemplifying those broad humanitarian and social attributes which cause the individual influence to permeate and vivify the civic life. Mr. Atkins reached an advanced age and his final illness was of short duration, terminating in his death Sept. 3, 1889, at his home in Pottsville. He was born in Chester county, Pa., March 17, 1827, and was a representative of one of the old and honored families of the state. He passed his boyhood and early manhood in Columbia and his early educational advantages were those afforded to the average youth of the locality and period. A concise record of his business career appeared in a local newspaper at the time of his death and a reproduction of the same in this work is consistent: "He acquired his business education at the same desk at which sat the late Thomas A. Scott, who was afterward known as the father of the Pennsylvania railroad system, and these two when mere boys learned together those principles of usefulness that brought them both to the front rank of the business men of Pennsylvania. Mr. Atkins' first business venture was in the line of freighting on the old Pennsylvania state road, and in the few years he was thus engaged he became one of the leading freighters on that line and one of the largest owners of rolling stock and barges. He came to Pottsville in 1853, about which time what are now the Fishback rolling mills were sold at sheriff's sale, the owners, Messrs. Yardley & Co., having become deeply involved. Mr. Atkins became the



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purchaser and in connection with his brother, Hanson Atkins, at once commenced the enlargement of the works. Soon afterward the Pioneer furnaces were purchased and both plants were operated together. A large iron-ore bank in Cumberland county was made tributary to the furnaces which in themselves supplied the rolling mill. A colliery at Gilberton was opened to furnish coal for the works. When to these four extensive plants had been added a complete equipment of rolling stock, the freighting business was gradually discontinued and the docks were closed up. Their existence has now become but a memory with even our older people. At the time they were as extensive as any in the state. The furnaces were enlarged and rebuilt and added to from time to time, their capacity being doubled five times in the history of Mr. Atkins' ownership. The rolling mills expanded under the same general supervision and within late years a steel plant has been added. At one time there were over 5,000 names on Mr. Atkins' pay roll. Some years ago the works were capitalized and a company, under the name of the Pottsville Iron and Steel Company, was formed. Mr. Atkins was its president and held nine-tenths of the stock, the remainder being divided between his son, son-in-law and confidential clerks. His life was thoroughly devoted to business, but there were incidents in it that were noteworthy on other accounts. He not only assisted in the furnishing of regiments to go to the front during the war of the rebellion but also went himself to enlist, when his friend, General Cameron, who had also been his father's friend and who was then secretary of war under Abraham Lincoln, heard of his intention. He sent for Mr. Atkins and stated to him that as a great deal of iron would be needed by the government incidental to the prosecution of the war, he could serve his country best by going home and making the iron." Mr. Atkins was a typical American citizen, thoroughly in harmony with the spirit of the republic, making the most of his opportunities and working his way upward to success and to all that is desirable and ennobling in life. He was a man of warm sympathies and one who fully appreciated the well-springs of human thought and motive, so that tolerance in judgment was his in all the relations of life. His character was well rounded and it is significant of the nobility of the man when it is stated that those who knew him best were those who most greatly admired and respected him. Lasting incentive is to be gained from the study of such a career, and the name of Charles M. Atkins will not soon be forgotten in the city, county and state which he honored and dignified by his worthy life and splendid services.

**Auman, William**, the subject of this article, is a representative of one of the prominent and well-known families in Schuylkill county. His ancestors, for many years, have been identified with the growth and progress of this section of the State of Pennsylvania, and notably so with Schuylkill county during the last sixty years. William Auman is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Irish) Auman, natives, respectively of Berks and Carbon counties. Samuel

Auman was born in Amity township, Berks county, Nov. 14, 1824, and was reared and educated in his native locality. His father, Henry Auman, was also a native of Amity township, where the founder of the family in America located at the close of the Revolutionary war. This ancestor was a native of Hanover, Germany, came to America as a British soldier, and was among the Hessians surprised and captured by General Washington just prior to the memorable battle of Trenton. His name was Henry Auman, a man who received a liberal education in his native land, and ended a life of usefulness and prominence as a teacher and choir-master in Amity township, Berks county, Pa., in the year 1830. He was then eighty-three years of age. His wife's maiden name was Catherine Beitam, of Carlisle, Pa. They had a family of five children: Elizabeth, Catherine, Sarah, George, and Henry. Numerous representatives of these early pioneers are living in the anthracite coal regions. Henry Auman, the paternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Berks county, Pa., in 1795, and removed to Union county in 1842, thence to Pottsville, Schuylkill county, in 1848. He married Miss Catherine Breyman, by whom he had a family of eleven children. The living members of this family are: William, James and Samuel. William Auman, mentioned above, has spent his life principally in the United States army, in which sphere he has achieved prominence. He was one of the "First Defenders," who left Pottsville in April, 1861, and was a member of the Washington artillerists, who reached the national capital with four other companies, in advance of all the grand army which later responded to President Lincoln's first call for troops to defend the capital. He served out his term as a three months' volunteer, then promptly re-enlisted, with his brother James, as a member of the historic 48th regiment, and participated with that organization in many of the memorable battles of the war. William was wounded in the battle of Antietam, but recovered and returned to the front, where the brothers participated in the grandest military achievement of the time in tunneling under one of the enemy's strongest forts on the defenses of Petersburg. The "Battle of the Crater" will live in history as one of the many laurels won by Colonel Pleasants and his gallant boys of the 48th Pennsylvania, when other events of the great Civil war are forgotten. William Auman was discharged at the close of the war as captain of his company. After spending a time as a student at Wyoming seminary, he accepted a commission in the United States army, and remained in service until retired by reason of age. He commanded his regiment (the 13th U. S. infantry), at the battle of Santiago, and led it in the charge, being then a major. He was placed on the retired list in 1903, with the rank of brigadier-general. His home is now at Buffalo, N. Y. James Auman, the other soldier uncle of Mr. Auman, of this sketch, has spent his life in mercantile pursuits, and is now a resident of Philadelphia. Samuel Auman, father of the subject of this article, located in Pottsville with his parental family in 1848.



He has been a continuous resident of the place since, and, perhaps more than any other man, has been identified with the material growth and prosperity of Pottsville. He spent his early years as a journeyman bricklayer, but in 1849 he took up the work of contracting and building, and followed that vocation during the remaining years of his active business career. To his artistic skill and mechanical genius is due the architectural excellence and stability of many of the best buildings in Pottsville. The principal edifices of the place are lasting testimonials to his handiwork, among which may be mentioned school buildings, banks, stores, residences, churches, the county prison, the old court house, etc. One of his last contracts was the building of some twenty blocks of houses for the Lehigh Valley Coal Company. Samuel Auman was twice married, his first wife being Miss Sarah Umbenhauer, of Pine Grove, Schuylkill county, whom he wedded on April 6, 1849. Four daughters were born to this union: Sallie E., deceased; Emma L., now her father's companion and housekeeper; Ellen E., wife of W. S. Robinson, a merchant at Wilkes Barre; and Minnie, who is the wife of Thomas H. Hooper, a mining contractor at Wilkes Barre. Mrs. Auman died on Feb. 13, 1860, at the age of twenty-nine years. On Aug. 6, 1861, Mr. Auman was again married, choosing for his companion Mrs. Elizabeth, widow of Eben Hollenbeck, of Memphis, Tenn. She was a daughter of Jedediah Irish, a civil engineer and surveyor, and a man of prominence and success in his chosen calling. He died in Luzerne county, Pa., in 1871. Elizabeth Irish was born Nov. 17, 1825, and married Eben Hollenbeck, June 23, 1852. He died Nov. 12, 1858, leaving two children, Jedediah F. Hollenbeck, who died in Pottsville at the age of forty-two years, and Gay, who died in infancy. By the union of Mrs. Hollenbeck and Samuel Auman two sons were born, the subject of this sketch, William Auman, being the only survivor. His brother died in early infancy and the mother died in Pottsville in March, 1906. Mr. Auman was born in Pottsville, and there acquired a thorough education and preparation for his life-work. But much of his practical education was received in the broader and more thorough school of experience. When quite a young man he decided upon combining pleasure with profit and made a trip to the then far west, where he was employed for a time in building the Northern Pacific railroad through Montana territory. Returning to the east, he was engaged as a mining engineer at Wilkes Barre for some six years. For ten years following this, he in company with David G. Aikman, operated a private engineering office in Wilkes Barre, conducting the business successfully until the death of Mr. Aikman, soon after which event Mr. Auman accepted a position at Nanticoke, as division engineer for the Susquehanna Coke Company, continuing with them for two and a half years. On Oct. 15, 1903, Mr. Auman accepted his present position, with the same corporation as his last engagement, and came to William Penn as superintendent of the company's large and varied interests here. The mines are located on a portion of

the Girard estate, leased for a term of years to the operators. The annual output from the mine of which Mr. Auman has charge aggregates the enormous product of 250,000 tons. Seven hundred miners are employed, most of whom live in company's houses provided for them. Mr. Auman was united in marriage April 20, 1892, when he chose for his life companion, Miss Ona Flack, a daughter of William and Catherine (Pott) Flack of Watsonstown, Pa. Her mother is a lineal descendant of the well-known Pott family whose history is so closely interwoven with the pioneer development of Pottsville, and in whose honor the town was named. (See history of Pottsville.) The only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Auman is Miss Catherine, the joy and hope of loving parents, and a young lady just budding into promising womanhood. The family have a beautiful home at William Penn (P. O. name Shaft), and sustain the highest social relations among the prominent people of the county. The large and handsome residence is situated near the base of a mountain, though commanding a delightful view of the valley below. The large grounds are laid out in terraces, planted to fruit trees, flowers, and ornamental shrubbery, and present a picturesque appearance, notably so because of the absence of like adornments elsewhere in the locality.

**Aurand, Aquilla B.**, dealer in books, stationery, wall paper, fancy goods, etc., was born in Tamaqua on Jan. 4, 1858. The Aurand family trace their ancestry back to Henry Aurand, a Huguenot of note, who was compelled to flee from France by Louis XIV's revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685. His destination was Holland, whence he removed to Heidelberg, Germany. His wife was Anna Christina Hoff, who on Sept. 15, 1725, bore him a son, John, at Dillenberg, Germany. In 1753 John came to Pennsylvania, arriving at Maiden creek on Oct. 2. Later he removed to Tulpehocken, near Reading, where there was quite a colony of Huguenot refugees. John Aurand was twice married, his first wife having been Mary Elizabeth Pontius, a daughter of John and Catherine (Sellaire) Pontius, exiles from France. By this marriage he was the father of seven children, of whom three—Henry, Daniel and Jacob—were born in Germany, and Peter, Deitrick, George and Elizabeth were born in America. His second wife was Mrs. Catherine Emerick, who bore him three children, Abraham, John Yost and Mary (Mrs. John Wolf). In tracing the American family of Aurand the ten children of John Aurand are denoted as the ten branches of the American tree. Peter Aurand, the great-great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was the head of the fourth branch. He lived practically all his life in Reading, where he was a saddler by occupation. He had four sons and as many daughters, viz.: John, Peter, Frank, Henry, Elizabeth, Mary, Rebecca and Sarah. Peter, the son, lived in Tamaqua and made a livelihood in the stationery and book business. He was a very prominent citizen of the community in his day, and was a participant in the War of 1812. During the Pierce and Buchanan administrations he was postmaster of Tamaqua. His eldest son,

also named Peter, emigrated to California during the rush to the gold fields of that state and fell a victim to an Indian attack. The other children in the family were Henry K., Mrs. Christiana Bolton, Mrs. Mary Heilner, Mrs. Catherine Whitenight, Mrs. Caroline Carter and Mrs. Madaline Leavil. Henry K. Aurand was born in Sunbury in July, 1833, and came to Tamaqua in 1848, after a short residence in Port Carbon. He was well known in the borough, having been its treasurer for two years, and for twenty-five years was superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school. His wife was Miss J. A. Flenner and they had six children, two of whom died in infancy. The subject of this sketch is the eldest; Lewis F. is a clerk in the Philadelphia & Reading railroad offices; Peter is a conductor on a passenger train of the same line; and William Frederick is a clerk in a plumbing establishment. Aquilla B. Aurand was engaged in the book and stationery business in Lansford when ill health compelled his father to relinquish the active management of his store in Tamaqua and the son returned to Tamaqua and assumed charge of it. Since that time he has made the industry his means of livelihood. On Oct. 12, 1881, Mr. Aurand was united in marriage to Miss Annie F. Bowden, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Simons) Bowden of Tamaqua. There are two children of this union—Edward A., a student, and George Norman. The family are all members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Aurand is local preacher, chorister and class leader. Mrs. Aurand is an excellent musician and is organist of the church. The Patriotic Order of Sons of America and the Young Men's Christian Association are the only fraternal organizations to which Mr. Aurand belongs.

**Aurand, Lewis F.**, accountant for the Philadelphia & Reading railroad and a taxidermist, was born in Tamaqua on Oct. 7, 1861. He is a son of Henry K. and Julia (Flenner) Aurand. An outline of the Aurand family history appears in the sketch of the Rev. A. B. Aurand elsewhere in this volume. After a due preliminary training in the public schools of Tamaqua, Lewis F. Aurand went into the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad as a clerk in the storeroom. After three years of service there he was made division timekeeper and held that position for seventeen successive years. His next promotion was to accountant, which came to him about 1903, since when he has been filling the office most capably. Through outside reading he picked up a knowledge of taxidermy and has devoted his spare moments to it, more as a recreation than as a means of earning money. He has done work for New York, Philadelphia and Chicago people and many of his specimens have been awarded prizes in the sportsmen's exhibits in the large cities. In Oct., 1882, Mr. Aurand married Miss Eudora Breisch, a native of Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Henry and Teresa Breisch. Mr. Breisch is deceased but his widow is still an honored resident of Tamaqua. Mr. and Mrs. Aurand have two children. The elder, Evelyn P., is a clerk in the accountant's office of the Philadelphia & Reading railway at Tamaqua, and the other daughter, Elizabeth

F., is at home. The family are all members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Aurand is identified with the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, and Tamaqua Lodge, No. 529, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is a charter member and was for three years its secretary. He is a thorough, conscientious business man, whose standing among his fellow citizens is of the highest.

**Bachman, Allen H.**, dealer in boots and shoes at Tower City, was born in Lebanon county, Pa., March 27, 1840, a son of Cornelius and Charlotte Bachman, the former a native of Lancaster county, Pa., and the latter of Germany. Cornelius Bachman grew to manhood in his native county, where he learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed until after his marriage, when he removed to Lebanon county and there followed farming until his death in 1877. He taught school for fourteen terms, was a Republican in his political views and belonged to the old Moravian church. His widow is still living in Lancaster county at the age of eighty-eight years. Six of their eleven children are still living: F. M. lives in Allentown; A. E. lives in Lancaster county; Oscar is a farmer in Iowa; Allen H. is the subject of this sketch; Maria is the wife of W. Bender, a veterinary surgeon of Lititz, Pa.; and Ella is the widow of Mark Lacy, living at Lititz. Allen H. Bachman received his education in the public schools, learned the shoemaker's trade with his father, followed that occupation until 1872, and then put in a stock of boots and shoes. He has a well appointed store and keeps his stock up to the demands of his customers, consequently he enjoys a large and constantly growing patronage. During the years 1887-88 he was interested in farming operations in Lebanon county, but the rest of his time he has devoted to his boot and shoe business. He is a member of the city council, in which he has served for four years; is treasurer of the Williams Valley savings fund and building association; is a Republican in his political affiliations, and belongs to the German Lutheran church, in which he held the office of treasurer for a number of years. In 1868 he married Miss Rebecca, daughter of Godfrey and Caroline (Woods) Rehner. Her father was a teacher and also a boatman on the canal. Her parents lived for a time at Williams-town, where the mother died, and the father died at Tower City. Six of their children grew to maturity: Delilah, Eliza, Rebecca, Sarah, James and Lewis. Mr. and Mrs. Bachman removed to Tower City soon after their marriage. Of their six children four are now living, viz: William C., a shoemaker who has always worked with his father, and who married Emma Owens on Oct. 11, 1900; Annie M., wife of Luther Gilbus, of Bechtelsville, Pa.; Robert F., who married Mabel Stein and is now messenger of the United States subtreasury in Philadelphia; Earl O., who married Eliza Van Houghton and is a miner at Tower City.

**Bader, Frederick G.**, a thrifty citizen of Pottsville, whose business is the manufacture of cigars, was born in the city where he now resides, on Nov. 24, 1867. He is a son of John George and



Caroline (Wertwine) Bader, both born in Germany. The father, who is now retired from active life and is living at 503 West Arch street, entered the employ of the Yuengling Brewing Company in 1859 and remained in their service for a period of forty-three years, during which time he was away from work less than six months in all. The mother died on June 21, 1905. Of the twelve children born to the parents eight are living. Caroline, the eldest, is the wife of William Naber of Pottsville; Mary is the widow of John Shittler of Pottsville; John George, Jr., lives in the same city; Tillie is the wife of James Heffner, a contractor; Harry E. and Charles are both barbers now working in Pottsville; and Annie, unmarried, is housekeeper for her father. The others died in infancy. All the children, with the exception of the eldest two, were born in the house now owned and occupied by the father. The subject of this sketch received somewhat limited educational opportunities in the Pottsville schools, and then started to learn the cigarmakers' trade with Theodore Heilner of his native city. He was employed by Mr. Heilner for a time after he had mastered the trade and in April, 1888, he started in business for himself near Rettig's brewery. In November, 1894, the business had grown to such dimensions that it was necessary to seek new quarters and the concern removed to the rooms now occupied. Mr. Bader employs four men and is the maker of many of the favorite brands of cigars, among them the "Hiker," the "Pennsylvania Gentleman" and the "Little Giant." Beside his manufacturing business he has a large trade in tobacco and smokers' supplies of all kinds. In 1888 Mr. Bader was united in marriage to Miss Emma Kramel, a native of Pottsville, and a daughter of John and Emma (Deitrich) Kramel. One child has blessed the union, a daughter, Lillian Claire, now a student in the high school. Mr. Bader is a member of the German Lutheran church and his wife is a communicant of the Episcopal church. Fraternally Mr. Bader is prominent, having been one of the charter members of the Knights of Malta of the Pottsville commandery; is a member of Seneca tribe, Improved Order of Red Men; the Fraternal Order of Eagles; Hayden Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the West End Fire company.

**Baily, Elmer D.**, the leading photographer of Tamaqua, was born in that city on Dec. 16, 1863, a son of David and Lydia (Schmidt) Baily. The parents were both natives of Berks county, where for several years the father was engaged in agricultural pursuits. About 1850 he came to Schuylkill county and after working for a period as a carpenter he embarked in the photographic business. This was in 1861 and he continued in it until 1892 when he retired. His death occurred on Sept. 23, 1902. Both he and his wife were members of the Evangelical church and he was one of the officers of the congregation. He was widely known through his political relations, having served as councilman for a number of years. The children of the family were six in number. Kate, the eldest, is Mrs. F. T. Garret of Philadelphia; William is a photographer of

Columbia, Pa.; Mary is the wife of John D. Kershner, formerly a member of the state legislature; Albert died in 1892 at the age of thirty-three years; and Charles, the youngest, lives in Tamaqua. The subject of this sketch is the fifth child in order of birth. When he had completed his scholastic labors he entered his father's employ and stayed with him until 1892, when he assumed the entire ownership and management of the gallery. His work is without question the most modern and finest to be found in the vicinity. On Dec. 18, 1885, Mr. Baily married Miss Lavinia Wenzel, a native of Tamaqua, and a daughter of John and Susan Wenzel. The children of this marriage are five in number. Clarence, the eldest, assists his father. The others are Frank, Harry W., John A. and Helen Susanna. The mother is a communicant of the Lutheran church and the father is identified with the Sons of America, the Independent Americans, the American Hose company and is a member of Tamaqua Lodge, No. 592, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in Tamaqua. He is the owner of the building in which the gallery is situated, at the corner of Broad and Berwick streets. A man in the prime of his career, and of good business ability and enterprise, his friends predict for him a great future.

**Ball, Harrison**, president of the Union National bank, and a prominent business man of Mahanoy City, was born at Minersville, Schuylkill county, Pa., May 11, 1863. He is a son of Isaac and Mary (Williams) Ball, late of Mahanoy City, but now deceased. Both parents were natives of England, the father born March 11, 1829, and the mother on April 10, 1832. They were early residents of Minersville, and later of Mahanoy City, where both of them died. The subject of this article was educated in the public schools of Shenandoah, where the parental home was located for a number of years. In 1887 he located in Mahanoy City and engaged in the lumber business on April 1, of that year. This has been his principal line of business since, his efforts being crowned with that success which usually comes from intelligent application and proper business principles. Mr. Ball is rated as one of the most successful business men in Mahanoy City. He is a public-spirited and active citizen, whose interest and hearty coöperation are enlisted in every laudable enterprise calculated to enhance the interests of his adopted town and native county. In political affiliations Mr. Ball is an active Republican, the principles of which party he endorses from an honest conviction of right, and not through hope of political preference. He was married June 2, 1885, to Miss Anna E. Phillips, a daughter of David and Ann (Harris) Phillips, of Shenandoah, and two children have been born to this union, the eldest of whom is Elbur H., employed in his father's business, and the younger is Marion E. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Ball is affiliated with the Patriotic Order Sons of America and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

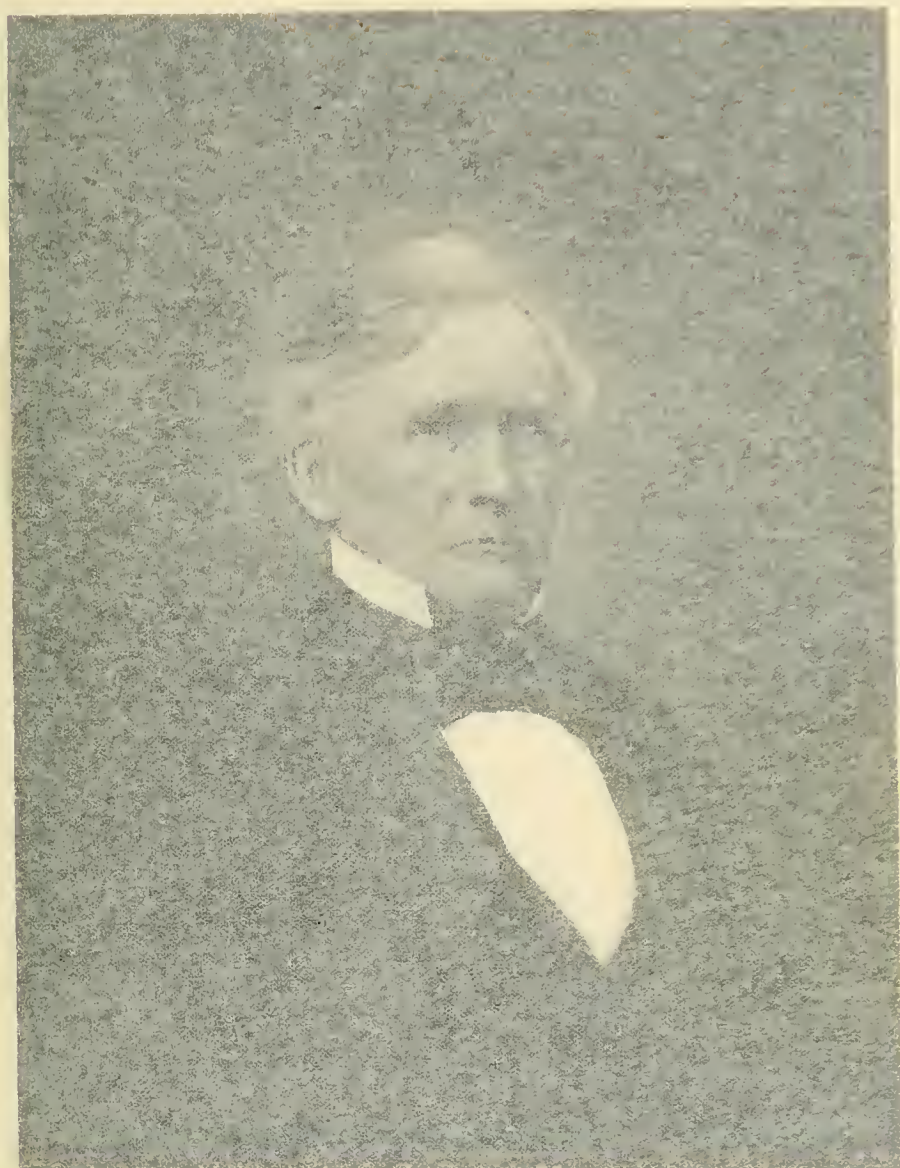
**Balshanick, Frank**, is one of the successful and popular business men of the city of Shenandoah, where he conducts a large and well equipped mercantile establishment at 217 East Center street, dealing in groceries, provisions, clothing, notions, etc. He was born in Lithuania, Russia, in 1868, and is a son of Frank and Anna Balshanick, likewise natives of Lithuania, whence they immigrated to America when the subject of this sketch was a child. They located at Gilberton, Schuylkill county, Pa., where they remained about five years, at the expiration of which they removed to Shenandoah, where the father died in 1903 and where the venerable mother now makes her home with the subject of this review. The father was a soldier in the Russian army and was in government employ about twenty-five years prior to his immigration to the United States. Of the four children Frank is the eldest; Henry is employed in connection with the business of his elder brother; Mrs. Johanna Dagilus, the elder daughter, likewise resides in Shenandoah; and Mrs. Lottie Lucas is a resident of Minersville, this county. Frank Balshanick is indebted to the public schools of Schuylkill county for his early educational training, and he early began to work about the mines, advancing from the lowly position of slate-picker to that of practical miner. In 1879 he engaged in the mercantile business, in partnership with Joseph Kupchinski, with whom he was associated four years, at the expiration of which he purchased his partner's interest. Since that time he has conducted his business in an individual way, having built up a most successful enterprise and established a high reputation for fair and honorable business methods. Mr. Balshanick and his family are communicants of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic church; he is a member of the Lithuanian Alliance of America and of the First Lithuanian band in Shenandoah. His political views are those represented by the Socialist party, and he is well fortified in his opinions in matters of public import. He is secretary of the local party organization of Socialists but has never sought or held public office. He believes in the principles of advanced Socialism, representing the thoughts of many of the best minds of the day, and is thus entirely free from radical or fanatic views. Mr. Balshanick is a bachelor.

**Bankes, Charles W., M. D.**, a prominent physician of Middleport, was born in Dreherstown, Schuylkill county, Oct. 4, 1856. He is a son of Charles and Mary (Koch) Bankes, both of whom were born in Schuylkill county. The paternal grandfather, George Bankes, although a native Pennsylvanian, was of German parentage. He was a farmer by vocation but for many years was employed by the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company as a contractor. The maternal grandfather, John Koch, was also a native of the Keystone state, and was an agriculturist for the greater part of his active life. Charles Bankes, father of the doctor, was also a farmer and died in 1877, leaving two sons. Levi, the elder, is a locomotive engineer employed by the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company and lives at Elixir. Charles W. Bankes of

this sketch was reared in Reynolds and received his preparatory education in the common schools of the county. He taught in the public schools for four years, then took preliminary work in medicine at the state normal school of Millersville and in 1879 entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Md. In 1881 he was graduated at that institution with the degree of Doctor of Medicine and that spring located at Middleport. There he has been in the active and eminently successful practice of his profession ever since. For a period of six years he was engaged by the Dodson Coal Company as the company physician, but the growth of his private practice made it necessary for him to relinquish that work. On Sept. 10, 1885, Dr. Bankes married Miss Laura L. Ritter, a daughter of David and Hettie (Bechtel) Ritter of Middleport. Three children have blessed this union—Claude W., Earl F. and Ruth. The parents are both members of the Reformed church and the doctor is affiliated fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Independent Order of Foresters, the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Masonic fraternity. He is a member of the Schuylkill county medical association and served one term as president of the same. In politics Dr. Bankes is a Republican and under Republican administrations served ten years as deputy coroner.

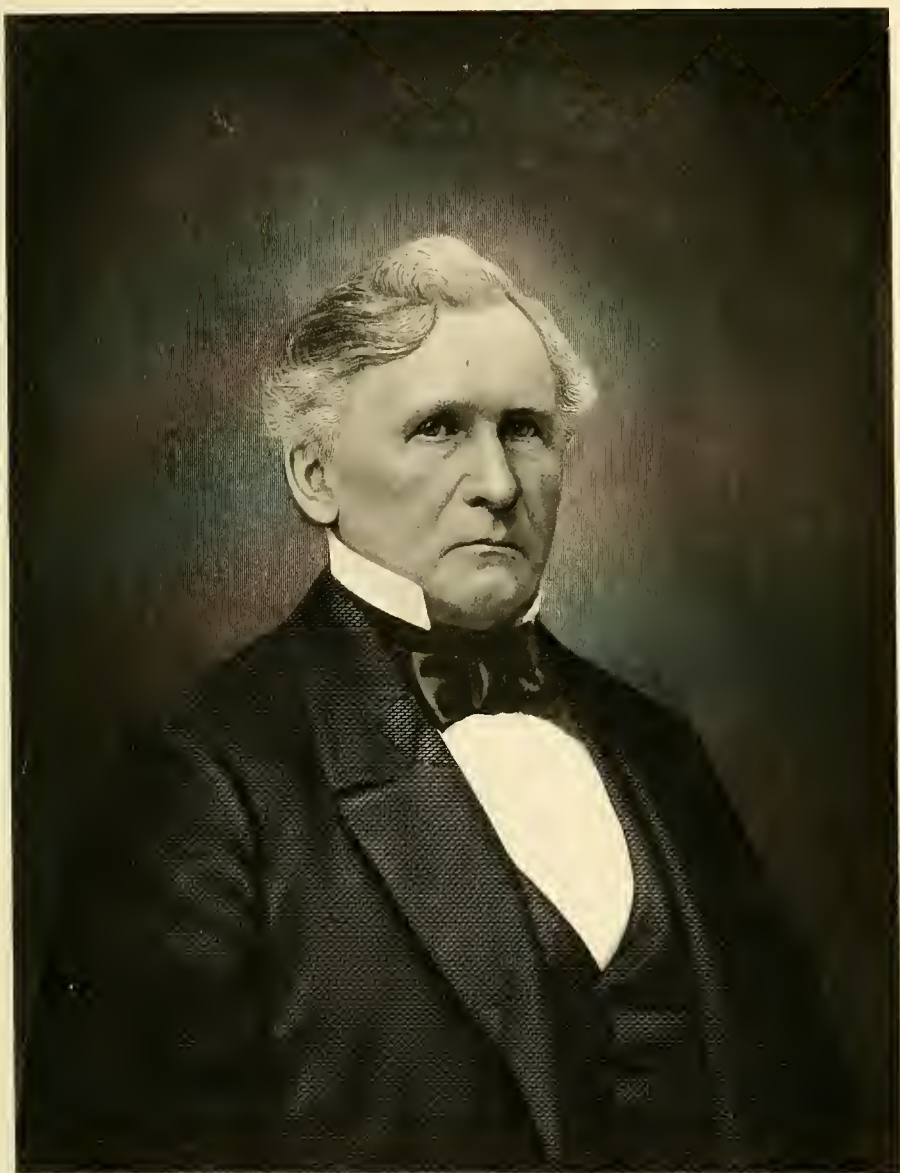
**Bannan, John.**—The name Bannan was a household word in the earlier days of Pottsville journalism as it was also in the annals of the legal fraternity. The family has been prominently identified with the history of Schuylkill county from the infancy of that civil organization to the present day. Its members have been soldiers, statesmen, lawyers and journalists. John Bannan was born in Bucks county, Pa., Sept. 19, 1796. At the age of fifteen he was rendered an orphan, and from that day until the end of his long and useful life he was entirely self-dependent. During the years of his boyhood, the schools were in session an average of about three months in the year, while the instruction consisted of the rudiments of the elementary branches, and was not always presented in a manner to accomplish the greatest good. In this desultory and unsatisfactory manner, John Bannan acquired the elements of a common school education, to which he added a rich store of general information in later years by private study. He began his industrial career as an engineer and in early manhood located at Orwigsburg, then the county seat of Schuylkill county, and there began the study of law under the tutorship of Charles Evans of Reading. He was admitted to the bar in 1818 and began practice at Orwigsburg, continuing there in successful practice until the removal of the seat of justice to Pottsville, when he became a resident of this borough, and ended his days here. He built a handsome old style residence on Sharp mountain, which he designated as "Cloud Home," and the handsome suburban estate is still owned and occupied by some of his children. John Bannan was a man of sterling traits of character, universally esteemed by





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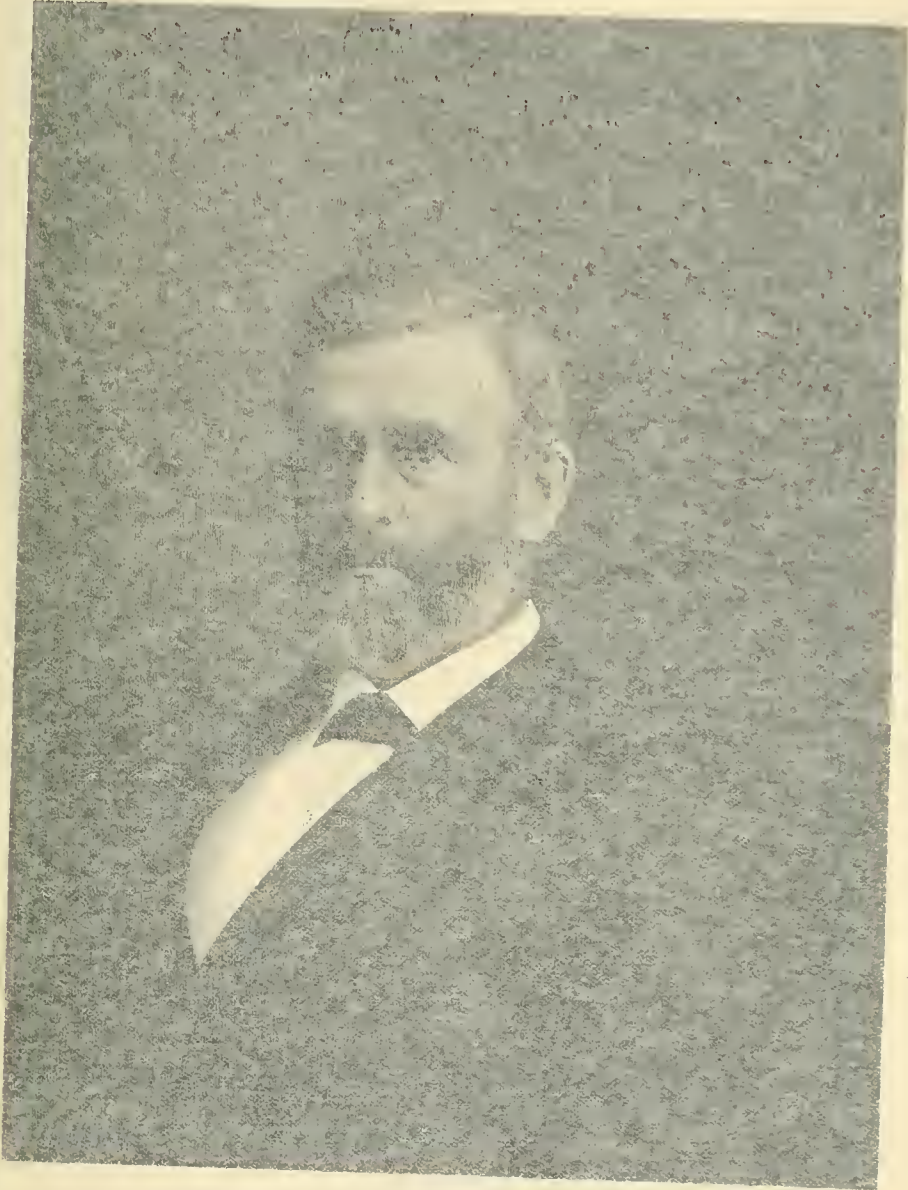


a very large acquaintanceship throughout the country and in neighboring states. A brief biography of this honored citizen appears in the Bench and Bar of Pennsylvania, which is worthy of being reproduced in this connection, since it was written by a life-long friend and co-laborer at the bar: "Hon. John Bannan (1796-1868). A hero of the War of 1812. For many years one of the leaders of this bar. Self-made, but well made. He was more particularly allied to the land-law, and many of the titles to the most valuable coal lands in Schuylkill county passed through his hands. He was of splendid physique and fine bearing. A man respected and honored throughout the state. He was a forcible speaker, a powerful advocate and a wise and safe counsellor. He devoted his life to his profession and to his family. He was impregnable in the right, a true patriot, and a knight of honor and integrity. He lived to a ripe old age and reaped the fruits of his industry and the reward which his service to his country, his profession and to his community entitled him." Mr. Bannan was a man of generous impulses and kindly nature, genial and courteous to all. He never appeared in criminal prosecutions, such being repugnant to his nature as a big-hearted, generous friend to humanity. He never sought nor would he accept political office; but preferred to stand aloof in such matters, and be prepared to assist his friends, whom he considered worthy, with his influence and good judgment. During the Civil war he promptly offered his services on the first call for troops, but being then sixty-five years of age, he could not be accepted; but he was among the first to advocate the establishment of a home relief fund for the benefit of those who went to the front, and whose home interests demanded attention. His loyalty to the cause of the Union was of that character which produced results and had a meaning beyond the mere utterance of words. Mr. Bannan's service in the War of 1812 was as a private soldier in the 1st regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, the organization being known, locally, as the Washington Blues, under command of Capt. D. B. Keim, in the light brigade commanded by Brig.-Gen. Thomas Cadwalader. John Bannan was prominently associated with the state militia and during his residence in Schuylkill county served many years as colonel in that organization. He was a man of advanced ideas on state and national questions, and was recognized as exceptionally well informed. He was resourceful, energetic, logical in reasoning, thoroughly qualified in his legal knowledge, and possessed the rare accomplishment of keen perception and ready application of means to ends. Hence he was seldom wrong in reaching conclusions upon important questions. He died at "Cloud Home," on May 3, 1868, in his seventy-third year. The wife of this eminent pioneer, Sarah Ann Ridgway, was born on the last day of the year, 1806. She survived her husband for more than eleven years, and died at the family home in November, 1879. These were the parents of three sons and three daughters, four of whom are now living. The sons all served their country during the trying days



of the great internal strife, though all in different organizations. Douglass R. and Thomas R. were graduates of Yale college, and the former, who was born March 6, 1832, entered service in the United States navy in 1858, serving until Nov. 13, 1871, when he died at Charlestown Harbor. Thomas R., a review of whose life will be found in this volume, enlisted late in the war and served a brief period during the emergency call. He was a prominent attorney in Pottsville, where he died on Christmas Day, 1878. The three daughters are Zelia R., Mary Joy and Martha Ridgway, elderly ladies who own and occupy "Cloud Home," the sacred spot fragrant with the memories of paternal love and tenderness. Francis B. Bannan, the third son, was born in Orwigsburg on Feb. 28, 1833, and resides in Pottsville. He served in the Civil war in the "First Defenders." On Jan. 1, 1863, he married Mary T., daughter of Hon. George Replier, deceased, and they became the parents of six children.

**Bannan, Thomas R.**, deceased, who was one of Schuylkill county's most eminent attorneys and foremost citizens, was born Oct. 10, 1827, in Pottsville, this county, and was a son of John and Sarah Ann (Ridgway) Bannan. (For a review of the Bannan family, see the sketch of John Bannan, deceased, appearing on other pages of this volume.) Thomas R. Bannan was reared in the city of his birth, in whose schools he received his elementary education. After completing the curriculum of the common schools, he became a student at Yale university, at which he was graduated. Following in the footsteps of his father, he made the law his life work, and practiced his profession most successfully in Pottsville until his death, on Dec. 25, 1878. Hon. D. C. Henning, in a few words of biography published in the "Bench and Bar of Pennsylvania," very feelingly expressed his sentiments. He says: "Hon. Thomas R. Bannan (1827-1878) a graduate of Yale, a most scholarly lawyer, a member of the constitutional convention of 1872-3. He was genial, amiable and good. He had a lucrative practice and held the confidence of all the world that knew him. His memory still lingers about this bar as the fragrance of a sweet smelling blossom. He belonged to that class of men who are sometimes called 'Nature's Noblemen.' In the latter part of the Civil war, Mr. Bannan served for a brief period during the emergency call, returning to Pottsville after his discharge, and resuming the practice of his profession. He was a forcible pleader and attained the highest rank in his profession. His death is keenly felt, not only by his fellow confrères, but by his fellow citizens at large." On the death of Mr. Bannan, the following article in part appeared in the columns of the "Evening Chronicle" under date of Dec. 27, 1878: "The death of very few members of the bar could arouse such universal feeling of sorrow among the lawyers of Schuylkill county as was displayed at the meeting held in the court house this morning to take appropriate action on the death of Thomas R. Bannan. The meeting was well attended. On motion of Hon. James B. Reilly, Judge Pershing was called upon



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to preside. Messrs. Fergus G. Farquar and Mason Weidman acted as secretaries. A committee consisting of Hons. D. B. Green, Lin Bartholomew, John. W. Ryon, Howell Fisher, Esq., Maj. James Ellis, Wm. R. Smith, Esq., and Hon. Jas. B. Reilly was appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting. After a short interval the committee returned with the following report. Judge Green was so overcome by his feelings that he was unable to read it, and F. G. Farquar, Esq., performed the duty:

Whereas, God in his infinite wisdom has called away our esteemed brother and friend, Thomas R. Bannan, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the bench and bar of Schuylkill county, not questioning the divine decree, feel it our duty as well as our gratification to place on record our tribute to the honesty, ability and manliness of our departed friend and brother.

Resolved, That by the death of Thomas R. Bannan the community at large has lost a benefactor, an upright citizen and an able adviser, who at all times was willing and anxious to do anything in his power to promote the public good.

Resolved, That the bench and bar of Schuylkill county is called upon to mourn the loss of one of the ablest members of the bar, a ripe scholar, a learned advocate and one who in all his intercourse with fellow members of the bar and with the court during a quarter of a century, while urging with the utmost fidelity and ability the interests of his clients, manifested an uniform spirit of the highest integrity, the gentlest courtesy, and universal benevolence.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the bereaved members of the family of our deceased brother; his kindness of heart, his marked unselfishness and his wisdom in management of affairs will make their loss so great that we can find no words adequate to express condolence with it.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be put upon the records of the court of common pleas of Schuylkill county and that a committee of six members be appointed by the chairman of this meeting to present to the family of our deceased brother a copy of these resolutions.

Resolved, That the bench and bar of Schuylkill county attend the funeral of Thomas R. Bannan in a body.

**Barnd, Franklin P., M. D.**, a leading physician of Hegins, was born in that borough on Sept. 17, 1867. He is one of a family of three sons and one daughter of Henry and Amelia (Heiter) Barnd, the other two sons being William Henry and Isaac Jonathan. He comes of a line of Pennsylvania pioneers, his paternal grandparents, Henry and Elizabeth Barnd, having been born in Montgomery county, and his maternal grandfather, Samuel Heiter, was a native of Hegins township. Dr. F. P. Barnd received a due preliminary discipline in the schools of his native township, then matriculated in the Westchester normal school, and after he had received a certificate of graduation from that institution he taught school for a period of six years—one year in Kansas and the other

five in the Hegins schools. During this time he decided to become a physician and when he had accumulated sufficient funds entered the Jefferson medical college of Philadelphia. In 1897 he was graduated at that institution with the degree of Doctor of Medicine and after he had passed the examination given by the state board of medical examiners started the practice of his profession in Hegins. Since that time he has more than realized even his most hopeful expectations as to the size and character of his practice. On Oct. 3, 1891, Dr. Barnd married Miss Tamie V. Dinger, daughter of Joel S. and Elizabeth (Baum) Dinger, and one of four children, the others being Jesse D., Ida S. and Francis. To Dr. and Mrs. Barnd has been born a son—Guy Henry. The family are all attendants of the Lutheran church of Hegins. In politics the doctor is a staunch Democrat, but aside from the incumbency of the office of committeeman, which he now holds, and of school director, he has never aspired to positions of public or political trust. Fraternally he is a member and past officer of Hegins Lodge, No. 726, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Dr. Barnd is medical examiner for the Mutual and the New York Life Insurance Companies of New York and the Prudential of Newark, N. J.

**Barrett, Frank K.**, postmaster at Coaldale, and member of the firm of Barrett Bros., general merchandise dealers, is a son of Thomas and Mary (Moser) Barrett and was born in the borough where he now resides, and where he has passed practically all of his life thus far. (For ancestry and family history see sketch of John M. Barrett.) He was educated in the Coaldale public schools and at the age of ten years began his business career as a breaker boy in the mines. When he was fifteen years old he became a miner and continued to follow that occupation until 1906. Some two years before that time he formed a partnership with his brother, John M., who opened a general store at Coaldale. On March 27, 1906, he was appointed postmaster at Coaldale and took charge of the office on the 15th of April. The firm of Barrett Bros. carry the largest and best selected stock of general merchandise in the town of Coaldale and have a large and constantly growing patronage. It is a common reply to the question as to where any thing can be obtained—"Go to Barrett's." Mr. Barrett is a Republican in his political affiliations and has always been willing to do his part toward achieving a victory for his party. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, and is an attendant and supporter of the Evangelical church of Coaldale. On March 28, 1901, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Barrett and Miss Ada, daughter of Isaac and Maria (Rickard) Miller of Coaldale. This union has been blessed by two children, Harold and Aulean. Since becoming postmaster Mr. Barrett has instituted a number of reforms and improvements in handling the mails, which have given general satisfaction to the patrons of the office.



**Barrett, John M.**, of the firm of Barrett Bros., dealers in general merchandise at Coaldale, was born there on July 16, 1864. His father, Thomas Barrett, was a native of County Mayo, Ireland, but came to America in the early 30's and located in Schuylkill county. After some time there he went to Carbondale in Lackawanna county, but subsequently returned to Coaldale, where he passed the remainder of his days. His active life was spent in connection with the mining industry, principally in opening the drifts to get at the coal veins. He married Miss Mary Moser, a daughter of John and Catherine Moser, who were among the pioneer settlers of Tamaqua, and to this marriage were born fourteen children, nine of whom are yet living, viz: Kate, Elizabeth, Thomas, Mary, Hattie, John M., Frank K., Ella and Anna. Kate is the wife of William Delay; Mary is Mrs. Thomas Mitchell; Hattie is the widow of Andrew Walker; Ella is the wife of James Bottomley, and Anna is Mrs. Lewis Olsen. John M. Barrett attended the Coaldale public schools in his boyhood and at the age of eleven years began work in the breaker. At fifteen he became a miner and followed that occupation until 1894, when he embarked in the dairy business, which he followed for about eight years. Soon after giving up this line of activity he formed a partnership with his brother, Frank K., in the general merchandise business, which partnership still exists. (See sketch of Frank K. Barrett.) Mr. Barrett is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, and the Evangelical church. In politics he is an unswerving Republican, though the only office he ever held was that of school director of Rahn township. On Feb. 27, 1905, Mr. Barrett was united in marriage to Miss Julia, daughter of Michael and Catherine (Barrett) Monaghan, of Altoona, and they have one daughter, Mary.

**Barrow, William Henry**, a thrifty farmer of Union township, whose postoffice address is Ringtown, was born in that borough on Oct. 15, 1859. He comes of good German-English stock, his parents being Philip M. and Rebecca (Zimmerman) Barrow. His paternal grandfather was William Barrow, who came from Lancashire, England, and whose wife was Sarah Maxwell of Andes, N. Y. On the maternal side the grandparents were Roland and Elizabeth (Focht) Zimmerman, of Berks county, Pa. The children of Philip and Rebecca Barrow were eight in number, the others beside the subject of this sketch being Roland A., Robert Burton, Clayton M., Mary Ann, Emily, Sarah and Fannie, all of whom survive with the exception of Emily. William H. Barrow attended the Ringtown public schools until he was nineteen years of age and then entered his father's employment, working alternately in the summer and winter on the farm and in a tannery which his father owned. This labor occupied him until 1885, when he purchased the farm of 163 acres in Union township which he is now working. The place contains 138 acres of land under cultivation and some 25 acres of pasture and woodland. Most of his time and land is given over to the cultivation of market vegetables which he sells

in Ringtown and Shenandoah. In connection with his gardening he conducts a dairy of considerable proportions. In politics Mr. Barrow is affiliated with no party and exercises his right of franchise as he sees fit. In 1885 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary M. Madara, of Broad Mountain, a daughter of John and Hannah (Okon) Madara. Mrs. Barrow is one of eight children born to her parents, all of whom except a son, George, are now living. The others are Harry E., Carrie, Ella, Hannah M., Maude M. and Sadie E. To Mr. and Mrs. Barrow have been born four children—John A., George M., Harry B. and Helen L.—all of whom are living except Helen. The family are all devout members of and workers in the Reformed church of Ringtown. The father's fraternal relations are with the Ringtown Chapter, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, Ringtown Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Shenandoah Lodge of the Royal Arcanum. Mr. Barrow is known throughout the county as a man of integrity, enterprise and sterling worth.

**Bartho, Fremont K.**, the leading pharmacist of Tamaqua, was born in Schuylkill county on May 16, 1870, a son of Gabriel and Magdalena (Kessler) Bartho. The father was a carpenter and miller and worked at those vocations in this county for many years. His death occurred in 1897 in his seventy-eighth year. The mother now makes her home with her five surviving children. These are Emma, Mrs. Preston Blyler; Amanda, Mrs. Rabuck; and Dr. B. F. and W. H. Bartho of Mount Carmel. The subject of this sketch, the youngest of his family, attended the public schools of Schuylkill county and when he had completed his scholastic work he secured employment in a mine. Subsequently he learned the carpenters' trade and then secured a position in a pharmacy where he served a full apprenticeship. He then took a full course in the Philadelphia college of pharmacy, passed the state examination and was given a certificate as a registered pharmacist. For a time he was employed by other pharmacists and in 1903 he was enabled to purchase his present store on West Broad street in Tamaqua. Since that time he has been most successfully conducting his business to the eminent satisfaction of a large patronage. The store is well stocked with drugs and medicines and the sundries are the most modern to be found in the city. On Jan. 12, 1899, Mr. Bartho married Miss Jennie C. Mayer, daughter of Cornelius and Sarah (Heater) Mayer of Sacramento. To this union has been born one child—Margery. Mr. and Mrs. Bartho are members of and leading workers in the United Brethren church. In a fraternal way the former is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of the Macabees of the World, and in the latter order is the incumbent of the office of keeper of the records. Mr. Bartho is progressive and enthusiastic in whatever he undertakes and is one of the city's most enterprising citizens.

**Bast, Jeremiah F.**, proprietor of the Royal knitting mills of Schuylkill Haven, was born in Rockland, Berks county, Pa., Oct.



13, 1841. He is a son of Henry and Esther (Focht) Bast, the father a native of Macedonia, Berks county, Pa. He was descended from Jewish stock, his grandfather being one of the early settlers of Berks county. Henry Bast was born on Sept. 24, 1820, and died on May 18, 1892, at Pottsville. He served throughout the Civil war and was mustered out at its close. Esther F. Bast was born on July 22, 1822, and died on Jan. 31, 1890. Gideon Bast, late of Schuylkill Haven, was a granduncle of the subject of this sketch, a man well known in his day. The subject of this article was educated in the subscription schools in vogue during his boyhood days, and when quite young became an apprentice to the carpenter's trade, a business which he followed until twenty-eight years old. He was employed during part of this time as a foreman for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company. In 1888, he opened his present business in Schuylkill Haven, and was a pioneer in the knitting mill business in Schuylkill county. He began on a small scale, adding to his building and machinery from the profits of his business until he now owns and operates one of the largest industries of its kind in the county, giving steady and remunerative employment to 110 employes in the various lines of the work. Mr. Bast has been especially unfortunate in the matrimonial field, having been four times married, two of his wives, the first and third, having died within a comparatively short time after marriage, though the second in order of marriage, survived for thirty-one years, and was the mother of his six sons who are now living. His first marriage was solemnized on Jan. 1, 1863, when Miss Susanna Kramis became his wife. She was a daughter of David and Lovina Kramis. One daughter was born to this union, and mother and daughter died in 1864. On June 6, 1865, Mr. Bast was married to Sarah, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Reed) Reber. This union was blessed with the birth of the following named sons, all of whom are living, except one, and engaged in life's struggles on their own account. They are profitably employed, or engaged in business, and all are residents of Schuylkill Haven: Walter Milton, was born Oct. 22, 1866; Henry Edward, March 29, 1869; Samuel Irwin, Feb. 21, 1871; Oscar Oliver, Oct. 12, 1873; George Albert, Sept. 6, 1877, deceased; Thomas Franklin, Feb. 14, 1879; and Homer Jeremiah, April 5, 1885. The sons are all married and have homes of their own. The mother of this family died on Aug. 10, 1896, and in March, 1897, Mr. Bast was married to Mrs. Rebecca Boyer, of Schuylkill Haven. She died April 14, 1903, and on Nov. 4, 1903, Mr. Bast was united in marriage with his present companion, who was in maidenhood, Miss Alice May Boyer, of Philadelphia. She is a daughter of Lewis and Catherine (Krouse) Boyer, and a granddaughter of Philip Boyer, an early settler of Schuylkill Haven. Philip Boyer built and conducted the "Cross Key" hotel, now known as the Columbia hotel, in Schuylkill Haven, and Miss Krouse was one of the public school teachers there, having previously taught in Philadelphia. Mr. Bast has always taken an active interest in the growth and material

progress of Schuylkill Haven and has given prompt response to reasonable demands upon his means, time and influence as tending to that end. He was one of the organizers of the First National bank and is a director and stockholder in that institution at present. He has assisted in the building of churches, and has always been a firm supporter of the public schools. In political views he is an ardent Republican, but is tolerant of the political and religious opinions of others. He has served the borough as a member of the school board, and has been a member of the borough council.

**Baum, John H.**, a farmer of Hegins township, was born in Dauphin county, Pa., April 22, 1852. His father, Henry Baum, was born in Schuylkill county, and his mother, whose maiden name was Rebecca Scheffler, in Berks county. The father learned the blacksmiths' trade in early life and followed that occupation for a while in Dauphin county and later in Schuylkill. He was also a veterinary surgeon, was a Democrat in his political views and held some minor offices, and belonged to the Lutheran church. He died on Dec. 16, 1900, and his wife in October, 1901. They had the following children: Elizabeth, now the wife of Joel S. Dinger, of Hegins; Delila, Mrs. Frank B. Schreiber, of Clearfield, Pa.; John H., of Hegins; Daniel, now a resident of Pittsburg; Magdalena, wife of Aaron Aussman, of Tremont; and Rebecca, now Mrs. Maurice Kiver, of Dayton, Ohio. John H. Baum received a common school education and at the age of fifteen years started in life for himself as a farm-hand. Subsequently he was employed in the mines at Donaldson, East Brookside, Lincoln, Mount Carmel and other places. In 1893 he bought his present farm, known as the old George Dinger place, in Hegins township, consisting of 72 acres, about 50 of which was cleared. Here he has since conducted a general farming business, giving considerable attention to growing vegetables, most of which are sold at Minersville. Mr. Baum is also the possessor of a fine Percheron stallion named "Charley," a horse that he raised himself. In society circles Mr. Baum is well known, as he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, Hegins Grange, No. 1242, at Hegins, and belongs to Pomona Grange, at Pottsville. Politically he is a Republican and has served as auditor, supervisor and inspector for East Hegins township. In religious matters he affiliates with the Lutheran church. On Dec. 7, 1872, Mr. Baum was married to Miss Mary E., daughter of George and Kate Haines, of Barry township. Her parents were both born in Berks county, and both are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Baum have one son, George W., born Dec. 27, 1873, now a farmer and justice of the peace at Sacramento, and also Harry Chester, an adopted son, now eight years old.

**Beacher, Benjamin F., Jr.**, wholesale and retail dealer in confectionery, in the city of Shenandoah, is recognized as one of the representative young business men of his native county and such is his standing as a citizen and scion of one of the honored families

of this section of the state that he is well entitled to specific mention in this volume. Mr. Beacher was born in Shenandoah, Feb. 7, 1879, and is a son of Benjamin F. and Sarah Jane (Jacobs) Beacher, both of whom were likewise born in Schuylkill county—the former in 1846 and the latter in 1851. The paternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch was William Beacher, who was one of the pioneer lumbermen of Schuylkill county, and who died at Ringtown. The maiden name of his wife was Eisenhaut, a member of a family which was early founded in the southern part of this county. William J. Jacobs, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Beacher, was likewise an honored pioneer of the county and in the early days, before the establishing of railroad lines, he drove a stage between Pittsburg and Baltimore. He passed the closing years of his life in Shenandoah. Benjamin F. Beacher, Sr., still resides in Shenandoah, where his wife died at the age of forty-five years. Of their children two sons and five daughters are living—Arthur G., a prominent painter and decorator in Shenandoah; Emma, wife of Alford Harrox, of that city; Laura, wife of Thomas Heywood, of Girardville, Pa.; Sarah, who resides at Mount Carmel; Angeline, widow of Isaiah Womer, residing at North Braddock, Pa.; Benjamin F., Jr., the immediate subject of this sketch; and Mary, wife of William Derrick, of North Braddock. The father was a loyal and valiant soldier of the Union during the Civil war, as a member of Company F, 7th Pennsylvania cavalry, which command made a gallant record. He is now living retired, making his home with the subject of this sketch. Benjamin F. Beacher, Jr., has passed his entire life thus far in his native city and was afforded the advantages of its excellent public schools. He was graduated in the high school as a member of the class of 1893, and initiated his business career by securing a position as clerk in a grocery store. He has ever since continued to be identified with mercantile affairs in his native city, and in 1901 established his present business enterprise, first occupying quarters at the corner of West street and Apple alley, where he remained two years. He then removed to 43 West Coal street, and two years later located in his present commodious quarters at 35 North Main street. At the time of his removal here he purchased the property, which includes a substantial three-story block, 15 by 150 feet in dimensions, with the best of facilities for the operation of the candy factory and for the handling of the large wholesale and retail trade. The establishment is thoroughly metropolitan and its equals are to be found only in the larger cities. The products of the factory are held in high favor by the retail dealers throughout this section and the trade in the wholesale department, as well as the retail, is constantly expanding in scope and importance. The average annual business of the concern has now reached an aggregate of fully \$40,000. Mr. Beacher has shown marked progressiveness and energy in the upbuilding of his fine business and has gained to himself and his establishment an enviable reputation for reliability. In local politics he maintains an independent attitude,

but in national and state affairs he gives unqualified support to the Republican party. He is a member of Horncastle Camp, No. 49, Sons of Veterans, and both he and his wife are zealous members of the United Evangelical church, taking an active part in the various departments of church work, especially the Sunday school, in which both are teachers. May 10, 1905, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Beacher to Miss Bertha P. Snyder, daughter of Charles H. Snyder, now a resident of Allentown, Pa. She was born in Shenandoah and secured her education in the schools of Frackville. Mr. and Mrs. Beacher have a winsome little daughter, Evelyn Ruth, who was born April 1, 1909.

**Bearstler, James Oren, D. D. S.**, a prominent and well known practitioner, was born in Pottsville, Feb. 6, 1877, a son of William Henry and Mary Elizabeth (Oren) Bearstler, natives respectively of Pottsville and Port Carbon, and representatives of pioneer families in Schuylkill county, Pa. His grandfather, James Oren, was a soldier from this county during the war with Mexico. It would be a pleasure to record with more fullness the history of this old family, but the meager outlines furnished do not justify an attempt. Dr. James Oren Bearstler was educated in the public schools and high school of Pottsville, supplemented by a course in a commercial college. He was graduated in the Philadelphia dental college with the class of 1902, began practice immediately, and has established himself at the head of the profession in Pottsville. He gives special prominence to porcelain inlay work, and crown and bridge work in all details receives careful attention. The doctor is a Republican in his political views, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and is allied with the Masonic fraternity, Odd Fellows, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He holds membership in the Central Republican club, and in the college fraternity known as the Xi, Xsi, Phi fraternity. He was married on Oct. 20, 1904, to Miss Carrie, daughter of George W. and Mary May Beddall, of Port Carbon. The mother is deceased. Dr. Bearstler and wife sustain high social relations in the town and community.

**Bechtel, Edgar W.**, the subject of this biographical review, is a son of the late Hon. Francis W. Bechtel whose life history is indissolubly connected with the Schuylkill county bar. Francis W. Bechtel was born in Northumberland county, Pa., April 11, 1837, and was a son of John and Eliza (Beeber) Bechtel, natives of Bucks county, Pa. He received his elementary education in the schools of Middleport, attended the postoffice as clerk, finally engaged in teaching in Berks county, being thus employed for two years, when he returned to Middleport, and was there employed in teaching for three years. Subsequently he became principal of the schools at Schuylkill Haven, and while thus employed, he was united in marriage with Miss Alicia Wilson on Aug. 6, 1863. He served one year as freight and ticket agent of the Mine Hill & Schuylkill Haven railroad at Minersville, and while thus engaged received the appointment as clerk to the county com-



missioners, a position which he held for four years. But prior to this time, in the fall of 1862, he had registered as a law student in the office of Franklin B. Gowen, and completed his studies in the office of Hon. John W. Ryon. He was admitted to practice before the bar of Schuylkill county on May 18, 1868, and from that day until his death, on March 14, 1906, he was assiduously devoted to his profession. In the year 1870 he was admitted to practice before the supreme court of Pennsylvania, and prosecuted many cases to a successful conclusion before that body, as well as in the courts of other counties throughout the state. He was county solicitor of Schuylkill county from 1870 until 1874, elected as a Democrat. Mr. Bechtel was an active worker in the councils of Democracy, and was honored by his party. His family consisted of one daughter and two sons, the eldest of whom, Mary A., now deceased, was the wife of Philip E. Womelsorff, a civil and mining engineer residing at Philipsburg, Center county, Pa.; Elmer F. is a civil and mining engineer now located at Steelton, Dauphin county, Pa. Edgar W., the subject of this sketch, was the last in order of birth, being born in Pottsville, Dec. 28, 1866. After his graduation from the high school, he taught school for four years; one in Pine Grove and three in Mount Carbon, and then took up the study of law under the tutorship of his father. He was admitted to the bar in 1892; served as deputy district attorney during the term of Hon. J. W. Ryon, and also served one term as principal in that important office. Mr. Bechtel was married on Nov. 28, 1894, to Miss Myra L. Whitehouse, daughter of David and Maria (Shakespeare) Whitehouse, natives of England. She is a sister to the well known Pottsville attorney, W. J. Whitehouse. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bechtel, namely: David W., Dec. 9, 1895; Mary A., Feb. 27, 1898, and Virginia A., Jan. 18, 1900. The subject of this article is a talented and successful lawyer, occupying the offices lately occupied by himself and father jointly. His mother was a lady of education and refinement, and enjoyed the distinction of being a granddaughter of Alexander Campbell, the founder of the religious sect bearing his name.

**Beck, Isaac G.**, son of Edward and Mary (Strauch) Beck, was born in Beckville, North Manheim township, Sept. 28, 1865. He was educated in the public schools of the township, the period of his attendance extending until he was sixteen years of age. At that time he began a clerkship in the store of Chas. F. Beck in Cressona, which lasted for three years. His father needing his held on the farm, he left the store and returned to the parental home where he was employed in teaming and other work until 1895. He then leased the hotel at Beckville which is now conducted by William J. Beck, which he successfully conducted for five years, returning to his father's place in 1900, where he is now engaged in farming, teaming and lumbering. He continued to work with his father until the death of the latter, and now lives upon the old homestead, where his father was born and reared. At



present his main business is teaming for the Cressona powder mills. Mr. Beck was united in marriage to Miss Kate L. Rubert, daughter of Michael Rubert, of North Manheim, the ceremony occurring in June, 1889. From this union one daughter, Dorothy, is living. Mrs. Beck died in August, 1906. The members of the family are connected with St. Mark's Reformed church of Cressona. Mr. Beck is a Democrat in his political affiliations and has held the office of school director for four years. He is a member of the Cressona Lodge, No. 426, Free and Accepted Masons.

**Beck, William J.**, of Cressona, has long been identified with the business and civic affairs of Schuylkill county and is one of its well known and highly esteemed citizens. He was born in Beckville, North Manheim township, this county, May 25, 1850, a son of John and Jane (Hudson) Beck, old residents of the county, where the mother is still living. He was afforded the advantages of the public schools, which he continued to attend until he had attained to the age of about twenty years, after which he was employed for one year by the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company. He then learned the wheelwright trade and later engaged in the business of carriage building, serving an apprenticeship of six years, at the expiration of which he engaged in the same line of business on his own responsibility. He continued to be identified with this enterprise for a quarter of a century and was successful in his efforts. In 1900 he sold the business to Harry Scheaffer, and the same year established himself in the hotel business in Cressona, where he has since conducted a prosperous hostelry and built up a high reputation as an able and discriminating hotel man. He is affiliated with the Masonic lodge in his home borough, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Patriotic Order Sons of America, with which last mentioned he has been identified for the long period of forty years. He has served as vice-president of the Pottsville Fish and Game Protective Association for the past twenty years. In politics he maintains an independent attitude and for thirteen years he has been tax receiver of the township. He and his family are members of the Reformed church in Cressona. In February, 1877, Mr. Beck was united in marriage to Miss Esther Major, of Cressona, and they have six daughters and one son, namely: Olive, wife of Irvin Dyer, of Pottsville; Harvey, a resident of Beckville; Elsie, a successful teacher in the public schools of the county; and Nellie, Grace, Annie, and Mary, all of whom are at the parental home.

**Becker, Christian**, a wagon-maker and blacksmith of Tamaqua, was born in Germany on April 7, 1851. A brief biography of his parents may be found in the sketch of Henry Becker, a brother, elsewhere in this volume. Mr. Becker came to the United States and to Tamaqua with his parents while still a child and acquired his education in the schools of Schuylkill county. When his school days were over he worked for six years as a wiper in the round-house of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad and then served a full apprenticeship in the wagonmakers' trade. For ten years he

worked at the business for other people and then started an establishment of his own. This was in 1879 and since that time he has been most successfully operating a shop and the industry has grown to such proportions by this time that the employment of five men has become necessary. On Sept. 15, 1877, Mr. Becker married Miss Amanda Geisinger, a daughter of Jesse and Catherine Geisinger of Tamaqua. This union has been blessed with twelve children, ten of whom are living. Edward F., the eldest, is a blacksmith; Minerva is Mrs. Arthur Lambert and the mother of two children, Harry and Daisy; and the other living children are Emma, Christian, Jr., Herbert H., John C., Harry L., Charles, Robert and Howard. Two others died in infancy. The family are all identified with the Reformed church. The father is prominent in fraternal circles, having passed through all the offices of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and has been delegate to the grand lodges of both organizations, at Pittsburg, Altoona, Harrisburg and Reading. He is also identified with the Deutsche Gesellschaft.

**Becker, Henry**, a prominent carpenter and contractor of Tamaqua, was born in that town on March 8, 1859. His parents, Adam and Margaret (Fiebach) Becker, were natives of Germany, where the father was a tailor. After coming to this country, in 1854, however, he did almost anything that offered. He was a musician of ability and was well known because of his talent in that line. His death occurred on July 14, 1870, at the age of fifty-four years, and his widow passed away on March 9, 1902, in her eighty-third year. The seven children in the order of their ages are as follows: Christie is the wife of John Scheidegger, a miner; Sophie is the widow of George Harspersberger, a butcher of Wilkes Barre, Pa.; a sketch of Christian appears elsewhere in this volume; George died at the age of twenty-seven; Maggie is the wife of John M. Caldwell, a merchant of Tamaqua; Henry is the subject of this sketch; and Lewis is a painter living in Philadelphia. Henry Becker attended the public schools of Tamaqua and when he had taken advantage of the educational opportunities offered there he found employment with his brother Christian, where he learned his trade. Subsequently he became associated in business with J. A. Schilbe under the firm name of Becker & Schilbe and remained in that partnership ten years until Mr. Schilbe purchased his interest. Then he started a concern under his own name and has since been continuously in the contracting and carpentering business, besides doing a wholesale and retail lumber business. Some of the recent and most modern dwellings of Tamaqua, among them his own, are monuments to Mr. Becker's skill and ability. He is himself a very careful and thorough workman and employs ten or twelve men the year round. He held the office of assessor for three terms and in 1900 was elected one of the directors of the poor for Schuylkill county and served a full term. On July 29, 1882, Mr. Becker married Miss Kate Wetterau, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine Wetterau, formerly of Tamaqua,

but now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Becker have been born two children—Mabel Alberta and Reynolds C. H., the latter now a student at McCann's business college. The family are all members of the Reformed church, in which the father served three years as a deacon. He is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Improved Order of Red Men, and has passed through all the offices of both organizations. He is also a member of the Tamaqua club and in 1906 was the incumbent of the office of president of that organization. He is also a member of Tamaqua Lodge, No. 592, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and was a member of the Pennsylvania cornet band of Tamaqua for twelve years as one of the bass players.

**Bedeá, Daniel W.**, postmaster at Shenandoah, was born in Union county, Pa., June 10, 1854. He is a son of George and Mary (Williams) Bedea, both natives of Wales, who came to the United States with their respective parents when children. Their marriage occurred at Bloomsbury, Columbia county. The father was a miner and was eminently successful in a financial way. Both parents died at Shamokin, the father in 1889 at the age of sixty-five years, and the mother in 1897 in her seventy-first year, leaving a family of three sons and two daughters. Thomas W., the eldest, is superintendent of a rolling mill at Danville; William H. is a boiler maker at Scranton; Elizabeth, who became the wife of David Griffiths, died at Shamokin; and Mary A. is the widow of Edward Lewis and lives in Danville. The subject of this sketch acquired a public school education in Union county and at Danville. He worked on a farm until he was nineteen years of age, then for three years was employed in the iron works at Danville and a little later employed at Shamokin. For a period of years immediately following he was agent for the Singer Sewing Machine Company at Mauch Chunk and elsewhere and left that business to accept a position as coal and iron policeman. He continued in that capacity for six or seven years and his duty required his presence in Shenandoah, where he then located. On Feb. 1, 1898, President McKinley made Mr. Bedea postmaster of Shenandoah and on April 3, 1903 he was reappointed to the position by President Roosevelt. The office is in the second class and Mr. Bedea has fulfilled his duties in it with accuracy and thoroughness. In October, 1892, was solemnized his marriage to Miss Harriet E. Crawshaw, a native of this county. The Crawshaw family was well known in the early days of Schuylkill county history, Joshua L. Crawshaw being one of the first stationary engineers of Pottsville, coming there with his wife, Mary A., when Pottsville had but eighty houses. To Mr. and Mrs. Bedea has been born one son, George C. Mr. Bedea is an active Republican in his political views and is prominent in Masonic circles, being a member of the Blue lodge of Shenandoah, the chapter and commandery at Mahanoy City, the consistory at Philadelphia and the Shrine at Reading.

**Bell, James Jackson**, a prominent member of the Schuylkill county bar and a resident of Shenandoah, was born in that city on



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March 18, 1876, a son of James and Margaret (Conville) Bell. The father was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland, and came to Hecksherville, Schuylkill county, from Canada, in childhood. From Hecksherville he came to Shenandoah in 1870 and for many years conducted a general store and livery on West Coal street. About 1890 he retired with a competence, and is now living easily in Shenandoah. The mother is a native of Queens County, Ireland, and although well advanced in years is still hale and robust. Of the thirteen children born to them eight are living. John, the eldest, is a stationary engineer in Shenandoah; Patrick W. is a plumber and gasfitter; Joseph, who for many years was a prominent resident of Shenandoah, having served in the council, is now a building contractor at New Rochelle, N. Y.; Thomas F. is a graduate of Lehigh university with the degree of mechanical engineer, and was the draughtsman of the new U. S. battleship "Maine;" Margaret and Mary are at home; James J. is the subject of this sketch; and William F. is a student in the law department of the University of Pennsylvania. Of the deceased Richard A., on the eve of graduation from the state normal school at East Strasburg, received injuries which resulted in his death on April 30, 1905, and the others died in infancy or early childhood. James J. Bell, after a due preliminary training in the public schools of Shenandoah, matriculated in the law department of the University of Michigan in 1895 and took three years of work in that institution, meantime pursuing some special courses in literature and medicine. He graduated with honors in 1898, with the degree of LL. B., having carried during the three years all the work allowed by the faculty, 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 and soon began to attract notice as a criminal lawyer. In 1901 he successfully defended, single-handed, James Horrox, who was charged with the murder of Edward Ball, and the same year represented the prosecution in the case of John Frank, 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 defended and secured the acquittal of Matt. Stiavinsky and John and Charles Mingavage, charged with the murder of John Litisinavage. He was 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. In connection with Charles N. Brumm, 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, yet the accused was acquitted, Mr. Bell receiving con-

gratulations from all sources for his skillful and upright defense. These are but a few of the many criminal cases in which Mr. Bell has been retained. His cases are always carefully prepared and every precaution taken to guard against technicalities. He participates in a legal battle with all the enthusiasm of his nature, and leaves no stone unturned to win in an honorable way his points. With a keenness of perception that is remarkable, he often changes his tactics so suddenly and deftly as to overwhelm his opponents, and by making use of a fine point of law at an unexpected moment turns the tide of the case in his favor. He is the recognized leader of the younger members of the Shenandoah bar, and as a criminal lawyer his well earned reputation extends beyond the great state of Pennsylvania. Endowed by nature with a judicial temperament and fitted for his profession in one of the best law schools in the country, it is safe to predict for him greater successes and higher honors in the future. He is a member of the Schuylkill county bar association and the alumni association of the University of Michigan. Politically he is an unswerving Democrat and takes an active part in the deliberations of his party councils, where his judgment is found to be as sound as when he is pleading a case before a jury. On Feb. 21, 1906, Mr. Bell married Miss Mary Catherine Bender, daughter of the late Lawrence and Anna Bender, of Ashland, and this union has been blessed with one son, whose birth occurred on June 23, 1907. Mrs. Bell is one of a family of eight children. Englebert C., one of her brothers, is a young 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 won the distinction of being appointed to a place on the hospital staff of the University of Vienna. Frank, another brother, is a civil engineer; William is a graduate of the Philadelphia school of pharmacy; and Louis E. is associated with his mother in business at Ashland.

**Bendrick, Joseph**, well merits representation in this work by reason of being a scion of one of the honored families of the county of which he is a native son, and also by reason of his standing as one of the able business men of the younger generation in the county. He is engaged in the fire-insurance business at New Philadelphia, where he also has the agency for leading trans-Atlantic steamship lines, and is also incumbent of a clerical position in the office of the clerk of the courts at Pottsville, the county seat. Mr. Bendrick was born at Turkey Run, this county, March 16, 1872, a son of Peter and Francisca (Nedzinski) Bendrick, both of whom were natives of Lithuania, Russia. The father came from his native land to America about 1867 and located near Mahanoy Plane, Schuylkill county, Pa., and thereafter he followed the vocations of mining and farming in this county during the remainder of his life. He died at Coaldale, in 1920, at the age of fifty-five years, and his widow still resides in this county. The subject of this sketch was afforded the advantages of the public schools of his native county and made excellent use of the opportunities thus

afforded him. He began his business career as clerk in a general store and followed this vocation for a period of ten years, during which time he was located in Shenandoah, Lost Creek and New Philadelphia, this county. In 1897 he engaged in the hotel business in New Philadelphia and he made a success of the enterprise, with which he continued to be identified until 1907. In 1904-5 he was clerk of the county prison and in 1906 he was appointed to his present position in the office of the clerk of the courts for the county, in both of which offices he has given most efficient service. For the past three years he has conducted a general fire-insurance business at New Philadelphia, where he has a good clientage, and for fifteen years has been agent for various steamship companies. He has taken a zealous interest in public affairs of a local nature and has long been an ardent worker in the camp of the Republican party. He was assessor of the borough of New Philadelphia for six years; was for three years a member of the borough council; president of that body for two years; clerk for four years, and for one year he was its treasurer. He and his wife are members of the Catholic church at New Philadelphia, where he still maintains his home. On Feb. 27, 1898, Mr. Bendrick was united in marriage to Miss Helen Razas, daughter of John and Anna Razas, of Pottsville, and they have four children: Blanche, Raphael, Alice and Cyril.

**Bensinger, George I.**, a leading druggist of Schuylkill Haven, was born at Summit Station, Schuylkill county, Jan. 22, 1876. His paternal great-grandparents, Solomon and Anna (Frailey) Bensinger, were the first settlers of McKeansburg in this county. His maternal grandfather was Henry Trumbo and he is a son of Irvin and Sarah (Trumbo) Bensinger. His early educational training was received in the schools of Schuylkill Haven and his technical education in the college of pharmacy at Philadelphia, at which he was graduated in the class of 1896. For about eighteen years he was in the employment of other druggists and then, in May, 1904, he purchased the store which he is now conducting. Not only is his place of business one of the most modern in every detail, but the patrons are also assured of gentlemanly treatment and a disposition to please. On Aug. 31, 1904, Mr. Bensinger was united in marriage to Miss Eva Schlappich, a daughter of Daniel Schlappich, of Reading. They have no children. Mr. Bensinger is a Republican in his political beliefs but has never held nor aspired to office. He and his wife are both members of the United Evangelical church of Schuylkill Haven. Mr. Bensinger has written considerable on the history of Schuylkill county and he is regarded as an authority in that line.

**Berk, John K., M. D.**, a well known and popular physician of Frackville, is a descendant of some of the pioneer families of Berks county, Pa., and is of German lineage. His paternal grandfather, Henry Berk, was a prominent farmer of Berks county, married a Miss Greenawalt there and reared a family of children, one of whom was John G. Berk, the father of the subject of this sketch.



The maternal grandparents were Isaac and Louisa (Haas) Kalbach, both of whom died in Frackville. John G. Berk married Mary Jane Kalbach and in 1873 located at Girardville, Schuylkill county, where he clerked in a general store for about one year, when he came to Frackville as the senior member of the general merchandise firm of John G. Berk & Co. He continued at the head of this concern until his death in 1881, at the age of thirty-five years. He left two sons, viz: William H., a clergyman of the Lutheran church, and Dr. John K., who was reared from infancy in Schuylkill county, though he was born at Hamburg, Berks county, Aug. 22, 1872. He received his education in the Frackville public schools and the Keystone normal school at Kutztown, where he graduated in 1892. He then taught for one year at Lewistown, Schuylkill county, and in 1894 began the study of medicine. After due preparation he entered Jefferson medical college, of Philadelphia, where he received the degree of M. D. as a member of the class of 1896. In October of that year he opened an office in Frackville, where he has ever since been engaged in the practice of his profession, and where he has built up a remunerative business. He is one of the progressive physicians of Schuylkill county; is a member of the American and State medical associations and the Schuylkill county medical society, and keeps fully abreast of the march of medical progress. Dr. Berk is also interested in other enterprises, being one of the charter members and a director of the First National bank of Frackville. He is a member of the Lutheran church. On June 6, 1900, Dr. Berk was united in marriage to Miss Rae Ethel Hand, daughter of Ludman and Hester (Goff) Hand, of Cape May Court House, N. J., and to this marriage has been born one son, John William.

**Bibelheimer, Robert W.**, a well known and prosperous business man of Port Carbon, was born in Blythe township on July 14, 1868, a son of Daniel and Lavina (Heninger) Bibelheimer. His educational opportunities were limited to the courses afforded by the public schools and at the age of sixteen years he left school to go to work. After serving a full apprenticeship in the plumbers' and tinsmiths' trade he worked as a journeyman for a period of four years and then left that vocation to accept a clerkship in his father's timber business. Subsequently he became manager of the business, remaining in the capacity until November, 1898, when the father died and the son purchased from the estate the controlling interest in the concern. Since that time he has been at the head of affairs and the increase of business, the lack of labor troubles, etc., show how well he has managed. His business affairs also include a third interest in the Schuylkill Crushed Stone Company of Pottsville. In his political relations Mr. Bibelheimer is a Republican and as the successful candidate of that party is now the incumbent of a seat in the borough council. On Christmas day, 1890, was celebrated his marriage to Miss Emma L. Dalton, a daughter of George Dalton of East Norwegian township. This union has been blessed with three children, Olive, Pearl

and Bruce. The family all worship at the Presbyterian church at Port Carbon. Mr. Bibelheimer is prominent in fraternal circles, being a member of Schuylkill Lodge, No. 27, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Port Carbon; of St. Clair Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; and the Pottsville Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. He is ranked as one of the leading business men of Port Carbon, being conservative and able.

**Biddle, J. C., M. D.**, surgeon-in-chief and superintendent of the State hospital for injured persons, at Fountain Springs, was born in Bedford county, Pa., in 1854. His preliminary educational discipline was received in the common and public schools and under private tutors in the vicinity of his boyhood home, and while he was still a youth he engaged in teaching. After three years of such work in private schools he discontinued it to enter, in 1874, the Jefferson medical college of Philadelphia. He was president of his class when he graduated in 1877 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine and he at once located in Shenandoah, where he began the general practice of his profession. It was not long before he had acquired an enviable reputation as a skilled surgeon and a successful physician, and in 1883 he received an appointment as surgeon-in-chief and superintendent of the State hospital for injured, at Fountain Springs, where he has since rendered distinguished service in that capacity. Professionally Dr. Biddle is identified with the Schuylkill county medical society of which he served as president in 1883; the State medical society; the American medical association; the Lehigh Valley railroad surgeons' association, and the association of military surgeons of the United States. He is surgeon for the Reading and Lehigh Valley railroads. The doctor's business interests are wide and varied, and include the presidency of the Cambridge Bituminous Coal Company, the vice-presidency of the Schuylkill Railway Company and a directorship in the Citizens' National bank of Girardville and Orwigsburg. In politics he is a Republican, but has never aspired to public office. Fraternally he ranks high in the Masonic order, having attained to the thirty-second degree. Dr. Biddle stands in the front rank of his profession and is much esteemed by all classes in the community.

**Birston, Pius W.**, general insurance agent and dealer in real estate at Shenandoah, was born Feb. 7, 1870. He is the oldest living child of Joseph and Annie (Smeltzer) Birston, both natives of Lithuania, where they were married. Two sons born to them in their native province both died there in infancy. In 1870 they came to America, locating first in Boston, but later removing to the anthracite coal region of eastern Pennsylvania. The father died at Shenandoah in 1891, and the mother is now living at Sheppton. They had a family of seven sons and five daughters. Those living are Pius W., Margaret, Joseph F., John R., Mary I., Catherine E., Annie E., Edward and Theresa. Margaret is the wife of William Strolis of Shenandoah; Joseph and John both reside in Shenandoah; Annie graduated at the Keystone state

normal school at Kutztown in 1904, and is now a teacher in the Shenandoah public schools; Theresa is now a student in the senior class of that school, Mary is a graduate of the Medico-Chirurgical nurse school and is now engaged as a private nurse in the city of Philadelphia, and Catherine is a dressmaker in Shenandoah. During the Spanish-American war John and Joseph served in the army, the former in the 21st U. S. infantry and the latter in the 1st U. S. artillery. Pius W. Birston received his education in the schools of Schuylkill county, chiefly in Butler township and at Garardville, and as a boy began life for himself as a slate picker in the mines. He followed mining in various capacities until 1888, when he became a clerk in a general store at Shenandoah, where his family had located in 1886. After about two and a half years in the store he made a trip through the far west, being away from home for fourteen months. Part of that time he spent in Columbus, O., where he completed his education. Upon returning to Shenandoah he taught in the business college there for about a year. In his political views Mr. Birston is a staunch Republican, and in 1893 was the candidate of that party for the office of county recorder, but was defeated in the election. About that time he started his real estate business, in which he has ever since been interested. In 1899 he was appointed justice of the peace by the governor, and was subsequently elected for a full term of five years, but owing to a controversy over the question of jurisdiction he never qualified. For about three years he was associated with L. M. Kazunas in the drug business, but in 1900 he retired from that line and added a general insurance business to his real estate interests, to which he now gives his entire attention. Mr. Birston is a leader among the people of his nationality, and in May, 1906, was elected president of the Lithuanian Alliance of America at the Chicago meeting of that body. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He has always taken a keen interest in questions touching the public weal, and from 1900 to 1905 was secretary of the borough council. He also served one term as treasurer of the school board.

**Bissell, John Robertson, M. D.**, is one of the representative physicians and surgeons of the county and is engaged in the practice of his profession at Mahanoy City. He was born in Philadelphia, Oct. 27, 1807, and is a son of Augustus and Susan Helen Bissell, the former of whom was born at Bantam Falls, Litchfield county, Conn., and the latter of whom was born at Fairdale, Susquehanna county, Pa., March 9, 1832. The doctor is a descendant of Zebulon Bissell, who settled at Bantam Lake, Litchfield county, Conn., having received a grant of land from King George IV. Direct ancestors of Dr. Bissell—in both the paternal and maternal lines—were patriot soldiers under General Washington in the war of the Revolution. Dr. Bissell is especially well read in the learning of his profession, being a graduate of Jefferson medical college, Philadelphia. Prior to completing his medical course he had taken a course in pharmacy in the same city. He controls a large and

representative practice and is one of the influential and popular citizens of Mahanoy City. The doctor is married but has no children.

**Blaney, Harry F.**, a popular teacher in the public schools of Coaldale, is a representative of one of the well-known families of Schuylkill county, which has been his home from the time of his birth, at Centerville, Dec. 31, 1879. He is a son of Patrick and Margaret (Jennings) Blaney, whose birthplace was County Tipperary, Ireland, where both were reared to maturity. The father came to America about 1862 and located in Schuylkill county, Pa., where he worked in the mines until his death, which occurred in 1884. He is survived by his wife and ten of their eleven children. The subject of this sketch was deprived of a father's care and guidance when he was a mere child, and early began to depend largely upon his own resources. He worked in the mines for ten years and through his own efforts secured a good education, as is evident from the success which he has attained as a teacher. He began teaching in 1903 in the public schools of Coaldale, where he has gained distinctive prestige and popularity, being known as an able and conscientious instructor, thoroughly en rapport with the work of his chosen vocation. In politics Mr. Blaney gives his support to men and measures meeting the approval of his judgment, rather than holding to strict partisan lines. He served one term as assistant assessor of Rahn township. He and his wife hold membership in St. Mary's Catholic church, of which both are communicants, and he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Father Norton society. On June 22, 1905, Mr. Blaney was united in marriage to Miss Mary Cavanaugh, also a teacher in the public schools, and a daughter of James Cavanaugh, of Coaldale. They have one son, James.

**Bleiler, Charles A., M. D.**, for twenty-two years a practicing physician of Frackville, was born in Lynn township, Lehigh county, Pa., June 24, 1859. He is of that sturdy Pennsylvania Dutch stock that has done so much to develop the resources of the great Keystone state, his father, David Bleiler, having been a native of Weisenberg township, Lehigh county, where he followed the vocations of farmer and harness-maker all his life. His death occurred in 1882, at the age of fifty-eight years. His father was John Bleiler, also a native of Lehigh county, and a farmer and tanner by trade. David Bleiler married Sarah Seiberling, the youngest of the ten children born to John Seiberling, who was a member of the same family as the well known Seiberlings of Ohio, manufacturers of the Buckeye harvesting machinery. To this marriage were born eight children, seven of whom grew to maturity. Of these John, Elizabeth and Amanda are deceased; next is Thomas F.; Peter O. is a physician at Allentown, Pa.; William is a farmer in Lehigh county, and Charles A. is the subject of this sketch. Dr. Bleiler received his elementary education under the private instruction of Alvin Rupp, now superintendent of the Lehigh county schools, after which he taught in his native town-



ship for two years and then two years in Christian county, Ill. In 1882 he began the study of medicine with his brother, who was then located at Denver, Lancaster county, and graduated at Jefferson medical college, of Philadelphia, with the class of April, 1885. Immediately upon receiving his degree he located at Frackville, purchasing the business and good will of Dr. Elijah Reigle. Since that time he has been continuously engaged in the practice of his profession there, and has built up a lucrative business. From 1888 to 1900 he also conducted the principal drug and hardware store of Frackville. Dr. Bleiler is a Democrat in his political convictions. From 1899 to 1901, inclusive, he held the office of county coroner, and was for two terms the school director of Frackville, the duties of both positions being discharged with conscientious fidelity. He is a member of the American and Pennsylvania State medical associations and the Schuylkill county medical society, in all of which he has a high professional standing. In fraternal circles he belongs to District Lodge, No. 823, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Shenandoah Lodge, No. 511, Free and Accepted Masons, and in his religious affiliations is a member of the Reformed church. Dr. Bleiler has been twice married: first to Miss Alice E., daughter of Daniel B. Kistler, of Lehigh county, and to this union were born three children, viz: Blanche L., a graduate of the Keystone normal school, at Kutztown, and now a teacher in the Frackville public schools; Horace D., a student of mining engineering in the technical school at South Bethlehem, Pa.; and Edgar C., at home. Mrs. Bleiler died on June 6, 1885, and in September, 1886. Dr. Bleiler married Carrie E., daughter of Benjamin Adams, of Frackville. In addition to his professional duties Dr. Bleiler is vice-president of the First National bank of Frackville and a director in the Schuylkill Railway Company.

**Bock, James W.**, draughtsman in the office of the master carpenter of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company, is a native of Schuylkill county, having been born in Pottsville, Pa., Sept. 12, 1849, a descendant of an early-established family in the county. His father, William A. Bock, occupied a position similar to that of his son, though his life work was principally along mechanical lines. He (the father) was born at McKeanburg, in East Brunswick township, April 28, 1819. His father, whose name was William Bock, was born at Hamburg, Berks county, Pa., in 1790, but resided at McKeanburg from infancy until his death, in 1860. This was the paternal grandfather of James W. Bock, the subject of this sketch. He was a man of considerable genius, being able to work at almost any line of mechanics, though his life was spent, mostly, in agricultural pursuits, in which he was successful. Tracing the ancestral line still further, it is found that the paternal great-grandfather of the subject was born in "Old Haslau," in the Province of Hessen, Southwestern Germany. This was Baltzer Bock, whose history appears more fully in the historical volume of this work. His birth occurred in the year 1747, and in 1755 he



accompanied his parental family to America, and settled in Berks county, Pa. There he learned the wheelrights' trade, and followed that business for many years. In 1793 he moved to McKeesburg, where he owned a farm of 400 acres and ended his days as a farmer in that locality. He donated the land for the first church and school in McKeesburg, that town being laid out in the year of his removal there. Baltzer Bock was a soldier under Washington during the War of the Revolution. He married Miss Susanna Bolich, by whom he had a family of four sons and one daughter who lived to years of maturity. He died in 1828, at the age of eighty-one years. William A. Bock, father of the subject of this article, remained in his native village until seventeen years of age, when he became an apprentice to the carpenters' trade at Orwigsburg. After completing his apprenticeship, he remained employed at his trade in Orwigsburg until 1845, in which year he became a resident of Pottsville. In 1846 he was employed by D. G. Yuengling as superintendent of the carpenter work connected with the Yuengling brewery, a position which he held until 1872. During this time and subsequently he was also extensively engaged in contract work in building houses and business buildings, until the infirmities of old age compelled his retirement. He died on Jan. 17, 1894. He married Miss Mary, a daughter of James and Mary Reed, of Pottsville, and they had two sons who lived to years of maturity, i. e., James W. of this sketch, and Frank S., who is engaged in mercantile pursuits. James W. Bock married Miss Mary Miller, who was born in Pottsville March 24, 1851, and they are the parents of two children—Charles Miller and Mary Catherine. Frank S. wedded Miss Etta Webb. The Bock family is further connected with the pioneer history of Schuylkill county through inter-marriage with the Albright family, the first wife of William Bock, father of William A., and grandfather of James W., being Miss Mary M., daughter of Henry Albright. The second wife of this honored ancestor was Miss Susanna Sheip, and a large family was reared to each union.

**Boone, George Hughes, M. D.**, a native of Saint Clair, Schuylkill county, Pa., was born Sept. 21, 1871. He received his elementary education in the public schools of his native town, and in the high school at Pottsville. He was graduated from Hahnemann medical college at Philadelphia when but twenty-three years old, and immediately engaged in the practice of his profession. Dr. Boone was resident physician at Hahnemann hospital for one year after his graduation, and in 1895 opened his offices in Pottsville. The homeopathic system of medicine is a popular one, and the doctor at once entered upon a successful and remunerative professional career. Dr. Boone is a son of the late Ransloe Boone, of St. Clair. He was a son of William and Elizabeth (McKelvy) Boone. The doctor's mother was in maidenhood Miss Anna E., a daughter of George and Ann (Harder) Hughes. George H. Boone was the fourth child in a family of nine, the eldest of whom is

William Agard, Harriet is the wife of William W. Abbott, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Frances married F. O. Bostley, of Williamsport, Pa.; George H., the subject of this sketch, was next in order of birth; Edwin Chapin is a wholesale dry goods merchant, and extensively interested in manufacturing; Margaretta became the wife of A. T. Dice, the general superintendent of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad; May J. is a young lady at home; John Milton is a promising young attorney in Pottsville, and Harry R. is interested in rearing fancy stock, and is also a resident of Pottsville. Dr. Boone was married on Dec. 4, 1901, to Miss Arline, daughter of Henry C. and Urcilla (Kram) Russell, of Pottsville. They have two children, Ranslee and Arline. Dr. Boone and wife are members of the Episcopal church.

**Boone, Thomas**, a cousin three times removed of the famous Daniel Boone of history and a retired citizen of Port Carbon, was born in Columbia county, near Roaring creek, on Dec. 16, 1838. In the spring of 1844 his parents, Jeremiah and Rachel Boone, removed to Port Carbon and it was there that the subject of this sketch obtained his educational advantages. At the age of fourteen years he left the public schools and for two years attended a select school. At the age of sixteen he entered the employment of his father, who owned and managed a lumber business. This work continued for about eight years, and then the father disposed of his interests and the son worked about the home and on the farm for a time. After the father's death, in 1867, Thomas went to Berks county, where for fourteen years he was in the employ of an uncle. At the end of that time he returned to Port Carbon to make his home with a sister. He has led a quiet life since his return, a small business in money-lending and as a broker being his only occupation. Mr. Boone was never married. In politics he is a Republican, but has never aspired to office. He is a member of no church, but each Sabbath attends some one of the Port Carbon places of worship and contributes liberally to the support of all.

**Boose, Jacob Leander**, a retired hotel man of McAdoo, was born in York county, Pa., in 1847, a son of Emory and Sarah (Snodgrass) Boose. His maternal grandfather, George Snodgrass, and his paternal grandparents, Henry and Sarah Boose, were pioneers of Pennsylvania. The subject of this sketch attended the common schools until he reached his seventeenth year, when he left home and went to work on a farm near Gettysburg. He remained there two years and then went to Ashland, Md., where he held the position of stable foreman for a large concern. From Ashland he returned to Audenreid, Carbon county, and there remained for a period of twenty-five years in the employ of the Lehigh & Wilkes Barre Coal Company as a stationary engineer. When he relinquished that position he came to McAdoo and erected the building which became known as the United States hotel. After successfully conducting it for fourteen years he retired from active business life and now for the past three years

has led a quiet and uneventful career amid the surroundings he has come to love. Mr. Boose never married and is the only surviving member of his father's family. Politically he has been an influential factor in the local councils of the Republican party and for five years he was the incumbent of the office of borough treasurer. Besides this office he was for six years one of the school directors. Fraternally he was at one time identified with the Knights of Pythias, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Good Templars, the Keystones, and the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America. He is allied with no religious organization, but is an attendant at both the German Reformed and the Lutheran churches and is a liberal contributor to the support of each. Throughout the borough he is respected as one of the most substantial citizens and a man whose life has been most exemplary.

**Boughter, Amos H.**, a general merchant and a substantial citizen of Pine Grove, was born in Lebanon county, Pa., Feb. 18, 1857, a son of John and Leah (Hay) Boughter. The father was a boatman in early life and later followed agricultural pursuits, remaining in the latter vocation until his death in June, 1905, at the age of eighty-five years. His wife passed away in July of the year previous at the age of eighty. The subject of this sketch is one of the seven survivors of a family of ten children. He took advantage of the educational opportunities afforded by the public schools and then until he was sixteen years of age he worked as hired help on the farm. From that time until 1893 he was employed as a clerk in a store, relinquishing his duties as such to teach two terms. Then he purchased the stock of Mr. Edward Hummel and since that time has been conducting the business for his own interest. His success speaks for itself. By scrupulous honesty and a strict adherence to the principle of the square deal he has won an enviable place in the commercial life of the community. On Nov. 28, 1882, Mr. Boughter married Miss Amelia Fegley, a daughter of the late Charles Fegley and his wife Catherine. Mr. Fegley was a miller and was one of the pioneers of the town. To Mr. and Mrs. Boughter has been born one child, a son, Isaac. Both parents are members of and workers in the United Brethren church, of which Mr. Boughter is a trustee, is serving his tenth year as superintendent of the Sunday school, and is also church treasurer. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has lived in Pine Grove since 1889. Before that he lived for eight years at Grantville, Dauphin county, and prior to that on the old homestead in Monroe valley, Lebanon county.

**Bowen, James R.**, deceased, who was the proficient superintendent of the Pottsville gas works, was born in that city on Feb. 19, 1869. He was a son of Theodore C. and Catherine (Becker) Bowen, both natives of the Keystone state, who now reside at the corner of Twelfth and Laurel streets. The father operated a dairy for twenty-five years and accumulated enough so that he could retire and live comfortably for the rest of his days. There were

two sons in the family, the younger of whom, Robert G. Bowen, is a machinist by trade and is employed in the Philadelphia & Reading railroad shops at Pottsville. The subject of this sketch received his education in the public schools of his native city and when he had completed his scholastic training he learned the jewelers' trade in Philadelphia. For eight years he was engaged in that business in Pottsville, operating a store under his own name. He left the vocation in December, 1892, to accept a position as foreman in the gas works, and was gradually promoted to the positions of engineer and gas maker, and in 1900 to the responsible position of superintendent, which he held at the time of his death, March 19, 1907. He gave the greatest degree of satisfaction both to his employers and to the patrons of the company, and was acknowledged to be the most efficient of all who ever filled the position. On Feb. 14, 1893, Mr. Bowen married Miss Catherine D. Shelley, a native of Pottsville and a daughter of Charles and Mary Shelley, who are among the pioneers of the city. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bowen—Theodore S. and Joseph A., aged thirteen and eleven years. Mr. Bowen was a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church at Pottsville, his wife also being a member of that church, in which faith the sons are being reared. For four or five years Mr. Bowen was a teacher in the Sunday school of that institution. In his political beliefs he was a Republican, but was never an aspirant for office.

**Bower, Samuel**, yardmaster at Haucks on the Catawissa division of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, and whose postoffice address is Quakake, was born in Limestone township, Lycoming county, Pa., March 30, 1839, one of thirteen children born to David and Catherine (Haynes) Bower. Samuel Bower acquired his scholastic learning in the public and select schools of Lycoming county, and at Williamsport he learned the printers' trade. This vocation furnished him a livelihood for three years, when he went to Clarion, where he became engaged in teaching and took up the study of medicine by himself. From Clarion he removed to Shamokin and again entered the printers' trade, leaving it to join the Union army in the civil war. His enlistment was as a private in the 131st Pennsylvania infantry, and he served nine months with that organization, receiving an honorable discharge at the close of his term of service. He again enlisted, in the 210th Pennsylvania infantry, and was mustered out within a year. For a time after the cessation of hostilities he taught school at Centralia, and subsequently was appointed agent for the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company at that place. This last position he held until 1870, when he removed to Tamanend to take the agency of that station for the Catawissa Railroad Company, the line which has since become the Catawissa branch of the Philadelphia & Reading system. In 1877 he was transferred to Quakake, and after a service there of ten years he was appointed agent again at Tamanend. His appointment to his present position came in 1900, and he has retained it ever since. For more



than a quarter of a century he has been a resident of Rush township, for twenty-six years of the time he has been justice of the peace, and is now serving his seventeenth year as a member of the board of school directors. In 1869 was solemnized Mr. Bower's marriage to Miss Sarah R. Gilbert. Mr. and Mrs. Bower have no children. Both are devout communicants of the Protestant Episcopal church, of which Mr. Bower has been a member for more than forty years. He is well known in fraternal circles. For more than forty-six years he has been identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a past officer of the local lodge. His connection with Masonry dates from 1867 and he is a member of the lodge, chapter and commandery of the order, being a past officer in the first two. Besides these orders he claims membership in the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, the Grand Army of the Republic and the Royal Arcanum. His politics are strongly Republican, but he is conservative and allows no party prejudice to bias his judgment in the selection of men for positions of public trust. Although well advanced in years he is extraordinarily well preserved in both mind and body and is a man who has the respect and esteem of the whole community.

**Boyle, Andrew D.**, an old resident and prominent business man of Coaldale, was born at Tamaqua, Schuylkill county, Pa., Aug. 15, 1858. His parents, Andrew D. and Susan (Maloy) Boyle, were natives of County Donegal, Ireland, and were among the early settlers of Tamaqua, where the father located in young manhood and took a position as traveling salesman, a business which he followed until his death, in 1884, at the age of seventy-three years. His widow survived him some years, and died at Summit Hill, Carbon county, at the age of eighty years. Seven children were born to these parents, viz: James, Patrick, Annie (who became the wife of John F. Brislin), Dennis, Michael, Condy and Andrew D. These all reached years of maturity, while several children died in infancy or early childhood. The subject of this sketch was reared and educated in Schuylkill county, and began his business career in the manner of nearly all the boys of his time—viz: at the coal breaker picking slate. He was identified with the mining interests for some six years, when he became a clerk in a general store at Coaldale for a year. He then accepted a position in a rolling mill at Allentown, and five years were spent in that business. He became a resident of Coaldale in 1885, and has since been identified with the business affairs of that prosperous and growing borough. He was one of the members of the borough council elected at its incorporation in March, 1906, and is now serving as president of that body. He has also served as school director of Rahn township, and has otherwise demonstrated his interest in public education. Mr. Boyle is a Democrat in political affiliations, and has always taken an active interest in the success of his chosen party. He was married in December, 1879, to Bridget McHugh, of Rahn township, Schuylkill county, and a



daughter of Joseph and Nora (Boyle) McHugh, natives of Ireland. Thirteen children who lived beyond the infantile age were born to this union, and eight reached years of maturity. Of these six are now living: Hannah, Agnes, Joseph, Marguerite, Thomas and Rosalyn. Anna and Margella died in young womanhood. The family are members of the Roman Catholic church.

**Boyle, Dennis J.**, wholesale liquor dealer at Coaldale, Pa., was born in that town Feb. 10, 1882, a son of Samuel and Mary (Boyle) Boyle, natives of Ireland, who emigrated to America and located at Coaldale about 1871. The father has been engaged in the mines from the date of his coming until the present. The parental family consists of ten children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the eldest. The names are: Dennis J., John, Samuel, George, Philip, Mary, Daniel, William, Katie and Rose. Dennis J. Boyle was reared and educated in his native village, which is now a prosperous and growing borough, incorporated to that dignity in 1906, being thus the youngest borough in Schuylkill county. He began his business life at the age of twelve, and was employed about the mines, and in blacksmithing, until 1905. He served an apprenticeship of three years with Lewis Hughes in acquiring a knowledge of his trade, and after completing his term followed blacksmithing for about two years, or until Sept. 1, 1905. In February, 1906, Mr. Boyle purchased his present business, and has since conducted it successfully. At the organization of the borough school board in March, 1906, he was elected secretary of that body, a position which he still holds. He is a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church in Coaldale, and sustains an active relationship with the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Father Norton's beneficial and literary society. He is a young man who sustains high relations in the councils of the local Democracy, and wields a strong influence among the young voters of Coaldale and Rahn township.

**Boyle, John R.**, is one of the well-known and honored citizens of the borough of Coaldale, where he is incumbent of the office of justice of the peace and principal of the Bull Run public school, and where he is also engaged in the fire-insurance business. He is a native of Schuylkill county, having been born at Tamaqua, Feb. 18, 1858, a son of Michael and Mary (O'Donnell) Boyle, both of whom were born and reared in fine old County Donegal, Ireland. Michael Boyle came to America and took up his residence in Schuylkill county in the early 50's. He established his home in Tamaqua and became identified with the coal-mining industry of the county. He assisted in driving No. 7 tunnel, and finally contracted miner's asthma, which resulted in his death, in 1875, at the age of forty-five years. His wife survived him for thirty years. Both were communicants of the Catholic church, in whose faith they were reared. They are survived by six children, viz: John R., James M., Mary A., Hugh M., Hannah, and Michael. Mary A. is the wife of James Carr, and Hannah is the wife of James Cullen. John R. Boyle, whose name initiates this

paragraph, passed his boyhood days at Summit Hill and Coaldale, this county, and attended the public schools as opportunity afforded. At the age of eight years he was given employment on the coal breakers at Coaldale, and in 1869, when eleven years of age, was knocked from a coal car by a bridge and received injuries which necessitated the amputation of his right arm. He continued to be identified with mining work, however, until 1881. Through personal application in a private way he rounded out his education, which he further amplified by special school work, and in 1881 he was granted a teacher's certificate. He has put his scholastic acquirements to a good use, since he has successfully followed the pedagogic profession from the year mentioned to the present time, and is one of the popular teachers of his native county. Since 1889 he has served consecutively as principal of the Bull Run public school. Mr. Boyle has valiantly fought the battle of life under serious handicaps, and his career has been distinguished by inflexible integrity and unselfish motives. After the death of his father the support of the family fell almost entirely upon him, and though afflicted through the loss of his arm, he never lost courage, but pressed forward to the goal and made his life count for good in all its relations. He is a staunch adherent of the Democratic party and is loyal to all the duties and responsibilities of enlightened citizenship. He is now (1907) serving his fourth consecutive term as justice of the peace of Coaldale, and conducting a very successful fire-insurance agency, in which he represents a number of leading companies. He has attained to no little local reputation as an architect and is a man of distinctive versatility. Mr. Boyle was president and later secretary of the first building and loan association organized in Coaldale and remained one of its able executives until its maturity, at the end of nine years. He is now secretary of the second Coaldale building and loan association, which was organized in 1897, and whose shares, paying \$200 each, matured in nine years and nine months. He is also president of the Panther Valley building and loan association, of Lansford, and a director in the Citizens' National bank of that borough. He has been a zealous worker in behalf of the Panther Valley hospital association, of which he is treasurer. He and his family are communicants of the Catholic church and are identified with the parish of St. Mary's. On Dec. 29, 1889, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Boyle to Miss Alice McHugh, daughter of Andrew and Mary McHugh, of Lansford, Carbon county, and they have six children—John, James, Frank, Mary, Susan, and Gregory. The two eldest sons are graduates of the Coaldale high school, in which John completed the prescribed course at the early age of thirteen years, and is now preparing himself for the priesthood of the Catholic church.

Boyle, Neil J., president of the Coaldale school board, and a prosperous young miner of that borough, was born in the town in which he lives, and where he has thus far spent his life. His birth occurred on Sept. 6, 1879. He is the eldest of nine children

born to Peter and Kate (Burns) Boyle, the father a native of Ireland, and the mother born in Coal-dale, of Irish ancestors. The names of the children follow: Neil J., Kate, Peter, Ann, Daniel, Patrick, John, Mary and Margaret. The father of this family was a miner at Coal-dale for thirty-two years and still resides in the town of his adoption, in comfortable circumstances, as a result of his early industry and frugality. The subject of this sketch was educated in the public schools and at the age of eleven years entered upon the usual vocation of the boys in the coal regions. After serving his "apprenticeship" as a slate picker he became a driver and later a skilled miner. He is a young man of intelligence and public spirit; enjoys the distinction of being the president of the first school board ever elected in the borough of Coal-dale, and manifests a commendable interest in the cause of universal education, as rendered possible through the wise provision of law. Mr. Boyle is a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church, the religious home of his ancestors, and is prominently connected with various organizations within the church, both of a beneficial and literary character. He also holds membership in the Ancient Order of Hibernians, thus perpetuating the ancestral nationality. In political views the father and sons are Democrats on national issues, and support their friends in local matters.

**Brady, Father Francis J.**, rector of St. Jerome's Roman Catholic church at Tamaqua, was born in the Parish of Drung, County Cavan, Ireland. He began the study of theology in St. Patrick's college, of Cavan, but in 1880 he left the Emerald Isle for the United States. On Jan. 1, 1881, he matriculated at St. Charles' seminary, Overbrook, Pa., and on Jan. 11, 1885, he was ordained to the holy priesthood. His first charge was as assistant to the Rev. H. F. O'Reilly at the Church of the Annunciation in the Shenandoah. After a service of four years there Father Brady was appointed pastor of Beaver Meadow and its dependencies, one of the most laborious and difficult parishes to attend in the eastern states. Six and a half years later he was assigned his present charge, assuming his duties on Aug. 30, 1895. His devoted and faithful work in his present field has been a matter of note throughout the county and this section of the state. While pastor of Beaver Meadows, he had the church, which was three-quarters of a mile distant from the center of the town, moved to within a short distance of the rectory, a task both phenomenal and unprecedented, which was a great boon and blessing to the people. Since his advent in Tamaqua he has made many important improvements on church and rectory. They are modernized, up-to-date and second to none in the county. The missions attached are St. Raphael's at Tuscarora and St. Patrick's at Gearytown. The needs of the parish are now such as to demand the services of an assistant priest. This assistant at the present time is Rev. J. J. Graham, a graduate of St. Michael's parochial school, Philadelphia, Mt. Saint Mary's and St. Charles' seminary, Overbrook, Pa.

**Brandon, Lloyd T.**, an extensive dealer in lumber and timber lands, was born in Brandonville, in East Union township, Schuylkill county, Nov. 5, 1855. His ancestors were early settlers of this county, and the village of Brandonville was named in honor of the founder, Nelson Brandon, father of the subject of this sketch. The village was laid out in 1864 upon lands then owned by Nelson Brandon, who established the first hotel and store in the place. The mother of the subject was Miss Rebecca Artley previous to her marriage to Nelson Brandon. Lloyd T. Brandon was educated in the public schools of East Union township and at Wyoming seminary, in Luzerne county. His early years were spent as a clerk in the office of his father, who, like himself, was a prosperous lumber dealer. In 1885, Mr. Brandon began his business career, when for a time he was engaged in supplying mine props from his timber lands on Pine creek, in Lycoming county. He shipped the first lumber of this kind ever transported over the Fall Brook railroad, this being now a part of the New York Central & Hudson River system. Mr. Brandon also had at this time extensive lumber and timber interests at Pine Station, near Lock Haven, and his residence was at Mifflinburg, in Union county. In 1890, Mr. Brandon laid out the town of Sheppton, and disposed of the lots for Daniel Shepp and James J. Dull, the proprietors. In the spring of 1893 he moved to Hazelton and was engaged in contract work of various kinds until 1896, when he came to Pottsville. His lumbering interests are varied and constantly increasing with the purchase of new holdings and the development of others. His Pennsylvania lands are principally in Clinton, Clearfield and Center counties, between which he and his associates operate twenty-three miles of standard gauge railroad, connecting the different tracts. They also own timber lands in Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, having very large holdings in the last named state, along the Chickahominy and James rivers. The principal office controlling this southern territory is at Norfolk, Va., while the northern field is under the management of the Pottsville office. Mr. Brandon was married in June, 1901, to Miss Helen Osborne, of Scranton, Pa. Himself and wife are members of the First Presbyterian church in Pottsville. The subject of this article is a Republican in political faith, and held the office of school director in Union township from 1888 to 1894. He is prominent in the councils of Free Masonry, having passed through the various branches of the fraternity until he has attained the thirty-second degree. His initial membership is with Mifflinburg Lodge, No. 370, Free and Accepted Masons; Hazelton Chapter, No. 277, Royal Arch Masons; Constantine Commandery, No. 41, Knights Templars, Philo Court and Rajah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Reading, Pa. He sustains local relations with various clubs and minor societies, and is also a member of some of the local insurance fraternities.



**Brennan, Michael P.**, deceased, who in his day was one of the best known and most public spirited citizens of Schuylkill county, was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland, Aug. 11, 1844. His father, Patrick E. Brennan, was born in Ireland, about the year 1816, and his mother, whose maiden name was Anastasia Purcell, was also a native of the Emerald Isle. In 1853 the family came to America, locating first in Cass township, Schuylkill county, but later removing to Mount Pleasant, where the father died in 1873. After coming to this country he followed the occupation of a miner. He was an enthusiastic Democrat, always taking an active part in campaigns, and held the offices of supervisor and school director for several terms. Michael P. Brennan grew to manhood in Schuylkill county. He was educated in the schools of Cass and Foster townships and at the age of nineteen years graduated at the state normal school at Millersville. Upon leaving school he accepted a position as clerk in the office of the prothonotary of Schuylkill county, under Hiram Moyer, and remained there for three years under that official. Subsequently he held a similar position under prothonotary Thomas E. Kern, until transferred from that office to the recorder's, under John A. Reilly. After about a year with Mr. Reilly he accepted a position in the auditing department of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company and remained with this corporation from 1880 to 1887. He was then elected prothonotary of Schuylkill county and discharged the duties of the office with skill and fidelity, and to the entire satisfaction of the general public. At the expiration of his three years' term in this office he became a traveling salesman for a Philadelphia grocery house, with which he remained for three years, resigning his position to enter the employ of the United States Express Company as a clerk in the New York office, which position he held until his death in September, 1900. In all his relations with his fellow-men Mr. Brennan was affable and congenial, and as a citizen he manifested a commendable interest in every movement for the moral and material advancement of the community in which he lived. He was a friend to education and served several terms as school director of Mahanoy Plane. On Jan. 21, 1888, Michael P. Brennan and B. Ann Ryan were united in marriage. Mrs. Brennan, who is now living at Mahanoy Plane, is a daughter of John and Bridget (Boylan) Ryan, both natives of Ireland. She was educated in St. Cecilia's academy, Washington, D. C., a school conducted under the auspices of the Sisters of the Holy Cross. After completing her education she became a teacher in the public schools of Mahanoy Plane, and was for some time the organist in the Holy Rosary church at that place. She is a woman of refinement and culture, and now holds a lucrative position. Mr. and Mrs. Brennan had five children, four of whom are still living, viz: Anastasia, Joseph, Edith and Paul.

**Brennan, Patrick E.**, former chief Burgess of the borough of Shenandoah, was born in Montreal, Canada, in 1849, a son of Martin and Margaret (Riley) Brennan. He came to Schuylkill



county with his parents when he was but five years of age: the father located at the Silver creek mines and lived and worked there until his death, at the age of ninety-four years. The mother died at the same place, at the age of seventy-nine. Of the thirteen children born to the parents but two, including the subject of this sketch, are living, the other being Martin, of the borough of Shenandoah. One of the sons, Michael was a private in Company E, 48th Pennsylvania infantry, in the Civil war, and lost his life in his twenty-third year while in the service of his country at the second engagement at Bull Run. James died at Silver creek at the age of sixty-two, and a sister, Mary, departed this life at Roanoke, Va., in March, 1904. Most of the others died in infancy. Patrick E. Brennan received a somewhat limited education in the common schools of New Philadelphia, and at the age of ten years started to earn his own living as a breaker boy in one of the big collieries. From that time until he was elected to his present position, in 1903, he followed mining as a means of livelihood, and his labors were in all branches of that industry. On June 9, 1880, Mr. Brennan married Miss Ellen O'Neil, who was born in St. Clair in 1851. The only child born to this union is Martin P., who is now a druggist in Shenandoah. He received his educational advantages in the public schools, St. Francis' college and Keystone state normal school at Kutztown. Mr. Brennan is a staunch exponent of the principles of the Democratic party and has always been intensely interested in the success of that organization. For thirty-one years he has been a member of the Total Abstinence Brotherhood society, which is under the Catholic church of the Annunciation, to which all the family belong. Since 1887 he has been a member of the Phoenix Fire Company, and is one of the charter members of Aerie No. 103 of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, serving as a trustee and on the house committee. He is well to do financially and is the owner of considerable realty in Shenandoah.

**Brenner, Isaac**, is a successful business man of the city of Pottsville, where he has maintained his home for a quarter of a century, and where he is known as an honest and upright citizen. He was born at Saville, province of Kovno, Poland, Russia, Dec. 22, 1853, and is a son of David and Catherine Brenner, both of whom were likewise natives of Poland. In the excellently conducted gymnasium of his native town Mr. Brenner secured his early educational training. He remained in Poland until 1882, when he came to America, landing in April of that year and immediately afterward came to Pottsville, where he has since resided and where he has attained to success through his own well-directed efforts, having been industrious and frugal and making the most of his opportunities. He was engaged in mercantile pursuits in this city until 1894, when he established himself in business as a general dealer in junk, which line of enterprise has since engaged his attention. Mr. Brenner is a Republican in politics and is a Hebrew in his religious faith. On Dec. 25, 1872, he married Miss

Fanny Brenner, who was born and reared in the same locality as himself and who is a daughter of Moses and Freda Brenner. Of the children of this union the following brief record is entered: Susie, Mrs. Harry Schwartz, resides in Brooklyn, N. Y.; Louis resides in Lebanon, Pa.; Ida is the wife of Max Weiner, and resides in the state of Mississippi; and at the parental home remain Kathryn, Philip, Mary, Anna, Lena, and Esther.

**Bressler, Albert M.**, a farmer of Hegins township, was born at Donaldson, Schuylkill county, June 11, 1847, his parents being Abraham and Rebecca (Adams) Bressler, the former a native of Hegins township and the latter of Northumberland county. Abraham Bressler lived in Hegins township all his life. He was a farmer, teamster and miner; was one of the leading Democrats in the county in his day; held the office of poor director for several years, and was a member of the Reformed church. He died in 1872, at the age of fifty-four years. His widow survived him for a number of years and died at the age of seventy-eight. They had eight children. Catherine is the wife of C. H. Long, of Reading; Richard is a retired merchant of Fountain, where he was for some time postmaster; Rebecca is Mrs. Aaron Otto, of Hegins township; Sarah is Mrs. William Long, of Reading; Elizabeth lives at Reading as the widow of Richard Kessler; Susan died in childhood, and Robert died in 1898 from the effects of a burn received in the mines. Albert M. Bressler lived with his parents until he was twenty-eight years of age. On Sept. 17, 1876, he married Miss Lavinia, daughter of Peter and Kate (Roebuck) Bohner, of Northumberland county, both now deceased. She is one of a family of thirteen children, of whom nine are living, all in Northumberland county with the exception of Mrs. Bressler. Noah is a farmer; Susan is the wife of Elias Tressler; Joel is a farmer and bricklayer; Harriet is the widow of William Furster; John is retired; Peter is a shoemaker; George is a bricklayer at Shamokin; Catherine is the wife of Levi Bohner. After the death of Mrs. Bressler's mother her father married Susanna Shaeffer, by whom he had one son, William, who is now living in Northumberland county. After his marriage Albert M. Bressler lived for a while on the old homestead. He then went to Northumberland county, where he remained for six years, when he removed back to the old place, in 1894, and has lived there ever since that time, carrying on a general farming business. He has 114 acres of good land, about 40 acres of which is under cultivation. In addition to his farming interests he runs a huckster wagon, selling his produce at Tremont. He is one of the active Republican workers of Hegins township and was for several years supervisor. He belongs to the Grange, the Royal Arcanum and the Reformed church at Hegins. Mr. and Mrs. Bressler have the following children: Charlemagne, J. Claude, William H., Bessie J., Harry J. and Lloyd H. Charlemagne is a miner at Fountain. He married Ida Eckler and had two children—Burd E. and Gertie May. J. Claude is a farmer and carpenter in Hegins township. He married Mamie

Otto and has one daughter—Naomi E. William H. married Sadie Gable and is a carpenter at Hegins. Bessie J. is the wife of Arthur D. Otto and lives at Fountain. She has one daughter—Elsie Irene. The other children are at home.

**Bressler, Michael G.**, one of the well-known residents of Hegins, is a descendant of that sturdy German ancestry that did so much during the eighteenth century to reclaim the great Keystone state from the primeval wilderness. The first member of the family to leave the Fatherland was George Simon Bressler, born at Mannheim in the old Palatinate, on Feb. 22, 1722, and immigrated to Schuylkill county in 1749. For more than half a century he endured the hardships, privations and hard labor incident to a pioneer's life. His demise occurred on Nov. 15, 1802, and his remains were buried in Hetzel's churchyard. A son, Michael Bressler, was born to George Simon Bressler in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, on Aug. 15, 1764. Michael grew to manhood in his father's home and in later life married Barbara Hetzel, born Sept. 14, 1771, in Elizabeth township, Lehigh county, and died June 29, 1833, and her husband followed her to the grave on Feb. 22, 1843. They had nine children, of whom a son, John, was born in Pine Grove township, then in Berks county, on Feb. 1, 1800, and died on May 19, eighty years later. This son John was twice married, the first time on Nov. 26, 1826, to Barbara Henn, who died on Dec. 8, 1827, leaving one child. His second marriage occurred on March 22, 1831, to Miss Elizabeth Gehies, born March 28, 1810, and died April 24, 1898. One of the children of the second marriage was John H. Bressler, whose natal day was Nov. 29, 1827. The others are Katherine, Barbara, William H., Michael G., Solomon G., Simon Nathaniel, Mary Ann, Aaron Joel and Jonathan Peter, all of whom are living with the exception of Katherine, Mary Ann and John H. Mr. Bressler married Miss Susanna Rabuck, daughter of Peter Rabuck of Northumberland county. The family are all members of the Reformed church of Hegins. Mr. Bressler is an independent in politics, and without the aid of party or faction he was once elected to the office of township treasurer. In a fraternal way he is identified with the Valley View Lodge, No. 568, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Washington Camp, No. 109, of the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, of Valley View.

**Bright, Hunter F.**, one of the most prominent citizens of Ashland and a wealthy lumber dealer, was born in that borough on Jan. 18, 1859. The Bright family has been prominently identified with the lumber trade in Schuylkill county for more than half a century. The grandfather was the first member of the family to locate in Schuylkill county. His name also was Hunter F. Bright, and he was born at Lewisburg, Pa. He located first at Minersville and there for many years was engaged in the harness and saddlery business. On leaving Minersville he went to Ashland to make his home with a son. His death occurred in 1900 in his ninety-eighth year. His wife was Mary Yeager, and

to them were born four children—William H., Harrison, Daniel and Carrie. The latter, now deceased, became the wife of Jacob Lawrence. The eldest of the four was born in 1832, and when he grew up learned the saddlers' and harness-makers' trade. In 1852 he removed to Ashland and there embarked in the lumber business, in which he was actively engaged until the time of his death, in January, 1896. For several years he also had extensive interests in timber in Potter county, Pa. His wife was Anna Barbara Seitzinger, a daughter of Peter and Catherine Seitzinger, of Fountain Springs, and to them were born seven children, viz.: Kate, wife of Charles Wilhelm; Ada, wife of Rev. Archie Stewart; Hunter F., of this memoir; Morton; Eva, wife of H. A. Acker; John, and David. Hunter F. Bright attended the public schools of Ashland and was reared to manhood within its borders. When he had completed his scholastic training he entered the lumber business with his father and since that time has been continuously and successfully engaged in it. After his father's demise he purchased the controlling interest in the retail business and since that time has become financially interested in a wholesale industry in North Carolina. Something of the extent of his vast holdings may be judged when it is known that his yearly business amounts to \$125,000. On Jan. 28, 1890, Mr. Bright married Miss Laura Orth, a daughter of Ernest and Dorothy (Decner) Orth, of Philadelphia. Five daughters have blessed this union, by name Anna, Marguerite, Dorothy, Ruth and Laura. The family are all members of the Presbyterian church of Ashland. Politically Mr. Bright is a staunch exponent of the principles of the Republican party, and as the candidate of that party was twice elected a member of the borough council. Fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is recognized as a man of public spirit, keen business sagacity and thorough honesty in all his dealings.

**Briscoe, Sidney B.**, deceased, of Pottsville, was born in County Waterford, Ireland. He came to America in 1856, as a boy of thirteen years, and thereafter traveled in various parts of the country until he attained to maturity. He finally became manager of a store for the Nelson Furnace Company, near Louisville, Ky., where he remained until about 1879, when he took up his residence in Pottsville, where he established and became manager of a general store conducted by the Alliance Store Company at New Philadelphia. He continued superintendent of the business until about 1885, when he became the principal owner of the same, with which he continued to be actively identified until his death, which occurred in 1899. He married Sarah Loeser, who was born in Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, Pa., a daughter of Christopher Loeser, who was one of the leading members of the bar of this county for many years. Mr. Loeser maintained his residence in Orwigsburg for a long period, and when the county seat was removed thence to Pottsville, he took up his residence in the latter place, where he continued to be engaged in the practice of his







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He was a member of the highest school of the city, and of the department of the University of Pennsylvania. In 1878, he was elected to the position of being successfully elected to the position of a member of the city council, and he is well up to the mark, both as a loyal citizen and as a reliable member of the city council. The present commodious store building was erected in 1878 and in the same complete and select lines of goods in each department.

Brooke, Lewis Phillips, deceased, for many years a resident of Pottsville and a pioneer in developing the anthracite coal fields, was born at Valley Store, Chester county, Pa., March 19, 1816. His father, Samuel Brooke, was born in 1789, and died at Pottsville in 1839, his death having been the result of an accident. In 1813 Samuel Brooke married Miss Priscilla Phillips, who was born in 1793. Both parents were members of the Friends' church. Lewis P. Brooke received an education in the most advanced schools of that period, and became an accomplished musician. He came to Pottsville while still in his youth, where his father engaged in mercantile pursuits, but subsequently removed to Philadelphia to engage in the wholesale goods business. In 1844 Lewis P. Brooke and Miss Margaret Weaver, of Branchdale, Pa., were married in Branchdale. Soon after they removed to Philadelphia and later returned to Pottsville, where he became identified with the opening of the anthracite coal industry. During the Civil war he served in the 10th and 11th Pottsville troops, and in 1865 he went to Lynchburg, Va., where for several years he was in charge of the rolling mills. While in Lynchburg he served as a member of the city council, and he demonstrated his capacity for handling municipal matters. He was recognized as a man of great public spirit. About 1870 he retired from active business associations, returned to Pottsville and there passed his eternal reward on Jan. 22, 1895, at the age of seventy-nine years. His wife was born in 1820, and preceded him to the Great Beyond, her death having occurred in 1891. They were the parents of the following children: Catharine, Maria B., George A., Arch M., Walter C. and Henry. Throughout his life Mr. Brooke was an active and energetic citizen. He grew up as he was, and the teaching of his Quaker parents was a fine perception of right and wrong, and this teaching was his every action.



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relations with his fellow men. Modest and unostentatious in his habits, he could nevertheless say "No" to any and every proposition that did not meet his moral ideal. The world's progress is due to such men, and the world is the better for his having lived in it.

**Brosnahan, Timothy B.**, shipping agent for one of the big collieries of Schuylkill county, with headquarters at Cressona, was born in Reilly township in November, 1863. He is a son of Michael and Anna (Quinlan) Brosnahan, and is the third in order of birth of the ten children born to them, seven of whom survive. The others are Mary, Ella, Margaret, Michael, John and Anna. The parents were respectively born in County Limerick and County Cork, Ireland, and immigrated to this country in 1851, locating at Yellow Spring, Dauphin county, and subsequently in Reilly township. The paternal grandparents were Timothy and Mary Brosnahan, and on the maternal side the grandparents were John and Hannah Quinlan. Timothy B. Brosnahan attended the common schools of his native township and at the age of fifteen years started work as a breaker boy. He was promoted by degrees to the position of clerk of the colliery and subsequently was transferred to the headquarters of the company in Pottsville. In 1890 he received the appointment to his present position of responsibility. His retention in the office for more than a decade is ample evidence of the efficiency with which he has filled it. In politics Mr. Brosnahan is absolutely independent, and he and his family are communicants of St. Patrick's church of Pottsville. In February, 1899, was celebrated Mr. Brosnahan's marriage to Miss Mary Carley, a daughter of Peter Carley, of Mahanoy City. Two children, a daughter and a son, John and Mary by name, have been born to this union.

**Brown, Frank**, general manager of the extensive shoe manufacturing industry in Schuylkill Haven, was born in the town in which most of his mature years have been spent. His birth occurred on March 10, 1868. His parents, Daniel and Elizabeth (Deibert) Brown, were natives of Landingville, Schuylkill county. The father enlisted early in the Civil war and served with honor throughout that great national struggle. Frank Brown attended the public schools of his native county, and in early manhood became interested in the shoe manufacturing business. He was for four years connected with the business at Landingville and came from there to his present position in Schuylkill Haven in 1892. Fourteen years of his life have been spent in charge of an industry employing many workmen and requiring the constant supervision of a manager well skilled in the work. That Mr. Brown fulfills this requirement is self-evident, in view of his long continuance in the position. He was married July 10, 1894, to Miss Alice Ehly. She has been an orphan almost from her birth, so that but little is known of her parents, and nothing of her ancestral history. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have an interesting family of four children, the eldest of whom is Madalene Salome, born



March 15, 1898; Stanley Hendrick, born July 19, 1900; F. Alfred, born Sept. 18, 1902, and Hamilton, born Sept. 19, 1905. The two first named have entered upon their educational career and are battling with the mysteries of juvenile life in the public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are members of the Reformed church. He is an independent Republican in his political affiliations.

**Brown, Frank A.**, a member of the firm of Ney & Brown, of Freidensburg, and a son of Joseph and Susanna (Schwartz) Brown, was born in Wayne township, Dec. 12, 1858. He attended the public schools until he was sixteen years of age and then taught school for several terms, after which he entered the mercantile life in April, 1882, at Rock, Schuylkill county, remaining there until 1888. At that time he sold his business to John G. Maurec and moved to Freidensburg, going into business there as a general merchant in company with Mr. Daniel R. Ney, under the firm name of Ney & Brown, the partnership continuing until the present time. On Nov. 26, 1881, Mr. Brown was married to Miss Lorina Reber, daughter of Charles and Lorina (Overbeck) Reber, of Wayne township, and three children, one son and two daughters, have been born to this union. E. Estella is a stenographer in Pottsville; Grover N. is a student in the Kutztown normal school, and Dora R. is at home. Mr. Brown belongs to Camp No. 264, Patriotic Order Sons of America; to Council No. 1001, Order of Independent Americans, and to Page Lodge, No. 272, Free and Accepted Masons, of Schuylkill Haven. He is a past officer in both the Patriotic Order of Sons of America and the Independent Americans. In politics he is a Democrat. He originated the Brown reunion, which is held annually on the first Saturday in September. The family belongs to the Reformed church of Freidensburg, of which Mr. Brown is an elder and is also the representative to the classes held by the church in the county. Besides his mercantile business, Mr. Brown follows the profession of a surveyor, to which he devotes a considerable portion of his time.

**Brown, Frank Luther**, son of Harry Adam and Regina Marie (Kemmerer) Brown, was born in Lebanon, Lebanon county, Pa., on Jan. 5, 1870. He received his early education in the public schools of Lebanon. On April 13, 1885, he entered the employ of Dr. William B. Means, a druggist in Lebanon, as a clerk, where he served until April 10, 1889, when he accepted a position with Rush P. Marshall (now deceased), of Philadelphia. He remained in that position for about three years, when he embarked in business for himself at the corner of Main and Pearl streets, Norristown, Pa., on Sept. 1, 1892. Here he conducted a retail drug business for seven years, when he sold out to Atwood Yeakle, who removed the business to DeKalb and Spruce streets. Mr. Brown remained with Mr. Yeakle for a short time, as manager of the store until the latter could secure a pharmacy clerk. He then entered the employ of the William Stahler Drug Company, wholesale druggists of Norristown, Pa., where he remained for a short time. Mr. Brown was at one time a room-mate of the son of

Senator Qual, and during the coal strike of 1902 he entered upon a correspondence with the senator relative to obtaining a supply of river coal, washed up from the river bed. Through this correspondence, Senator Qual requested Mr. Brown to find a purchaser for the drug business at Auburn, which finally resulted in the latter purchasing the business himself. He has added to the original business the manufacture and sale of ice cream, both wholesale and retail, and a newspaper and periodical department. Mr. Brown entered the Philadelphia college of pharmacy in 1889 and was graduated in the spring of 1891 with the degree of Ph. G. He was married on June 14, 1893, to Emma Marie Nagele and three children have been born to them. One daughter, Miriam, died in infancy, and two sons, Frank Melancthon and Luther Adolphus, are living. In politics Mr. Brown is a Republican. He has always been much interested in church and Sunday school work; was superintendent of the Sunday school in Norristown, and has been assistant superintendent of the Sunday school since coming to Auburn. Both he and his family belong to the Lutheran church; he has been president of the Luther League of Berks, Montgomery and Chester counties; has been president for two years of the Schuylkill county Luther League, and has also been a generous contributor to historical works prepared in Lebanon, Dauphin and Montgomery counties.

**Brown, Jared S.**, was born in December, 1853, on the farm where he now lives, in Wayne township, a son of Joseph and Susanna (Schwartz) Brown. His early education was obtained in the public schools and his academic training in the Myerstown college. After finishing his education he entered upon the profession of teaching and followed it for thirty years in his native town. In 1903 he retired from professional life and took up farming as a permanent occupation. He married Miss Sarah A. Berkheiser, daughter of William Berkheiser, of South Manheim township, to which union there were born three sons and one daughter, all of whom are living, viz.: Herman E., Calvin A., Richard E. and Lillian O. Calvin A., the second son, attended Kutztown normal school, where he was graduated in 1899. He then entered Franklin and Marshall college in 1900, at which he was graduated in 1903. In the summer of 1905 he entered the University of Pennsylvania, taking a post-graduate course in mathematics. He has been since 1904 professor of chemistry in the Mercersburg (Pa.) academy. Herman E. is also a graduate of the Kutztown normal, finishing the course there in 1896. He then took a business course at Norristown and taught for five terms before entering upon his present position as railway mail clerk between Pittsburg and New York. He married Miss Lizzie Manbeck, of Washington township, Schuylkill county. Richard E. also graduated at the Kutztown normal, in 1900, and in the fall of the same year entered the freshman class at Lehigh university, where he is now pursuing his studies. Lillian O. was graduated from the Kutztown normal in 1904, and is now attending Dickinson college, where she is a

member of the junior class. Mr. Brown is a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, of Freidenburg, and of the Grange. His son Herman belongs to the former lodge and also to the Masonic fraternity. In his political affiliations Mr. Brown is a Democrat. The family are connected with the Reformed church. In addition to his other business interests, Mr. Brown is a director of the First National bank of Schuylkill Haven.

**Brownmiller, Henry H.**, superintendent of the Schuylkill county almshouse at Orwigsburg, and for the past seventeen years a justice of the peace, was born in Berks county, Pa., Jan. 23, 1842. He is one of seven children (and the only survivor) of George and Anna (Foosse) Brownmiller. The father was a man of varied occupations. For many years he was organist and musical director of a Lutheran church, and after the establishment of the public school system he became a teacher. For a score of years he was justice of the peace. His demise occurred in his ninety-second year and the mother died in 1882 at the age of eighty-eight. The subject of this sketch received his education in the common schools and in the Oley academy. After the completion of his scholastic work he alternately taught school and worked on a farm until July, 1861, when he enlisted in Company L, 1st Pennsylvania volunteer cavalry. His regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac and he served with that army until the close of the great internal struggle. When his term expired in 1863 Mr. Brownmiller reenlisted in the same company. He was a participant in sixteen battles, among them the second Bull Run, Antietam, Chancellorsville, the Wilderness, Cold Harbor and others. While fighting at White House Landing on June 21, 1864, in Sheridan's raid to Trevilian Station, he was twice wounded, once in the left breast and once in the left arm. For nine months he was an inmate of the Carver hospital at Washington. While there gangrene set in and several times his life was despaired of. After his recovery he rejoined his regiment and about five days before Lee's surrender at Appomattox he was badly wounded in a saber fight. His last wound has troubled him more or less ever since. A brother, George W. Brownmiller, was a member of the regular army for twenty-two years and saw service with Scott in the Mexican war. When hostilities had ceased Mr. Brownmiller returned to Pennsylvania and for twenty-eight years was engaged in pedagogic work, serving at Bernville, Berks county, some twelve years, at Orwigsburg four years, Frackville five years, Port Carbon one year, and at other places for different periods. He is now serving his fourth term as justice of the peace. While home on furlough in September, 1864, Mr. Brownmiller was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Kline, of Bernville, Berks county, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Wagner) Kline. To this union was born one daughter, who in later life became the wife of John Heckman and died in March, 1900, at the age of thirty-four. Mrs. Brownmiller is a member of the

Reformed church and her husband of the Lutheran congregation. He is also identified with the Grand Army of the Republic, the Sons of America and the Order of American Mechanics. He has always been active in politics, and his forensic ability has often been called into requisition, not only during campaigns, but on Memorial days and other anniversaries. Although well advanced in years he is enthusiastic and enterprising in everything he undertakes and is a most efficient incumbent of his office.

**Brownmiller, Thomas D.**, son of Joseph and Hannah (Stine) Brownmiller, was born in Hamlin, Lebanon county Pa., in 1850. He was educated in the public schools and was graduated from the Reformed church preparatory school known as the Palatinate college, in Myerstown, Pa. He taught music for ten years, but gave it up on account of failing health, and started in the marble and granite-cutting business in Schuylkill Haven, where he manufactures marble and granite monuments, headstones, marker posts and coping, and also deals in curbing and flagging. The stone-yard is thoroughly equipped with all modern appliances for the best possible workmanship. The time of Mr. Brownmiller's coming to Schuylkill, Jan. 6, 1885, was identical with the beginning of this business, which he has conducted with such marked success. He was married in January, 1876, to Fianna Gerhart, of Hamlin, Pa., and to this union have been born five children—Lillie, Harry, Charles, Roy and Annette, all living. Mr. Brownmiller affiliates with the Democratic party and is a strong supporter of the policies of that party. The family belongs to the Lutheran church of Schuylkill Haven.

**Bruno, Frank P.**, cigar manufacturer and merchant of Kelayres and McAdoo, with a residence in the former place, was born in a little town near Naples, Italy, April 4, 1852, a son of Louis and Mary Bruno. His educational advantages were limited to a year of study in a parish school. His residence in the United States dates from 1882, when he came to Kelayres. His first labor was in the mines, where after three years he was made a foreman. For fifteen years more he remained in that capacity and then he purchased of his brother a general merchandising business. Since that time he has been extending his interests in other directions. In 1904 he built a factory for the manufacture of cigars, where he employs six people the whole year. The output is not limited to any one brand, and the several varieties manufactured are well known because of their high quality. Within the last year Mr. Bruno has opened a shoe and men's furnishing store in McAdoo, conducting it with the aid of a resident manager. Politically he is a staunch Republican and a factor in the councils of that party. At the present time he is chairman of the Kline township Republican committee and of the county executive committee. For a number of years he has been a school director, and in 1899 was appointed postmaster of Kelayres by President McKinley. Externally he is a Knight of Pythias and has held the office of treasurer of the lodge. In 1874 Mr. Bruno was united in marriage to



Miss Josephine Mazzula, and to this union were born two children, Lucy and Louis. The former is deceased; the latter is married and the father of two children, Frank and Josephine. Mr. Bruno's family are all communicants of the Roman Catholic church of the Immaculate Conception at McAdoo. The father has come to be recognized as one of the leaders in the commercial circles of McAdoo and Kelayres, and as an example of industry, enterprise and honesty is certainly worthy of emulation.

**Buehler, Samuel**, jury commissioner of Schuylkill county, is a son of Peter and Catherine (Groetzinger) Buehler, and was born in North Manheim township, June 9, 1866. His parents immigrated to Philadelphia from Württemberg, Germany, in 1850, and located at Schuylkill Haven in 1852. His father was employed in public positions on the canal and in other capacities until 1859, when he bought the farm in North Manheim township where Samuel was born. Peter Buehler died in March, 1867. His wife survived him for over thirty years, passing away on Feb. 26, 1898. The family consisted of four sons and three daughters. Of the sisters Christine married Samuel Berger, Mary married John Christ, and Louisa married Jacob Berger, all of Schuylkill Haven, although Mr. Christ was formerly of Tremont. John, a freight conductor on the Philadelphia & Reading railway, married Rose Geizer, of Tamaqua; George was drowned in the Raritan canal at Trenton in 1873; Daniel, a conductor on the Pittsburg division of the Pennsylvania railway, is married and lives at Altoona, Pa. Samuel Buehler was educated in the public schools until he was sixteen years of age, when he began to work at any odd jobs by which he could earn a livelihood. In the spring of 1889 he went to the Mine Hill railroad, now the Philadelphia & Reading, at Mine Hill crossing as brakeman. This position he resigned in 1891 and worked as a carpenter until 1892, when he joined Company F, 4th regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard, and served until July 30, 1895, when he lost his foot by an accident and was taken to the Pottsville hospital, being the third patient admitted after the opening of that institution. He was elected to the office of school director in North Manheim township in 1893, served for five years and was secretary of the board for two years. In 1897 he was appointed carpenter at the county almshouse and served in this capacity for two years. In March, 1899, he moved to Schuylkill Haven, where he opened a hotel, which he is still conducting. In 1905 he was appointed councilman for an unexpired term, and in February, 1906, was elected to the office for another term, which expires in March, 1909. On Nov. 6, 1906, Mr. Buehler was elected jury commissioner of the county for a term of three years. On Dec. 13, 1898, Mr. Buehler married Ida, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Sheaffer, of Schuylkill Haven. Mrs. Buehler died on Oct. 5, 1903, leaving no children. Mr. Buehler is a member and past grand of Carroll Lodge, No. 120, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Schuylkill Haven; a past sachem of Pecos Tribe, No. 327, Improved Order of Red Men, of the same place; a mem-



ber of Pottsville Aerie, No. 134, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and belongs to the fish and game protective association of Pottsville. Mr. Buehler is a Republican in politics and a strong supporter of the policies of his party. He is a member of the German Lutheran church of Schuylkill Haven.

**Burke, Miles M.**, the genial proprietor of "Burke's Pharmacy," at the corner of Main and Lloyd streets, Shenandoah, was born Aug. 5, 1882, in the borough where he now lives. His parents, Mark and Maria (Loftus) Burke, were both born in Ireland. They were married at Minersville, Schuylkill county, Dec. 12, 1869, and Nov. 27, 1871, located in Shenandoah. The father has been identified with mining interests all his active life, and for the past twenty years has held the position of fire boss. He has been an active participant in local public affairs, having served on the Shenandoah school board for three years; was also a member of the borough council for three years, and for a like period held the office of tax collector. The mother died in Shenandoah on Dec. 31, 1903. They were the parents of thirteen children, nine of whom are living and are all useful members of society. Patrick J., who for several years edited the Shenandoah Daily News, is a printer in Philadelphia; Annie P., a registered pharmacist, is the wife of Thomas J. Flannagan, a druggist in Mahanoy City, and is a graduate of the Bloomsburg state normal school; Michael F. is a mechanic in Philadelphia; Mary E. married Edward Gorman, a civil engineer of Williamsport, Pa.; Sarah G., a graduate of Bloomsburg state normal school, is a teacher in the Shenandoah schools; Miles M. is the subject of this sketch; Adele is a graduate of the Bloomsburg state normal school and is a teacher at Zion Grove, Schuylkill county; Mark is employed in his brother's drug store, having become a registered pharmacist on Dec. 30, 1905; and Margaret lives at home with her father. Miles M. Burke acquired his education in the Shenandoah schools, graduating in the high school with the class of 1898, and was president of the class. He then served an apprenticeship in a Shenandoah drug store, and on July 25, 1903, was duly registered. For six years he was in the employ of Paul W. Hauck and in January, 1905, opened his present place of business, where he carries such a stock as is usually to be found in a first-class drug store. He makes a specialty of prescription trade, and Burke's Pharmacy is noted throughout the city for its "Innovation" soda fountain, one of the latest inventions of its kind. His brother has been with him ever since he began business. The family are members of the Annunciation Roman Catholic church, and Mr. Burke was one of the charter members of the Knights of Columbus and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in Shenandoah. He also belongs to other fraternal organizations. In politics he is a Democrat, but has never sought or held public office, though he is always ready and willing to do his part toward winning a Democratic victory.

**Bushar, Harry Fernsler**, a successful young business man of Mahanoy City, was born in Pottsville, Schuylkill county, Pa.,

Nov. 25, 1872. His father, Charles Wesley Bushar, was born in the same borough in 1842, and his mother, who in maidenhood was Hettie Hommes, was born in Schuylkill Haven in 1845. The Bushar family has been identified with the history of Pottsville since 1833, when the grandparents of Harry F. located on a portion of the site of the present county courthouse. This land was sold by them to Schuylkill county in 1858. Charles Wesley Bushar, the subject's father, was one of the first letter-carriers appointed in the borough of Pottsville, a business with which he was still connected at the time of his death, in 1886. He was a member of Company G, 39th Pa. Militia, during the emergency call of 1863. His sons are mostly given to mechanical pursuits. The paternal great-grandfather of Harry F. Bushar was a soldier during the War of 1812, and John K. Fernsler, a great-uncle of the subject, served as private soldier during the war with Mexico. He was also a soldier in the Civil war, and served as first lieutenant of Company H, 96th regiment, Pennsylvania volunteer infantry, and commanded his company during most of its term of enlistment. A brother of the subject of this sketch, Frederick D. Bushar, served in Company H, 8th Pennsylvania volunteer infantry, during the Spanish-American war. (See the chapter on Military History.) Harry F. Bushar received his education in the public schools of Pottsville, being graduated from the grammar school in 1886. He was then apprenticed to the printers' trade and followed the "Art Preservative" for a number of years. In 1898 he located in Mahanoy City, and became interested in the establishment of a shirt factory, the purpose of which is indicated by the name. This business he has developed into one of the paying industries of the town, and gives remunerative employment to a number of wage-workers. Mr. Bushar was married on Aug. 7, 1900, to Miss Charlotte Eisenacher, of Pottsville. She is a daughter of Frederick and Catherine Eisenacher, residents of Pottsville. The only child born to this union is Master Harold Gordon Bushar, born March 7, 1904. The subject of this article is prominently identified with the Masonic fraternity, being a member of Mahanoy City Lodge, No. 357; Mizpah Royal Arch Chapter, No. 252; Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 31, Knights Templars, and Rajah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also affiliated with Mahanoy City Lodge, No. 695, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Washington Camp No. 36, Patriotic Order of Sons of America, and Pottsville Council, No. 263, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His political affiliations are with the Republican party, but he has never sought or held public office. In the business world Mr. Bushar is rated as successful, and he and his estimable wife are prominent in the social functions of their adopted home city.

**Callaway, John M.**, the popular proprietor of the Pennsylvania hotel, Middleport, is one of the able representatives of the hotel-keepers' fraternity in Schuylkill county. He was born at New Philadelphia, this county, Nov. 24, 1869, and is a son of James and

Philippa (Manuell) Callaway, the former of whom was born in Cornwall, England, and the latter in Blythe township, Schuylkill county, a daughter of Elisha Manuell, who was a native of England, and who was numbered among the pioneer miners of Schuylkill county. Mr. Manuell was employed as a stationery engineer in the mines for many years and was killed at the Blackbury colliery, in Blythe township, about 1872. James Callaway came to America about the year 1852 and took up his residence in Schuylkill county, where he has since continued to maintain his home. He was identified with the mining operations of the county until 1898, since which time he has conducted an independent business as a teamster; he has been a resident of Middleport since 1875. Of his eleven children nine attained to years of maturity. R. William, who was fire boss at the Kaska William mine, was there suffocated to death Dec. 18, 1899, and his body was not recovered until a month later; John M. is the next in order of birth; Joseph J., of Berwick, Pa., is engaged in carpentering; Cora is the wife of David Evans; Emma J. is the wife of Charles Corbey; James is deceased; and the younger children are Bertha, Elsie, Edith and Charles. John M. Callaway was six years of age at the time when his parents took up their residence in Middleport, in the public schools of which village he secured his early educational discipline. At the age of thirteen years he began work as a slate-picker in the breaker, and he worked up through the various grades of promotion until he became a miner, and finally, in 1900, he was made assistant inside foreman in the Kaska William colliery. He held this position five years, at the expiration of which, in March, 1905, he became engaged in his present line of business. He has made his hotel a most popular one and is doing a successful business. During his mining career Mr. Callaway had many narrow escapes from death, and he recalls with satisfaction that it was his privilege, in the fall of 1906, to save from death Joseph Schroeder, who, while hunting, had fallen down an abandoned airway of a mine, a distance of 175 feet. Mr. Callaway was the first to go to his rescue, but on being let down into the opening he found the rope was too short by at least fifteen feet. He discovered that the unfortunate hunter was alive, however, and when more rope was secured he, with the assistance of others, succeeded in rescuing Mr. Schroeder, who is alive to-day and practically none the worse for his experience. In recognition of Mr. Callaway's heroism in this connection the friends of the rescued man presented to the subject of this sketch a handsome gold watch, chain and charm, the watch being suitably engraved to indicate the reason of presentation. Mr. Callaway is a Republican in his political proclivities, is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and he and his wife hold membership in the Lutheran church. July 27, 1898, Mr. Callaway was united in marriage to Miss Ida May Bassler, daughter of William and Mary (Miller) Bassler, of Mid-





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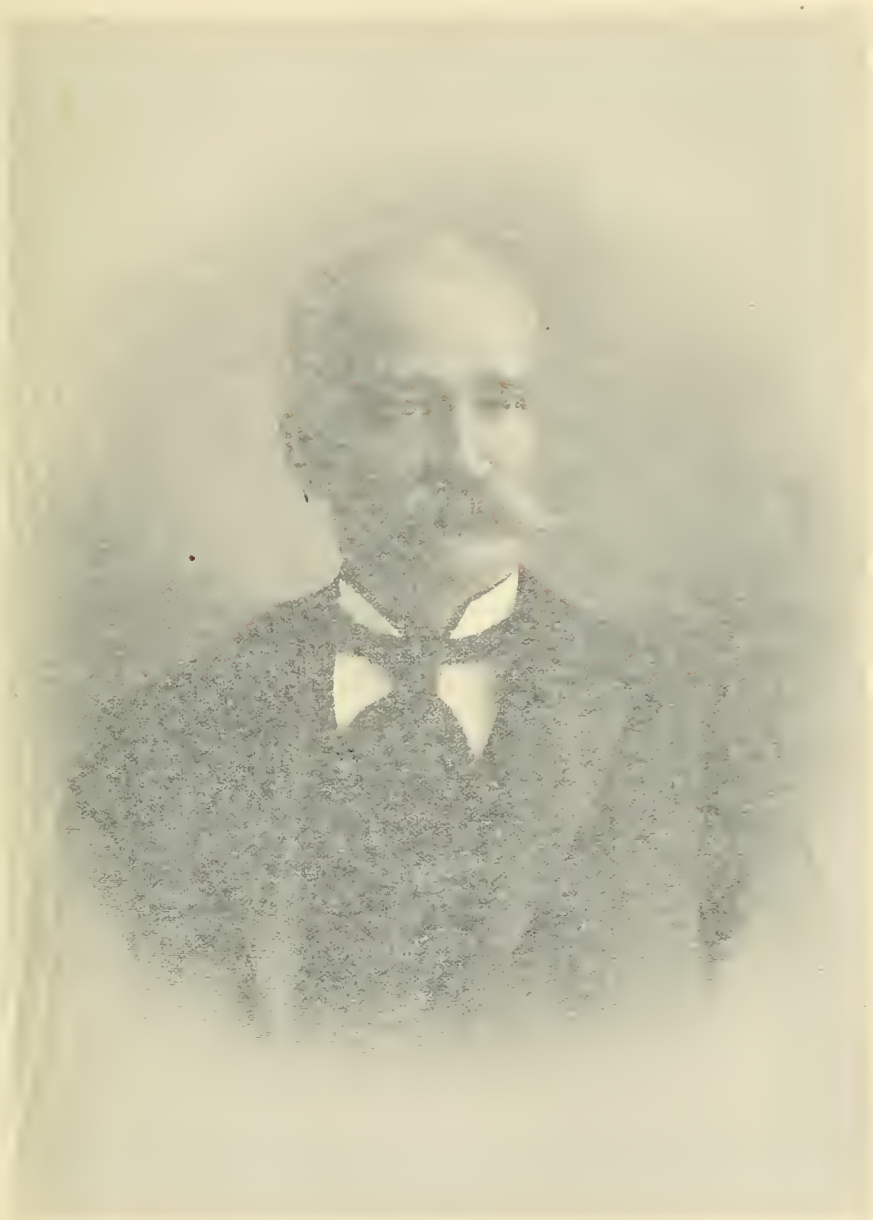
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fluence in local elections in the cause of temperance and sobriety. In 1887 Dr. Callen married Miss Mattie B. Parmley, a native of St. Clair, and a daughter of William and Jane Parmley, representatives of old families of the county. Five children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Callen, three of whom died in infancy. The two surviving are Robert S., aged seventeen, a student at the State college, and H. Samuel, aged seven.

**Calloway, William**, deceased, for many years prominently identified with the banking and mercantile interests of Tamaqua, was born at New Castle, Del., in the year 1839. He was educated at Wilmington, Del., and when about sixteen years of age came with his parents to Schuylkill county, where he ever afterward made his home. At the commencement of the great Civil war he enlisted in Company F, 8th Pennsylvania cavalry, commanded by Col. David McM. Gregg, and served in the Army of the Potomac until after Lee's surrender at Appomattox. After the war was over he returned home, and in 1865 he married Miss Ellen Carter, daughter of the late Robert Carter. He then engaged in mercantile pursuits in Tamaqua, first with one store and then with two, and later opened a store at Lansford, which he operated as a branch establishment. When the First National bank was organized he became interested in that institution, serving as vice-president for twelve years, and in 1902 he was elected president. As the bank grew in importance more of his time was required to attend to its affairs, and about 1898 he sold out his mercantile business to G. A. Haefeker, in order to give his undivided attention to banking operations. Mr. Calloway was regarded as an authority in financial matters, and under his wise direction the First National soon came to occupy a high place among the banking institutions of eastern Pennsylvania. It was chiefly due to his efforts that the magnificent bank building was erected. He believed in good concerns having good homes, and while in the mercantile line erected the Calloway building, which is an ornament to the city of Tamaqua, and in which he consolidated his three stores. Although a busy man with his private affairs, he still found time to devote to the public welfare. For twelve years he was a member of the city council, and for the greater part of that time was president of that body. The day following his demise the Tamaqua Evening Courier said of him: "Personally Mr. Calloway was a fine, courtly gentleman. His figure was a familiar one on the streets and he always had a pleasant greeting for everybody he knew. As a soldier, business man and banker he gave strict attention to duty, and was scrupulously honest in everything he did." This encomium from one of his fellow townsmen, who had known him for years prior to his death, tells the story of his character. He succeeded because he deserved success, through the exercise of his energy and correct business methods. Mr. Calloway was a member of the Tamaqua lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and belonged to the Pottsville Commandery of the Loyal Legion. His death was due to paralysis of the heart. For some



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four or five years he had been affected at times with heart trouble, but the manifestations of the malady were not sufficiently serious to cause alarm. On Dec. 22, 1905, he went to Pottsville, apparently in his usual health, and returned to Tamaqua on the evening train. The air in the car was somewhat oppressive, and passengers noticed that he was ill at ease. He remarked to a friend that he was not feeling well, but thought he would be all right as soon as he got out into the open air. Upon leaving the train at Tamaqua no street car was at hand and he started to walk to his home. While walking along Broad street, between the Reading crossing and Berwick, he was seen to sink to the pavement. Bystanders hurried to his relief; he was carried into a meat market and a physician was called, but before the doctor arrived death came to relieve him of his suffering. His wife and one daughter survived him, the daughter being Mrs. D. F. B. Shepp.

**Calnon, Charles**, proprietor of the Mahanoy City Steam Laundry, is a native of Loretta, Cambria county, Pa., where he was born Oct. 30, 1856. His parents were Charles and Johanna (Crowley) Calnon, both natives of Ireland, and both deceased. They came to America in 1854, and to Mahanoy City in 1863. The subject of this sketch is the only survivor of a family of five sons and one daughter, the others dying in infancy or early childhood. Mr. Calnon was educated in the public schools of Mahanoy City. He began work about the mines in the vicinity, but later became an apprentice at the carpenter's trade, which he followed successfully for twelve years. He purchased the business in which he is now engaged within about six months after the plant was installed, in 1894, and thus had the benefit of new machinery and appliances. He has since enlarged and improved the business establishment, and keeps fully abreast of the demands of trade in this now popular line. He is constantly installing new machinery, and the work turned out compares very favorably with that of the large laundries in the cities. Mr. Calnon gives employment to sixteen assistants in the various departments of his work. He was married Sept. 15, 1884, to Miss B. A. Power, whose parents were of Irish nativity. Of the seven children three are living and four deceased. The living are Charles J., foreman of his father's laundry; and Helen and Mary, at home. The family are members of St. Canicus Roman Catholic church, under the pastoral charge of Rev. Father McEnroe. Mr. Calnon is independent in politics, supporting men rather than measures. He has served a term as a member of the school board. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and his son is affiliated with the Independent Order of Foresters.

**Carlin, Oscar John, M. D.**—This popular and well known young physician is a native of Pottsville, where his life has thus far been spent. His birth occurred April 19, 1876, and his boyhood and early youth were spent in the schools of his native city. He was graduated from the high school with the class of 1896, being then just past his twentieth year. The succeeding four years were

spent in preparation for his life profession, and he was graduated from the Medico Chirurgical College in Philadelphia in 1901, with high standing in his class. Following this, he had one year's practice in the Medico Chirurgical hospital in Philadelphia, and then returned to his native town, where he opened offices in the paternal home, at No. 114 North Second street. Here his efforts have been crowned with more than that degree of success usually accorded to the young physician in competition with those long established in the profession. The prestige of an honorable career throughout his student life, and an unsullied social record at once placed him in the front rank of those seeking professional recognition, and Dr. Carlin soon attained a high standing as a practitioner. This enviable record has been maintained, with growing strength and popularity, during the period of his active and successful practice in Pottsville. Dr. Carlin promptly allied himself with professional societies, and he has been an active and zealous student in his efforts to keep abreast of the onward march of the profession. He is a member of the American Medical association, and of the Schuylkill County medical society, and is a member of the visiting staff of the Pottsville hospital. He is engaged in the general practice of medicine and surgery, and is specially successful at the critical point of correct diagnosis of disease. It is the candid conviction of his friends that he is a young gentleman with a bright future before him. Of the social fraternities, Dr. Carlin is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Foresters of America. He is a Democrat in political views, and a Roman Catholic in religious faith. The Carlin family was established in Pottsville at a very early day in the history of the town. Hugh Carlin, the paternal grandfather of Dr. Carlin, was the founder of the family on American soil. He was a native of Ireland. The father of the subject of this article was Thomas Carlin, who was born in Pottsville, May 10, 1836, and his wife, who in maidenhood was Celestine Glassmire, was born in the same town, Sept. 22, 1841. They had a large family of children, of whom but two are now living, the other survivor being Frank, who is a student and the youngest of the family. The eldest of the family was Mary L., who died in young womanhood; James W., a bright and promising young lawyer, died at the age of thirty-three; Thomas H., who was paymaster for a railroad contractor, died at the age of twenty-four; and Laura died at eleven years of age. The mother of this family died in 1904. The father, a retired business man, maintains the old parental home, on Second street. He was once the Democratic candidate for the legislature, but went down with the defeat of his party. The Carlin family are a quiet, unassuming class of people, not given to ostentatious display, and it was with difficulty that the writer was able to secure the outline for this brief review.

**Carpenter, James Stratton, M. D.**, a representative of one of the prominent and long established families of Pottsville, is a son of John T. Carpenter, A. M., M. D., and a grandson of Dr. James



S. Carpenter. Three generations of this family have thus been identified with the practice of medicine and surgery in Pottsville. The grandfather was one of the organizers of the State medical society, and was its president in 1855, and he and his son, Dr. John T. Carpenter, were the only physicians from Schuylkill county who have been honored by election to the presidency of the State medical society. The father of the subject of this article was a surgeon in the army during the Civil war, and was honored with prominent positions in the medical and surgical councils of the early 60's. He entered upon the onerous duties of this work in 1861, being at first commissioned as brigade surgeon under General McCook, with the Army of the Potomac. He was later promoted to the position of medical inspector for the Department of the Ohio, with headquarters at Cincinnati, and had charge of the entire hospital work in that department. After about three years of continuous service, failing health compelled his retirement from the army, and he resigned in 1864. This family has been identified with the entire history of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and is descended from Samuel Carpenter, who was the first secretary of the commonwealth under William Penn. The three generations previously mentioned have been identified with the medical history of Schuylkill county since 1829. Dr. James S. Carpenter was born in Pottsville, April 21, 1859. His elementary education was acquired in the public schools of his native town. He entered the Pennsylvania University in 1875, and completed the work in the freshman and sophomore years. In 1877 he entered Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., and he was graduated in this institution in 1879, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, subsequently receiving the further honor of Master of Arts. Returning to the University of Pennsylvania in 1879, he was graduated from the medical department with the class of 1882, and received the degree of Doctor of Medicine. His first year in practice was spent in the Episcopal hospital in Philadelphia, and since 1884 he has been in continuous and successful practice in Pottsville. In April, 1886, Dr. Carpenter was married to Miss Lilian Chapin, of New York. They became the parents of four children—James Stratton, Jr.; Chapin; Gertrude, who died in infancy; and Lilian Horton. Dr. Carpenter is a member of the State medical society, is ex-president of the Schuylkill County medical society, a member of the Lehigh Valley medical association, and of the American Academy of Medicine. He served as surgeon of the 8th regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, from 1888 to 1895, and has been surgeon for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company since 1888. His brother, Dr. John T. Carpenter, is a specialist on diseases of the eye, and is located in Philadelphia. The subject of this review is an enthusiast on athletic sports, and is a member of the numerous clubs in Pottsville which cater to this system of physical culture. He has contributed at various times to professional journals. He is a Republican in political views but has never held official positions except of a purely professional character. He is a member of the literary

society known as Phi Beta Kappa, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States—the last by virtue of his father's military services. He is a vestryman in the Protestant Episcopal church.

**Carr, George F.**, a leading grocer of McAdoo, was born at Treseckow, Carbon county, Oct. 27, 1880, a son of William and Mary (Milligan) Carr. He is one of a family of twelve children, all of whom are living except one—Charles. The other children are James, William, John, Helen, Mary, Joseph, Julia, Thomas, Susan and Robert. George F. Carr attended the public schools of Treseckow until he was fourteen years of age and then for two years was employed on a coal breaker of the Lehigh & Wilkes Barre Coal Company. When he was sixteen years of age he and his brother secured employment in a grocery store and shortly afterward purchased the controlling interest in the business. When they had managed the enterprise successfully for three years they disposed of their interests to good advantage and George went to Philadelphia. His work there was at first with a publishing house and later in a watch-case factory; in the meantime he also attended night school. From Philadelphia he went to Hazelton, where he again engaged in the grocery business. In 1900, with one of his brothers, he opened a hotel and grocery store at Park View, and in 1902 he took over his brother's interest in the concern. In March, 1904, Mr. Carr purchased a building in McAdoo, to which borough he removed his business, which he has since been most successfully conducting and which has proved a finely paying venture. In politics he is a staunch believer in the principles of Jeffersonian Democracy, and as the nominee of that party he was the successful candidate in the election of February, 1906, for the office of school director for a term of three years. Fraternally he is identified with the Fraternal Order of Eagles, having been a charter member of the Hazelton Aerie, and for two years he was worthy chaplain of the local chapter. He is also a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. In May, 1903, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Carr to Miss Katherine Gallagher, a daughter of John and Anna (Coyle) Gallagher. They have no children. Both are communicants of St. Patrick's church, of McAdoo.

**Carr, John**, is a prosperous miner and influential citizen of Ashland. He is a native of England, the date of his nativity having been Oct. 24, 1863, and is a son of Edward and Ann (Coffey) Carr, both of whom were born in the British isles. The parents came to the United States in 1865, and located in Ashland, where the father became employed as a miner. He died in 1896 in his sixty-second year, leaving a family of eight children. The names of these in the order of birth are William A., Elizabeth, John, Maggie, Edward, Bridget, James and Mary. The subject of this sketch was reared in Ashland and acquired all his scholastic learning in the schools of that borough. When he had completed his educational training he found employment in and about the mines in the vicinity of Ashland, and with the exception of five years in which

he lived in Rhode Island, he has known no other occupation or home for a period of thirty-four years. Mr. Carr is a zealous worker for the success of the Democratic party, and as the candidate of that party was elected borough councilman in the early 90's, but resigned soon after taking his seat. He is a resident of the Fifth ward of Ashland, and has lived in that bailiwick since 1884. In 1906 he was a candidate on the Democratic ticket for the state legislature, but was defeated in the election. He is a devout communicant of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church and fraternally is affiliated with the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Mr. Carr's father was supervisor of Ashland at the time of his death, in 1896, and was succeeded in office by his son, William A., who died six weeks after taking office.

**Casale, Thomas**, a prosperous fruit dealer of Pottsville and one of the most intelligent Italians of the city, was born in Torriglia, Italy, on May 1, 1863, a son of Charles and Santina (Costa) Casale. The father, who was a veterinary surgeon, is now living in retirement in his native country, where the mother died on April 26, 1905. Of the nine children in the family four, including the subject of this sketch, have come to the United States to make their homes. They are David, Isadore, Thomas and Mary, the third, fifth, seventh and ninth in order of birth. Those who remained to work out their destinies under the sunny skies of Italy are Louis, John, Catherina, Louisa and Peter. Thomas came to the United States when he was twenty-four years of age, and located in New York. He had learned the trade of baker in his native land and with his brother David he embarked in the bakery business at 39 Baxter street, New York. For ten years the enterprise furnished them a profitable means of livelihood. When the partnership was dissolved David moved to West Newton, Westmoreland county, Pa., where he engaged in the fruit business. Thomas came to Pottsville and opened his present store in 1896, and since that time has most successfully continued in business. He is a leader among the people of his race in the county, and his ideas are progressive and wholesome. In 1901 he received an appointment as notary public and he does all the work in that line for the Italian people of Pottsville. He is also the agent for one of the large steamship companies, and gives the corporation considerable business. Mr. Casale was married in his native country, before coming to America, to Louisa Gattavora, who died shortly afterward, leaving him a son, now also dead. In 1890, in New York, he was again united in marriage, this time to Madalena Garbarino, who has borne him six children, three of whom—Charles, Peter and Theresa—are now living. The family are all communicants of the Italian Roman Catholic church of Pottsville. Mr. Casale is a Republican in his political beliefs, but never aspired to office. Fraternally he is associated with an Italian order known as Brotherly Love. He has always been an aid to the officers charged with keeping the peace, and has thereby won the enmity of a lawless class among his own people. Early in the

winter of 1905, as he was returning home from his store at a rather late hour, he was set upon by a gang of four ruffians, who sought to avenge a fancied wrong by stabbing him. The affair came very near to being fatal to Mr. Casale, but after six months in the hospital and an expenditure of nearly \$1,000 he was enabled to return to work, although very much broken in health. The assault elicited the sympathy and indignation of the law-abiding people of the city and aroused them to action, with the result of suppressing in large measure the illegal practices of a dissatisfied class.

**Cassimatis, Nicholas Emanuel.**—In the ages long past the inhabitants of Greece were regarded as representing the acme of human intelligence. They were intellectual far beyond their associates in the Roman empire, and succeeded in dividing the Church of Rome on questions of orthodoxy. They have maintained their position from the second century of the Christian era to the present time. The Greek church is the second in power and importance in the world, unless the protestant churches be considered as one, in which case the Greek church would be the third in numerical strength. Athens has been the seat of learning from time immemorial, and has many colleges and institutions of higher learning at the present day, hence the Greeks who immigrate to the New World, comparatively few in number, come from a land of progression and are generally highly educated in their native language. The subject of this article was born on the island of Cythera, at the southern extremity of Greece, July 11, 1873. He received a thorough education in the schools of his native land, and spent three years in the army, in the Red Cross service. During this service he was assistant to the chief surgeon, in the hospital at Zanion, his principal being Professor S. Condoleon, in charge of the public hospital. This service covered a portion of the period of war between Greece and Turkey. Completing his service in the army, he passed a very creditable examination in surgery, based upon his extensive experience in treating all kinds of wounds, broken bones and serious injuries. He is a member of the Red Cross society at present. He spent five years in travel in European and Asiatic countries, and came to America via Italy, Spain and France, arriving at Pittsburg, Pa., July 24, 1901. There he was employed in Emergency hospital for three years, and he then decided to change his line of business. After visiting several cities in the middle West and the South, Mr. Cassimatis returned to Pittsburg and opened a coffee house and restaurant at No. 115 Fourth avenue. This investment proved unprofitable by reason of labor troubles which soon followed in the locality, and the business was discontinued after eight months. He came to Pottsville Aug. 1, 1905, as an employe of the Eastern Steel Company, having the position of foreman in one of the departments. But he desired to engage in business on his own account, and accepted the first opportunity of doing so. On East Norwegian street he purchased a small business stand which gives employment to



three or four men in polishing shoes, cleaning and shaping hats, etc.,—a business which has yielded a greater per cent. of profit for the money invested than any other enterprise in the town. The "shining parlor" is fitted up with handsome upholstered seats and electric lights, is heated with steam and rendered a comfortable rendezvous for his many customers. In April, 1907, he leased the four-story building at 14 North Center street, one of the finest locations in the city, the building being 150 feet deep, and here he conducts a first-class barber shop and cigar store, a branch of his shoe-shining parlor and a shower and Turkish-bath house. The various departments are modern in equipment, being up to date in every detail, and the whole is known as the Olympia shaving parlors. Nicholas E. Cassimatis has held his citizenship papers since January, 1907, is an American in spirit, and bids fair to become a useful and valued citizen of his adopted country. He is well informed as to the history and traditions of the country whose scholars and philosophers of ancient times have done so much for the literature of the world. He is a representative of a prominent and well-to-do family, being a son of Emanuel and Anita Cassimatis, both natives of Cythera, where the former was born in 1844 and the latter in 1854 and where they both still reside, being the owners of a fine estate. He has three brothers living in America. They are Theodore, a machinist in San Francisco, Cal., and Peter and Andreas of Pottsville. The last named came to this county in the autumn of 1906, having then finished a course in college at Athens. John, who was a blacksmith, died of typhoid fever on Nov. 20, 1906, aged twenty-six years. He was unmarried. One sister remains in her native country. She is married, and has three children. Cythera, the birthplace of Mr. Cassimatis, is one of the group of Ionian islands in the extreme southern extremity of Greece. These seven islands were formerly English territory, and at the deposition of King Arthur, and the installation of King George by the English sovereign, the territory was transferred to Greece by Queen Victoria. This section of the country is noted for its wines and for the culture of olives, oranges and lemons.

**Cather, William A.**, owner and manager of the Franklin Iron works of Port Carbon, was born in St. Clair, in 1863. He is one of the six children of John and Jane (Allison) Cather, the others being John H., Harry I., Jennie, May and Louise (Mrs. Hesse). The family moved to Shenandoah when William A. was about three years of age and there he attended the public schools until he was sixteen years old. When he had completed all the courses afforded by the common schools he went to Bloomsburg where he entered the normal school, in which he was graduated with the class of 1879. For the seven years following he was engaged in pedagogic work, the last year attending La Fayette college at the same time. In the fall of 1886 he embarked in the stationery business. The following year he and his brother John succeeded their father in the ownership and management of the iron works in Shenandoah, and in 1889 the stress of the latter occupation took



so much time that he disposed of the stationery trade. That same year the brothers removed their business to Bluefield, West Va., and three years later the subject of this sketch acquired by purchase the controlling interest in the concern. On Oct. 1, 1901, he came to Port Carbon and purchased of Robert Allison the Franklin Iron works, and since that time he has made Port Carbon his home and his active business the management of the works. In 1902 he disposed of his Bluefield interests so that he could devote his whole time to the management of the extensive plant, and that he has made a success of it is evident from the increase in business from year to year. In politics he is a Republican and while a resident of Bluefield he served a term as city recorder. Fraternally he is identified with the Bluefield Lodge, No. 85, of the Free and Accepted Masons; Camp No. 112 of the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, of Shenandoah, and the Pottsville Council, No. 965, Royal Arcanum. In a religious way he is a member and at the present time treasurer of the Presbyterian church of Pottsville, and is a director of the Pottsville Young Men's Christian Association. In 1887 Mr. Cather married Miss Kate I. Scheifly of Shenandoah, a daughter of John Scheifly. Three children blessed this union, of whom but one, a son, William A., Jr., survives. Although a comparatively recent acquisition to the social and commercial life of Pottsville, Mr. Cather, by his inherent gentility, keen business sagacity and sterling integrity, has become a large part of it.

**Christ, George M.**, a successful contractor and builder of Ashland, was born in that borough on Dec. 28, 1873, a son of Isaac and Harriet (Hepler) Christ. The Christ family is of Revolutionary stock, the great-great-grandfather having served in the Revolutionary war with the rank of captain in the Continental army. The grandparents, Emanuel and Judith (Yoder) Christ, were the first members of the family to settle in Schuylkill county. They located at Ashland in the early 50's and here the grandfather engaged in carpentering. They came from Berks county. The maternal grandfather, Jacob Hepler, was a native of Eldred township and was a minister of the Church of God. Isaac Christ was born in Eldred township in 1852 and remained in that township until he was eighteen years of age. In 1870 he located in Ashland and found employment as a carpenter. Subsequently he engaged in contracting and building and became the pioneer breaker builder of the section. He is an inventor of some note, the contrivance which has brought him the most fame being the "Christ jig," which is used in jiggling anthracite coal, iron, gold and silver ore, or any other material with a different specific gravity from the materials about it. The jig was first put on the market in 1889 and is now in general use all over the United States and Europe. Another of his inventions is the Christ patent rivetless chain, an all-steel chain which does away with the objectionable features of a riveted chain designed for heavy work. In 1889 Isaac Christ removed to Tamaqua and established the Tamaqua Manufacturing

company for the making of the Christ jig, coal and iron-ore separators and the Christ rivetless chain. He is the father of eleven children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the third in order of birth. The others are William H.; Charles E.; Lizzie, wife of William Major; Hattie, wife of Albert Johnson; Kate; Ervin; Lillie; Robert and Allen, twins; and Clarence. George M. Christ was brought up in Ashland until he was thirteen years of age and then removed to Lansford, Carbon county, with his parents. After six years in Carbon county the family returned to this county, settling in Tamaqua. Mr. Christ attended the public schools of the counties in which his boyhood was spent and completed his scholastic training with a course at the Keystone state normal school at Kutztown. He started an apprenticeship in the carpenters' trade at Landsford and finished it at Tamaqua. Under the instruction of his father he became an expert breaker builder and for a number of years he was a foreman in that work for his uncle, H. K. Christ. He was engaged in the coal business at Tamaqua from 1898 to 1903, as a member of the firm of Christ & Boyle, identified with what are known as the High mines. In 1903 he returned to Ashland and since 1904 has been conducting a business of his own. He has met with a success far exceeding his most sanguine expectations and does as large a business as any one in the county. At the time of this writing he is constructing three breakers. On Dec. 27, 1894, Mr. Christ married Miss Jennie Morgan, a native of Wales, and a daughter of David and Mary (Reese) Morgan of Lansford. Five children have blessed this union—Isaac, David, Mary, George and Clifford. Mr. Christ is a member of the Evangelical church and in his political relations is a Democrat. He has always taken an active interest in the success of his party and has seven different times represented his residence district at county conventions. Fraternally Mr. Christ is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is known throughout the community as a skilled and capable workman, a man of absolute integrity and a wholesome, genial citizen.

**Christ, Isaac S.**, a representative of one of the pioneer families of Schuylkill county and a prominent business man of Tamaqua, was born in Eldred township, Feb. 4, 1852. He is a son of Emanuel Christ, who was born in the Mahantongo valley in this county, March 25, 1825. The latter's father likewise bore the name of Emanuel and was born in Berks county, but removed to the Mahanoy valley in an early day; he died in Mahantongo township in 1837. The founder of the family in America was the paternal great-grandfather, Jacob Christ, who located in Berks county, coming from Germany before the Revolutionary war. He owned a farm in Berks county and he sold the property during the great depreciation of Continental currency, which, when estimated at its current value, left him almost penniless. He came into the Williams valley, in Schuylkill county, and, in company with other early pioneers, secured a large tract of land, extending from the present site of Pine Grove down the valley, and there he engaged in man-

manufacturing lumber and in clearing up a farm. His nearest market place was Philadelphia, which seemed very remote in those days of "blazed roads" over mountains and unbridged streams. Something of the hardships, dangers and trials of this family is told in the historical volume of this work. Emanuel Christ, father of Isaac S., of this sketch, married Elizabeth Shunkweiler, and they had a family of six sons and four daughters. Mrs. Christ died, and the father married for his second wife Miss Judith Klock, who bore him four children. This family lived at their farm home in the Mahantongo valley, the father working his land, and also following the trade of a carpenter and cabinet-maker until 1805, when they sold their farm and removed to Ashland. The father was quite active as a Democrat, and held a number of official positions at Ashland, and also in the township from which he removed. Isaac S. Christ was educated in the public schools, and when quite young began to work at the carpenter's trade, and that business has engaged his attention, mostly, through life. For many years he followed breaker-building throughout the coal regions. He was foreman for John Shelly for a number of years, and was master-builder for the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company, with his home at Lansford. In 1892, when the Tamaqua Manufacturing Company was reorganized, Mr. Christ bought an interest in the company, and was made its superintendent, which position he held until 1895, when he resigned in favor of his son Charles E., and he was then elected president of the company, which position he now holds. Mr. Christ had a number of valuable patents granted, mostly for improving the preparation of coal. His first patent was granted in the year 1875. Mr. Christ has traveled extensively in this country and abroad, successfully introducing his patents. Mr. Christ was married Aug. 20, 1871, Miss Hattie Hepler being the lady of his choice. She is a daughter of Rev. Jacob Hepler, a minister in the Church of God. Thirteen children have been born to this happy union, viz: William Henry, Charles E., George Monroe, Lizzie May, Hattie J., Katie V., Erwin J., Albert J., Lillian Grace, Emma Jane, Robert Cleaveland and Allan Bayard, twins, and Clarence Clayton. Albert J. and Emma Jane are dead; William H. is a minister of the gospel; George M. follows the business of his father, as general contractor and breaker-builder; Charles E. is general manager, Erwin J., machine foreman, and Robert C. an employ in the pattern department of the Tamaqua Manufacturing Company.

**The Church of the Holy Family** is the German Catholic church in the city of Shenandoah and its spiritual and temporal affairs are in a most excellent condition. The parish was organized about 1870 and the church building was soon afterward erected, on Chestnut street. At that time there were to be found in the borough of Shenandoah about thirty-five Catholic families of German birth or antecedents, and these formed a part of the German parish at Mahanoy City until 1874. Fathers Buening and Maus supplied the two congregations from the organization of this church until it

became a separate charge under the pastorate of Rev. Father Marus Graetzer, who remained until February, 1878. Rev. Father Deham was then installed as pastor and began a long and useful work in this field. He continued in pastoral charge of the parish until his removal to Philadelphia in 1888, in which year he was succeeded by Rev. A. Fritz, under whose charge a new rectory was built. He was changed to South Bethlehem and was succeeded by Rev. A. Schuettelhoef in 1891. In 1879 the church edifice was remodeled and was enlarged to accommodate the increasing membership. The congregation now numbers among its members many of Shenandoah's most prominent and influential business men and the parish is in a most flourishing condition. The present priest in charge is Rev. Father Francis P. Holtgreve, who succeeded Rev. Father Schuettelhoef, the latter of whom died in 1904. The church membership comprises ninety families at the time of this writing (1907).

**Clark, James P.**, a prominent official and active worker in the interest of united labor, was born in Ashland, his present home, on Jan. 1, 1869. He is a son of Patrick and Catherine (Cawley) Clark, the former a native of Llewellyn, Schuylkill county, Pa., and the latter of Ireland, both being of Irish ancestry. The father located in Ashland in the pioneer days of the coal development, in the early 50's, and there spent the remaining years of his life in mining operations. He was prominently identified with the growth and development of the town, and was a public-spirited and useful citizen. He served two terms as a member of the borough council, and held other offices of trust and responsibility. His death occurred March 4, 1904. His widow still survives him. They became the parents of ten children, of whom James P., the subject of this sketch, is the eldest, the others being: Mary, wife of Joseph Burang; Cecilia, Katie, John F., Anna, Ella, Theresa, Mamie and Francis J. Cecelia, Ella, Theresa and Mamie are deceased. Francis J. graduated from the Dickinson school of law in June, 1907, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. After receiving the elements of a public-school education, terminating at the age of nine years, the subject of this article took his place in the coal breaker, and thus commenced at the foot of the ladder in mining operations. With the passing years he received tardy promotions, and he continued to work in and about the mines until 1902, when, through his intelligence and manifest interest in the cause of the working man, he received recognition as a prospective leader in the councils of united labor. He is now a member of the executive board of the United Mine Workers of America, and is president of Local Union, No. 1517, at Ashland. By reason of his official positions, Mr. Clark has attended many meetings of the United Mine Workers of America in different cities throughout the United States. He is an active working Republican in political affairs, and it is at this time a formidable candidate for a prominent county office. The subject of this sketch was married Sept. 26, 1905, to Miss Catherine Seibert, of Mahanoy Plane, Schuylkill county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs.



Clark are members of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church in Ashland. Fraternally, Mr. Clark is a member of Aerie No. 524, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Knights of St. Joseph.

**Cleary, John F.**, of the firm of Cleary Brothers, bottlers and dealers in liquors at Shenandoah, was born at Shaft, Schuylkill county, March 25, 1872. His parents, John and Winifred (O'Malley) Cleary, were natives of Ireland, where they grew to maturity and were married. In 1863 they came to America, first locating at Ashland, but soon afterward removing to Shaft, which place was first known as Grisecomb, then as William Penn, and still later under its present name. The Cleary family were the first to settle at this place, where the father opened the first mine for a Mr. Grant, and they continued to live there until his death, in 1879. The greater part of his active life was spent as a contractor in connection with the mining industry, though in later years he was engaged in the liquor business. The mother is still living and resides in Shenandoah. They were the parents of the following children: Anthony, Mary, Bridget and Nora, born in Ireland, and P. J., James, Kate, John, Celia, Julia and Anna, born in Schuylkill county. James is associated with the subject of this sketch as a member of the firm of Cleary Brothers, and Anna is deceased. John F. Cleary grew to manhood in his native village, where he received his schooling. In 1890 he came to Shenandoah and started the business of which he and his brother are now the proprietors. The firm handle a complete line of wines, spirituous and malt liquors, and bottle all kinds of carbonated beverages or "soft" drinks. They employ six men besides themselves and have a large and constantly growing trade. Mr. Cleary was formerly a Democrat in his political views, but in 1904 he made a trip to Europe, since which time he has been independent, with leanings toward the idea of protection. In 1905 he spent his vacation in the middle West and he is planning a more extensive trip for the near future. He is a charter member and past president of Aerie No. 103, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and belongs to the Annunciation Roman Catholic church. In the prime of manhood, active, energetic and popular, it is safe to predict that the future holds greater successes for him than he has achieved in the past.

**Cockill, Timothy**, a well known manufacturer and prominent business man of Mahanoy City, was born at Llewellyn, Schuylkill county, Pa., Oct. 21, 1853. He is a son of Ezra and Eliza C. (Bacon) Cockill, natives of Germantown, a suburb of Philadelphia. His father was born March 20, 1820, and his mother's birth occurred on October 11 of the same year. From the very brief outline in the hands of the biographer it is gleaned that the subject of this sketch is a practical mechanic, operating a large and prosperous business in the manufacture of wagons and carriages at Mahanoy City, where the family home is now located. He was married on Sept. 6, 1873, to Miss Amelia, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Zimmerman) Bensinger, of Tremont, Schuylkill county. Mr. and Mrs. Cockill have had three children born to them, the



eldest of whom, Laura, is now Mrs. Harry B. Maybury; Charles is deceased; and Bella is a young lady at home. The family are members of the English Lutheran church. Mr. Cockill is a Republican in his political preferences, but has neither sought nor held public office.

**Coldren, Darius D.**, at the head of the firm manufacturing underwear at Schuylkill Haven, was born in Reading, on June 15, 1863, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Deweese) Coldren. He received the educational advantages afforded by the public schools and at the age of sixteen years became employed as a laborer in a rolling mill. By energy and perseverance he worked up through the various stages until he became a master roller. In that work he remained for a period of fifteen years, leaving it to engage in the manufacture of paper boxes. Subsequently he closed out this business to embark in the hosiery industry and after four years of business in that line he entered the merchant tailoring business. In 1902 he commenced the manufacture of underwear and by 1906 the business had grown to such dimensions that he enlarged his plant by the opening of another mill, which connects with the old one. His patronage has more than doubled within the time he has been at the head of the industry and he has all the orders he can possibly fill. The two mills contain 8,000 square feet of floor space and in the two thirty-five people are employed. The output consists exclusively of ladies' and children's underwear. On April 28, 1890, Mr. Coldren married Miss Harriet G. Kerkeslager, daughter of Alex. and Minda (Miller) Kerkeslager, of Schuylkill Haven. Three daughters, Helen, Mary and Harriet, have blessed this union. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Coldren was one of the organizers and of whose Sunday school he was superintendent for the first four years of its existence. In politics he is a Republican with Prohibition leanings, and as the nominee of the Republican party has been the successful candidate for borough councilman. Fraternally he is identified with the Royal Arcanum.

**Conrad, John**, senior member of the firm of John Conrad & Son, contractors and builders, and dealers in flour and feed, was born in Port Carbon on Nov. 11, 1848. He is one of five children of Christian and Louisa Conrad, the others being Christian, Jr., an engineer on the Frackville branch of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad; Charles, a foreman in the employ of the same concern; Rose, Mrs. Purnelle; and Mrs. Emma Hartzel. The subject of this sketch attended the public schools until he was nine years of age and then secured work in the coal breakers as a slate-picker. When he was fourteen he found employment in the service of the railroad, leaving it four years later to learn the trade of wheelwright. In 1883 he left that vocation to become a carpenter, and when he had become a journeyman a year later he started in the contracting business for himself. This he continued until 1900, when, in partnership with his son Harry, he formed the firm of John Conrad & Son to deal in flour and feed in connection with

the contracting and building industry. The success of the firm in a pecuniary way has been as marked as in other ways. Many of the most modern dwellings of Port Carbon, the Good Will hose house and the Evangelical church are monuments to Mr. Conrad's skill and workmanship. In 1873 was solemnized Mr. Conrad's marriage to Miss Ellen Marquardt, a daughter of Blasius Marquardt, of Port Carbon. Four children—three sons and a daughter—have blessed this union. Harry is in business with his father; Louis is in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron company, as a mining engineer; William is working for his father and Anna is her father's stenographer. The family are attendants of the Evangelical church. The male members of the family are all Republicans in their politics, and as such the father has been a borough councilman and Harry is the present incumbent of the office of burgess.

**Conry, Patrick Mellet**, of Shenandoah, is a citizen who has long been prominent and influential in the community, and he was one of the brave and loyal soldiers who went forth in defense of the Union when its integrity was menaced by armed rebellion. He was born in Ireland, Dec. 19, 1846, and is a son of Michael and Nora (Mellet) Conry, both of whom were born in County Mayo, Ireland, and both of whom passed the closing years of their lives in the home of the subject of this sketch, in Shenandoah, where the father died at the age of seventy-eight years and the mother at the venerable age of ninety-one years. Patrick M. Conry was seven years of age at the time of the family immigration to America, and they settled in the village now known as Darkwater, Schuylkill county, Pa., whence they later removed to Ashland, this county, where the family home was maintained until after the close of the Civil war. Patrick M. secured his early educational training in the schools of Ashland, and in the later years he has not failed to gain a large fund of valuable knowledge through the instructions of that wisest of all head masters, experience. He has been a careful reader and close observer and his intellectual development has kept pace with the moving of the years. Mr. Conry's school work was interrupted when there came the call for volunteers to aid in protecting the Union from disintegration through armed rebellion. With the beginning of the war young Conry became thoroughly imbued with the spirit of patriotism and loyal protest and he offered his services in defense of the Union when he was but fifteen years of age. On account of his extreme youth and immaturity parental authority prevented his enlisting on two occasions when he attempted to enter the ranks of the "boys in blue," but he finally succeeded in enrolling himself as a private in Company C, 3d Pennsylvania cavalry. His regiment was a part of the Army of the Potomac, with which grand old organization he performed valiant service. Participation in many of the battles and cavalry skirmishes in which his command grappled with forces of the dying Confederacy, are recorded to his credit, and it should be remembered that upon the cavalry arm of the

service devolved many heavy and dangerous duties which were spared the infantry. Upon his return to Schuylkill county Mr. Conry found his parents established in a new home, in Shenandoah, with whose interests he promptly allied himself, soon attaining to a position of prominence and influence. In 1873 he was elected a member of the board of education, of which he was a member for twenty-one years, at the expiration of which he declined to continue longer in the office. Of his service in this capacity he was incumbent for eighteen consecutive years. It is needless to say that he had much to do in formulating the excellent school system which is the pride of Shenandoah at the present time. In his first year of service on the school board Mr. Conry was appointed to collect the school taxes, and so active and zealous was he in the discharge of this duty that he was able to settle his tax duplicates at the organization of the board in June—an achievement which has never been equalled, before or since. In 1897 Mr. Conry was elected representative of his county in the state legislature, in which body he discharged his duties with the same ability and fidelity which have characterized all portions of his career. Unlike most of his contemporaries, he sturdily refused to accept a railroad pass until the restrictions surrounding its acceptance were removed. In this he stands as a particularly unique figure. In the legislature he was a member of several important committees and attained to a degree of prominence seldom reached by first-term members. But the culminating point in Mr. Conry's political career lies not in high honors or rich emoluments. Local politics in Shenandoah has assumed an intensity almost equalling that of a national campaign. Charges and countercharges have been made with a prodigal liberality attained only during the heat of a political turmoil. The "ins" desired to be continued, and the "outs" were equally zealous to be reinstated to former honors and prestige. It is not within the province of this publication to decide as to the respective merits of either side of the controversy. Suffice it to say that Mr. Conry was made the standard-bearer of the "outs" for the office of borough tax collector. A hot and protracted contest was inaugurated, and terminated only with the closing of the polls on election night. Mr. Conry's opponent was a prominent and well known business man of the town—one who was willing to accept the office not less by reason of its honors and emoluments than thus to aid in perpetuating the old administration of borough affairs. Never before had so many votes been polled in a municipal election in Shenandoah, and the "outs" won the day, Mr. Conry leading his popular opponent by a safe majority. He has always been a faithful friend of the laboring man and has made his professions consistent by uniting with labor organizations. He was once president of Branch No. 2, Plank Ridge Colliery, and also served as district president and as delegate to the executive board. He is a stalwart supporter of the principles of the Democratic party, and he and his family are communicants of the Catholic church. For twenty-three years he

served as president of St. Patrick's beneficial society. He holds a commission in the Irish republican army, was an active participant in the Fenian movement a number of years ago, and he is distiguishingly the friend of liberality and liberty. In a fraternal way he is identified with the Grand Army of the Republic. January 10, 1897, Mr. Conry was united in marriage to Miss Mary Roche, who was born at St. Clair, this county, Sept. 2, 1848, and of their fourteen children seven are living, the others having died in infancy or early childhood. Sallie is the wife of John B. Schuling, of Philadelphia; Frank J. is a representative lawyer of Shenandoah; William and Thomas are in the employ of the Columbia Bonding Company; Mary and Amelia remain at the parental home; and Joseph is attending the home schools. The devoted wife and mother was summoned to the life eternal Oct. 10, 1899. The achievements of Patrick M. Conry offer a worthy object-lesson to the generations to follow him. Born in a foreign land, reared amid the environments of an humble home, he has worked out his own destiny. Not only that, but he has also assisted many aspiring young men in overcoming obstacles and realizing their higher ambitions. He is essentially liberal and generous, and to him is given the unreserved confidence and regard of the community in which he has so long lived and labored.

**Conville, Thomas W.**, a native of Schuylkill county and the present secretary of the Shenandoah school board, was born at Heckscherville, June 12, 1871. The old house in which he was born has long since been absorbed by the collieries and no trace of it remains. He is a son of Murtha and Mary A. (Brophy) Conville, the former born in Ireland, whence he came to this country in his infancy, and the latter a native of Heckscherville. They became the parents of seven children, five of whom are still living. Patrick J. is a painter and decorator in Shenandoah; Thomas W. is the subject of this sketch; John J. is a carpenter; Katie is the wife of M. A. Kilker, an attorney of Girardville; Martin is a salesman; William died at the age of five years and James died in infancy. Thomas W. Conville was educated in the public schools of Schuylkill county, chiefly in West Mahanoy township and the city of Shenandoah, and upon leaving school learned the business of painting, paperhanging and decorating, which occupation he followed in Shenandoah for about fourteen years. In 1903 he was elected a member of the school board, and in June, 1906, was made secretary and librarian. In his official capacity Mr. Conville takes great interest in his work as librarian, and also in the work of the pupils in the public schools, especially along the lines of drawing and everything pertaining to art. The walls of the library are adorned with sketches, paintings, etc., which are the work of the students. He was elected to the board at the time that abuses existed, and soon won for himself the reputation of a reformer. Through the efforts of himself and his associates six persons served terms in the county jail for dishonest methods in office. Mr. Conville served for two years as assistant chief of the Phoenix fire



company, and was for one year chief of the entire department. He is still a member of the Phoenix company, belongs to the Annunciation Roman Catholic church, and for twenty-five years has been identified with the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America, serving for a number of years on the executive board of the society. In politics Mr. Conville is a consistent advocate of Democratic principles and is active in local campaigns. On Jan. 16, 1907, he was united in marriage to Miss Theresa M. Kelly, of Philadelphia, a daughter of John Kelly. She was born at Camden, N. J., and was educated in the cathedral school at Philadelphia, by the sisters of the Order of St. Joseph. Upon the arrival of himself and bride in Shenandoah they were tendered a grand reception at Gorman's opera house by his brothers and the members of the Phoenix fire company. A number of useful and valuable presents were given the happy couple and the program included an elaborate luncheon, with music and dancing until the following morning. The teachers and school officials were also participants in the pleasant affair. After serving his term as director he entered the hardware business at Girardville, under title of the Conville Hardware Co.

**Coombe, Thomas H.**, proprietor of the Coombe Garment company of Minersville, Pa., was born in Schuylkill county, March 25, 1870. He is a son of Thomas and Amelia (Dunstan) Coombe, both natives of the Keystone state. The father's vocation was that of a miner, but at the breaking out of the Civil war, in 1861, he enlisted in Company I of the 48th Pennsylvania infantry. The regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac and participated in the second battle of Bull Run and the Antietam fight. The father was taken prisoner shortly after the latter battle and after his release he returned to mining. His death was caused by a fall of coal, on Oct. 7, 1886, at which time he was in his forty-eighth year. His widow is still living, a resident of Tamaqua. She had a brother, Isaac Dunstan, who was a lieutenant in a company of a Pennsylvania regiment in the Civil war and participated in seventeen battles, receiving at Gettysburg a wound from the effects of which he died six weeks later. The children of the family are four in number: Emma L., the eldest, is the wife of Robert Jones, an engineer living in Tamaqua; Isaac A. is employed in the Coombe Garment Company's factory; and Anna B. is Mrs. Robert Trewren, of Tamaqua. The subject of this sketch, who is the third of his father's family in order of birth, received his educational advantages in the public schools of St. Nicholas. When he had completed his scholastic training he learned the trade of watchmaker and jeweler and worked at it until 1896, leaving it to embark in his present business. His manufactory is one of the largest industries in the city and its output is 2,500 dozen garments of men's underclothing per week. The concern furnishes work for more than 250 people and is the largest of its kind in central Pennsylvania. The product is shipped to all parts of the United States, Canada and Mexico. On Sept. 27, 1892, Mr. Coombe was united in marriage to Miss Mamie Lawrence, who was born in Minersville, a daughter of Thomas and Sallie Lawrence, who are now living



retired in Minersville. To Mr. and Mrs. Coombe have been born two children, Myrtle N. and Marion G. Mr. Coombe is associated fraternally with the Blue Lodge, No. 222, of the Free and Accepted Masons of Minersville. He is an enterprising, public-spirited citizen, of excellent business judgment and withal such a man as gives character to a community.

**Cooper, Professor John W.**, the capable and popular superintendent of the Shenandoah public schools, was born at Rising Sun, Cecil county, Md., July 5, 1857, and is a son of Samuel A. and Mary W. Cooper. His father, who was a native of Chester, Delaware county, Pa., died in West Nottingham township, Chester county, Pa., June 23, 1806, at the age of fifty-three years. He was of Quaker extraction, and although most of his life was devoted to agricultural pursuits he did a considerable amount of business in the real-estate industry. He was twice married, his first wife, Jane Taylor of Media, Delaware county, having departed this life in 1845, leaving four children, all of whom are now deceased. His second wife was Mary Wilkinson, of Chester county, to whom he was united on June 23, 1853. Nine children blessed this union, a daughter and two sons, of whom the subject of this sketch is the elder, being the only survivors. Professor Cooper was brought up in Chester county, near Oxford, the family having removed to Nottingham when he was quite young. He received due preliminary discipline in the public schools of lower Oxford and Nottingham township, rounded out by a course at the Oxford Academy. When he was but eighteen years of age he entered upon his pedagogic career, and he taught in Chester county for six years, with a fair degree of success. In the fall of 1882 he matriculated at the Millersville normal school, completing the elementary course in 1883, and a year later he was graduated in the scientific course. While a student he had the reputation of being diligent, careful and thorough, and his character was unsullied. Soon after graduation he was chosen principal of the public schools of Tremont, and he filled the position with credit to himself and his alma mater until the fall of 1893, when he resigned to accept the principalship of the Shenandoah high school. He served in this capacity until March, 1897, and finally resigned to enter, on April 5, 1897, a larger field, as superintendent of the city schools. He is an exceptionally fine educator and ranks with the best in the county, always keeping abreast with the most modern thought in education and making himself master of the advanced ideas of instruction. On two occasions, in 1893 and again in 1896, he was a candidate for the superintendency of the Schuylkill county schools, but on both occasions was defeated by the then incumbent of the office, by a small majority. His politics are Democratic and he was at one time chairman of the Democratic convention. Professor Cooper has been twice married. On Feb. 9, 1882, he married Miss Ida M. Jackson, the elder daughter of J. Morris and Margaret (Wright) Jackson, of Fulton township, Lancaster county. His second union was to Miss Ella M. Clauser, a daughter of Simon



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and Sarah (Faust) Clauser, of Shenandoah, and was solemnized on June 7, 1900. Mrs. Cooper was formerly one of the teachers in the grammar schools of the borough. The children of the second marriage are two in number—Jonathan Wendell and Anna May. The professor is prominent in fraternal circles, being identified with Washington Camp, No. 76, of the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America; Tremont Lodge, No. 245, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and with Swatara Lodge, No. 267, of the Free and Accepted Masons.

**Creary, James D.**, one of the most prominent of the younger generation of the Schuylkill county bar and a resident of Shenandoah, was born in that borough on Feb. 2, 1880. He is a son of Thomas J. Creary and Elizabeth (Grant) Creary, both natives of Ireland, whence they came to this country with their respective parents when children. Their marriage was celebrated in Schuylkill county and to them were born four children, the subject of this sketch being the youngest. Mary, the eldest, is Mrs. Boran; Patrick J. is a merchant tailor of Shenandoah; and Ella is the chief nurse at the county hospital. The father, who was a miner all his active life, died in 1881. James D. Creary attended the public schools of his native city and graduated at the high school in the class of 1895. When he had completed his scholastic learning he entered the office of Hon. T. R. Beddall of Shenandoah and in 1904 he was admitted to practice at the bar of the supreme and other courts of the state. He at once established himself in offices in the Hub building, and although his advent in the profession was not a great while ago he has laid the foundations of an excellent general practice and has come to be recognized as an attorney of force, energy and ability. Politically Mr. Creary is a Democrat, but has never aspired to public office, preferring to become well established in his profession before attempting to perform the duties of official position. In his religious affiliations he is a communicant of the Church of the Annunciation, of Shenandoah. Mr. Creary is unmarried and makes his home with his widowed mother.

**Crossley, Benjamin**, for a number of years a locomotive engineer on the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad and now a general merchant in Schuylkill Haven, was born in that borough Nov. 11, 1864. He is a son of Daniel and Caroline (Ellsmore) Crossley, the former a native of England and the latter of Schuylkill Haven. The maternal grandparents, Thomas and Ann (Harris) Ellsmore, both came to Schuylkill county from the British isles, and the paternal grandparents are still living there. Benjamin Crossley received a public-school education, attending the borough schools until he was thirteen years of age. Then he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad as a call boy, and after a short service went into the shops. For a year after he left the latter position he was employed as locomotive fireman and then was given an engine. He remained with the company as an engineer for eight years and then an accident which caused the amputation of one of his hands compelled him to relinquish his position.

When he was sufficiently able he embarked, in 1901, in the general merchandise business in Schuylkill Haven, and this enterprise he is still successfully conducting. Mr. Crossley was united in marriage on June 27, 1891, to Miss Clara M. Moyer, daughter of George M. and Emma E. Moyer. Seven children, two daughters and five sons, were born to this union. One daughter, Alva May, died at the age of two years. The living daughter is Meta Caroline and the sons are Lester Eugene, Wilmer Ellsmore, Ray Danforth, Stanley Nelson and Miles Quinten. The family all attend the Reformed church of their home city. Mr. Crossley has a brother and six sisters—John H., Mary A., Martha, Alice, Lucy, Caroline Jane and Clara—all living in this county. In politics he is independent, but generally votes the Republican ticket. Fraternally he is prominent, being a member of the Cressona Lodge, No. 426, Free and Accepted Masons; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Junior Mechanics and the Improved Order of Red Men, and being a past officer in the last named order. He is a man of great popularity personally and is recognized as one of the most enterprising citizens of the borough.

**Currier, Frederic Chalmers**, foreman of the car shops of the Pennsylvania Company at Pottsville, is a native of Canada. He is a son of David and Margey (Barker) Currier, and was born in Fredericton, New Brunswick, on June 11, 1849. David Currier, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Gagetown, New Brunswick, Nov. 12, 1800, and was one of a family of seven children, the others being Daniel, William, George, John, Harriet and Maria. David Currier was twice married, the first time, in Feb., 1828, to Maria Bartlett, by whom he had five children, David, Jr., Louise, George, Maria and Charles. The first wife died in 1841 and two years later, on March 16, 1843, he married again, Margey Upton Barker becoming his bride. The second wife was born Sept. 21, 1824, in Sheffield, New Brunswick, and was one of the nine children of her parents, the others being George, Whitehead, Jane, Charles, Henrietta, Adelaide, George II, and Bess. Besides the subject of this sketch there was but one other child of the second union—Maria Louise, who was born March 25, 1844, and who was married on Dec. 11, 1872, to John Cameron, of Fredericton, New Brunswick. Frederic Chalmers Currier attended the private and public schools of his native town until he was eighteen years of age and then commenced his active business career as a salesman in a book store in Fredericton. Subsequently he received an appointment as messenger for an express company, and held the position for two years. At the end of that time he left Fredericton and went to St. Johns to accept a position as clerk in a grocery store. This was in the fall of 1867, and two years later he left St. Johns to go to Halifax, Nova Scotia, where he again found employment in the grocery business. In the spring of 1872 he came to the United States, locating first in Boston, Mass., but his sojourn there was not for any great length of time. When he arrived in Philadelphia, shortly afterward, he secured a position

as assistant foreman in the foundry of T. B. C. Burbee, on North Ninth street. His employment with the railroad company dates from 1882, when he was made one of the car inspectors. In the fall of 1886 he was transferred to Pottsville with a promotion to the assistant foremanship of car inspectors; later he was made a full foreman and in 1890 he was appointed foreman of the shops. This last named position he has been most efficiently filling since that time, and he not only has the confidence of his employers but also the good will and the respect of the men working under him. On Dec. 20, 1887, was solemnized Mr. Currier's marriage to Miss Lizzie L. Wiley. They have no children. Mrs. Currier's parents were Henry and Rebecca (Louderbach) Wiley, and the names of their other children are: William, Howard, Annie, Reuben, Mary and Maria; all are living with the exception of William. Mr. Currier and his wife are communicants of the English Lutheran church of Pottsville. He is not greatly concerned with political matters and aside from casting his vote independently he takes no interest in the campaigns. Fraternally he is identified with Lodge No. 232 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Philadelphia, and is a past grand in the same.

**Curry, John James**, is a member of the well known firm of Curry Brothers, jewelers and opticians, at Pottsville, and is recognized as a worthy citizen in every sense of the term. He is a native of Schuylkill county, having been born in Palo Alto, Sept. 2, 1879. He is a son of James and Mary (McKenna) Curry, both of whom were natives of Ireland, and the father was among the early settlers of Palo Alto. He was an engineer by profession and worked for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway, between Pottsville and Philadelphia, for a number of years. Later he engaged in the shoe business at Palo Alto, and still later served as watchman for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway at that place, being thus employed in 1886, when he died, at the age of sixty-one years. He was twice married, first to Ellen Cavanaugh, to which union there were born four children: Ella; Rebecca, deceased, wife of Joseph Davidson; Katie, deceased; and James. The second marriage was to Mary McKenna, and to that union were born five children, four of whom grew to maturity: Mary; Essie, deceased; John J.; and Andrew F., the latter two being twins. John J. Curry was reared in Palo Alto and was educated in St. Stephen's parochial school at Port Carbon. After leaving school, and while still young in years, he began an apprenticeship at the jewelry business with W. H. Mortimer, and after a thorough preparation, in August, 1894, he embarked in business for himself. Associated with him is his brother, James B., the firm name being Curry Brothers, and together they have built up a successful business and are recognized as being among the leading jewelry houses of Pottsville. Being practical opticians and carrying as they do a fine line of optical goods, that feature constitutes an important part of their trade. The subject of this review is a member of St. Stephen's Roman Catholic church at Port Carbon, and frater-

nally he has membership in the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Independent Order of Foresters.

**Daddow, Samuel Harries**, deceased, was a native of St. Agnes, Cornwall, England, born on March 14, 1827. When but four years old he was brought to the United States by his parents, Jonathan and Katherine (Harries) Daddow, who located at East Delaware, Schuylkill county, Pa. His father engaged in mining in a small way for several years, being successful. Samuel Harries Daddow enjoyed but few educational advantages, his attendance at school being limited to the curriculum of the public schools in this county. But he was a close student all his life, and by means of private study, under adverse circumstances, became very well informed. In fact, he was a recognized authority upon geology, mine engineering and kindred subjects, and wrote many valuable articles for publication. He began his literary career, however, as a contributor to the local and metropolitan papers. He commenced work in and around the coal mines about the year 1840, and his first advance from the position of an ordinary laborer was in his appointment to the charge of a colliery store at Oak Hill. He was connected with the "Miners' Journal" in Pottsville for some years, prior to 1855, engaged in gathering statistics on coal and mining. In 1855 he took up his residence in Richmond, Va., and was employed in locating and managing coal and iron mines, salt works, furnaces, etc. He was also interested jointly with his uncle and brother in the ownership and operation of a coal mine at Farmville, Va. While a resident of Richmond, he contributed a number of articles to the "Richmond Inquirer" on the "Mineral Resources of Virginia and the South." In 1864 he returned to Pennsylvania and again engaged in gathering statistics in connection with the "Miners' Journal," for a work entitled "Coal, Iron and Oil," which was published in 1866 by Daddow and Bannan, and was received as a standard authority in the United States. Mr. Daddow had spent practically all his lifetime in gathering material for this work. He contributed many articles to Lippincott's Magazine and other periodical publications, and was the author of the article on "Coal and Collieries" appearing in Appleton's American Cyclopædia. In 1872 Mr. Daddow became general manager of the collieries owned by the Erie Railway Company in Pennsylvania and established his headquarters at Scranton. During his management large purchases of undeveloped coal lands were made by the company, and untold millions of profits have resulted from his wise counsel. The explosion of blasts in the mines had always been fraught with danger, and Mr. Daddow began investigations and experiments looking to a scientific invention which should correct this evil. The result was that the miners' safety squib came into existence in 1870, as the invention of Mr. Daddow and his brother-in-law, Jesse Beadle. A small building was erected for its manufacture, and thus originated the Miners' Supply Company, now the principal industry in the borough of Saint Clair, the products of which find a market in all





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portions of the world where coal is mined. In 1874 Mr. Daddow resigned his position with the railroad company and gave his entire attention to the development of his manufacturing interests in Saint Clair. But he did not live to see the full fruition of his hopes, as he died on March 23, 1875. The business has since been continued by his widow, Mrs. E. A. Daddow, his son, Harries, and Jesse Beadle. Few men have accomplished more in the development of the anthracite coal field than Samuel Harries Daddow. His busy life was spent in earnest labor and research. Much of his labor and literary work was entirely unrequited, and his cultured mind gave to the world almost prophetic knowledge regarding scientific researches in advance of his generation.

**Daley, Joseph**, occupies a prominent position among those identified with educational work in the county, being the popular and able principal of the public schools of the borough of Coaldale. He is worthy of further consideration in this work from the fact that he is a native of the borough in which he now maintains his home, having been born there on Aug. 29, 1876, a son of Daniel and Isabel (Sheerin) Daley, the former of whom was born in the city of Philadelphia, Pa., and the latter in County Donegal, Ireland. Daniel Daley located in Coaldale in 1846 and engaged in work in the mines. He and his wife still reside there, and he is now living practically retired, after having been identified with the mining industry during the greater part of his business career. Of the four children the subject of this review is the eldest and the others are Mary, Isabel, and Catherine. The early educational discipline of Joseph Daley was secured in the public schools of Coaldale, and after completing a course in the high school he entered the state normal school at Lock Haven, in which institution he was graduated as a member of the class of 1898. From that year to the present he has been continuously identified with pedagogic work in the public schools of his native county, and his success in his chosen vocation has been of unequivocal order. Since 1902 he has held the position of principal of the public schools of Coaldale. He is secretary and treasurer of the company which publishes the *Toilers' Defense*, an able and popular paper published in Coaldale. In politics he maintains an independent attitude, and his religious faith is that of the Catholic church, his membership being in St. Mary's parish of his native town.

**Dando, Isaac**, chief clerk to the weighmaster of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company at Cressona, was born at Shenandoah, Schuylkill county, May 29, 1874, a son of Isaac and Margaret A. (Fisher) Dando. After completing the courses afforded by the graded and high schools of his native borough he began his service with the Philadelphia & Reading railroad in 1891. By strict attention to the work in hand and earnest and persistent labor he was from time to time promoted until he reached the position which he now holds. On June 26, 1897, Mr. Dando married Miss Mary J. Krommes, a daughter of Lawrence G. Krommes, of

Cressona. Two children, a son and a daughter, have blessed this union. Their names are Lawrence G. and Blanche V. The family are all members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Cressona, of which Mr. Dando is secretary of the board of trustees. In politics he is a Republican, but has never become a candidate for office of public trust. Fraternally he is identified with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Independent Americans, and is an enthusiastic member of Cressona Fire Company No. 1. Mr. Dando is a young man of high standing in the community and is a recognized leader in social and commercial circles.

**Davis, Henry R.**, who is engaged in the retail drug business in Coaldale, is one of the representative citizens of his native county and a member of one of its honored pioneer families. He was born at Pottsville, the present judicial center of Schuylkill county, June 1, 1846, and is a son of William R. and Ann (Pugh) Davis, both of whom were born and reared in Wales. William R. Davis came to America in the early 40's and took up his residence in this county, where he identified himself with mining operations, with which he had previously been connected in his native land, and for several years had charge of a furnace in the iron works of Benjamin Haywood, of Pottsville. He died at Minersville, Schuylkill county, in 1851, and his wife on Feb. 22, 1901. She was a daughter of Henry and Ann Pugh, who came to this county from Wales in an early day. Of the children of William R. and Ann Davis two attained to years of maturity—Henry R., the immediate subject of this sketch, and William, who died in March, 1886, and is buried at Minersville. Henry R. Davis attended the common schools of Minersville during the winter months until he had attained to the age of ten years, when he began working in the mines, as did the average boy of his age in this locality. While at work he continued his studies, attending a night school at Minersville. He later took a short term in the English branches at Bucknell academy, Lewisburg, Pa., and when about twenty years of age took a course in bookkeeping at the Pierce business college in Philadelphia. He continued to be identified with mining operations until 1889, when he located in Coaldale and established himself in the drug business, in which he has since successfully continued, having a well equipped establishment and a representative patronage. He is a staunch advocate of the principles of the Republican party and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. On Feb. 16, 1868, Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Ann Davis, daughter of Edward Davis, of Minersville, and of the children of this union seven attained to years of maturity, viz: Edward, Anna, William, Horace, David, Sarah, and Dora. All are living except Horace, who met his death in a railroad accident, May 30, 1900. Reverting to the mother of Mr. Davis, it may be noted that after the death of her first husband she married William Davis, to whom she bore one son, Dr. David R. Davis, of Lansford, who is now de-







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ceased. After the death of her husband she became the wife of William B. Davis, and they had five children—George, John, William, Elizabeth—the last named being the youngest.

**Davis, John H.** is a resident of Saint Clair, is a son of John H. Davis (Rowe) Davis. He was educated at the Saint Clair academy and at Crittenden's college. He has spent most of his life in the coal business, and since the death of his father and the death of his mother, he has been in charge of the operations of the firm in early years. His present interests are very extensive. This sketch is interested in the promotion of his enterprises in addition to his operations in the coal industry. The most prominent of these is the president of the Citizens' bank in Saint Clair, of which he was one of the incorporators and principal stockholders. He is also president of the Brighton Coal Company, of Gilberton, these being the principal business corporations engaging his attention. Mr. Davis is president of the board of trustees of the Methodist Episcopal church in Saint Clair. He is a public-spirited and useful citizen, and no man in the community stands higher in the estimation of the people, while few have wider or more favorable business connections. Mr. Davis has been married three times, his first wife being Miss Mary E. Davis, daughter of Rev. Daniel T. Davis, of Scranton, who died one year after marriage. His second wife was Mary E. Bambo, daughter of Percival and Sarah Bambo, of New Castle township. Two children were born to this union, William B. and Edith B. The former died at the age of twenty-six years, and the latter in infancy. Mrs. Davis died in 1898, and Mr. Davis married Miss Ida, a daughter of C. C. Mansberger, of Zion Grove, Schuylkill county. A daughter named she has come to bless this union a little over five months old. The subject of this article is prominent in the Masonic fraternity, having attained to the thirty-second degree in the same-honored society. He is a Republican in his political views, devoted to party principles and issues, but independent in local affairs. He has never received official honors, but he has borne his part in bearing the burden of local offices in the township.

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ceased. After the demise of her second husband she became the wife of William Beddow, now deceased, and they had five children—George, Louisa, Ann, Lemuel, and Elizabeth—the last named being the wife of Philip Hauser.

**Davis, John H.**, a prominent and well-known resident of Saint Clair, is a son of the late John R. and Hannah (Rowe) Davis. He was educated in the public schools of Minersville and at Crittenden's commercial college. Mr. Davis has spent his life in the coal business, operating in connection with his father until the death of the latter, in 1900, and since that date he has conducted the business alone. The operations of the firm in earlier years were large and varied, and the present interests are very extensive, while the subject of this sketch is interested in the promotion of many other business enterprises in addition to his operations in the coal industry. The most prominent of these is the presidency of the Citizens' bank in Saint Clair, of which he was one of the incorporators and principal stockholders. He is also president of the Brighton Coal Company, of Gilberton, these being the principal business corporations engaging his attention. Mr. Davis is president of the board of trustees of the Methodist Episcopal church in Saint Clair. He is a public-spirited and useful citizen, and no man in the community stands higher in the estimation of the people, while few have wider or more favorable business connections. Mr. Davis has been married three times, his first wife being Miss Mary E. Davis, daughter of Rev. Daniel T. Davis, of Scranton, who died one year after marriage. His second wife was Mary E. Bamboy, daughter of Percival and Sarah Bamboy, of New Castle township. Two children were born to this union, William B. and Edith B. The former died at the age of twenty-six years, and the latter in infancy. Mrs. Davis died in 1898, and Mr. Davis married Miss Ida, a daughter of C. C. Honsberger, of Zion Grove, Schuylkill county. A daughter named June has come to bless this union, a little fairy five months old. The subject of this article is prominently identified with the Masonic fraternity, having attained to the thirty-second degree in that time-honored society. He is a Republican in his political views, devoted to party principles on national issues, but independent on local affairs. He has never sought official honors, but has borne his part in bearing the burdens of local offices in the borough.

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receiving his education in the public schools. He then served an apprenticeship of five years at painting and paper-hanging, at which he worked as a journeyman until 1895, when he embarked in business for himself as a contractor. By his punctuality and the high quality of his workmanship he has built up a remunerative business, enjoying the confidence and patronage of the best people in Pottsville and vicinity. Mr. Day was married in 1891 to Miss Clara, daughter of Jacob Snyder, of Philadelphia, and they have five children: Lizzie, Edmund, Gertrude, Ruth and Pearl. Mr. Day is a Republican in his political affiliations, but is not an active party worker, preferring the certain returns of a well-conducted business to the precarious emoluments of a political career.

**Dechert, Daniel, M. D.**, one of the most prominent physicians of Schuylkill county and a leading citizen of Schuylkill Haven, was born at Myerstown, Lebanon county, Pa., Feb. 7, 1846. He is a son of Elijah and Mary (Kochenberger) Dechert, the former of whom was one of a family of seven children and was born near Reading, Berks county, in 1826. Elijah Dechert died on April 10, 1893, leaving fourteen children. John Dechert, the paternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born near Reading and lived on a farm there all his active life. He died in 1865, at the age of eighty-seven years. The grandmother was born near Reading and died at the age of ninety-three years. The doctor received his earliest education in the Myerstown public schools. As a boy he was employed on the towpath of the Union canal. When he completed a course in the Myerstown academy he entered the office of Drs. Jacob and J. S. Tryon, of Rehrersburg, Pa., to study medicine, going thence to Philadelphia to enter the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania. He began his professional practice immediately upon graduation and has continued it ever since in this county. In 1871 he located at Cressona, but subsequently removed to Schuylkill Haven. He can lay claim without dispute to having the largest general practice of any physician in the county, and no member of the profession is more widely or favorably known. He was elected by the county medical society as delegate to the convention of the American medical association at Chicago in 1893. In political matters he is a staunch believer in the tenets of the Republican party and has several times been honored with offices of public trust. In 1870 he was made a census enumerator of the largest district of Berks county; was for a term the county treasurer; for fifteen years a member of the school board of Cressona; and was deputy coroner under Drs. G. H. Halberstadt and D. S. Marshall, and two terms under Dr. Gillars. His ability was recognized even by his political opponents, and in 1879 and 1884 he was appointed county almshouse physician under Democratic administrations, serving three years under the first appointment and one year under the second. The doctor was one of the founders of the Union Safe Deposit bank of Pottsville, and has served as one of the directors ever

since. In 1904 he was appointed county medical inspector by Dr. Benjamin Lee, head of the state board, and is now holding his second year under Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, state commissioner of health. In 1863, when General Lee and his Confederate army were invading the state, Dr. Dechert joined the state troops that were being enlisted for three months' service to aid in repelling the enemy. When this term had expired and Lee had been turned back the doctor became a private in Company H, 186th Pennsylvania infantry, and served until September, 1865. For four years following his discharge and just prior to entering upon his medical studies he was engaged in pedagogic work. Dr. Dechert has been twice married. His first marriage was on Jan. 16, 1868, to Miss Virginia Kline, daughter of Benjamin and Katherine Kline, of Rehrersburg, Berks county. Mrs. Dechert died May 31, 1884, leaving besides the widowed husband a daughter, Eva M. On Oct. 15, 1885, Dr. Dechert led to the altar Miss Ada Beck, daughter of William and Matilda Beck, of Beckville. By the second marriage he is the father of three children—Clare B., Daniel, Jr., and Mary M. The family are all communicants of St. John's Reformed church of Schuylkill Haven.

**Dechert, Harry W., M. D.**, a leading physician and surgeon of Orwigsburg, was born in Myerstown, Oct. 4, 1872, a son of Elijah and Elizabeth (Garoh) Dechert. Both parents were born in Pennsylvania, and the father is still living in Lebanon. The mother died in 1899. Dr. Dechert received his preliminary educational training in the Pottsville and Myerstown schools, going direct from the Pottsville high school to the department of medicine in the University of Pennsylvania. On June 13, 1895, he was granted the degree of Doctor of Medicine by the regents of that institution, and immediately after graduation he organized an association and opened a hospital at Pottsville, becoming the first house physician. After six months he resigned this position to accept one as medical examiner for the Philadelphia & Reading railroad relief association, with headquarters at Shamokin. There he remained until Nov. 10, 1900, when he came to Orwigsburg and began the general practice of his profession, in which he has since been most successfully engaged. He is medical examiner for the Equitable, Aetna and John Hancock life insurance companies, and is a prominent member of the county medical society. On June 8, 1898, Dr. Dechert married Miss Eva Lewis, of Mahanoy City, a daughter of the late O. C. and Eleanor C. Lewis. Mrs. Lewis died in 1895, and on Christmas day, 1905, the father passed away. To Dr. and Mrs. Dechert have been born four children—Eleanor, Elizabeth, Oliver and Eva. Both the doctor and his wife are members of the Reformed church, of which he is a deacon. He is fraternally identified with the Sons of America. Dr. Dechert is recognized as a prominent member of his profession and his many friends predict for him a most successful future.

**Deebel, William Cyrus**, dealer in musical instruments and sewing machines, and instructor in music at Ringtown, was born on

July 27, 1870. His paternal grandparents, John F. and Rebecca (Zehner) Deebel, were natives of Germany, and his mother's parents were Joshua and Elizabeth (Johnson) Lorah, both natives of Schuylkill county. He is one of seven children of John and Hannah (Lorah) Deebel, the others being Cerilla Catherine, John F., Joshua F., Rebecca E., Harry E. and Samuel H. William C. Deebel attended school until he was nineteen years of age and then his father's death compelled him to relinquish his scholastic work and assume the management of the home farm. During his spare moments he devoted his time to the study of music and at the age of twenty-four he turned over the management of the farm to his brothers, took a course in music, and studied in a business college. When he had completed his course he started teaching music, working at that and agricultural labors alternately in the winter and summer. Early in 1901 he established himself in the piano, organ and sewing machine business in Ringtown and, together with his musical instruction, has been most eminently successful. On Jan. 15, 1901, Mr. Deebel married Miss Elizabeth Catherine Landig, a daughter of Jacob and Rachel (Stauffer) Landig. The father and mother are both natives of Schuylkill county and have five children besides Mrs. Deebel—Joseph, Benjamin, George, Charles and Helen R. Mr. and Mrs. Deebel have two children, Marin Elmer and Wallace Henry. The family are members of the Lutheran church. In his political belief Mr. Deebel is allied with no party and has neither held nor aspired to public office. He is identified with Ringtown Lodge, No. 287, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a talented musician with an inherent love for the beautiful in music. His paternal grandfather had the unique distinction of owning the first pipe-organ ever built in the United States.

**Dennebaum, Nicholas**, general foreman in the brewing establishment of D. G. Yuengling & Son, is a native of Germany, born in Untershausen, Province of Montabaur, Prussia, Feb. 26, 1848. His parents were Adam and Catherine (Hubinger) Dennebaum. The father was a native of Untershausen, Germany, in the vicinity of which place he spent his life. He served as burgomaster in his native city. The mother was born in Stahlhofen, in the same province as her husband. Nicholas Dennebaum was educated in Untershausen, Germany, and at the United States brewing academy in New York city. He came to America in 1868, and on May 2 of that year located in Pottsville, Pa. For six years he was employed as a cooper at the Lauer brewery, when he entered the employ of D. G. Yuengling & Son, and was engaged in various lines of work about the premises until he became familiar with all details of the brewing business, when he was made foreman of the establishment, in 1881. So faithfully and intelligently has Mr. Dennebaum performed the duties of this responsible position that he has been retained in it for more than a quarter of a century. He was married on Nov. 6, 1872, to Miss Eliza, daughter

of John and Margaret Spohn, of Pottsville, and they have two children, Mary Margaret, who is the wife of Clifford W. Kissinger, a real estate and insurance dealer at Reading, Pa., and a young son at home. Mr. Dennebaum has been prominently identified with the Masonic fraternity for many years, and has attained exalted rank in that time-honored organization. He has devoted much time and study to perfecting himself in the work, and has reached the thirty-second degree. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of the Golden Eagle. Of the purely social organizations, he is a member of the Liederkrans, a German musical society of high order. He is a Democrat in his political relations, and he and his wife are members of the German Reformed church.

**Devine, Alex. J.,** ranks as one of the leading educators of the county of Schuylkill, and his efficiency is due not only to a natural adaptability, but also to a lifetime's devotion to the noble profession of teaching. He was born in the village of Cambola, where he now has charge of the public schools, Dec. 17, 1876, a son of Patrick F. and Bridget A. (Toland) Devine, the former of whom was a native of Ireland and the latter of Blythe township, Schuylkill county. The paternal grandparents were James and Martha Devine, natives of County Donegal, Ireland, who came to America in 1852 and settled in the township of Blythe, this county, where the grandfather followed the vocation of mining for several years, remaining a resident of that township until his death. He reared a family of eight children, of whom the following mention is properly made in this connection: Esther is the wife of William Brislin; Thomas served as a watchman for a number of years at the Shoo Fly colliery, and while in the performance of his duty was shot by members of that nefarious gang known as the "Molly Maguires"; John is a resident of Nebraska; Patrick F. was the father of him whose name introduces this review; Joseph; Hannah is the wife of George McNeely; Jeremiah, and William. The maternal grandparents were Michael and Bridget (Huton) Toland, also natives of County Donegal, Ireland, who came to America in 1847 and located in the township of Blythe, Schuylkill county, where the grandfather followed the vocation of mining. These parents reared three children: Bridget, the mother of the subject of this review; Dennis, and Michael, all born and reared in the township of Blythe, where they still reside. Patrick F. Devine, the father of Alex. J., was reared in the township of Blythe from the age of four years, and received his education in the common schools and at a normal school in Kutztown. He adopted the pedagogic profession as his occupation and followed teaching continuously for thirty-three years as principal of the public schools of Blythe township. He died Oct. 6, 1892, at the age of fifty-four years. He and his good wife reared to maturity a family of nine children: Martha, Michael, Alex. J., Bridget, Patrick F., Jr., James, Annie, Joseph, and Regina. Alex. J. Devine, who is the immediate subject of this review, was reared in the township of Blythe and



received his preliminary education in the public schools of that township. He then attended the normal school at Kutztown and fitted himself especially for the occupation of teaching. He began his pedagogic career as a teacher in the common schools, remaining so employed for six years, and since the autumn of 1904 has been principal of the Cumbola public schools, a position in which he has given universal satisfaction. In assuming the duties of that position he succeeded his younger brother, Patrick F. Devine, who had officiated in that capacity during the three previous years, and who is now principal of the public schools of Tuscarora. Patrick F. Devine is a graduate of the state normal school at Lock Haven. Alex. J. Devine is a member of the Church of the Holy Family at New Philadelphia, and in his political views he renders an unswerving allegiance to the time-honored principles of the Democratic party. In 1902 he was elected to the position of justice of the peace for a term of years ending May 6, 1907. In assuming the duties of this office he succeeded his honored father, who had occupied that official station for a continuous period of twenty-nine years.

**Diamond, Theodore A.**, proprietor of the "Philadelphia quick lunch rooms," at 113 East Norwegian street, Pottsville, was born in Macedonia, Turkey, Jan. 16, 1884. The historic land of which he is a native was better known in the early history of the Christian Era as being the home of Macedonius, who founded the "Macedonian Heresy," in A. D. 341, at which time he was Patriarch of Constantinople. Macedonia embraces a considerable area of territory in southern Turkey, bordering upon Greece and the Aegean Sea. Mr. Diamond's birthplace is a city of about 10,000 inhabitants, one of the greatest manufacturing centers in the so-called state of Macedonia, and is famous throughout Europe for its rare wines. Theodore Diamond was educated in the public and gymnasium schools of his native land, his primary education being in the Greek language. He served an apprenticeship of one year at Volo, Thessaly, Greece, where he learned the art of cooking, according to the methods of that country. He desired to perfect himself in this business, and came to America in 1900 with that end in view, but circumstances compelled a temporary divergence. He was employed in a cigar factory in New York city for fifteen months, engaged in making Egyptian cigarettes. His employers, the wealthy and prominent Buron Brothers, of Volo, treated him as a social equal and trusted employe, thus making his first experience in America a chapter in his life to which he always looks back with pleasure. He spent six months in the employ of a telephone company in the same city, and was in the employ of a private family at Brooklyn during one summer. Following this, he was employed in cooking in restaurants, hotels and private boarding-houses in New York. He was quick to learn both the language and business details, and was a partner in the Palace cafe at Hazleton, Pa., for seven months, when the lease expired and could not be renewed. On Aug. 21, 1903, he started in business



at Pottsville, his first location being at No. 54 West Norwegian street. On May 1, 1904, he moved to his present location. Here he has a well-appointed restaurant and quick lunch rooms, which are noted for cleanliness, excellent cooking and courteous treatment of guests. Mr. Diamond has made a success of his business, and is constantly adding to and improving his establishment. In 1905 he established a plant for the manufacture of ice cream, the product of which is served on his tables or sold at wholesale and retail as required. This feature of his business was established at a cost of more than \$1,000. It is operated by electricity, and is modern in all appointments. The parents of Mr. Diamond, Anastacios and Elizabeth (Dragumano) Diamond, were natives of the same locality as himself, where the mother died at the age of forty-eight years. The father is living, and is being cared for by his son, Christ, who was with the subject in Pottsville for a year and a half, but returned to Greece to fulfill this filial duty. The sister, whose name is Mary, is married and has three children in in her native country. The family are members of Saint Joseph's Orthodox church in Naoussa, Macedonia. Mr. Diamond became a citizen of the United States in May, 1906, and at once espoused the cause of the Republican party. He speaks, reads and writes the English language with fluency, and is an intelligent and companionable young man. He employs an average of six assistants in the various lines of his business, and conducts a quiet and popular resort which is frequented by many of the best people of the town. He is a man of exceptionally good habits, a feature in his character which has been conducive to the success which he has achieved.

**Diefenderfer, George C.**, member of the shoe manufacturing firm of H. S. Albright & Co., of Orwigsburg, was born in that place on Jan. 28, 1855. He is a son of Christian and Elizabeth (Kimmel) Diefenderfer, both natives of the Keystone state. The father was a mason in his early life, but later became a locomotive engineer on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad. In April, 1862, he enlisted in the 97th Pennsylvania infantry, then with the Army of the Potomac, but was later transferred to the 116th Pennsylvania infantry. While fighting with the latter regiment at Ream's station he was captured and late in 1864 succumbed to exposure and starvation in a Salisbury, N. C., prison. His widow passed away on Jan. 5, 1883, leaving five children. John A., the eldest, lives in Orwigsburg; Anna is Mrs. George H. Bickley, of the same place; Alice is Mrs. Daniel F. Shoener, of this county; and Louis K. is a hosiery manufacturer at Wiconisco, Dauphin county. George C. Diefenderfer, the subject of this sketch, is the second of the family in order of birth. He received a scholastic training in the common schools of his native town and later at Waynesburg college. When he had taken advantage of all the educational opportunities offered him he embarked in the mercantile business at Wiconisco, Dauphin county, but subsequently disposed of his interests there and came to Orwigsburg to become

a partner in the Albright & Co. shoe manufactory. He has now (1907) been associated in this industry some twenty-four years. Besides this he has numerous other interests, among them a directorship in the First National bank, the presidency of the Orwigsburg school board (now serving his twenty-second year), and the presidency of the Orwigsburg building and loan association. From 1876 to 1880 he was postmaster of the borough of Wiconisco. On Nov. 9, 1880, Mr. Diefenderfer was united in marriage to Miss Mary M. Maurer, a native of Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Dr. A. G. L. and Margaret (Mayer) Maurer. Three children have blessed this union. Alan L., a Princeton graduate, is a member of the class of 1908 of the department of medicine in the University of Pennsylvania; Florence E. is at home; Margaret M. is a graduate of the high school and is now devoting her time to the study of both instrumental and vocal music. Mrs. Diefenderfer is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and her husband is a regular attendant. He is a Shriner of the Masonic order and a thirty-second degree Mason, and has held various offices in the different stages of Masonry. He is a man of exceptional business ability and is well and favorably known throughout the county.

**Dietz, Gottfried**, a Minersville citizen of wealth and influence, a dealer in flour, feed, hay, grain, etc., and a lumber merchant, was born in Germany. The place of his nativity was Würtemberg and the date Oct. 24, 1833, a son of Gottfried and Kate (Klein) Dietz. The father was engaged in agricultural pursuits all his active life, and his death occurred when the subject of this sketch was still a youngster. Gottfried Dietz is the youngest of the four children born to his parents and is the sole survivor. He received all his scholastic advantages in the public schools of his Fatherland and in 1853 came to the United States, locating at once in Minersville. For the first ten years of his residence he clerked in a store and then embarked in the grain and feed business, which he has so successfully been operating ever since. In 1875 he added the timber business to his other interests and has undoubtedly sold more timber to the mines than any other man in the same part of the county. In politics he is a strong exponent of the doctrines of the Republican party, and at several successive elections has been the successful candidate of that party for election to the borough council. On April 14, 1858, Mr. Dietz married Miss Katie Schwartz, a native of Germany, and a daughter of Jacob and Katie Schwartz, both of whom died in the old country. Mrs. Dietz died on May 1, 1893, at the age of sixty-six years. She was a woman of rare attainments, kindly, thoughtful and matronly, and her death was a distinct loss to the community. Besides the bereaved husband she left four children. Fred, the eldest, married Annie Ferg, and is employed by his father. Katie is the wife of William Filsburg and the mother of seven children—Elsie L., George G., Robert E., Ruth, William J., Franklin D. and Benjamin Carl. Charles is connected with his father in business. He

married Emma Morgan, by whom he has eight children—Lina (now Mrs. David Hinkin, and mother of an unnamed daughter), Godfrey H., Mabel, Charles, Nettie, Helen, Martha and Edgar. Mary is now Mrs. Peter Zupert, and her husband is engaged in business with her father. They have eight children—Laura M., Robert, Horace, Edna, George, Freda, Mary and Raymond. Mr. Dietz is a pillar in the German Lutheran church, of which his wife was a most devout communicant, and their children have all been reared in that faith. Although well advanced in years he retains a wonderful grasp on the business and social activities of the community in which he has been an important influence for good for so many years.

**Ditchey, Charles F.**, manager of the Lauer Brewing Company's business in the anthracite coal district, is a descendant of one of the pioneer families of Schuylkill county, his grandparents, John and Wilhelmina Ditchey, having come from Germany and located at Whitfield patch, near Middleport, in 1847, and there the grandfather was engaged in mining until killed by a fall of coal about 1857. They had a family of eight children, of whom Jacob W., the father of Charles F., was next to the youngest. He was born near Middleport in September, 1853, and was therefore about four years of age when his father was killed. He grew to manhood in the county, married Miss Elizabeth O'Keefe, and was for some time employed as a breaker builder about the mines. In 1881 he was "closed in" in the mine and when rescued gave up his occupation, never even returning to the mine for his tools. Subsequently he engaged in the wholesale and retail liquor business, in which he was successful. He and his wife are both living, being residents of Tamaqua, where he is now in the mercantile line. He owns considerable real estate in the county. Charles F. Ditchey is the eldest of eight children born to his parents, the others being Franklin J., who is engaged in the liquor business at Tamaqua; Minnie, wife of Albert Berigan, of Ashland; Elmer J., foreman in Wise's bakery; Sarah A., a student with Dr. Shifferstine, of Tamaqua; Jacob W., Jr., at home with his parents; Bernard J., engaged in mercantile pursuits, and John K., in school. Charles F. Ditchey was born at Mahanoy City, March 31, 1880. He was educated in the schools of Tamaqua and began his business career in the same line of activity in which he is now engaged, his father having been agent for the same company, so that he has been thoroughly educated in all the details of the business. He began driving a delivery wagon for the company in 1890 in Tamaqua, and in 1901 became the agent there, holding that place until 1903, when he came to Shenandoah. On Feb. 4, 1904, he established the present agency and still has personal supervision of its affairs. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Fraternal Order of Eagles; the Tamaqua Social club; the Citizens' Fire Company of Tamaqua, and of the standing committee of the Tamaqua Democracy, with which party he affiliates and has always taken an active part since attaining

his majority. He was elected assessor of Tamaqua, but resigned the office when he came to Shenandoah. On Nov. 9, 1904, Mr. Ditchey married Miss Augusta M., daughter of Adolph and Theresa Kline, of Shenandoah, and to this union has been born one daughter, Elizabeth Theresa, born Aug. 12, 1905. The family are members of the German Catholic church.

**Doherty, Henry W.**, superintendent of the Baber cemetery, was born in County Antrim, Ireland, Oct. 11, 1867, a son of John B. and Mary (Brown) Doherty. Both parents were born in County Antrim, and there the father carried on his vocation of linen bleacher in an establishment of his own until his death, which occurred on Feb. 15, 1890. In the fall of that year the mother left the Emerald Isle for this country in company with her sons, and is now living in Germantown. The other surviving sons are John B., Robert A., William J., E. G., J. R. L., and Frederick G., all living in Philadelphia and all married with the exception of William and Frederick. Henry W., the subject of this memoir, took advantage of the educational opportunities afforded by the schools of his native land and then learned the trade of landscape gardener. For five years prior to his coming to the United States he was employed in that work and has followed it continuously since his arrival, most of the time in Philadelphia. He was holding a good position when the commissioners of the Charles Baber cemetery association made him the proposition which gave him charge of the cemetery in Pottsville, and which he accepted. On June 15, 1906, he arrived in Pottsville and assumed his new duties. Although his service has been of a rather short period there is plenty of evidence of his skill and artistic ability and promises of still greater improvement. On Sept. 18, 1904, Mr. Doherty married Miss Rebecca Brown, a daughter of William Brown, and a native of County Tyrone, Ireland. The father is now living with Mr. and Mrs. Doherty, and the mother died in Ireland. Politically Mr. Doherty is a fearless exponent of the principles of the Republican party, but has never held office. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, and at one time he was connected with several fraternal organizations, but has resigned from all of them. He is a firm believer in life insurance and carries several heavy policies.

**Dolan, Hugh**, is one of the successful mining contractors of his native city of Pottsville, where he was born on Feb. 22, 1874. He is held in high esteem as a citizen and as an enterprising and reliable business man, and is a son of Joseph and Jane (Homer) Dolan, the former of whom was born in Pottsville and the latter in England. The paternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch was a native of Ireland and was one of the sterling pioneers of what is now the city of Pottsville, where he followed the carpenters' trade for a long term of years. James Homer, the maternal grandfather, came from England to America and likewise was an early settler of Pottsville, where he continued to reside until his death. Joseph Dolan was reared to maturity in



Pottsville and became a prominent and prosperous mining contractor, continuing to be identified with this line of enterprise during the greater portion of his active business career. He died in Pottsville in 1893, at the age of fifty-two years. Of his four children the subject of this review is the eldest, and the others are Mark, Paul, and Louise. Hugh Dolan received his preliminary educational discipline in the public schools of Pottsville and supplemented this by a course of study in the historic Mount St. Mary's college, Emmitsburg, Md., an institution which was founded in 1808. Later he studied mining engineering under the able preceptorship of A. B. Cochran & Son, of Pottsville, and after following the work of this profession for three years he engaged in independent business as a mining contractor. He initiated his efforts in this line in 1896 and has since continued with marked success, being associated with his brother in business, under the firm name of Dolan Brothers. In politics Mr. Dolan maintains an independent attitude, and he is known as a progressive and public-spirited citizen. He is at the present time (1907) president of the council of the borough of Yorkville, is a member of the West End Fire Company, and is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In 1899 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Dolan and Miss Esther Jennings, daughter of Adam and Esther (Galbraith) Jennings, of Pottsville, and they have six children—Joseph, Hugh, Jr., Homer, Esther, Frank, and Robert.

**Dolan, Michael**, son of Michael and Ann (Phillips) Dolan, was born in Branchdale, Reiley township, Schuylkill county, Pa., Jan. 27, 1868. He has four sisters, Elizabeth, Margaret, Mary Ann and Kate, and one brother, Bernard. He received his education in the public schools, attending during the winter terms, until he was ten years old, and working in the coal breaker in the summer. At that age he left school and his whole time was occupied in the breaker until he was fifteen years of age, when he went to work in the mines, becoming a practical miner. He remained in this employment until the spring of 1902, when he became under-keeper of the insane at the Schuylkill county almshouse, which position he occupied for four years. April 1, 1906, he was made head-keeper over this department, which position he now holds. He has full charge of this department, and has four men and four women assistants, who have the care of seventy-six male and thirty-five female inmates. Mr. Dolan was married on April 9, 1901, to Miss Kate Doran, daughter of Patrick and Julia (De-Laney) Doran, all natives of Tower City, Schuylkill county. Three children, Julia, James and John, have been born to this union. Mr. Dolan is a member and past officer of Division No. 14, Ancient Order of Hibernians, of Branchdale. In politics he is a Democrat, and his family belongs to the St. Ambrose Roman Catholic church of Schuylkill Haven.

**Donaghue, Louis F., M. D.**, a successful and popular physician of Mahanoy Plane, was born at Summit Hill, Carbon county, Pa.,



Jan. 1, 1872, and is of Scotch-Irish extraction. His father, Dr. James A. Donaghue, was born in Dundee, Scotland, and his mother, whose maiden name was Anna Walsh, was a native of County Donegal, Ireland. The father was a graduate of the Royal college of physicians and surgeons of Belfast, Ireland, where he completed the course about 1857, and he soon afterward came to America. He first located in this country at Summit Hill, but after practicing for ten years there he removed to Girardville, Schuylkill county, where he continued in active practice until his death, in 1903. After coming to America he took a course of lectures in the Bellevue hospital college of New York, thus thoroughly equipping himself for the practice of his profession in the land of his adoption. He and his wife became the parents of the following children: James, a physician in New York city; Vincent, of Girardville; Francis, deceased; Louis F.; Theresa, a druggist at Girardville; Joseph, a druggist in Philadelphia. Dr. Louis F. Donaghue was reared at Girardville and educated in the schools of that borough. He then took up the study of medicine with his father and in 1898 graduated at the Medico-Chirurgical college of Philadelphia. In August of that year he located at Mahanoy Plane, where he has been eminently successful in the practice of his chosen profession, and has built up a lucrative business. During the years 1904-5 he was state quarantine inspector for Schuylkill county, and was for several terms the secretary of the board of health. In addition to his regular profession he is a registered pharmacist and keeps fully in touch with the new discoveries in the field of medical investigation. Politically he is a Democrat, and in 1907 he was nominated by his party for the office of coroner. He is a member of the Roman Catholic church. In 1902 Dr. Donaghue married Miss Agnes, daughter of James and Ellen (Wison) Dewey, of Mahanoy Plane, and to this union have been born three children—James, Louis and Francis, the first named being deceased.

**Donahoe, Michael T.**, a resident of Ashland for more than half a century and connected with its business interests thirty-three years as a dealer in wall paper, pictures, books and fancy goods, was born at Broad Mountain, in the parish of Pottsville, this county, in the year 1854, a son of Thomas and Margaret (McCormic) Donahoe, both of whom were born in the parish of Boyle, County Roscommon, Ireland. He is a grandson of Michael and Mary Donahoe, of the same parish, who immigrated to the United States in 1846 and settled near Pottsville, where the father of the subject of this sketch was engaged in mining until 1855, when he removed to Ashland, where he followed the same vocation until his death in June 1864, at which time he was forty-six years of age. He was survived by six children. John, the eldest, began working about the mines at an early age and finally became a musician and music teacher of distinctive ability, being specially endowed as a vocalist. He finally engaged in business and in course of time admitted his brother Michael, subject of this review,

to partnership. They were associated in the conducting of the Ashland book store for many years. Mary, the eldest of the sisters, is the wife of Anthony Murphy, of Salem, Ohio; Margaret is the wife of Terrence O'Brien, of Decatur, Ill.; Hubert is a resident of Salem, Ohio, and Bridget maintains her home in the city of Philadelphia, Pa. Michael T. Donahoe was afforded the advantages of the public schools of Ashland and initiated his independent career as slate-picker around the mines. In 1872 he engaged in business with his brother and he also did most effective work as teacher and director of Catholic choirs in Mahanoy City, Mahanoy Plane, Heckscherville and Ashland, a vocation which he followed for many years. In 1878 he was elected to the office of justice of the peace for the second ward of Ashland, and he served three terms as chief burgess of the borough of Ashland, administering the affairs of the office with marked discrimination and to the satisfaction of the people of the borough. He was president of the Ashland Choral Union one year and has ever retained a deep interest in the "divine art" of music; is a member of the American Hose Company, an organization of the local fire department established many years ago; is a past deputy grand knight and grand knight of Father Sheridan Council, Knights of Columbus; and a member and musical director of the Holy Name Society of St. Joseph's church, of Ashland, of which Catholic parish he and his family are communicants. As a young man Mr. Donahoe was united in marriage to Miss Mary Elizabeth Wingert, daughter of Frank B. Wingert, whose father was the first cashier of the First National bank of Ashland. Mr. and Mrs. Donahoe are the parents of three children—Frances E., the wife of Charles E. Pett, of New York city; and Wilfred J. and Gertrude K., who remain at the parental home.

**Doyle, Edward V.**, a promising young attorney of Pottsville, was born at Cumbola, Schuylkill county, March 9, 1878. His parents, Edward and Julia (Whalen) Doyle, were natives of Ireland, the former of County Wicklow and the latter of County Kilkenny. The grandfather, John Doyle, died in Ireland, and his widow, whose maiden name was Julia Hayden, came with her children to America in 1848. Those children were Julia, now the wife of Thomas Burns; Mary, now Mrs. Burke; William, Edward and John. When Edward Doyle, the father of the subject of this sketch, was about eighteen years of age, he settled near Five Points in East Norwegian township, where for some time he was occupied in mining. He then engaged in boating on the Schuylkill canal, then embarked in the saloon business in Pottsville, and later became a dealer in general merchandise at Cumbola, where he was the first postmaster, holding the office until his death, which occurred in 1894. His daughter succeeded him and served as postmistress until 1906, when she resigned on account of her health. Edward and Julia Doyle were the parents of twelve children, of whom the following are now living: Julia, wife of Michael Kenna; John J., now in Colorado; Mary A.;

Patrick W., of Goldfield, Nev.; Rose Ann, wife of R. J. Lohan, proprietor of the Union House at Port Carbon, Schuylkill county; Lizzie, wife of Edward Flannagan, of West Virginia; and Edward V. Edward V. Doyle was educated in the schools of Cumbola and Palo Alto and in 1896 became a teacher. The following year he entered Villanova college, near Philadelphia, in which institution he spent five years, graduating in 1902 with the degree of Master of Arts. He then studied law with W. H. Shepherd, of Pottsville, and on the first Monday in October, 1905, was admitted to practice in the supreme court of the state. Since that time he has been engaged in practice in the office with his preceptor. In the spring of 1906 he was elected to the office of justice of the peace for Blythe township, with office at Cumbola, being the first attorney in the history of the county to be elected to this office. Mr. Doyle is a Democrat in his political affiliations, and takes a commendable interest in all questions of public policy. He is a member of the Holy Family Catholic church, of New Philadelphia, and belongs to Lodge No. 297, Foresters of America. On Aug. 3, 1904, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. daughter of John F. Gallagher, formerly of Schuylkill county, now of Reading. To this marriage was born one daughter, Julia. Mrs. Doyle died on Jan. 11, 1907.

**Dreisbach, Rev. Alfred F., Ph. D.,** a minister of the gospel of the Reformed faith and pastor of the First church of that denomination in Pottsville, was born near Windgap, Northampton county, Pa., Sept. 8, 1851. He is one of eight children born to his father and mother, Jacob and Matilda (Gormanton) Dreisbach, and the seventh in order of birth. The first member of the family to come to the United States from Germany was George Yost Dreisbach, a great-grandfather of the doctor, who immigrated about 1740. The grandfather, George Peter Dreisbach, was a miller and farmer of Northampton county, and his son, Jacob, operated the mill and did carpenter work until the time of his death, which occurred in the fall of 1891, some thirty years after his wife's death. On the maternal side Dr. Dreisbach is of French stock, his great-grandparents, Frederick and Elizabeth (Frantz) Gormanton, having come to this country from France about 1740. The children of Jacob and Matilda Dreisbach in order of birth are George, now living in Easton; Elizabeth S., deceased; Emma S., wife of T. F. Burley, of Easton; Jacob C., deceased; Joel F., of Easton; Clarissa L., deceased; Alfred F., the subject of this memoir; and Reuben E., deceased. All of the deceased members died in infancy with the exception of Jacob, who lived to the age of twenty-seven years. Dr. Dreisbach grew to maturity in his native county, being educated in its public schools and at a parochial institution, and when he was sixteen years of age accepted a position as teacher in one of the public schools. He remained at that labor but one year, however, and then entered the collegiate institute at Easton, Pa., doing some teaching at the same time and taking special instruction in Greek and Latin

of Rev. Dr. Reinecke. When he was fully prepared he went to the Franklin and Marshall college at Lancaster and in 1877 completed a four years' course with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Subsequently, in 1880, he completed the three years' course in the Eastern Theological seminary at Lancaster and on May 25 of that year was licensed to preach the gospel by the East Pennsylvania classis of the Reformed church, his examination being made by Drs. E. W. Reinecke, T. C. Porter and D. Y. Heisler. The committee which ordained him was of the Potomac synod of the classis of Zion and consisted of Dr. J. O. Miller, D. D.; S. F. Launy and W. F. Xanders, the ceremony occurring at Shrewsbury, which church became his first charge. There he remained for fourteen and a half years, in charge of four regular appointments, and in 1895, when the number was increased to six, he resigned because of his physical inability to do the work. He then accepted a call to St. Mary's Reformed church of Silver Run, Md., and remained in the position for a period of four years and as many months. His next charge was the Steelton First Reformed church near Harrisburg, which pastorate he took on Aug. 1, 1899. Just four years later he preached his first sermon as pastor of the First Reformed church of Pottsville. This church has a membership roll of 330 and a Sunday school of some 200 pupils. Besides this he is pastor of St. John's Reformed church of St. Clair, which has a membership of 125 and an average Sunday school attendance of 100. He is thus called upon to preach three sermons each Sabbath. Each church has its Christian Endeavor and Ladies' Aid societies and numerous other organizations. Since Dr. Dreisbach's graduation his Alma Mater has conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts, and the Illinois Wesleyan university has honored him with the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. On June 29, 1880, was solemnized Dr. Dreisbach's marriage to Miss Mary E. Hoffmeier, born in Lancaster, and a daughter of William M. and Lydia (Resh) Hoffmeier. The founder of the Hoffmeier family in America was Rev. John Henry Hoffmeier, who was the organizer of the Reformed church at Lancaster. In the fatherland his vocation was considered plebeian, so that it became necessary for him to elope with the lady of his choice, Miss Gertrude von Asen, whose family were people of the German court. The marriage occurred on May 8, 1793, and they sailed for America the following day. Their family consisted of three daughters and as many sons, two of whom, William and Charles, were ministers of the Reformed faith. For more than 100 years the family has been closely identified with the Reformed church. Mrs. Dreisbach's grandfather, Jacob L. Hoffmeier, having been a Sabbath school missionary who organized many schools in Lancaster and vicinity. Her father, William M., is a retired salesman living in Lancaster, and her mother, who is of Scotch-Irish ancestry, is also living. Mrs. Dreisbach, who is the eldest of the five children in the family, was born on Nov. 11, 1860, and was educated in Lancaster. The eldest son, Samuel Richard, is foreman of the



Hamilton watch factory at Lancaster; his wife was formerly Miss Lottie Cogley. Mabel Gertrude is the wife of Frank Zecher, a dealer in electrical supplies in Lancaster; Carrie Sue married Peter McComony, an electrician of Lancaster; and Daisy E., the youngest, is a teacher in the public schools of Lancaster. To Dr. and Mrs. Dreisbach have been born two sons. The elder, Paul William, was born May 23, 1886, in Shrewsbury, York county. He is a graduate of the Pottsville high school in the class of 1905, and a year later completed a post-graduate course in the same institution. In the fall of 1906 he matriculated at Franklin and Marshall college in Lancaster. He is a proficient musician and has served as pipe organist in his father's church. The other son is Alfred Gerry, also born in Shrewsbury, May 27, 1890, was graduated at the Pottsville high school in the class of 1906, and is now engaged in the study of music, in which he is naturally most proficient.

**Dreisigacker, John F.**, furniture dealer and undertaker at Tower City, was born at Landentown, Schuylkill county, Jan. 1, 1861. His parents, Robert and Auguste (Brown) Dreisigacker, were both natives of Germany, he of Schleusingen and she of Oberhof. The father was a cabinet-maker by trade. He came to America in 1852 and the mother came over two years later. In 1862 they located at Minersville, but after a short residence there went to Ashland. In the fall of 1865 they went to Berlin, Canada, where they lived for two years, then went to Philadelphia and remained there until 1869, when they returned to Schuylkill county and settled at Tamaqua. In April, 1872, they came to Tower City, where the father died on Jan. 31, 1892, and where the mother is still living. They had two children—Louisa, who married George W. Keilman and died in 1894, and John F., the subject of this sketch. John F. Dreisigacker was educated in the Lutheran schools of Philadelphia and attended school for awhile after his family located in Tower City. He learned the cabinet-makers' trade with his father, with whom he was associated for eighteen years. In 1892 he started his present place of business, which is one of the oldest and best equipped furniture stores in this section of the county. He prepared himself for embalming and gives special attention to that line of work. Mr. Dreisigacker is a member of Tremont Lodge, No. 276, Free and Accepted Masons; Camp No. 52, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America at Tower City; and Reiner City Lodge, No. 446, Knights of Pythias. He is a Republican in his political views, and though he never sought office he served two terms on the school board. On Oct. 22, 1882, he married Miss Maggie Green, of Schuylkill county, and to this union have been born the following children: Charles Robert, who is with his father in business, and who married Miss Lulu Schamper; Mary Augusta, a teacher in Porter township; and Leo J., Nellie, Maude, Dewey and Steward, at home with the parents. Mr. Dreisigacker is a member of the Lutheran church and his wife is a Catholic.



**Dreshman, John**, the subject of this article, is an early settler of Ashland, and accompanied his parental family to that place when a child. He was born in New York city, Feb. 25, 1852, and is a son of John and Eva B. (Hill) Dreshman, natives of Weiderschausen, Germany. They came to America about 1848 and after a few years residence in New York and elsewhere located in Ashland, where their lives were ended. They are both buried in the beautiful cemetery overlooking the town. The father was a carpenter by occupation, and was among the pioneer contractors and builders of Ashland. Many of the substantial homes of that town are monuments to his mechanical skill and industry. The subject of this sketch is the eldest living of eleven children born to these parents, five of whom lived to years of maturity. Christian, the eldest of the five, and Charles, the youngest son, are now deceased. The latter was killed in the mines at the age of 21 years. The names of those now living are John, Henry and Barbara. The sister is the wife of Abram Lenker. After completing his education in the public schools of Ashland, Mr. Dreshman and his brother Christian learned the trade of their father, and formed a partnership in contracting and building. This continued until the death of Christian, in 1903. But for ten years previously, Mr. Dreshman had been interested in mining operations, and since the death of his brother, has given his entire attention to that business. John Dreshman was married on June 14, 1878, to Miss Anna Martha Smith, of Ashland. She is a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Gantz) Smith, natives of Hessen Darmstadt, Germany. Six children were born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Dreshman. These were named Christian H., Minnie, John, Anna Martha, Charles and Naomi. Minnie, John and Charles are deceased. The eldest son, Christian, was married June 18, 1907, to Miss Gertrude T. Kaercher, daughter of Edward Kaercher of Pottsville, and resides in Pittsburg, where he is assistant secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association. Mr. Dreshman is a charter member of the organization of Junior Order United American Mechanics in Ashland. He and his family are members of the German Reformed church. In political affiliations Mr. Dreshman is a Democrat, and takes an active part in the deliberations of his party, but has never sought nor held public office. The only departure from this rule has been in his acceptance of some of the thankless and unrequited offices of the borough and school district.

**Drobel, Fred J.**, senior member of the firm of Drobel & Hoffman, merchant tailors and clothiers, at Pottsville, is a native of Schuylkill county, having been born at Mechanicsville, June 18, 1878, and his entire life has been spent within the confines of the district to the history of which these volumes are dedicated. His parents are John and Catherine (Dimmerling) Drobel, the former of whom is a native of Budweis, Austria-Hungary, and the latter was born in Yorkville, this county. The father came with his parents to America in 1852 and with them took up his residence

in Pottsville. There his youth was spent, and he was just entering upon the period of early manhood, when, in 1861, at the age of seventeen years, he entered the Union army as a private in the 48th regiment Pennsylvania volunteer infantry, with which he served during four years of warfare. While engaged in front of Petersburg, during the desperate final charge of April 2, 1865, he received a wound which incapacitated him for the time being, but the victory was almost won and a week later saw the capitulation of the Army of Northern Virginia and the collapse of the Southern Confederacy. Returning home from the army, he began work as a molder and has ever since been engaged in core-making with the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company at Pottsville. The mother of the subject of this review is a daughter of Jacob and Anna Dimmerling, natives of Germany, who migrated to America and became highly respected citizens of Yorkville. To Mr. and Mrs. John Drobek there were born ten children, five of whom survive: Jacob, Edward, Fred J., William, now a priest of the Roman Catholic church, and Dora. Fred J. Drobek, to whom this review is more particularly devoted, was reared in Pottsville and received his education in St. John's parochial school. He began his independent career as an errand boy in a clothing store, and his efficiency is well proven by the fact that he remained with one firm during a period of sixteen years, twelve of which he served in the capacity of a clothing salesman. On Jan. 1, 1907, he entered into a partnership with Frank J. Hoffman, and, under the firm name of Drobek & Hoffman, they established an up-to-date clothing and merchant-tailoring business in Pottsville. Success has crowned their efforts from the very beginning and they are fast becoming leaders in that line of endeavor, a distinction which they richly deserve. Mr. Drobek was married on Oct. 21, 1903, to Margaret, daughter of William and Mary (Wertensohn) Hoffman, of Pottsville, who are given further mention in the sketch of their son, Frank J. Hoffman, on another page of this work. The subject of this review is a member of St. John's Roman Catholic church at Pottsville, and in his political views he gives allegiance to the Republican party.

Drumheller, Jesse, deceased, late a prominent citizen of Pottsville, was born at Mahanoy, Northumberland county, Pa., April 15, 1826, a son of Abraham and Sarah (Seitz) Drumheller. His father was a native of Montgomery county, Pa., but ended his days on a farm near Sunbury, where he died in 1839. Jesse Drumheller was the youngest of a family of six children. He was educated in the common schools of his day, and was a life-long student, becoming very well informed in current literature. He was married on Oct. 16, 1849, to Miss Amelia Catherine, daughter of William and Catherine M. (Kerschner) Matz, a prominent and early established family in West Brunswick township in this county. Seven children were born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Drumheller, the eldest and youngest of whom died in childhood, and but three of the family are now living, viz: Henry Harrison, George Washington and Mary Elizabeth. The names in order of birth were Amelia







*Jesse Drunkeller*





C., William Carle, Charles Irwin, Henry Harrison, George Washington, Mary Elizabeth and Daniel Franklin. William and Charles are dead besides the two previously mentioned. Mary Elizabeth is now the wife of Edward Ratigan, and lives in Pottsville. They have five children. Mr. Drumheller learned the tailor's trade, and followed that business in his early manhood for some ten or twelve years. He came to Pottsville in 1845, and in 1857 he and his brother-in-law William J. Matz engaged in the hotel business, subsequently purchasing the property at the death of the father, William Matz. This property was then known as the "White Horse tavern," subsequently changed to "The Merchants' hotel," as at present designated. William Matz, the father of Mrs. Drumheller, purchased this property about the year 1848, and conducted the "White Horse" until it was leased, as previously intimated. He was born in West Brunswick township, Nov. 11, 1801, and died in Pottsville in July, 1865. He was prosperous in business, his property coming into the hands of his heirs at his death, and the son, and son-in-law, Mr. Drumheller, came into possession of the Merchants' hotel. After Mr. Drumheller came into full ownership of the hotel property he continued to conduct the house until 1881, when he retired from active business and built a handsome home on Mahantongo street, where he lived in comfort until his death, in 1901, and where his widow lives at present. Jesse Drumheller was a quiet, unassuming man who was devoted to his family, and his greatest enjoyment seemed to be in the retirement of his happy domestic life, surrounded by his devoted wife and children. He was never an office seeker but was a conscientious Republican, and always took great interest in the supremacy of the doctrines of that party. He held the office of jury commissioner for four years, and served seven years as a member of the borough council. He was reared in the religious faith of the German Lutherans, but in later life he and his wife were members of the First Presbyterian church. Mr. Drumheller was prominently identified with the Odd Fellows and Masonic fraternities, and attained high rank in the last named organization. Reference has been made to William Matz, the father of Mrs. Drumheller, but it is proper that this distinguished family should receive more than a passing notice. The Matz family has been identified with this section of Pennsylvania for a hundred and fifty years, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Drumheller being a native of Germany, born many years before the organization of Schuylkill county. He was a farmer and spent the greater part of his life in Schuylkill county. He had a family of nine children whose posterity are a numerous race, worthily representing the long ancestral line. He was sheriff of Schuylkill county from 1855 to 1858, and a leading member of local Democracy during his active years. He and his wife, Catherine M. Kerschner, were the parents of eleven children, one of whom died in infancy. The names are as follows: George W., Thomas H., Daniel, Jemima, Amelia, Mary E., Susan, Louisa, Emma V., and William J. The members of this family have nearly all passed to

the other shore, and the survivors have long since past the meridian of life. William J. Matz, the last named, served as prothonotary of Schuylkill county from 1869 to 1872, and was elected sheriff of the county in 1877. He has been prominent in political, social and business affairs in Schuylkill county.

Duffy, Daniel, of Pottsville, Pa., in which city he has by his own efforts risen to the front ranks, was born at Crow Hollow, Schuylkill county, July 25, 1853. He is a son of Martin and Margaret (Lacey) Duffy, both of whom were born in the Emerald Isle. Martin Duffy came to America in 1838 and located in Rutland, Vt., where he remained two years, removing with his only sister, Mary, wife of John Igo, to Schuylkill county in 1840. They located in St. Clair, where he followed the occupation of mining, remaining connected with this industry until Dec. 16, 1876, when he met with an accident at John's colliery at St. Clair, which resulted in his death on that date, at the age of sixty-eight years. He was a substantial citizen and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He took an active and praiseworthy interest in all matters pertaining to the public welfare, was especially interested in educational affairs, served as a school director of East Norwegian township for several years, and was also a school director and tax collector in St. Clair borough. In 1843, at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic church of Pottsville, Martin Duffy married Margaret Lacey, who had come to America in 1840 with her parents Daniel and Judith Lacey, two brothers and one sister. The family located in Port Clinton, Schuylkill county, but later removed to East Mines, where subsequently the parents, both brothers and the sister died. After the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Duffy they lived in St. Clair until 1846, when they removed to Crow Hollow, a mining village situated near St. Clair, where they lived until March 27, 1868, when they again returned to St. Clair, where the husband and father passed the remaining years of his life, his death occurring in 1876 as before stated. His widow survived him by many years, passing to her eternal reward on Oct. 7, 1902, aged seventy-nine years. They were both buried in the cemetery at St. Clair. Record concerning their children is as follows: Mary, wife of Edward Miles, now resident of Shenandoah this county; Julia, wife of James Sullivan of St. Clair; Kate, wife of Michael Bierne, both of whom are deceased; Daniel, the immediate subject of this review; Bridget, wife of John Monaghan of St. Clair; John J. and Martin both of St. Clair, and Maggie who is deceased. Daniel Duffy received his elementary education in the village school located between Mt. Hope and Crow Hollow, and before attaining the age of ten began to work about the mines as a slate picker, filling the various positions until the occupation of miner was reached. He was appointed to a clerkship in the county commissioners' office of Schuylkill county in June, 1881, and remained in that position until January, 1882. Subsequently he performed the same service in 1885, 1886 and 1887. In the last named year he was elected clerk of Schuylkill county courts and filled that

office most acceptably until 1890. In March, 1892, he was appointed general agent for Schuylkill county for Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Philadelphia, Pa., in which capacity he is still acting and to whose interests he gives the same assiduous attention that has marked all his business connections. By his own efforts and through his indomitable courage and business acumen he has forged to the front rank of the business men of Pottsville and Schuylkill county and holds financial interests in a number of the progressive industries of this section. He is a director in the Schuylkill Trust Company, of Pottsville to which city he removed from St. Clair on Oct. 15, 1901; is a director in the Central building association; a member of the executive committee of the Pottsville civic society, and while a resident of St. Clair was a director and stockholder in the St. Clair shirt factory. Mr. Duffy has always taken a commendable interest in public affairs; served as president of the board of trade of St. Clair for a number of years; was a member of the Armory hall association and the St. Clair saving fund association. During his younger days he manifested his interest in the military by becoming a member of Company K, 7th regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard, enlisting as a private in 1873 and receiving his discharge as first sergeant in 1878. He is an active worker in the ranks of the Republican party, on whose ticket he was elected clerk of the courts as previously mentioned, while he also served in the borough council of St. Clair. He has attended several conventions of the party and for many years served as a member of the executive committee and as its secretary. He is especially active in fraternal affairs, being one of the oldest members of St. Michael's beneficial society of St. Clair, which was organized April 14, 1870. On Aug. 20, 1896, he was elected national president of the I. C. B. U., in which capacity he is at present acting. The union has a membership in several states and in Canada. He has also been connected with the organizations of temperance societies and is a charter member of Schuylkill Council, No. 431, Knights of Columbus, of Pottsville. Before he had reached the age of sixteen years he became a member of the Workingmen's benevolent association and subsequently was a member of the executive committee and general secretary of the M. and L. A. A. for the anthracite region which organization had a membership roll of more than 50,000. Mr. Duffy and his family are members of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic church of Pottsville. On Nov. 10, 1874, at St. Mary's Church, St. Clair, was solemnized, by Rev. Philip McEnroe, the marriage of Mr. Duffy to Miss Letitia Howard, a daughter of Thomas H. and Ann (Dolan) Howard, of St. Clair, and to this union have been born nine children, three of whom are deceased. Those living are Martin F., attorney-at-law of Pottsville; Annie, John, Joseph, Letitia, and Tillie. Willie died at the age of seven and Maggie and Francis in infancy.

**Dungan, Rev. George W., M. D.**—Religious societies of Shendoah had their start almost simultaneously, the seven years between 1865 and 1872 witnessing the advent of nearly every church

now established there. The Congregationalists were probably the first Protestant organization, a church of that creed having been officially dedicated on July 22, 1866, with nineteen members. Prior to that time, however, and as early as 1864, some of the more zealous adherents had organized a Sunday school and it was this school which became the nucleus of the congregation to which the Rev. Mr. Hughes, a Welsh Calvinistic Methodist, preached the first sermon delivered within the borough limits in 1864. In the spring of 1865 this Sabbath school was reorganized and became a union school, its services being conducted at the old "Brown school house," where preaching services were often held. Among the early settlers of the borough were many of the followers of John Wesley and in the late 60's these people laid the foundation for the organization of a Methodist Episcopal church. They formed themselves into a society and ultimately became the charter members of the Shenandoah church. The prime movers in the inception of the idea of having a church of their own were Richard and Alice Knight, George and Dorcas Depuy, Levi J., Emily and Annie Hoffman, Robert and Mary Weightman, Alfred and Ann Callen, John C. Roxby and Daniel Shappel. Occasional preaching services were conducted by Revs. J. Mullen and James A. Dixon, who served as pastors of the Mount Carmel church in the early days. In 1867 the society purchased a lot and erected a frame building at the corner of Oak and White streets. The building was put up at a cost of \$5,000 and had a seating capacity of 400 people. In the spring of 1868 the church became a charge of the Philadelphia conference and was assigned its first regular pastor in the person of Rev. Eli Pickersgill. Three years later, during the pastorate of Rev. J. Rit Boyle, it was necessary to enlarge the church building in order to accommodate the increased membership, and \$5,000 more was put into the structure, which was then able to seat comfortably 600 people. This building served until it was burned to the ground on Nov. 12, 1883, and within the next two years the modern, handsome brick structure which is now the home of the congregation, was erected. The Sunday school of the church, as such, was organized in 1868 with Levi J. Hoffman as superintendent and a corps of twenty-three teachers, and had an enrollment of 114 pupils. The ministers who have had charge of this congregation and the dates of their service are as follows: Eli Pickersgill, 1868-69; J. A. Cooper, 1869-70; J. T. Swindells, 1870-71; J. Rit Boyle, 1871-74; N. B. Durell, 1874-76; J. Pastorfield, 1876-79; W. P. Howell, 1879-81; W. L. McDowell, 1881-83, under whose pastorate the church was burned; Wilmar Coffuson, 1883-87, under whose direction the new church was erected; John Stringer, 1887-88; — Pickersgill, 1888-90; William Powick, 1891-94; John F. Meredith, 1895; Alfred Hechner, 1896-97; John T. Swindells, 1898-99, for a second term; Oliver E. Stocking, 1900-01; and since 1902, Rev. George W. Dungan, the present pastor. Dr. Dungan is a son of Benjamin and Sarah Dungan, both natives of Philadelphia, and was born in Monroe county. He received his preliminary educa-



tional advantages in the public schools and in 1873 took up the study of medicine in the Hahnemann medical college of Philadelphia, at which he graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1876. For five years he was successfully engaged in the practice of the medical profession in Stroudsburg, Monroe county, and in 1881, in response to a conviction which had been growing for some time that he could better serve the cause of humanity in the ministry than in any other way, he took the examinations and was admitted to the Philadelphia conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. His ministerial life began at Tannersville, Monroe county, a charge which he held for three years. His other pastorates before coming to Shenandoah and the lengths of the same were as follows: Richmond, Northampton county, two years; Tremont, this county, three years; Lehighton, Carbon county, five years; Hancock street, Philadelphia, two years; Bridesburg, Philadelphia, two years; Bangor, Northampton county, three years; and Pine Grove, this county, one year. From Pine Grove Dr. Dungan came to the Shenandoah Methodist Episcopal church, the membership of which at present numbers 405, with a Sabbath school of 500. Since his advent a fine pipe organ and a system of steam heating have been installed at a cost of \$3,500 and the exterior has been painted at a cost of \$500. The parsonage of the church is at 118 South Jardin street, and is a commodious, comfortable dwelling. Dr. Dungan is one of seven children born to his parents. An elder brother, Jonathan, is a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church and now has a charge at Mauch Chunk; two other brothers, Charles and Benjamin F., deceased, were proficient mechanics; two sisters are living and both are widows, Mrs. E. B. Katz of Scranton and Mrs. Mary P. Johnstone of Philadelphia. Dr. Dungan has been twice married, first to Miss Emma C. McDonough of Monroe county, and to them were born two children. Robert J. is now in business in Philadelphia. He spent a winter in the Klondike and relates many interesting tales of his experiences there, one of them concerning a trip of a mile and a quarter on his hands and knees to save his life after he had so injured a leg as to be unable to walk. The other child is the wife of Rev. Fred Poole, formerly a missionary to China and now in charge of the Chinese mission at Philadelphia. Dr. Dungan's present wife was Miss Hattie L. Koons, daughter of ex-sheriff Koons, of Lehighton, Pa.

**Early, James.** This well known resident of Coaldale is a native of Summit Hill, Carbon county, Pa., and was born Sept. 19, 1838. He is a son of John and Catherine (Scott) Early, natives respectively of counties Derry and Donegal, Ireland. They came to America in 1834 and settled at Summit Hill, where they were married, and where the father spent his remaining years working about the mines. He was crushed to death in a coal breaker, in 1854, being then fifty-four years old. His wife died in 1874, at the age of seventy-four years. These parents reared a family of six children, of whom Eliza, the first born, and only daughter,

married John Caldwell. The brothers were named James, William, John, Alexander and George. Mr. Early began his business career as a slate picker, in 1848, being then ten years old. With the exception of four years spent in Wisconsin he continued his labors, in various capacities, about the anthracite coal mines until he engaged in the hotel business at Coaldale. This he continued successfully for more than twenty years, and he has been a resident of that place for thirty years. April 22, 1861, he volunteered his services to the cause of the Union, and was enrolled as a member of Company H, 3d Wisconsin infantry. He took part in a number of skirmishes and battles, the principal of which were the battles of Winchester and Antietam. In the last named engagement he was wounded and permanently disabled. He carries the ball in his body to this day. It penetrated his left lung, causing a most dangerous and treacherous wound. The subject of this sketch was married Jan. 18, 1872, when Miss Susanna McLean, of Summit Hill, became the partner of his joys and sorrows through life. She is a daughter of Daniel and Martha (Henry) McLean, natives of county Derry, Ireland. Her father served thirteen months in the Union army, being a member of Company H, 81st Pennsylvania volunteer infantry. Mr. and Mrs. Early are the parents of two daughters, Letitia Roselle and Catherine Amelia. The family adhere to the faith of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Early has been a lifelong Republican in his political views, and has served as tax collector of Rahn township, of which the borough of Coaldale was formerly a part. He takes an active interest in the success of his political party, and in former years was quite aggressive as a local politician. He is prominently identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, both in the subordinate lodge and the encampment. Of the former he is a member of Lodge No. 576, and in the latter, Mountain Encampment, No. 170. He has passed the principal official stations in each. The subject of this article was a hard worker during his productive years, and is now enjoying the fruits of his early industry and economy. He has been retired from active business for a number of years.

**Ebert, William H.**, a market gardener near Quakake, was born at Cressona, this county, March 22, 1858. He is one of the twelve children of Franklin and Deborah (Kless) Ebert. The names of the children are: John, George, Frank, Cora, Amelia, Anna, Rebecca, Henrietta, Ida, Amy and Ellen. Ida, Ellen, Frank, Cora and John are now deceased. William H. Ebert, the subject of this sketch, attended the public schools of Cressona and Gilberton until he was twelve years of age and then went to work as wiper of engines for the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company at Delano. After a time he learned the trade of boilermaker, and at this vocation he was in the employ of the railroad corporation for twelve years. When he left the service of the railroad company it was to enter the grocery business for himself, and this enterprise furnished him a livelihood for six years. He then purchased a farm of fifty-two acres near Quakake and he has been working this place as a market

garden ever since. On June 20, 1877 Mr. Ebert married Miss Mary Jane Lindner, a daughter of Martin and Katherine (Weix) Lindner. Mrs. Ebert's mother was born in France and her paternal grandparents, Samuel and Katherine (Herring) Lindner, were of German descent. She has a half-brother, Israel Boyer, three brothers, Moses, Albert and John, and three sisters, Katherine, Cordelia and Lydia, living; two other sisters, Martha and Sarah, are deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Ebert was born a son, Frank M., who when he grew to manhood married Miss Martha Seddon. The family are all communicants of the Lutheran church of Quakake. Mr. Ebert is not identified closely with any political party, but generally votes the Republican ticket, especially in national elections. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America.

**Edwards, Luther B.**, an educator of note in Schuylkill county, where he was formerly principal of the Shenandoah high school, was born in Stawell, Australia, March 9, 1878. He is the eldest of three children of Rev. Thomas R. and Margaret B. Edwards, the others being Mrs. Winifred Charles, of Wilkes Barre, and Arthur, a student. Rev. Thomas R. Edwards was born in England and his wife in Luzerne county, Pa.; they settled in Schuylkill county in 1890. Although the father is a regularly ordained minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, he never engaged actively in pastoral work. At the present time he is a mine inspector, in which work he has been engaged since coming to this county. Professor Edwards acquired his preliminary scholastic learning in the public schools and then attended the Keystone state normal school at Kutztown. When he had completed the courses offered there he took post-graduate work in the Millersville normal institution, where he was granted the degree of Master of Pedagogy. His first labors in the profession were in the county schools of Carbon county, where he remained one term. On coming to Shenandoah he was given a subordinate position in the schools, as teacher of the second primary grade, and after a year was given charge of a grammar school. The three years following he was assistant principal of the high school and in 1904 he was placed at the head of the institution. The position carries with it a good salary and the preferment was attained wholly upon merit and honor. The curriculum includes normal-school, Latin, scientific, college-preparatory and commercial courses, elective on the part of the students. There were five assistant teachers, inclusive of the drawing and musical instructors. Prof. Edwards was a close student of pedagogy and devoted to his profession, in which he attained high rank. In the fall of 1906 he resigned the principalship of the Shenandoah high school and commenced the study of law at Dickinson college. His many friends predict for him a brilliant future in his chosen vocation.

**Egan, Carby**, who is now living retired in his pleasant home, 211 East Lloyd street, Shenandoah, was for many years identified with the coal mining industry of this section, being employed in

various capacities and at various collieries from his boyhood days until he was well advanced in years, and having become well-to-do through his industry and careful husbanding of his resources. He is held in high esteem in the county which has so long been his home and is the owner of valuable realty in the city of Shenandoah. Mr. Egan was born in county Kerry, Ireland, and in that division of the Emerald isle were also born his parents, Thomas and Abbie Egan. In 1848 the family immigrated to America and located in the city of Philadelphia, where the father died shortly afterward. The widowed mother then removed with her six children to Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, and later they took up their residence at Saint Clair, this county, where the devoted mother passed the remainder of her life and where the family home was maintained for a quarter of a century. Such educational advantages as fell to the lot of the subject of this sketch were those offered in the somewhat primitive common schools of Saint Clair, where he was reared to maturity. As a boy he began to bear his share of responsibility and to assist in the support of the family. His first work was slate-picking in a colliery, and he received one and one-half dollars a week for his services. Later he was promoted to the dignified office of mule-driver at the mines, hauling coal to the surface, and he well recalls when the canal furnished the chief medium for transportation and when Port Carbon was at the terminus of the canal. After being employed about the mines for many years, Mr. Egan became a stationary engineer, and in this capacity he was employed at the Eagle colliery, operated by William H. Johns. He held this position about eight years and then, in 1864, removed to Shenandoah, where he entered the employ of Miller, Rhoades & Company, in what is now known as the Shenandoah City colliery. He remained with this firm four years and during the residue of his days of active labor he was employed in various capacities about the collieries, turning his hand to whatever work proved most profitable. He invested his savings in Shenandoah real estate, and the properties rapidly enhanced in value with the substantial upbuilding of the town, the result being that he attained to a position of independence through this source. At one time he owned twenty tenement houses, but he has recently sold a number of these properties. He also owns two houses in the village of St. Clair. In politics Mr. Egan is a stanch Democrat, but he has never sought nor held public office. He and his family are communicants of the Catholic church, being members of the parish of the Church of the Annunciation. Feb. 10, 1882, Mr. Egan was united in marriage to Miss Mary Roach, who likewise was born in Ireland, and of the four children of this union only one is living, Thomas, the others having died in infancy.

**Elliott, William**, a retired merchant of Tower City, was born in Durham, England, Aug. 19, 1830, and is one of two children born to George and Isabella (Taylor) Elliott, both natives of that county, where they passed their lives. The sister, Isabella, is deceased. After the death of George Elliott, who was a miner by occupa-



tion, his widow married Richard Bainbridge, of Yorkshire, and to this marriage were born four children: Ellen, Thomas, Richard and George, the last named having been a soldier in the Crimean war. William Elliott began working in the mines when he was but seven years of age, beginning at Kalloe shaft, which is still in operation, and he continued about the mines in various capacities until 1857, in which year his stepfather was killed by an accident in the mines. In May of that year he left England on a sailing vessel, and after a five weeks' voyage landed in New York city. He came directly to Donaldson, Schuylkill county, and went to work at the mines on Middle creek, and later he was employed at East Franklin. He was then in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad for a number of years, and while working for this company came to Tower City, in 1875, when the town contained but a few houses and less than 100 people. About two years after locating at Tower City he quit the mines and engaged in the general merchandise business under the firm name of Elliott & Son, in which line he continued until 1903, when he retired from active business. Mr. Elliott built the store building in 1877 and lived in part of it until he retired, when Mrs. Matilda Elliott purchased the present residence on Grand avenue. Ever since coming to Tower City Mr. Elliott has taken an active interest in the up-building of the town. As a Republican he was elected to the council, where he served eight years, and for several years he was president of that body. For the past forty years he has been a member of Swatara Lodge, No. 267, Free and Accepted Masons, and he is also a member of the Royal Arch chapter of that fraternity. Mr. Elliott has been married three times. His first wife, to whom he was united in 1852, was Miss Jemima Little, a native of the Isle of Man. Two children of this marriage grew to maturity—Richard, now a resident of Tower City and for many years associated with his father in business, and Mary, wife of Joseph Salem, of Tower City. The mother of these children died in 1860, and in 1862 Mr. Elliott married Mary Tobias, of Donaldson. No children were born to this union and after her death he married, Nov. 14, 1875, Mrs. Matilda Dietrich, widow of John Dietrich, who lived near Valley View. She is a daughter of David and Hannah (Beck) Boyer, the father a native of Schuylkill and the mother of Carbon county, Pa. They both died at Orwigsburg. Their children were Violetta, now Mrs. Henry Schuck; Matilda; Lawrence, a farmer in Washington; George, who was a machinist in the railroad shops and who died at Allentown; William, a Southeastern railroad man; and Anna, who married P. E. Gerber, of Lehigh. Mrs. Elliott's first husband was Frederick C. Jenkins, who was a native of Wales, and who was for some time superintendent of the Tamaqua gas works. He died from the effects of a wound received at the battle of Cold Harbor, while serving in the Union army. Her children by this marriage are Violetta Hannah, wife of Isaac Morsup; Ann B., wife of Albert E. Scheoner; and Mary, wife of James Thompson. Mr. Elliott's life is a good example to the young man just



starting out to shape his fortunes. Beginning as a poor boy, with only a limited education, he has by industry, frugality and the exercise of his judgment acquired a competency of this world's goods, and by courtesy and square dealing he has won the confidence and respect of all who know him.

**Enterline, Samuel Monroe**, attorney and counsellor at law, was born in Leek Kill, Northumberland county, Pa., Nov. 22, 1857. He is a representative of a large family born to George and Elizabeth Ann (Malich) Enterline. His father was born in Lykins valley, Pa., April 23, 1822, and the mother was a native of Northumberland county, Pa., where she was born Jan. 17, 1833. The subject of this article attended the rural schools in the vicinity of his farm home in Schuylkill county, and by that means and the laudable ambition to rise higher in the scale of knowledge, which inspired the desire for private study, he was enabled to pass a teacher's examination in early manhood. He was sent into the mines at the age of sixteen, and though wearied with the daily toil, he continued his nightly studies, with no tutor except the ambition which later brought its reward. After teaching for some time in the country districts, recognizing the greater demands upon the profession and the possibilities for greater usefulness with more thorough equipment, he entered the Keystone state normal school, at Kutztown, and was graduated from that institution in 1880, at the head of his class. Returning to the vicinity of his home, he organized a class for normal training at Valley View, but after two weeks of successful work, this engagement was suddenly terminated by the destruction of the school building by fire. Undaunted by this misfortune, he turned his attention to a new field and within two days he had another class organized at Mabel, in Schuylkill county, though he traveled over fifty miles of the adjacent country in pursuit of students. In the fall of 1880, Mr. Enterline was elected to teach a school in the township in which he had conducted his private school during the summer, and he received a salary of \$28 per month, for a term of five months. The following summer he reorganized his normal class, but found that his growing popularity as an instructor had overreached his capacity, and he was obliged to supply an assistant instructor to meet the demands upon him. In the succeeding autumn Mr. Enterline was elected to a position as teacher in Butler township, at a salary of \$50 per month, for a term of nine months. On completion of this engagement he was elected by the same board as principal of the schools at Fountain Springs, at a monthly salary of \$75. The following year his services were transferred to the principalship of the schools at Locust Dale, under the jurisdiction of the same school board, and there he was employed for five years, thus completing a term of eight years in Butler township. In 1882 Mr. Enterline registered as a law student in the office of Hon. R. H. Koch, in Pottsville, and during six years of teaching he prosecuted the study of law as leisure permitted. But in 1888 he located in Pottsville, and for one year devoted himself to daily

study in the office of his preceptor. On the 1st of July, 1889, he was admitted to practice before the Schuylkill county bar. At this time Judge Koch was serving as district attorney, and much of the private practice of the office came to the young attorney, who thus was at once initiated into active practice. Mr. Enterline was admitted to practice in the supreme court of Pennsylvania in 1892, and soon thereafter he was admitted to the superior court. March 11, 1896, on motion of General W. W. Dudley, he was admitted to practice before the supreme court of the United States, at Washington, D. C. He is a wise and safe counsellor, being a clear and logical interpreter of the law. He stands very high as a lawyer, and sustains an unsullied record as an honest and upright citizen. For many years Mr. Enterline has taken an active interest in religious work, the Young Men's Christian Association being an object of his special care. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Pottsville organization, and has held every office within the gift of the membership. He has also served on the executive board of the anthracite field of the state Young Men's Christian Association, and has been secretary of the Ashland Young Men's Christian Association since its organization, in 1903. In the fraternal organizations he has attained the thirty-second degree in Masonry, and holds active membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and Rajah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He served eight or more years as a member of the church council of the English Lutheran church, filling the offices of deacon and elder. He also served as president of the Christian Endeavor society and superintendent of the Sunday school. He is the president of the Ozone Real Estate and Improvement Company, of Brooklyn, New York; president of the Pottsville Real Estate Company, of Pottsville, and of the Keystone Medical Company of Pottsville. Mr. Enterline is a Republican in political views, and he served as deputy district attorney under his preceptor, Hon. R. H. Koch. He was married Dec. 24, 1885, to Miss Millie B., daughter of Daniel M. and Mary (Bolich) Kepler. Two sons have been born to this union. LeRoy Earle, who was born Dec. 20, 1886, is now a student in the junior year at Gettysburg college; George Stanley, who was born Nov. 20, 1890, died March 17, 1894.

**Enterline, Thomas E.**, the leading general merchant of Lavelle and for sixteen years prior to Jan. 1, 1907, the postmaster of that borough, was born in Northumberland county, Pa., June 14, 1860. He is a son of George and Elizabeth (Malich) Enterline and comes of pioneer German stock, his ancestors on both sides having been among the early settlers of Pennsylvania. Mr. Enterline was reared in Schuylkill county from the time he was seven years of age, and he received his preparatory education in the common schools of the county. He completed his scholastic work with courses in the Gratztown and New Berlin seminaries and then taught school in Northumberland county for two terms. His

advent in the general merchandise business was in 1886, and since that time he has known no other means of livelihood. About 1890 he was appointed postmaster of Lavelle, but of late years the growth of his mercantile trade has been so large as to take more of his time and consequently he was compelled to give up the government work, his resignation taking effect on Jan. 1, 1907. In 1890 Mr. Enterline was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Estella Strawhecker, of Barry township, a daughter of Samuel Strawhecker. The children of this union are six in number—Grace, Samuel Bright, Marie, Russell, Anna and Hampton Lamar. In politics Mr. Enterline is a Republican, but aside from the position of postmaster he has never held public office. The family are attendants of the United Evangelical church of Lavelle. Fraternally Mr. Enterline is identified with the Improved Order of Red Men and the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America. He is a man of business sagacity, absolute integrity and genial, hearty manner.

**Estler, William C.**, the proficient superintendent of schools of Ashland, was born in Chester county, Pa., Dec. 21, 1854, a son of William and Mary (Paul) Estler. Both parents were Pennsylvanians by birth, but the families are of German origin. Professor Estler was reared in Fountain Springs and acquired his preliminary education in the common schools and the Freeburg academy of Snyder county. His pedagogic training was received at the state normal school of Millersville, Lancaster county, where he was graduated in 1879. He did his first teaching while a lad of sixteen years, in the Schadel school of Perry township, Snyder county, where he served one term. His next work was in Butler township, this county, where he remained for a period of three years. When he had completed his course in the state normal school he secured a position as principal of the male grammar school of Ashland, an office he held for two years and two months. In November, 1881, the Ashland school board made him principal of the high school, a position he retained until 1888. In that year Professor Estler was elected to his present responsible position at the head of the city schools, and he has been six times re-elected for terms of three years each. He is recognized as one of the most modern and thorough educators of the county, and his work in the Ashland schools has demonstrated his ability to keep up the high standard of scholarship which has made a name for the institutions. On June 3, 1880, Professor Estler married Miss Mary Strohmeier, a daughter of William and Mary Elise (Reinhart) Strohmeier of Ashland. Mrs. Estler's parents are natives of Germany, but have been residents of Schuylkill for more than half a century and of Ashland for forty-seven years. To Professor and Mrs. Estler have been born four children—May N., wife of Karl F. Schoew, and William S., Grace P. and Irving E. The parents are both members of the Reformed church and worship at Zion church of that denomination in Ashland. Fraternally Professor Estler is identified

with Sheridan Council, No. 1128, Royal Arcanum; Locust Mountain Lodge, No. 538, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and of Shekinah Encampment, No. 134 of the last named order. At the present time he is secretary of all three lodges and president of the Mahanoy Fire Insurance Company. In politics he is a believer in the tenets of the Republican party, but has never allowed his name to be used in connection with any public office.

**Evans, Charles W., M. D.**, a prominent and successful physician and surgeon in Pottsville, is a native of Schuylkill county. He was born at Tremont, Sept. 15, 1859, and is a son of Abram B. and Elizabeth (McKinney) Evans. Abram B. Evans was born at Minersville, this county, in the year 1834. His parents died when he was a child, and he was reared in the family of Mr. Troutman, a merchant in Minersville. He soon demonstrated that he was specially adapted to the mercantile business, and at the age of eighteen years he was made sole manager of his foster father's extensive establishment. He showed marked efficiency even at this early age and continued with Mr. Troutman until his marriage, when he engaged in business at Tower City. He there combined the coal business with merchandising, and later became extensively interested in the real estate business. He invested largely in lands in the immediate vicinity of Tower City, and as the coal interests developed in that locality he soon found himself possessed of some valuable mining lands. His business interests in Tower City were prosecuted under the firm title of Evans, Althouse & Co. The well known East Brookside colliery is located on some of the coal land formerly owned and developed by this firm. Abram B. Evans was a man of exemplary character, a devout Methodist in religious affiliations, and an uncompromising Republican in political views. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Philip McKinney, and two sons and two daughters were born to them. The eldest of these is Emma, who married Isaac Cook, an extensive stock raiser and famer in Kansas; Sybilla J. became the wife of Dr. S. S. Koser, a practicing physician at Williamsport, Pa.; Dr. Charles W., of this sketch, was the third in order of birth; and Milton H., a dental surgeon in Philadelphia, completes the family circle. Charles W. Evans received his elementary education in the public schools of his native town. This was supplemented by a thorough course in the Millersville state normal school. He prosecuted his preparatory work in medicine under the tutorship of Dr. S. S. Koser, then a prominent physician in Tremont. He was graduated from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania in the class of 1884, after which he engaged in practice in his native town for a number of years. He soon established a large and lucrative business in Tremont, but owing to the more central location and other advantages possessed by the county-seat, he removed to Pottsville. Here he has built up a good practice and stands high with the medical profession as well as in the social affairs of the town. Dr. Evans is a member of the county and state medical societies, and is a close student of professional litera-



ture. He is an active member of the Masonic fraternity, and has attained an exalted position in the councils of that order. He was married Oct. 8, 1889, to Miss Sue C. Cockill, of Middlesboro, Ky.

Evans, Clay W., the subject of this review, is a representative of a family antedating the Revolution on American soil. The ancestors of the American branch of the family settled in Chester county, Pa., about the year 1770. They were of Welsh extraction on the paternal side, and English on the maternal. Lot Evans, the grandfather of Clay Webster Evans, was an early settler of Saint Clair, and was the first borough clerk of that town, elected in 1850. From that day to the present, the family has been prominently identified with political, social and business affairs in Schuylkill county. The subject of this article was born in Saint Clair, Feb. 10, 1844. He is a son of Thomas Worth and Eliza (Tomlinson) Evans. His father was born in Romansville, Chester county, Pa., Nov. 25, 1821, and the mother was a native of Northumberland county, where she was born May 13, 1826. Like many of the "boys" of the 60's, Clay W. Evans laid aside his studies at the call of his country, and shouldered his musket in defense of the Union. He enlisted Aug. 7, 1862, as a private in Company B, 129th Pennsylvania volunteer infantry, and was assigned to duty in the Army of the Potomac. He reached the front just at the close of the disastrous Peninsula campaign, and took part in the manoeuvres of the army under Pope, participating in the second battle of Bull Run and the marching and skirmishing leading up to that desperate and fruitless conflict. He was in the battle of Kearneysville, on Oct. 16, 1862, followed by the campaign against Fredericksburg, under Burnside. This also resulted disastrously to the Union arms, and 13,000 men were sacrificed in a vain attempt to dislodge the enemy. The battle continued from the 11th to the 15th of December, the principal assault being made against Marye's Heights on the 13th, when Mr. Evans was slightly wounded. He went on Burnside's "mud march," Jan. 20 to 24, 1863, and participated in the Chancellorsville campaign under General Joe Hooker. He was discharged at the expiration of nine months under his first enlistment, and Feb. 24, 1864, he re-enlisted, as a member of Company G, 48th Pennsylvania infantry, with which honored organization he participated in the battle of the Wilderness, May 6 and 7, 1864; Spottsylvania, May 8 to 11; and Spottsylvania Court House, May 12. In the last named engagement he was seriously wounded in the left hand and right leg, thus being disabled for active service at the front for several weeks. The next battle in which Mr. Evans took part was that known as the battle of the Weldon Railroad, Aug. 18 to 21, 1864. This was followed by the engagement at Poplar Spring church, which commenced on Sept. 30 and continued until Oct. 2. On Dec. 4, 1864, Mr. Evans was discharged from the 48th Pennsylvania to accept promotion to the rank of second lieutenant in the United States army, and was assigned to duty in Company E of the 31st United States colored troops. He was soon after promoted first



lieutenant of Company G of the same regiment, and was discharged from the service at Hartford, Conn., Dec. 3, 1865, with the rank of captain. His command comprised a part of the besieging force in front of Petersburg, Va., during the winter of 1864-5, and participated in the battle of Hatcher's Run, the capture of Petersburg, the final chase after Lee's retreating army, and the surrender at Appomattox. Immediately after the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia, Captain Evans embarked with his troops, thereafter comprising a portion of the Army of the Rio Grande, and went to Texas, where they did patrol duty along the Rio Grande from Brazos de Santiago to Eagle Pass. During his term of service Captain Evans was attached to the 5th, 9th and 24th army corps in the Army of the Potomac and the 25th corps in the Army of the James, in addition to his service in the extreme South, as just related. His service covered a period of more than three years at the front, during which time he was three times wounded but never lost a day's duty from other causes. Forty years and more have passed since the close of the Civil war, but the record of heroic achievement never should grow old. The youth of the 60's gave the best years of their lives to the preservation of the Union and the cause of human liberty. Their future life work was, in most cases, distorted and educational opportunities were sacrificed. The activities of mature years were upon them, and they mingled in the throng of business. A large proportion of the returned veterans of the 60's, like Captain Evans, attained their majority while in the service, and the four most useful school years of their lives were sacrificed to the sterner duties of national preservation. When these facts are considered, the severity of the criticism heaped upon the indigent old soldier should be modified to a feeling of pity and commiseration, for there is a tangible reason, both for his infirmities and his apparent improvidence. But Captain Evans was one of a large majority who took advantage of opportunities and forged to the front. Returning from the war, he immediately engaged in mercantile pursuits in his native town, and continued uninterruptedly for thirty years. During this time he was also prominently identified with the National Guard of Pennsylvania, first as captain of Company K, 7th regiment, from July 21, 1873, to July 31, 1878. He was then captain and aide-de-camp on the staff of the 3d brigade commander, after which he was ordnance officer and inspector of rifle practice, with the rank of major, on the staff of General Seigfried, until August, 1883, when he resigned. Major Evans has also borne a prominent part in political affairs in the county, and is recognized as a leader in the councils of the Republican party. He has held numerous offices within the gift of his party, and has twice represented his district in the state legislature, in the sessions of 1879-80. He was steward of the county alms house in 1898, and from that position he retired to assume that of deputy collector of internal revenue, serving from Oct. 1, 1899, until Nov. 5, 1906, when he resigned to accept the office of sheriff of Schuylkill county. He

was elected to this position on Nov. 6, 1906. Major Evans was married Sept. 3, 1867, to Miss Emily E. Allison, a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Hunt) Allison, of Saint Clair. The three children of this union are Cad. M., Guy H. and Robert A. Major Evans is prominent in the Masonic fraternity, his initial membership being with Anthracite Lodge, No. 285, of which he is past master. He is a member of Mountain City Chapter, No. 196, Royal Arch Masons, and Constantine Commandery, No. 41, Knights Templars. He is a past grand of Mineral Lodge, No. 285, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and past commander of Ennis Post, No. 47, Grand Army of the Republic.

**Evans, Rev. David Ivor**, pastor of the First Baptist church at Shenandoah, was born at Maesteg, Glamorganshire, Wales, Jan. 25, 1849, a son of David and Hannah (Jenkins) Evans. He was educated at Pontypool college, now a part of the University of Cardiff, and upon completing his course was licensed to the ministry. For three years he was pastor of a church at Cardiff, in his native county, but in April, 1882, he came to America. He first settled at Oliphant, near Scranton, where he remained in charge of a Baptist church for five years, at the end of which time he removed to Lansford, where he served as pastor of a church for two years. From Lansford he went to Jackson township, Susquehanna county, and in Jan., 1891, he came to Shenandoah to take charge of his present congregation, where he is now serving his seventeenth year. Mr. Evans was one of the organizers of the Shenandoah ministerial association, and was for twelve years its president. Before leaving his native land Mr. Evans was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Bethia Tilley. She was an accomplished woman and translated many of the Welsh hymns into the English language. To this union was born one daughter, who died at Oliphant, about a year after the family came to this country. Mrs. Evans died at Shenandoah in Jan., 1892, and on April 12, 1893, Mr. Evans married Miss Mary Davis, who was a friend of his first wife and who had been a co-worker in the Sunday school at Cowbridge, Wales, where he was pastor. To this second marriage have been born a son and daughter—Vivian Ivor, aged eleven years, and Blodwen Mary, aged eight (1907). Mr. Evans' parents came to America in 1883 and located at Nanticoke, Pa., where the father died Feb. 9, 1892. The mother is still living, at the age of eighty-three years. She is probably the oldest member of the Baptist denomination in the United States, having been baptized into the church, in Wales, when she was but ten years of age. Of the brothers and sisters of Mr. Evans, John and Mrs. Ann Davis still reside in Wales; Daniel E. is a practicing physician at Newcastle, Pa.; and William and Arthur D. live in Nanticoke, where they are identified with the mining industry. Mr. Evans is a talented speaker and has occupied every Protestant pulpit in Shenandoah. He is a public-spirited citizen, alive to the best interests of the community, was one of the foremost champions of the curfew law, is an ardent temperance advocate, and is deservedly popular.

as his long service in his present charge bears testimony. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has frequently been called upon to deliver addresses before gatherings of this society. His whole life has been marked by energy and determination. In his college days he stood at the head of his classes and since that time his career has been distinguished by the same characteristics that gave him preëminence among his fellow students. In politics he is an unswerving Republican and an active worker for the promotion of his political opinions. A student of history and full of patriotism, he has delivered a number of addresses on Decoration day, and these addresses have always been of such a character as to instill into the minds of his hearers the lessons of patriotism and respect for the laws and institutions of his adopted country.

**Evans, Frank K.**, bookkeeper for the Pine Grove branch of the Milwal Drug Company, of Philadelphia, and the Democratic nominee of his district in the fall of 1906 for election to the state legislature, was born in Chester county, Pa., Aug. 25, 1878. He is a son of Samuel and Annie (Wilkinson) Evans, both native Pennsylvanians. The father was for fifteen years supervisor of the Pine Grove division of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad. He was a man widely and favorably known in many circles, having been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His death occurred Oct. 20, 1897, and he left a widow and nine children. Elizabeth, the first born, is the wife of William Davis of Lindale; Horace is a machinist by trade and a foreman in the plant of the American Iron & Steel Company at Lebanon; Flora is Mrs. John Shaffner, of Pine Grove; Caleb E. lives in Brooklyn, N. Y., and is a train dispatcher for the Rapid Transit Company of Coney Island; Charles T. is professor of chemistry in the Hill school at Pottstown; Emily H. is at home; and the other two, Bessie R. and Annie M., are twins, the former being the wife of J. Howard Smith, professor of mathematics at the Mercersburg academy. The subject of this sketch is the seventh member of the family in order of birth. After completing the courses offered in the Pine Grove schools he secured employment in the scale office and remained there until the office was closed. Then he went to Tamaqua to become assistant weighmaster at that point for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad and remained there three years. Subsequently he was manager for his father-in-law's timber business, continuing in that capacity until the spring of 1906, when he accepted his present responsible position, noted in the opening lines of this sketch. He has always been intensely interested in the public welfare and active in politics and in the fall of 1906 the Democrats of his district honored him with the nomination for representative in the state legislature. In the spring of the same year he had been made a school director. July 9, 1900, Mr. Evans was united in marriage to Miss Anna E. Schultz, a daughter of William and Catherine Schultz of Schuylkill county. Mrs. Schultz died in 1888, but the father is still living, being the

owner of a large timber industry. Mr. and Mrs. Evans have had one child, Ivan S., who died in infancy. Mrs. Evans is a member of and earnest worker in the Evangelical church and her husband is identified with the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, in which he is at the present time secretary of the local organization, and with the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

**Evans, Thomas Edward**, the successful superintendent of the mills of the Eastern Steel Company at Pottsville, was born in Whitten Park, England, June 7, 1866. He is a grandson of Thomas and Ann Edwards and a son of John and Hannah (Edwards) Evans, all natives of Wales, and is one of the five children in his father's family, the others being Mrs. David Dyer, George, John and Mary. Both his father and his maternal grandfather were mill superintendents, and his capability in that line is inherent. When he was but six months old his parents came to the United States and located at Pittsburg. His scholastic advantages were limited to the three years of training received in the public schools between his seventh and eleventh years. It was at the latter age that he became seized of a desire to earn his own living, and his father, who was known throughout the mill as "Little Jack," gave him work as "pulling-up boy" at the furnace. Subsequently he became a fire boy, and still later an extra helper and then for two years he worked as a level hand with his father. When he was fourteen years of age his father died and he was left to support his mother and four small brothers and sisters. He left the bar mill department of the works and entered the plate mill, serving under Captain L. F. Brown as scrap shearman. At the age of seventeen he received a promotion to the superintendency of the night turn, and served in that capacity for a period of five years. At the end of that time he was made assistant superintendent of the day turn, holding that position for the following five years. When he left the employ of the Moorhead-McCleave Company it was to accept a position as superintendent of the plate mill department of the Republic Iron & Steel Company, on Twenty-fifth street, south side. Sept. 11 he entered the service of the Carnegie Steel Company as night manager of the Twenty-ninth street mill. The change was made at the earnest solicitation of Mr. Dillon and L. T. Brown, and after a service of about three and one-half years he was made day manager. Six months later he was made superintendent of the Thirty-third street or upper mills of the Carnegie Company, and he continued in the position to within three days of four years. At that time labor troubles had arisen at the lower or Twenty-ninth street mills of the company and the management felt that a change was necessary. After consultation the directors determined to place Mr. Evans in charge and within thirty-five minutes after his arrival at the scene of the trouble the men had returned to work and the mills were in full operation again. During the five years of his incumbency of the superintendent's position at the lower mills the production of them was increased one hundred per cent. Feb. 6, 1906, Mr. Evans received the offer of a responsible



position with the Eastern Steel Company at Pottsville, at a more lucrative salary, and accepted it, assuming his new duties Feb. 15. He is the first superintendent the mills have had since their erection who has made a paying proposition of them. When, on Sept. 8, 1897, he left the Twenty-ninth street mills to accept the superintendency of the upper mills he was presented with a watch and chain by the men formerly employed under him, the watch bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Thomas E. Evans by the Employees of the 29th St. Mill, Sept. 8, 1897." Again, when he left Pittsburg to assume the responsibilities of his present position, his fellow workmen gave him a magnificent diamond stud and his employers, after his nine years of faithful and able service, made him a gift of \$5,000 in gold certificates drawing five per cent. interest. Dec. 25, 1889, at the old Fifth Avenue Baptist church of Pittsburg, occurred Mr. Evans' marriage to Miss Sadie J. Brown, a daughter of John and Martha (Park) Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are natives of Ireland and they reared a family of eleven children. Besides Mrs. Evans they are May, Samuel, Jeanette, Martha, Frederick, Jessamine, John, George, Olivia and Roland. Mrs. Evans' grandparents were Hugh and Mary (Lewis) Park, both born in Ireland, and Samuel and Ann (McKinstry) Brown, born in Scotland. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Evans are three in number, Edna, Thomas and Elizabeth, all living at home. The family all claim membership in the Fifth Avenue Baptist church of Pittsburg. Mr. Evans was at one time widely known in fraternal circles, but he has resigned his membership in all but the Masonic order. Of this he is a member of Blue Lodge, No. 45, Zerubbabel Chapter, No. 163, and Tancred Commandery, No. 48, Knights Templars, all of Pittsburg. Other organizations to which he formerly belonged are the Knights of the Mystic Chain, Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Both he and his wife are members of McKinley Chapter, No. 20, Order of the Eastern Star. In politics he is a Republican, and as such was for a term a member of the board of school directors of Pittsburg. He was a candidate for re-election, with every prospect of success, when his removal to Pottsville necessitated his withdrawal from the contest. Mr. Evans is an exemplary type of the successful self-made man and his life is well worthy of emulation.

**Evans, William T.**, superintendent at Shenandoah of the Home Friendly Association, of Baltimore, Md., was born in Wales, Sept. 14, 1860. He is the only survivor of four children born to Daniel and Jane (Taylor) Evans, both natives of Wales. Thomas died in youth in his native land; John died from the effects of an injury received in a colliery at Shenandoah; and Eliza died in childhood. After the death of Daniel Evans his widow married again, and to this union were born four children: Elizabeth, Charlotte, Edward and Luther. Charlotte and Luther are deceased and the other two live in Europe. Both parents have passed to their reward in the life eternal. At the age of twenty-one years William T. Evans came to America. For about a year and a half he was em-



ployed in the silk mills at Philadelphia. He then went to Sandy Run, Luzerne county, Pa., where he was employed for a while in the collieries, and in 1885 he came to Shenandoah, which city has ever since been his home. Here for two years he was engaged in the mines and was then appointed local agent for the Home Friendly Association, a life insurance society, with which he has been connected ever since, in various capacities. Oct. 14, 1880, he was made superintendent of agencies for the anthracite coal district, and now has eight local agents working under his jurisdiction. He is a member of the Shenandoah Tribe, No. 155, Improved Order of Red Men; Shenandoah Lodge, No. 591, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which society Mrs. Evans is a Daughter of Rebekah; and both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Evans has been twice married. July 16, 1885, he married Miss Mary, daughter of William F. and Emma (Boulton) Davis. Her father was a native of Wales and her mother of Staffordshire, England. Both parents are now deceased. They had a family of seven children, of whom three are deceased. Mrs. Evans died March 29, 1899, and on Oct. 31, 1900, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Evans and Miss Emma Davis, a sister of his first wife. The first wife was born in Wales and the present wife in Shenandoah. The latter is a graduate of the Shenandoah high school and is a woman of rare accomplishments. To the first marriage were born six children: William Arthur, who is now an electrician, and Luther D., Lillie, Beatrice, Mary J., and William F., all in school. Mr. Evans' business brings him in contact with a great many men in all walks of life, and few men in Schuylkill county are more widely or favorably known. His genial disposition gains to him friends and his sterling qualities bind those friends to him for all time to come. In politics he is a Republican, but he devotes the greater part of his time to his insurance business, feeling certain that diligence and application to his occupation is more remunerative than the precarious emoluments of a political career.

**Farquhar, Fergus G.**, a well known attorney in Pottsville, is a native of Schuylkill county, born in Pottsville, Feb. 21, 1845. His father, George Wildman Farquhar, was born in the West Indies, in 1802, and his mother, Amelie Farquhar, was born in Germany, in 1804; this was one of the prominent and early established families in Pottsville. Fergus G. Farquhar received his elementary education in the public schools of his native town. He then began a classical course at the University of Virginia, but the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion drove him from that institution, and as he was, by his youth and physical disability, unable to enlist, his mother took him to Germany, where his education was completed at Bonn and Heidelberg, the university of the latter conferring on him, in Aug., 1865, the degree of Doctor Juris. He chose the law as his life profession, and sustains an exalted standing among his colleagues at the Schuylkill county bar. He has also been admitted to practice before the higher courts of the

state and nation, and has always been recognized as a wise and safe counsellor in matters pertaining to the law. Mr. Farquhar has been twice married—first to Miss Fannie M. Gunniss, of Glasgow, Scotland, May 17, 1866. She was a daughter of George G. and Fannie (Scott) Gunniss, of Glasgow. Mrs. Farquhar died Nov. 17, 1883. Four children were born to this union and two of them survived their mother. George Edwin, born in 1867, died the following year; Amelie Margaret was born in 1869; Sarah Cecelia was born in 1870 and died in 1879; and Frederick George was born in 1878. The second marriage of Mr. Farquhar occurred June 15, 1887, the lady of his choice being Miss Helen Leigh Southall, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Southall, of Shenandoah, Pa. The only child of this union is Walter Southall, born April 6, 1888. Mr. Farquhar is an independent Democrat in his political affiliations, though he has never had political aspirations nor taken an active part in the discussion of local politics. He has borne his share in the burdens of local offices. The religious home of the family is the Protestant Episcopal church.

**Fausset, Thomas B.**, of Wayne township, near Long Run, is a son of John and Mary (Bassler) Fausset, who were residents of Myerstown, Lebanon county, and was born in that place, Nov. 17, 1844. His paternal grandparents were William and Elizabeth (Gantz) Fausset, both from Lancaster county. His maternal grandfather was Simeon Bassler, who was a native of Lebanon county. Thomas B. Fausset, the subject of this sketch, was educated in the public schools of Lancaster county, and at the age of nine years he went to work for his grandfather on his farm, remaining until 1861. He went home that year, and shortly afterward went to Washington, D. C., where he was a government attendant of the horses and mules that were corralled at Alexandria. In 1862 he returned home and finally located in Pottsville, securing employment at the Fishbach mills, where he remained for two years, after which he worked for a year in the Haywood mill, at Palo Alto. He came to Wayne township for a short time, and for two years he drove a powder team for Henry Boyer. On one trip which he made from Pottsville to Mahanoy City, crossing Broad mountain, he drove through a severe forest fire with a load of powder, at the risk of his life. Later he worked for L. C. Thompson, at Pottsville, in a hardware store, and upon leaving this position he went with the oil firm of Bell & Sterner, at Mount Carbon, where he was in charge for one year, when the Standard Oil Company bought the business and leased it to L. C. Thompson for a year. Later, Bright & Co. leased the plant for a year, and after this lease expired the Standard Oil Company took the property themselves. Mr. Fausset remained in charge of the plant under all these lessees, and he remained with the Standard Oil Company for nearly twenty years. After the business became so large that more men were necessary Mr. Fausset took charge of the warehouse, stables and oils, holding this position up to the time of his leaving the service. After leaving the Standard

Oil Company he moved to the farm where he is now located, this having been his residence since 1896. Dec. 3, 1870, Mr. Fausset married Susan, daughter of John Kremer, of Wayne township. Mrs. Fausset's mother was, before her marriage, a Miss Bretzius. Mr. and Mrs. Fausset have had six children, three sons and three daughters: Annie, John (deceased), Elizabeth, Eva, Harry (deceased), and Thomas. Annie is married to William Reichhardt, of Reading; Elizabeth to George Lloyd, of Schuylkill Haven; Eva to Robert Berger, of Pine Grove. Thomas is unmarried and works at the Eastern steel works at Pottsville. Mr. Fausset has sold his farming implements to his son-in-law, with whom he makes his home, and has retired from the active management of the farm. He is, however, interested in the keeping of bees and raising honey. From twelve hives he took 735 pounds of honey in 1905. In 1906 he had eighteen colonies and took 1,007 pounds of honey in pound boxes from them. He also supplies hives, honey and brood frames and other furnishings for the keeping of apiaries and has roots supplies. In politics Mr. Fausset is a Republican, and is a school director of Wayne township at the present time. The family belongs to the Reformed church of Friedensburg.

**Fayhey, John B.**, an undertaker and furniture dealer of Port Carbon, was born in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., April 27, 1853, a son of Peter J. and Ellen (Murray) Fayhey. His earliest educational training was in the public schools of Chester county, Pa., and after his parents had removed to Port Carbon he attended school there. At the age of twelve years he entered the office of Engineer H. K. Nichols, of Pottsville, as a messenger. After two years of service there he went to work on the railroad and spent the following two years in that labor. For some time he was employed as a clerk at the St. Clair coal station and then, in 1880, he returned to Port Carbon. There he embarked in the undertaking and furniture business and since that time has been most successfully engaged in its conduct. His stock of goods is always up-to-date and no one who knows Mr. Fayhey doubts his desire to give his patrons the best to be had. For some years now he has been one of the influential directors of the Port Carbon electric light company. He is a Democrat in his politics, but has never held or aspired to office. In October, 1876, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Fayhey to Miss Margaret Mixed, daughter of James Mixed, of Port Carbon. The union was blessed with five children, but two of whom survive. They are Nellie and Beatrice, the former of whom is a graduate of an academy in Montgomery. The family are all communicants of St. Stephen's church of Port Carbon.

**Fegley, Perry W.**, a member of the A. E. Brown Shoe Company, of Orwigsburg, was born in that borough on May 8, 1855, a son of Charles and Lavinia (Hoffman) Fegley. Both were natives of the Keystone state, and the father was a farmer all his life. His death occurred in 1898, in his eighty-fourth year, and on Aug. 3,

1902, his widow, at the age of eighty-six, passed away. The subject of this sketch was one of two children by his father's last marriage, and the other son, Dr. H. C. Fegley, died in 1888, at the age of thirty-eight. Mr. Fegley took advantage of the educational opportunities offered in the Orwigsburg public schools, and when he had completed the courses offered there he became apprenticed to the tinkers' trade. Subsequently he went into the Orwigsburg shoe factory, and in 1884 he became a partner of the late A. E. Brown in the business, under the firm name of A. E. Brown & Co. His work comprises the superintendency of the factory, and the general overseeing of the output of the firm. Oct. 31, 1875, Mr. Fegley married Miss Isadora Thorn, a native of Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Theodore and Sarah (Richards) Thorn. To Mr. and Mrs. Fegley were born seven children. The eldest is Dr. Theodore C. Fegley, of Tremont, whose sketch appears in this volume. Mabel is the wife of Joseph Lamberskin, of Somerville, N. J., and is the mother of two children, Philip and Isadora. Lillian is at home; Hilda is teaching in Schuylkill county; Perry died at the age of eight years; and Harry and Gerald are at home. The family are all members of the Lutheran church, and Mr. Fegley is a member of the Knights of Malta, the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, and the Independent Order of Mechanics.

**Fegley, Theodore C., M. D.**, a leading physician of Schuylkill county and a prominent resident of Tremont, was born in St. Clair, this county, July 2, 1876. He is the oldest son of Perry W. Fegley, a sketch of whom appears in this volume. The doctor's preliminary educational training was acquired in the common and high schools of Orwigsburg, and then he entered the East Stroudsburg normal school. When he had completed the normal course he read medicine in the office of Dr. A. H. Halberstadt, of Pottsville, for two years and then entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania. In 1899 he was graduated from that institution with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and after a service of fourteen months as interne in the Pottsville hospital he removed to Tremont and started a general practice. He has been very successful in a pecuniary way and has come to be ranked among the leaders of his profession. He is medical examiner for all the insurance companies doing business in Tremont and has served as a deputy county coroner under Drs. Bleiler and Gillars. Nov. 4, 1902, Dr. Fegley married Miss Minerva Lamberson, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Lamberson, of Tremont. To this union has been born a daughter, Mary Elizabeth. Mrs. Fegley is a devout member of and worker in the Methodist Episcopal church of Tremont. Her husband ranks high in Masonic circles, being a member of the blue lodge of Orwigsburg, the Tremont chapter, the Pottsville commandery, the Philadelphia consistory, and Rajah Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Reading. He is also identified with the Royal Arcanum and is examiner for the same.



**Fennessy, Richard F.**, chief driller for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company, with residence at Frackville, Pa., was born in Cameron, Steuben county, N. Y., Sept. 18, 1862, being a son of James and Catherine (Anglum) Fennessy, the former of whom was a native of County Cork, Ireland, and the latter of County Clare. James Fennessy immigrated to the United States in early manhood and was a resident of Philadelphia for seven years prior to his removal, about 1856, to Cameron, N. Y., where he entered the employ of the Erie Railroad, and where he met and married his life companion. In 1887 he removed to Frackville, Schuylkill county, Pa., where he was employed as a watchman by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company until his death, in 1904. He was the father of a family of eleven children, ten of whom grew to the age of maturity, viz: Mary, who became the wife of Thomas C. Kenney, of Scranton, Pa.; Richard F., the subject of this sketch; Anna, wife of Lucian Geisenheimer, of Cuba, N. Y.; John, of Adrian, N. Y.; William J., of Frackville, this state; Nellie, wife of Dominick J. Lynch, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Rose, wife of Boyd Schaefer, of Bloomsburg, Pa.; Margaret, wife of William J. Richards, of Frackville, Pa.; Thomas W., of Uniontown, Pa., and Catherine, deceased, who was the twin of John. Richard F. Fennessy was reared in Cameron, N. Y., but in 1873, at the age of eleven years, went to Scranton, Pa., where he remained until 1878. He then went to Bradford, Pa., being employed in the oil fields of McKean county. In 1883 he removed to Tremont, Schuylkill county, where he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, as a driller. He remained in Tremont for four years and in 1887 removed to Frackville, Pa., where he has since maintained his residence and where he serves in the capacity of chief driller for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, having charge of all the drilling for that company. Mr. Fennessy is prominently identified with the business interests of Frackville and is recognized as one of its leading and influential citizens. He is a director of the First National bank of Frackville, and for ten years has been a director of the building and loan association. Politically he is an active worker in the ranks of the Democratic party, and has served on the board of health of his city for ten years. He and his family are members of the Roman Catholic church. In 1883 Mr. Fennessy married Emma J. Faust, a daughter of George A. and Sarah (Spatzer) Faust, of Upper Rauch Creek, Schuylkill county, and to them have been born eight children, as follows: Gertrude, Bertha, Richard, James, Laurence, Ida, Mary, and Anna.

**Fenton, Patrick C.**, mine inspector for the eleventh mining district of Schuylkill county, is a native of Glamorganshire, Wales, where he was born Jan. 3, 1860. He was reared and educated in his native land, though his early opportunities for attending school were very limited. After coming to this country, at the age of eighteen years, he attended night schools, as opportunities were



presented, and thus became proficient in the elementary studies. He also attended night school for a time in his native country. Mr. Fenton arrived in Shenandoah, direct from Wales, in September, 1878. He at once identified himself with mining interests, an occupation with which he was familiar in earlier days. After demonstrating his ability, Mr. Fenton occupied several prominent and important positions about the mines, being a fire-boss for ten years, assistant superintendent for two years, and mine foreman for six years. From the last named position he was elected mine inspector, at the general election in 1903, and was re-elected, without opposition, in 1906. This is a very important elective office, carrying with it a good salary and many responsibilities. In preparation for this, or similar positions, Mr. Fenton took the full correspondence course in mining, and passed very creditable examinations thereon, through the Scranton correspondence schools. Patrick C. Fenton is a son of James and Mary (Phillips) Fenton, the former a native of Scotland and the latter born in Wales. They spent their lives in the last named country. The father died in 1871, at the age of sixty-one years, and the mother survived him until 1904, when she died at the ripe old age of eighty-six. All of Mr. Fenton's mature life has been spent in the anthracite coal regions, and principally in Schuylkill county. He was married April 20, 1882, to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of John T. and Mary Ann Thomas, natives of Glamorganshire, Wales, but residents of Shenandoah, Pa., at the time of this marriage. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Fenton, the names being May, Ivor, Edith, Caroline and John. All are still under the parental roof. The family are members of the Congregational church. Mr. Fenton is a Republican in political views, and was elected to office as the nominee of his party. He takes an active interest in the supremacy of Republican principles, and is a recognized leader in local politics. Fraternally he is a member of the Ivorites, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Mr. Fenton is a pleasant, affable gentleman, whose acquaintance it is a pleasure to make. His attractive home and handsome offices are located on East Center street, Mahanoy City.

**Ferguson, Daniel J.**, has attained to distinctive prestige as one of the able representatives of the bar of his native county, and is established in the successful practice of his profession at Shenandoah. He was born in this thriving little city, Sept. 15, 1877, and is the only living child of Patrick J. and Mary Agnes (O'Connor) Ferguson. His honored father is one of the prominent and influential citizens of the county, and is individually mentioned in this history, so that a recapitulation of the family history is not demanded in the present connection. The subject of this sketch was graduated in the Shenandoah grammar school and then continued his studies in the high school for one year, at the expiration of which he was matriculated in Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., in which historic old institution he was

graduated in 1808, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then took a course in the law department of Columbia University, New York city, and after his return to his native town he held the office of agent for the Adams Express Company for one year, after which he was manager of the Ferguson opera house for a similar period. He then entered the office of Guy E. Farquhar, of Pottsville, under whose preceptorship he continued his reading of the law, and Oct. 10, 1904, he was admitted to the bar of the state, by the supreme court. He immediately opened an office in Shenandoah, and here he has met with unqualified success in the work of his profession, having a clientage of representative character. He further fortified himself for the work of his chosen vocation by study under the able preceptorship of Hon. John A. McCarthy. Prior to entering college he made a trip abroad, spending four months in touring the European continent and the British isles. Mr. Ferguson is independent in his political views and his religious faith is that of the Catholic church, of which he is a communicant. He is affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is one of the popular young men of his native city.

**Ferguson, Patrick J.**—The name which introduces this article is prominently and indissolubly associated with the borough of Shenandoah, as it is also with the history of Schuylkill county. Mr. Ferguson's entire life has been passed in this county, and for more than forty years his home and principal business interests have been in Shenandoah. He was born in Minersville, in the year 1842, and in his native village the early years of his life were passed. There he duly availed himself of the advantages of the common schools, after which he continued his studies in the normal school at Port Carbon and finally completed a thorough course in the Quaker City business college, in the city of Philadelphia. Like many other men of his generation who attained to prominence in later life, he began his independent career as a teacher. For three years he was employed in this laudable work at Minersville, and his efforts in the connection met with unqualified evidences of appreciation. But the opportunities for growth and development in the '60s were too alluring to permit an ambitious young man to long remain a devotee of pedagogy, and thus Mr. Ferguson accepted a lucrative position in the colliery of John Anspach & Company, of Philadelphia, the colliery having been located near Ashland. He was thus engaged for about two years, at the expiration of which, in 1864, he took up his residence in Shenandoah, which was then but a small hamlet, and he became one of the first merchants of the village. Five years were profitably devoted to mercantile pursuits, and at the same time Mr. Ferguson took due advantage of the investment opportunities offered in connection with the rapid growth and development of the embryo city. He made judicious investments in village lots and buildings and made improvements on his various properties, which rapidly appreciated in value. He early assumed a virtual protectorate

over his adopted village, lending his aid and influence in support of all measures and enterprises which would make for the upbuilding and prosperity of the town. He invested much money in buildings which were needed, but which gave no immediate evidence of substantial profits. However, by a combination of favoring circumstances, these investments proved to be profitable. Always a firm friend of popular education, Mr. Ferguson became a member of the school board very soon after locating in Shenandoah, and he held this position consecutively for many years thereafter. At that crucial and formative period in the history of the schools the influence of this broad-minded, intellectual citizen had much to do with shaping their policy and defining their destiny. The excellence of the present school system of Shenandoah is recognized and is a matter of favorable comment in rival towns. For the attaining of this high standard all credit and honor is due to Mr. Ferguson and his able confreres. In 1868 Mr. Ferguson was appointed local agent of the Lehigh Valley Railroad and he also became express agent at this point, serving the two companies continuously for nearly forty years and having been claim agent for the same during the latter years of his identification with the two companies. He was one of the organizers of the First National bank of Shenandoah and served as its president for many years. Though still active in the business world, with large capitalistic interests in the town and county, his efforts along individual lines have relaxed somewhat within later years. The Hotel Ferguson and numerous business blocks and dwelling-houses in the town remain as evidences of his progressive ideas and the efforts which he has put forth in connection with the material upbuilding of the little city in which he has so long maintained his home. To him is accorded the unequivocal confidence and esteem of all who know him, and a more generous and gracious personality is not to be found in Schuylkill county. He is a stalwart supporter of the principles and policies of the Democratic party and he and his family are communicants of the Catholic church. He has held various offices of public trust in the village and county, and has at all times stood as a type of loyal citizenship. In 1874 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Ferguson to Miss Mary A. O'Connor, and her death occurred in 1889. She is survived by one son, Daniel J., who is one of the representative younger members of the bar of Schuylkill county. He was graduated in Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., as a member of the class of 1898, after which he completed the prescribed course in the law department of Columbia University, New York city. He is a young man of fine scholarship and high professional attainments, and is engaged in the active practice of law in Shenandoah. In 1894 the subject of this review was united in marriage to Mary A. Dillon, and they became the parents of four sons, of whom Harry and Dillon died in childhood. James and Thomas are attending the home schools.

**Fertig, John**, of Pottsville, holds precedence as one of the leading contractors and builders of his native county, and is a citizen who has ever commanded uniform confidence and esteem. He was born in Cressona, this county, Sept. 4, 1868, and is a son of John W. and Catherine (Loubey) Fertig, both of whom were likewise born and reared in this county, where the respective families were established in the pioneer days. John W. Fertig was educated in the schools of this county and as a young man he learned the carpenter's trade. For many years he was one of the successful contractors and builders of the county. In 1870 he located in Pottsville, where, in addition to his contracting enterprise, he was also engaged for some time in the dry goods business and retail grocery trade. He owned and operated a good farm, and through his well-directed efforts accumulated a competency. It is worthy of note that he was one of the first men to cut timber on Sharp mountain, for which purpose he walked a distance of eight miles and return each day to do his work. He is now retired from active business, and with his devoted wife resides in an attractive home in Pottsville, being seventy-two years of age (1907). The seven children who attained maturity are all living, namely: William H., Abraham L., Kate, John, Annie, Caroline, and Augusta. Kate is the wife of F. L. Billig, Annie is the wife of P. L. Knowlton, Carrie is the wife of George Umholtz, and Augusta is the wife of Heber Medlar. The subject of this sketch attended the public schools of Pottsville until he was sixteen years of age, when he entered upon an apprenticeship at the carpenter's and builder's trade, under the able direction of his father. Upon attaining his majority he engaged in railroad work, which he followed for six months, at the expiration of which he became an employe in the Tilt silk mill at Pottsville, in which establishment he remained two years. He then resumed the work of his trade and since 1897 he has been engaged in contracting and building, in which he has been most successful. He has erected many business blocks and private houses in the county, and in 1897 he built the West End engine house in Pottsville. He is one of the progressive and public-spirited citizens of Pottsville, and in politics is a stalwart Republican. In 1901 he was elected a member of the borough council of Pottsville, as a representative of the Fourth ward, and in 1907 he was again called to this office, for a term of three years. He is affiliated with Miners' Lodge, No. 20, and Franklin Encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and for twenty years he has been a member of Company H, 8th regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, in which he served four years as private, four years as corporal, and seven years as quartermaster's sergeant; in October, 1902, he was elected first lieutenant of the company, of which office he is still incumbent. He is a member of the West End hose company, and both he and his wife hold membership in the English Lutheran church. Dec. 24, 1889, Mr. Fertig was united in marriage to Miss Sally E.



Richard, daughter of Joseph and Susan (Erdman) Richard, of Pottsville, and they have one child, Naomi Augusta.

**Filbert, Frederick Victor**, a prominent young attorney of Pine Grove, and a clerk in the auditor-general's department of the state government at Harrisburg, was born at Pine Grove, July 17, 1871. He is a son of Edward T. and Mary J. (Clayton) Filbert. His father, who was compelled to retire from active life a few years ago, because of defective hearing, was justice of the peace for thirty-five years. He is now about seventy-five years of age, and his wife is some ten years younger. They are both members of the Lutheran church. Their four children are Charles Edward, a physician in Atlantic City; Frederick V.; and the Misses Charlotte E. and Mary J. The subject of this sketch received a preliminary educational training in the schools of his native town, and in 1892 was graduated at Gettysburg college. Three years later, in 1895, he received a diploma from the law department of the University of Pennsylvania and was admitted to practice in the courts of Philadelphia. In 1897 he was granted the privileges of practice in the Schuylkill county courts, and since that time has been continuously engaged in his professional labors in this county, at Pottsville and Pine Grove. While his practice is in various lines, it is mostly confined to civil and orphans' court cases. Besides the position of public trust which he holds at Harrisburg he is a school director of his town and also borough solicitor. Nov. 16, 1899, Mr. Filbert married Miss E. Luella Quail, a daughter of Hon. Charles E. and Emma C. Quail. Mr. Quail is at the present time the representative of his district of Schuylkill county in the upper house of the state legislature. Mr. and Mrs. Filbert have three children—Marion Louise, Frederick Quail, and Edward Stuart. Mr. and Mrs. Filbert are members of the Lutheran church, of which he is an elder, and for the past three years he has been superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a young man of great promise and his many friends predict for him a splendid future.

**Fink, John H.**, who is a pioneer locomotive engineer on the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, and whose home is in Tamaqua, was born in Berks county, Pa., Aug. 16, 1837. He is a son of Henry and Rebecca (Hossler) Fink, both natives of the Keystone state. The father, who was a farmer, died in 1901, at the age of eighty-five years; the mother died in 1894 within two months of her eighty-fifth birthday. Of the six children living, William is also a locomotive engineer, who makes his home in Tamaqua; and besides the subject of this sketch there are Henry, Benjamin and Tobias, who live in Berks county. After completing a course in the common schools John H. Fink clerked in a store at Auburn for two years, and then for a period of two years managed a hotel in Port Clinton. In 1866 he entered the employ of the railroad as a brakeman. After a time he went to firing on an engine, and in 1869 was given a locomotive. Since that time he has been at the throttle almost continuously, having lost no time because of



accidents and very little because of sickness. He has the distinction of being the oldest in point of service of all engineers on the Shamokin division. In November, 1863, Mr. Fink married Miss Mary Boyer, who was born in this county, a daughter of the late Charles and Sarah Boyer. To Mr. and Mrs. Fink fourteen children have been born, of whom seven are living: Lillie Catherine, married William Lauer, and resides in Tamaqua; Charles Henry, who married Margaret Morgan and has three children, is an engineer residing at Mauch Chunk; Annabelle, who is the wife of Dr. Harry Gilford, of Bangor, Pa., is the mother of two children; John, who married Martha Swenk, by whom he has two children, is a conductor; Thomas B. is a clerk in a Tamaqua store; Edgar is a brakeman on the railroad; and Miriam is at home. Mr. and Mrs. Fink are devout and conscientious members of and workers in the Reformed church. Fraternally Mr. Fink is a member of the blue lodge of the Masonic order.

**Fisher, Joseph**, a contractor and builder of Pottsville, was born at Fountain Springs, Schuylkill county, Feb. 17, 1871. His father, Peter Fisher, was born in Germany, but came to America when a young man and located in Schuylkill county, where he married Amelia Dinger, who was born in Ashland. Her father, Rev. Rudolph Dinger, was a pioneer minister of the Reformed church in Schuylkill county and is still living at Ashland, in the ninety-ninth year of his age. Peter Fisher was for many years a resident of Fountain Springs. For thirty years of his life he was in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, first as repair boss and later as a watchman. He died about 1892. The children of Peter and Amelia Fisher were John, Ella, Joseph and Rudolph, the last two being twins. Ella is now the wife of Augustus Kehler. Joseph Fisher was reared and educated at Fountain Springs. After leaving school he learned the carpenters' trade, with Adam Waldrus, of Ashland. In 1889 he came to Pottsville, where he has ever since made his home, and since 1900 he has given his attention to contract work, in which he has been successful, because of his good taste, mechanical skill and the promptness with which he carries out his agreements. Mr. Fisher is a Democrat in his political opinions, but he can hardly be called an active political worker. He is a member of the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America and belongs to the Reformed church, which represents the faith of his ancestors. In 1893 he married Miss Sarah Kehler, of Locustdale, and they have five children: Marguerite, Leroy, Ruth, Edna, and Earl. He lives in a nice residence at the corner of Third and Fairmont streets and is regarded as one of the progressive, substantial and representative citizens of Pottsville.

**Fisher, Luke**, is a native of Schuylkill Haven, and was born in 1864. He received his education in the public schools and in 1881 entered the employ of G. C. Lauterbacher, who conducted a marble yard on Main street. He remained in Mr. Lauterbacher's employ about five years, after which he purchased the business

and has since conducted it. In 1893 he removed the business to the present location. The yards and workshop are modern and up-to-date, and the business controlled by Mr. Fisher has grown to be a very large and important one. He manufactures monuments, head-stones, coping, etc.—everything in that line usually turned out by a first-class establishment. Mr. Fisher is a man highly esteemed by all who know him, and is an important factor in both social and business circles. He takes much interest in educational matters and has served as secretary of the board of school directors of the borough.

**Fisher, Michael J.**, justice of the peace and member of the firm of Fisher Brothers, dairymen, of Coaldale, was born in that town, Aug. 16, 1877. His parents, James and Cecilia (Melly) Fisher, were natives of County Donegal, Ireland. The maternal grandfather, John Melly, was one of the pioneers of Coaldale, where he lived for many years, finally returning to Ireland, where he died at a ripe old age. James Fisher came to America in 1869, located at Coaldale, where he learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for a number of years, frequently having as many as five helpers employed in his shop. In the latter part of his life he was engaged in mining. He died in 1894, at the age of forty-seven years. The children of James and Cecilia Fisher were eleven in number, of whom eight survive, viz: Michael J., the subject of this sketch; Maggie, wife of Condry McHugh; John P.; Annie, wife of William Sharp; James, a member of the firm of Fisher Brothers; Kate, wife of Michael McHugh; and Cecilia and Lizzie. Michael J. Fisher was reared to manhood in Coaldale, where he received his education in the public schools. Before he was sixteen years of age he passed the requisite examination for a teacher's certificate and for four terms he taught in the Coaldale public schools. In 1899 he formed a partnership with his brother James and engaged in the dairy business, in which he still continues. About the same time he was elected justice of the peace, as a Democrat, with which party he has been affiliated ever since reaching his majority, and he still retains the office, his present term expiring in 1909. In 1906 he was the candidate of his party for representative in the legislature from the Third district of Schuylkill county, but was defeated by the small plurality of eighty-eight votes. He is a member of the Young Men's Beneficial Library association. Mr. Fisher stands well as a business man and a citizen in the community which has been his home from the time of his birth, as is evidenced by his election to office and the confidence and respect shown him by those who have known him all his life.

**Fitzpatrick, James C.**, owner and active manager of the Fitzpatrick Shirt Company, of Tamaqua, was born in Tilden township, Berks county, Pa., Jan. 7, 1859. He is a son of John and Bridget (Curry) Fitzpatrick, and one of eleven survivors of a family of eighteen children. His parents came to the United States from Ireland, his father from County Fermanagh and his mother

from County Cavan. The father worked as a stationary engineer during his residence in this country. The father died in 1878, at the age of sixty-one years. The mother died in 1895, at the age of sixty-six years. The subject of this review received his educational advantages in the public schools. The first two years after the completion of his scholastic labors were spent driving mules along the Schuylkill canal. For a year he was clerk to a railroad contractor, building railroads. He then learned telegraphy and at different times and for varied periods was employed by the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad and the Western Union Telegraph Company. Subsequently he was train dispatcher and station agent at various points on the Reading railroad. Mr. Fitzpatrick's connection with his present business dates from 1898, when the factory was in the old shoe-factory building. Within the eight years in which Mr. Fitzpatrick has had charge he has built a new factory and the business has increased about 500 per cent. There are 150 employees and the annual output amounts to \$100,000. Oct. 15, 1893, Mr. Fitzpatrick was united in marriage to Miss Catherine E. Allen, a native of Tamaqua, and a daughter of George S. and Mary (Galey) Allen. Her parents are both living, making their home in Tamaqua. To Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick have been born four children—Paul, Mary Eugenia (who died in infancy), James C., Jr., and Mary H. The family are all communicants of the Roman Catholic church. Fraternally Mr. Fitzpatrick is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus. He is a man of genial, courteous manner, sound business sense and unsullied honor.

**Flaherty, William F.**, proprietor of a livery and undertaking establishment at 13-15 North Jardin street, Shenandoah, was born in that borough, Aug. 21, 1881. He is a son of Patrick and Mary (Gallagher) Flaherty, both natives of the Emerald Isle, whence they came to the United States in childhood, being married in this county. The father was employed in the mines as blasting foreman. At his death, which occurred in May, 1894, he left, besides his widow, a family of six sons and two daughters—Harry, Patrick, Thomas, Anthony, Bernard, William F., Kate and Adelia, four of whom are married. The subject of this sketch received a limited education in the public schools of Shenandoah and while still a youth embarked in the livery business. That he has been highly successful is apparent from the increase of business he has had from year to year. The undertaking feature was added in March, 1903, and he has an excellent stock of horses and vehicles, a good hearse and all the necessary equipment for carrying on a first-class, satisfactory business. He is the owner of the building in which his industry is housed and together with the stock the property is valued at \$10,000. Mr. Flaherty is unmarried and makes his home with his mother and a brother and sister. The family are all communicants of the Church of the Annunciation, under the pastorate of the Rev. Father H. F. O'Reilly. Mr.

Flaherty's political views are not governed by any party or faction and he exercises his right of franchise as his good judgment dictates. He is connected fraternally with the Ancient Order of Hibernians and with a temperance society under the domination of the Catholic church. Early thrown on his own resources by the death of his father, he has by hard work, frugality and temperate living secured for himself a fine start in business and is even to-day considered one of Shenandoah's most enterprising citizens.

**Fleming, Michael J.**, a prominent attorney of Schuylkill county and a substantial citizen of Tremont, was born in this county Oct. 6, 1860, a son of Andrew and Catherine (Lawler) Fleming, both of whom were born in Ireland, and left there with their parents while still young. The father became a miner when he grew to manhood and followed that vocation all his life. He was active in politics on the Democratic side and was for many years the incumbent of some one of the minor offices. He died in Donaldson, April 19, 1887, at the age of seventy years, and his widow passed away May 17, 1906, at the age of seventy-five. The subject of this sketch is the sixth in order of birth of the eleven children born to his parents. Jane, the eldest, is the wife of Edward Purcell, of Tremont; John is a merchant in Tremont; Margaret, deceased, was the wife of Philip P. Lynch, of Philadelphia; Catherine is the wife of Michael Madden, a stationary engineer living in Centralia; James F. is an assistant mine foreman at Good Spring, Pa.; Mary is the wife of Martin Walsh, assistant foreman in the Brookside colliery; Ellen is a school teacher, now in Boulder, Colo.; Andrew died at the age of one year; Thomas J. is a physician of Philadelphia; and Anna, the youngest, is a trained nurse in Philadelphia. Michael J. Fleming received his educational advantages in the common schools of this county, completing with a course at the Millersville normal school. For some time he was employed in and about the mines, holding different positions for varying periods of time. From that work he went to teaching, and for thirteen successive years he was engaged in pedagogic work. For ten years of that time he was principal of the Donaldson high school and in the last few years devoted his spare moments to the reading of law. In June, 1896, he entered the law offices of John F. Whalen, Esq., of Pottsville, and there completed his legal studies, being admitted to practice in the courts of Schuylkill county in July, 1897. He at once opened offices in Tremont and Pottsville, making his home in the former place. Since that time his practice has been continually on the increase and he has taken his place among the leaders of his profession. For eight years he was a member of the board of school directors of the borough of Tremont, and for six years was secretary of the board. His long service as a teacher has made him an authority on educational matters and his advice and counsel are often sought. Among his other business interests may be mentioned his connection as solicitor with the Tremont National



bank, the Hancock Building & Loan association, and the Merchants' Protective association. Aug. 12, 1890, Mr. Fleming married Miss Hannah A. Murphy, of Tremont, a daughter of Bartholomew and Johanna (Sheehan) Murphy. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fleming are devout communicants of the Roman Catholic church. Mr. Fleming is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Royal Arcanum, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

**Focht, William H.**, who conducts a modern livery on Rome street in Tamaqua, was born at Summit Hill, Pa., April 27, 1870. He is a son of Horace and Rebecca (Haldeman) Focht, both natives of the Keystone state. The father in the early days of the county drove the stage between Tamaqua and Mauch Chunk, later between Allentown and Easton, and still later between Allentown and Quakertown. In the early '60s he came to Tamaqua and embarked in the livery business, in which he continued most successfully the rest of his life. He was born in Lehigh county, in 1833, and his death occurred in February, 1900, about two years after his wife's demise. Both parents were members of the Reformed church and the father was known as a man of the most upright character and honorable dealings. The subject of this sketch is the youngest of the three children. Emma died when sixteen years of age and Ella is now Mrs. John H. Lichter, of Tamaqua. William H. Focht received such education as was afforded by the public schools of Tamaqua, and after he had completed his studies he became associated with his father in the livery business. Upon his father's death, in 1900, he assumed entire control of the business. Altogether he has about fifteen horses and the most up-to-date, serviceable turnouts. Jan. 9, 1896, Mr. Focht married Miss Lavina Oschman, a native of Tamaqua and a daughter of Baltzer and Lavina Oschman. Mrs. Focht's father was a miner, but both he and his wife are now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Focht have been born three daughters—Emily, Rebecca, Florence Elizabeth, and Ella. Mrs. Focht is a member of the Lutheran church, and her husband is associated fraternally with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

**Follweiler, Charles P.**, a pioneer merchant of Tamaqua, was born in Lehigh county, Pa., April 26, 1836, a son of Daniel and Magdaline (Stein) Follweiler. Charles P. Follweiler had but limited educational advantages, the earlier part of his life being passed on a farm. When he was sixteen years of age he started out to seek his fortune and in 1854 he secured a position as clerk in Heaton & Carter's store. After two years in that capacity he went to Jacksonville and opened a store, and the course of another two years found him conducting a general store in Albany, Berks county. Two years later he returned to Tamaqua and embarked in business. This was in 1862, and since that year he has been continuously engaged in the mercantile business. Nov. 2, 1862, Mr. Follweiler married Miss Catherine Heinly, of Berks county, a daughter of David and Rufena (Fussulman) Heinly. To Mr. and Mrs. Follweiler have been born five children. The eldest, War-



ren T., is manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company's office, Pottsville, Pa. His first employment was in a telegraph office, and by the time he was sixteen years of age he was an operator of no mean ability. For two terms, 1893-1895, he was a member of the Pennsylvania legislature, serving as a member of the appropriation committee and several other important committees. His wife was formerly Miss Susan Hinkley, of Harrisburg, and they have one child, Florence. Ada Jane, the only other survivor of the family, is the wife of Dr. J. J. Wreitz, of Walnutport, and is the mother of one child, Charles B. Of the other children Charles died at the age of sixteen, Mary J. at two years, and an unnamed baby died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Follweiler are members of the Presbyterian church, in which he has held practically all the offices allotted to a layman.

**Folmer, Charles Edward**, of Orwigsburg, who is now an incumbent of the responsible office of county recorder, is a native of Schuylkill county and in his career has honored the section which thus represents the place of his nativity. The esteem and confidence in which he is held in the county is amply vouched for by his tenure of his present official position. Mr. Folmer was born at Orwigsburg, this county, April 6, 1871, and in the same place were born his parents, George and Susan (Fidler) Folmer, the former of whom was born in 1837 and the latter in 1839. George Folmer removed with his family to Shenandoah in 1871, and lived there until 1893. The present county recorder is indebted to the public schools of this county for his early educational training, and he was thereafter afforded the superior academic advantages of Bucknell university, at Lewisburg, Pa., in which institution he was graduated as a member of the class of 1892, and from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Mr. Folmer is numbered among the stalwart supporters of the principles and policies for which the Democratic party stands sponsor, and he has been an active worker in its ranks in his native county. He served from 1903 to 1906 as deputy recorder of the county and then entered upon the discharge of his duties as recorder, having been elected to the office in November, 1905. He is affiliated with Pottsville Lodge, No. 207, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Schuylkill Lodge, No. 138, Free and Accepted Masons.

**Freeman, Charles W.**, son of Benjamin and Esther (Lutz) Freeman, is a native of Wayne township, and was born May 23, 1856. He attended the public schools until he reached the age of seventeen years, when he began to work on a farm. Later, in partnership with his father-in-law, he opened a blacksmith shop, and for twenty years gave his attention to this work. In 1898 Mr. Freeman bought the farm where he is now located and operates it for general farming. He has been twice married, his first wife being Rebecca J. Brown, whom he married Nov. 4, 1876. To this union five children, one son and four daughters, were born—Sallie A., Emma E., Ellen R., Mabel J., and Franklin B., all living. Mrs. Freeman died in February, 1896. Nov. 13, 1899, Mr. Freeman

married Mrs. Kate Manbeck, neé Bearer, daughter of Gideon Bearer, of Ringtown, Pa. Mrs. Freeman had by her first husband nine children, seven of whom were living at the time of her second marriage; they are Munroe F., Sadie M., Alice V., Jennie L., Eva R., Annie F., and Effie D. One child, Walter E., has been born to the second marriage. Mr. Freeman is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, and of the Royal Protective association. In politics he is a Democrat, but reserves the right of voting independently when policies or circumstances indicate that to be the better way. He has held the office of school director and of treasurer of Wayne township, being the present incumbent of the latter office. The family is connected with the Reformed church.

**Free Public Library of Shenandoah School District.**—This beneficent institution is the outgrowth of the united labors of a few public-spirited and generous citizens, assisted by successive school boards. Jan. 15, 1880, the school board decided to establish a public school library, under the provisions of the then existing law. The only means of procuring books, aside from private donations, was in the expenditure of funds arising from commencements and other entertainments whereat admission fees were collected. The first purchase of books was made Jan. 6, 1881, and consisted of an expenditure of \$119.19, and a donation of books from the enterprising publishing house of A. S. Barnes & Co., of New York, equalling \$65.25. This was the nucleus to the present library of about 7,000 volumes. In 1881 the department of public instruction decided that the funds arising from tuition pupils could be used for library purposes, under the provisions of the then existing laws, and these were the sources which sustained the library, with increasing interest and growth, until the passing of the library act of 1895. The first selection of books was made by Superintendent G. W. Barch, John Cather and John G. Davis. The works were mostly of a professional character, and the use of the library was confined for some time principally to the teachers of the public schools. The library was opened to the public, in a room provided in the high school building, March 31, 1881. Small additions were made from time to time until 1887, when a considerable increase was made. Much painstaking labor was given to the work at this time by L. A. Freeman, superintendent of schools; W. N. Ehrhart, principal of the high school; S. W. Yost, secretary of the school board; and Daniel Ogden and John G. Davis, who then comprised the library committee. Under this regime the first catalogue was printed, damaged books were rebound, and all the volumes were renumbered. This labor was given gratuitously by the committee. The patronage of the library increased rapidly, and it was soon found that the room provided was inadequate to the needs. In 1893 the school board decided to set apart a suitable room in the new school building on West street for the use of the library and a directors' meeting room. This was made the occasion for a general revival of library in-

terests, and 1,100 new books were added, catalogued and placed on the shelves in the commodious new quarters. The institution was now in excellent condition, since it had been the aim during recent years to bring the library within the scope of the entire community, by the introduction of a line of miscellaneous literature suitable to the needs of all classes of readers. This "broadening" process has been constantly kept in view, and the seven thousand volumes now on the shelves were selected with special reference to the needs of both the schools and the public. In accordance with the provisions of an act approved June 28, 1895, the library was placed in the hands of a board of trustees, and on June 2, 1897, the school board appointed Hon. Patrick Conry, Daniel Ogden, Monroe H. Kehler, A. B. Lamb, Thomas E. Manley and M. P. Whitaker as members of the first board of library trustees. Some of these have served continuously since, and the interest in Shenandoah's library has never waned. By virtue of his office, the secretary of the school board is designated as general librarian, and the first assistant in the high school as assistant librarian, subject to the approval of the school board. Under the provisions of a law governing the matter, a tax of one-half mill may be levied on the taxable property of the school district, as assessed for school purposes, for the support of the library. After the organization of the board of trustees, in 1897, it was decided that, in view of the appreciation of the public and the demands upon the library, it should be subjected to a complete reclassification, a new and complete catalogue prepared, damaged books rebound, and about a thousand new volumes added. To defray this proposed expense, the school board was asked to contribute, in accordance with the provisions of the law above cited. This was unanimously granted by the board, and the secretary and board of trustees were empowered to do the work. Since the establishment of the library the school board has been uniformly generous in sustaining it, while many individuals in the community have rendered valuable assistance without recompense. The library is now a very valuable auxiliary to the schools, a source of much pleasure and profit to the community, and a feature of the school system in which the people manifest a commendable pride. The board of library trustees for the year 1907 comprises the following named gentlemen: President, Rev. David I. Evans; secretary, Professor J. W. Cooper; members of the board, Hon. Patrick Conry, Monroe H. Kehler, Rev. D. I. Evans, Frank Hanna, Thomas E. Manley, Archibald B. Lamb, T. J. Mullahey, James F. O'Haren, and J. W. Cooper. Thomas J. Cummings, secretary of the school board, is, by virtue of his office, the general librarian.

**Freiler, Francis S.**, is a leading citizen of Pottsville, and the esteem in which he is held by his neighbors is evidenced by his selection for the position of justice of the peace in the First ward of the city, an office he very acceptably fills. He was born in Minersville, this county, Aug. 28, 1850, being a son of Daniel and Barbara (Finkler) Freiler, both of whom were natives of Ger-

many. The father came to America in 1847 and the mother about the same time, and they were married in the city of Pottsville. The father's occupation was that of a stone mason, and he was the contractor for the Mine Hill Railway Company, doing all the stone work, erecting bridges, etc., for that company between Schuylkill Haven and Gordon. He continued in the employ of that company until the road was leased by the Philadelphia & Reading Company, and then entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, with whom he remained until 1901, when he retired from active duties. He died in Pottsville on July 21, 1906, at the age of eighty years, leaving a family of two sons and one daughter—Francis S.; Barbara, who is now Mrs. Joseph Mica, of Pottsville, and Daniel A., who resides in Lancaster, Pa. Francis S. Freiler, who is the immediate subject of this sketch, was reared in Minersville and received his education in the public schools and at St. Vincent's college, in Latrobe, Pa. He began his independent career as a traveling salesman, and continued in that capacity in the employ of various firms for about thirty years. He is interested in a metal-protector paint works at Cincinnati, Ohio, with which he has been connected for the past eleven years. Mr. Freiler was married Feb. 20, 1873, to Carrie J., daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Nau) Alber, and to this union have been born six sons and two daughters, more specific mention of whom follows: Joseph, the eldest son, is the cashier of the South Side bank at Wilkes Barre; R. Albert is an attorney-at-law, located in practice at Pottsville; D. Leo is a mining engineer, associated with the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company; A. Francis is a mechanical engineer at Newark, N. J.; and V. Robert and W. George are mercantile clerks at Pottsville; Carrie E. and Ethel L. are the daughters. Mr. Freiler and family are members of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic church at Pottsville. In politics he gives allegiance to the men and measures of the Republican party, and his worth as a citizen has been recognized by election to positions of importance and responsibility. He has served for seven years as a member of the Pottsville borough council, and on Feb. 19, 1907, he was elected without opposition to the office of justice of the peace for a term of five years.

**Fritsch, Howard C.**, superintendent of the Eastern Pennsylvania Railways Company, with headquarters at Tamaqua, was born in that city Sept. 11, 1875. He is the fifth in order of birth of the seven children of L. F. and Catherine (Haldeman) Fritsch. The mother is of Quaker descent and is a native of Schuylkill county, and the father, now retired, was born in Berks county and comes of good German stock. He was formerly a wholesale tobacco merchant and is well known throughout the county, having been a bank director, a school director and tax collector. Both parents are devout communicants of the Trinity Reformed church. Besides the subject of this sketch, their children are Emma, wife of G. O. Lutz, a merchant; Lucy A., at home; Kate



O., wife of J. F. Derr, principal of the Tamaqua schools; Ada, at home; Charles, living in Harrisburg, chief clerk of the Harrisburg division of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, and during the Spanish-American war secretary to Maj.-Gen. S. B. M. Young; and Ida, wife of Edward Billheimer, who is chief clerk of the Shamokin division of the Philadelphia & Reading road, in the Tamaqua office. The subject of this sketch attended the public schools of his native city and after graduating from the high school he learned telegraphy and bookkeeping. For a number of years he was employed in the capacity of bookkeeper by the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company, and then for two years was assistant superintendent of the Tamaqua & Lansford Street Railway Company. When that company was merged with the Eastern Pennsylvania Railways Company, on July 1, 1906, Mr. Fritsch came to his present position and has been holding it ever since, to the entire satisfaction of the company and the patrons of the road. April 5, 1905, was solemnized Mr. Fritsch's marriage to Miss Mabel Buckman, who was born in Bucks county, a daughter of Charles and Henrietta (Anderson) Buckman. Mr. and Mrs. Buckman now make their home in Trenton, N. J., Mr. Buckman having retired from active business life. Mr. and Mrs. Fritsch have one child, Howard C., Jr. They are members of the Presbyterian church and Mr. Fritsch is prominent in Masonic circles. He is identified with the Blue Lodge, No. 238, of Tamaqua; the Tamaqua Chapter, No. 177, Royal Arch Masons; and the Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 31.

**Fulmer, William E.**, a retired carpenter, contractor and builder of Tremont, was born in Chester county on May 28, 1840. He is a son of John and Hannah (Emory) Fulmer, and on both sides comes of excellent pioneer stock. His paternal grandfather, John Fulmer, was a soldier in the Continental army during the war of the Revolution, and participated in the principal battles of that conflict. A maternal ancestor, George Chrisman, also saw service with Washington. John Fulmer, father of William E., was a farmer all his active life. He was a member of the Quaker faith and his wife was a devout believer in the principles of Martin Luther. His death occurred in 1880 after he had passed the four-score milestone, and his wife died five years later. Of their eight children four survive, a daughter and three sons. Two sons still reside in Chester county, and the daughter is the wife of Abram Huntsberger, a miller living near Alexandria, Va. William E. Fulmer attended the public schools of his native county and when he had completed his scholastic work he learned the millers' trade, in his brother-in-law's establishment. For five years it furnished him a livelihood in his home county and then he came to Tremont and, in partnership with Henry Hare, assumed the operation of the mill. His advent in Tremont dates from March 10, 1862, and he remained in the mill business but a year. Through Mr. Hare, who was a coal operator, he worked into the business of building coal breakers. Subsequently he began contracting in



connection with his carpentering and building and continued in that work until his retirement from active business life, in 1904. At the time of the battles of Antietam and South Mountain, in 1862, and of Gettysburg, in 1863, Mr. Fulmer belonged to the Home Guard which was held in reserve at both of these conflicts. He has always been intensely interested in the public welfare and has been the recipient of many honors in official life. He has held all the borough offices and for thirteen successive years was a school director and a member of the borough council. The marriage of Mr. Fulmer and Miss Harriet Christman was solemnized in 1863. Mrs. Fulmer died in 1896, leaving five children. D. Clinton, the eldest, was a contractor and builder, and lost his life in the Camden (N. J.) shipyard, in his thirty-eighth year. George W. is a druggist in Tower City, Pa. William is a contractor and builder and assumed the management of the father's business when the latter retired. He is married and has five children—George, Bonnie, Joel, William and Mary. Ralph is a druggist at Tremont, and Mary is Mrs. J. J. Quigley, of the same place. The two last named are twins. The family are all communicants of the Lutheran church. Although well advanced in years Mr. Fulmer is well preserved in mind and body and is one of the most respected citizens of the community.

**Gable, Augustus Daniel**, outside foreman of the West Shenandoah collieries, was born Nov. 14, 1849, in Darmstadt, Germany, his parents, Louis and Christina Gable, both being natives of that place. In 1854 the family came to America and located at Pottsville, where the father engaged in mining. The mother died at Pottsville in 1894, and the father at Shenandoah in 1905. They had three sons and five daughters. Augustus D. and Philip are engaged in mining; Louis is a carpenter in Philadelphia; the daughters are Mrs. Soell, of Pottsville; Mrs. Schweinhold, of Orwigsburg; Mrs. Hoehn, of Pottsville; Mrs. Dower, of Shenandoah, and Mrs. Schultz, of Philadelphia. Augustus D. Gable was educated in the Pottsville public schools and began at the bottom of the ladder in the mining industry. He learned the carpenters' trade in Pottsville and followed that occupation until 1873, when he came to Shenandoah, and on April 9 of that year entered upon the duties of his present position as outside foreman and superintendent of the Kohinoor, Turkey Run and West Shenandoah collieries, all using the same breaker. The mines are owned by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, employ from 500 to 600 men, and have an average monthly output of 60,000 tons. In his work about the mines Mr. Gable has met with a number of accidents, but has escaped without serious injury. He is the inventor of a mine and elevator catch, patented in 1906, which is calculated to prevent accidents, or at least reduce the possibilities of such accidents to a minimum. The appliance has been tried in several states and even in the mines of Africa, and its practical usefulness has been fully demonstrated, though it has not yet come into general use. In his political affiliations Mr.

Gable is an active Republican and has been a member of the borough council for nine years. He was one of the prime movers in the establishment of the Shenandoah waterworks, being generally recognized as the father of the movement. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has passed through the chairs both in the lodge and encampment. He also belongs to the Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Royal Arcanum. In 1873 Mr. Gable and Miss Josephine Staley were united in marriage. She died on Christmas day, 1875, leaving a son and daughter, Adam Cleveland and Eva Victoria, both living. In 1876 he married Mrs. Elizabeth Griffiths, and to this union has been born one daughter, Christina, now nine years of age. Mrs. Gable had two children by a former marriage, Esther and William. The daughter is married and the son lives with the family. Mr. Gable is a member of the St. John's Lutheran church, and his wife belongs to the First Baptist church of Shenandoah.

**Gallagher, Condý C., M. D., D. D. S.,** of Coaldale, is one of the able representatives of both the medical and dental professions in Schuylkill county, and his practice is extensive and lucrative. He was born in the village of Dunglow, County Donegal, Ireland, Nov. 6, 1863, a son of Peter and Mary (Campbell) Gallagher, the former of stanch old Irish stock and the latter of Scotch-Irish lineage. The parents of the doctor came to America in 1866 and took up their residence in Coaldale, Schuylkill county, though the father had visited the United States as early as 1853, in which year he located in California, where the gold excitement was then at its height. He became a naturalized citizen of the United States prior to his return to Ireland. Upon coming to America the second time he engaged in contracting and building at Coaldale, where he continued to reside during the remainder of his life. He died on Aug. 6, 1883, at the age of fifty-three years, and his wife passed away in 1904, aged sixty-four years. Both were devoted communicants of the Catholic church and were persons of superior intellectuality and sterling attributes of character. They became the parents of ten children, viz: John J., a priest of the Catholic church; Condý C., the immediate subject of this sketch; E. P., a prominent attorney of Philadelphia, Pa.; Joseph J., a member of the priesthood of the Catholic church, and now president of Columbia university at Portland, Ore.; Patrick F., a talented sculptor; Grace, who resides in Philadelphia; Annie, a Sister of Mercy in the Catholic church; Alice, also a member of a Catholic sisterhood and engaged in teaching in parochial schools; Margaret, who is in her final year of a classic course at the University of Notre Dame, and Bridget, a sister of the Carmelite sisterhood in Boston. Dr. Condý C. Gallagher was three years of age at the time of the family removal from the Emerald Isle to America, and he secured his early educational discipline in the public schools of Coaldale. In 1896 he was matriculated in the Medico-Chirurgical college of Philadelphia, in which celebrated institution he was a student for three years, completing his dental course,

after which time he took up his medical studies in the Columbia College of Physician and Surgeons, in order to better qualify himself by a more varied experience, and graduated as a member of the class of 1901, graduating in thirty-six scientific branches and receiving not only his two degrees, but also the first honors of his class. Immediately after his graduation Dr. Gallagher located in his home town of Coaldale, where he has since been engaged in active and successful practice. He has gained prestige as one of the leading physicians and surgeons of the county; enjoys unqualified popularity in the community, and had the distinction of being chosen the first chief Burgess of the borough of Coaldale after its incorporation, in 1900, which position was secured by him after a legal battle of two years. His political proclivities are shown in the staunch support he gives to the Democratic party, and he and his wife are members of St. Mary's Catholic church in Coaldale. On June 29, 1892, Mr. Gallagher was united in marriage to Miss Alice A. Ryan, daughter of Michael and Mary (Coleman) Ryan, and the surviving children of this union are: Paul, Loretta, Joseph, Alice, and Annie.

**Garrahan, Joseph H.**, attorney and counsellor at law, is a native of Schuylkill county, born at Kelayres, May 3, 1874. He is a son of Hugh and Mary (Stapleton) Garrahan, both natives of Pennsylvania, the father being born at Nesquehoning, and the mother in Carbon county. After marriage the parents took up their residence at Honey Brook, now known as Kelayres, and later at McAdoo. The father served three years as a member of Company K, 96th Pennsylvania volunteer infantry, during the Civil war. He enlisted on Oct. 3, 1861, and was discharged by reason of expiration of term of enlistment, Oct. 3, 1864. Both parents are dead. They had a family of six sons and two daughters, the eldest of whom is Joseph H., the subject of this sketch; Thomas F. is a lawyer in Pittsburg; James D. is employed in the banking business in New York city; Hugh, Edward and Daniel are telegraph operators, employed on the Lehigh Valley railroad, and Margaret and Ellen reside in Easton, Pa. Mr. Garrahan began his life career in a manner similar to that of nearly all the boys of the coal region, as a slate-picker at breaker No. 5, at Honey Brook colliery, continuing about the mines in various capacities from the age of nine until fourteen. He then attended school for a time, and took up the study of telegraphy. At the age of eighteen he was a telegraph operator in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, and continued in this service for ten years. He studied law under the tutorship of James J. Moran, of Pottsville, and was admitted to the bar on July 28, 1902. Since his admission he has been engaged in general practice at Mahanoy City. Mr. Garrahan was married on Oct. 24, 1906, to Miss Nellie O'Donnell, of Hazleton, a daughter of James R. and Mary (Black) O'Donnell. Mr. and Mrs. Garrahan are communicants in the Roman Catholic church. Mr. Garrahan is a Democrat in political

affiliations and a member of the Knights of Columbus of Mahanoy City.

**Geary, Joseph W.**, a civil engineer by vocation and county surveyor of Schuylkill county, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 1, 1866, a son of Joseph W. and Elizabeth (Kingsworth) Geary. The father was a native of Bristol, England, who came to this country in 1852, and was a civil engineer, well educated in his profession. At different times he was a resident of Philadelphia, Pittsburg, and Pottsville, Pa., and Cumberland, Md., where his death occurred on April 25, 1899. He was engaged in the construction of the Lebanon Valley railroad and became a permanent resident of Pottsville in 1856. During the Civil war he was a member of the Union army, as a private in the 26th Pennsylvania infantry, and later as an aide-de-camp on the staff of Gen. John C. Fremont. Toward the close of the war he was assigned to the paymaster's department of the United States navy, in the North Atlantic squadron, and on Aug. 3, 1865, was mustered out of the service. The father was twice married, his first union having occurred in 1855 to Miss Mary Bishop, of Berks county, Pa. The two sons who blessed this union, John P. and Harry K., both died in young manhood. The second wife was Elizabeth Kingsworth, born in Philadelphia in 1838. The children of the second union are four in number, of whom the subject of this sketch is the eldest. Another son, Frank L., is a printer by vocation at Cumberland, Md., where the mother and the two daughters, Mary and Cecelia Elizabeth, now reside. Joseph W. Geary received all the educational advantages afforded by the public schools of Pottsville and learned his profession from his father. He continued to work for his father eight years and in 1892 was elected to the office of county surveyor, being the candidate of the Republican party for that position. He served five years in the capacity, and in 1904 was again elected to fill the same office. He is also engineer for the boroughs of Shenandoah, Port Carbon, Middleport and Palo Alto. On July 12, 1891, Mr. Geary married Miss Annie B. Platch, a daughter of Nicholas and Barbara Platch, both born in Germany. Mr. Platch achieved success in the mining business, and both he and his wife spent their last days in Ashland, leaving three children. Jacob, the only son, is a miner at Ashland, and Lena is the wife of Charles Preiser of that place. To Mr. and Mrs. Geary have been born two children, Joseph W., Jr., aged thirteen, and Margaret D., five years old. The family are all communicants of the Lutheran church. Fraternally Mr. Geary is identified with the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America and the Junior Order of American Mechanics. He is a skilled workman in his line and a trusted public servant.

**Geist, Henry W.**, manufacturer of wagons, at Valley View, is a native of Schuylkill county, having been born in Hegins township, March 27, 1877. His father, Josiah Geist, was born in Northumberland county, Pa., and his mother, whose maiden name



was Sarah Wolfgang, was born in Hegins township. In early life Josiah Geist learned the trade of miller and followed that occupation for many years. He now lives at Shamokin, Pa., where he is a dealer in pianos, organs, sewing machines, etc. Henry W. Geist grew to manhood in Legins township, where he received a common school education. Upon leaving school he started in to learn the wagon-makers' trade with Paul Wolfgang, of Valley View. After serving five years and learning the details of all parts of wagon construction he, in 1902, built and opened his present factory, where he has since continued. He manufactures all kinds of farm and spring wagons, and does a general repair business. Honest material, honest workmanship and reasonable prices are his stock in trade, and it is upon this basis that he has built up his patronage. Starting in life as a poor boy he has succeeded by his industry, close attention to business, and square dealing with his customers. In September, 1900, Mr. Geist was united in marriage to Miss Sadie Haas, of Northumberland county, Pa., and they have two children, Arthur and Anna. Mr. Geist is a member of the United Brethren church and takes an interest in promoting its good works.

**Gerber, Elmer**, foundry and machine shop foreman, and one of the stockholders in the Eagle Iron Works of Tamaqua, was born in Schuylkill county on May 17, 1873, a son of Mahlon A. and Amelia (Dry) Gerber. A sketch of the father appears elsewhere in this volume. After acquiring the educational advantages offered in the common schools of his native county, Elmer Gerber served an apprenticeship in the machinists' trade, and when he had become a master of it worked at it for five years. Then for a period of seven years he was employed at the Greenwood colliery as outside foreman. At the end of that time he was made foreman of the Eagle Iron Works, of which his father, with other men, had gained control. It is in a large measure due to his ability in handling the 35 or 40 men under him, his business sagacity and his familiarity with the details of the business that the establishment has been put upon its feet again. He has now (1907) been in his present position for three years. On Oct. 14, 1902, Mr. Gerber was united in marriage to Miss Hermina Riebe, a native of Carbon county, and a daughter of Herman and Barbara Riebe, residents of Lansford, Carbon county. To this union has been born a son, Mahlon Riebe Gerber. Mr. Gerber is identified with the Reformed church, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a past exalted ruler of the latter.

**Gerber, Mahlon A.**, superintendent of Beddell Bros.' colliery, No. 13, of the Furnace Coal Company at Gilberton, and manager of the Eagle Iron Works and machine shop, was born on Jan. 15, 1846, at McKeansburg, Pa. His parents were John and Louise (Buck) Gerber, both natives of Schuylkill county, where the father followed agricultural pursuits all his life. The mother's demise occurred in December, 1894, in her seventy-sixth year, and

the father passed away in April, 1906, at the age of eighty-four. Both parents were devout members of the German Reformed church, and did much in their lifetime to promote and encourage the growth of that institution. The paternal grandfather, John Gerber, was also a native of this county and a farmer of affluence. The maternal grandfather was Andrew Buck, and Mrs. Gerber was a child of his third marriage. The subject of this sketch is the eldest of thirteen children, all of whom were living on Jan. 1, 1905. After receiving what educational advantages the schools of his native county afforded, in March, 1864, he enlisted in a Pennsylvania infantry regiment of the Army of the Potomac. He was detailed for guard duty with his regiment and while serving in this capacity was stricken with typhoid fever. The ravages of the disease put an end to his military career, and in August, 1865, he received an honorable discharge from the service. When sufficiently recovered he returned to the coal region and became employed as a driver of a timber team for a colliery, leaving that labor to assume a position on a boat hauling coal from Schuylkill Haven. Subsequently he worked for the Philadelphia & Reading railroad as repair man and brakeman, and then learned the trade of boat-builder. He quit the latter occupation to embark in the breaker-building business, and after a number of years became outside foreman for the Lehigh Coal Company. Some years ago Mr. Gerber leased a dirt bank of P. W. Shafer and put into operation the first washer of any dimension in the anthracite region. From this bank he has shipped more than 100,000 tons a year ever since. About 1890 he got possession of an old colliery shipping about six tons a day, and by careful management and skillful development made it a paying venture, some 30,000 tons being shipped the first year. From year to year the output increased until it reached 60,000 tons a year. Then Mr. Gerber formed a partnership with the Beddell Bros. and erected a new breaker, which brought the shipments up to 100,000 tons annually. With S. A. Beddell and D. B. Klein Mr. Gerber obtained the controlling interest in the Eagle Iron Works, at the time in a defunct state. In 1905 the firm did \$30,000 worth of business, and now employs about 40 men. In 1877 Mr. Gerber was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Dry, a native of this county, and a daughter of Paul and Hannah Dry, both deceased. To this union have been born five children. Elizabeth, the eldest, is the wife of James Kalbach, and the mother of two sons, Paul and Ray; Bertha is Mrs. Jesse Long and has two children, Wilbur and Maud; a sketch of Elmer, the only surviving son, appears elsewhere in this volume; Annie is Mrs. Aaron Burninger, and Charles died at the age of two years. Mrs. Gerber is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and her husband of the German Reformed church. He is also identified with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is known as a man of fine business capacity, keen intellect and upright character.

**Gerhard, Prof. Frederic**, instructor in music, leader of the Third Brigade band and Gerhard's Symphony orchestra, was born at Hummelstown, Dauphin county, Pa., Jan. 17, 1864, a son of Charles and Jane (Bickel) Gerhard. The father was a native of Alsace-Lorraine when it was under French dominion and after coming to this country was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war. The paternal grandfather, Frederic Gerhard, was a soldier under Napoleon in the ill-fated Moscow campaign. The mother, who died in Philadelphia on May 30, 1903, was a direct descendant of Simon Sallada and Margaret Everhart, who became famous in the early history of Schuylkill county. The family consisted of two sons and three daughters, of whom the professor is the eldest. Annie is now Mrs. Adelbert S. Jordan, of Philadelphia; Julia M. is unmarried and with Margaret and Edward C. lives in Philadelphia. The professor's early life was spent in Ashland, Ringtown and Shenandoah and he acquired his limited education in the schools of these boroughs. While still a young boy he started to earn his own living as a slate picker in the Shenandoah mines and subsequently went to work as a core maker in a foundry. When he came to Pottsville in his nineteenth year it was to enter the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company in their foundry. Before this time he had shown an aptitude for and an ability in music which had surprised even the most critical, and after his arrival in Pottsville he began the systematic study which is required of every good musician. For the period of time that he was engaged in foundry work he spent his evenings playing in the theater orchestras. In 1889 he went to New York city and spent a year there as a student under Dr. Eugene Thayer and Gustav Dannreuther, pursuing a course in theory and composition under the former and taking violin lessons from the latter. Upon his return to Pottsville in 1890 he was elected leader of the Third Brigade band, of which he had been a member for some eight years previous to his going to New York. This organization was brought together first on Oct. 19, 1879, being constituted entirely of residents of Pottsville. It attended many state and national functions, among them the inaugurations of presidents and governors, the Dewey jubilee, and the state encampments of the National Guard. An act of the legislature passed in 1903 did away with the brigade band as a military organization, but it has been continued for other purposes since that time. Prof. Gerhard has organized an orchestra called Gerhard's Symphony orchestra and a string quartette which fulfills concert engagements during the season. He has large classes in violin and piano instruction and has deservedly won for himself a fine reputation by his success in this line. On Oct. 30, 1888, Mr. Gerhard married Miss Minnie G. Brown, daughter of the late Charles Brown, a merchant of Pottsville. The Brown family was one of the first to locate in Pottsville and is now well established there. To Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard have been born two children, Grace Jane and Charles William. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard are members of the Eng-

lish Lutheran church, with which Mr. Gerhard has been associated ever since he was sixteen years of age. Fraternally he is affiliated with Pulaski Lodge, No. 216, Free and Accepted Masons, Mountain City Chapter, No. 196, Royal Arch Masons, and Constantine Commandery, No. 41, Knights Templars.

**Goas, Charles H.**, a harness-maker by vocation and a justice of the peace of Schuylkill Haven, was born in that borough on Feb. 28, 1861, a son of John C. and Christiana (Stegmier) Goas. Both parents were born in Germany, but in different provinces. The other four children of the family are John M., Thomas F., Mary C. and Harry A. Charles H. Goas attended the public schools of Schuylkill Haven and at the age of twelve years began earning his own living by driving a team for E. Emery. After a few years he started in to learn the harness-makers' trade and in January, 1890, embarked in this business for himself. By his energy and perseverance, combined with exceptional skill as a workman in his trade, he has made a financial success of the business and his patronage is well established. In politics Mr. Goas is a firm believer in the principles of Jeffersonian Democracy and has been the successful candidate of his party for numerous offices. For some time he was borough councilman and in February, 1894, was first elected justice of the peace in his ward. Probably no better evidence of his popularity can be found than the fact that he has been continuously reelected to the office at each successive election in a ward which is overwhelmingly Republican in its votes on other candidates. In a fraternal way he is well known over the county, being a member of the Schuylkill Haven Lodge, No. 270, Free and Accepted Masons, and of the Mountain City Chapter, No. 196, Royal Arch Masons, of Pottsville. Mr. Goas' wife was formerly Miss Kate A. Mengle, daughter of Michael Mengle, and his marriage to her occurred in October, 1893. The children of this union are five in number—Marion N., Charles M., John L. C., Christina S. and Catherine K. The family attend the Evangelical church of Schuylkill Haven.

**Godrycz, Rev. John, Ph.D., LL.D., D.D.**, a man of exceptional intellect and broad culture, rector of St. Casimir's Polish Catholic church in Shenendoah, was born in Russian Poland in 1876. His educational training was acquired in his native land and in Rome, three years being devoted to the study of medicine. After the death of his parents he was sent to Rome under the patronage of Count Strogonoff to study philosophy, the natural sciences and divinity. At the end of six years of tireless work and study he was granted the degrees of Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Divinity and was sent by his church to fill the chair of professor of philosophy in the theological seminary of Detroit, Mich., under the Rev. Bishop Foley. After five years in this capacity he returned to Rome to become a student of common and civil law and divinity. In three years' time he was granted doctorates in all three courses and returned to Detroit to accept a chair of common law, philosophy and moral theology, but filled it only a year. At



the end of that period he began his ministerial duties as a member of the diocese of Philadelphia and was sent to Chester, where he established a Polish parish and built a church. When, after eleven months, he had completed the duty assigned him he was transferred to Shenandoah. This congregation had been organized by Rev. Alexander Lenarkiewicz, who had built the church edifice in 1878. After his death in July, 1904, the charge was assumed temporarily by Rev. Father Biela and later by Rev. M. Monkiewicz. On Nov. 25, 1905, Dr. Godrycz was duly installed as rector and has been serving in the capacity since. The membership, which is made up wholly of people of Polish nationality, numbers 500 families, and the church edifice, built of brick and stone, is one of the handsomest and largest in Shenandoah. It has a seating capacity of 900 and is most elaborately finished and furnished, the paintings alone having cost some \$2,000. In the fall of 1905 the exterior of the building was painted and renovated. There is also a parochial school under the direct supervision of the pastor, conducted by the Sisters of St. Bernard, which was established in 1899. Dr. Godrycz has established a system of societies and organizations with a view to bringing the people of the parish into closer touch with the church and Christian life. One of these, the name of which translated is Moderation in Life, is for young men between the ages of sixteen and thirty; another, called Education, is for girls and young ladies over the age of fourteen. Altogether there are fourteen of these organizations, two of which are for married women, and some of them carry the benefit feature. Dr. Godrycz is a writer of national fame, his contributions being along the line of philosophical thought, and the same careful study and broad intellectual grasp which have marked his work as a teacher and pastor are evident in his literature. He has received the highest commendation from leaders of public thought and the personal thanks and appreciation of Cardinal Gibbons and others.

**Gore, Samuel Helms**, prothonotary of Schuylkill county, Pa., and a resident of Pottsville, was born in that city on Aug. 13, 1863, a son of William Henry and Sophia E. (Helms) Gore, the former of whom was born in Philadelphia, Pa., April 20, 1841, and died Oct. 23, 1870, and the latter was born at Womelsdorf, Pa., Feb. 28, 1845, and died in March, 1880. They were married Aug. 20, 1860, Mrs. Gore being a daughter of Samuel and Marie (Smith) Helms, and they became the parents of three children: Susan Norbury, who was born in Pottsville, Oct. 31, 1861, became the wife of Elmer E. Veter; Samuel Helms, the subject of this review; and William Henry, who was born in Pottsville, Nov. 6, 1868. William Henry Gore, the father, was a stanch Republican in his political proclivities and was a member of the Presbyterian church. He received his education in the schools of Philadelphia and Pottsville, and his active business career was spent in the latter city, first as a printer and later as agent for an express company. During the Civil war he enlisted as a musician in the 48th Pennsylvania volunteer infantry,





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Mr. Gore is now occupying the position of secretary of the Pottsville Intent Fire Company and is a member of Camp No. 36, Patriotic Order of Sons of America, and No. 134, Fraternal Order of Eagles. On Aug. 23, 1892, he was united in marriage to Mary Elizabeth Shaw, a daughter of John Shaw of Pottsville, and to this union have been born: Frank Miller Gore, the date of his last birth being May 1, 1901.

Gotshall, William H., the genial host of the Lavelle Hotel, Lavelle, Pa., was born at Sunbury, Pa., in February, 1861, the son of Henry and Harriet (Cressinger) Gotshall and of good German stock. His paternal grandfather, Daniel Gotshall, was a wheelwright by vocation and spent all his life in Northumberland county. The mother's father, Samuel Cressinger, was an agriculturist of Northumberland. Henry Gotshall, the father, was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war, receiving a wound in one of the engagements of that war. He died in 1901, leaving a family of four children: William, the subject of this sketch is the second in order of birth; George, a physician, wife of George Duham; Elizabeth, a domestic, wife of George; and a daughter, wife of Daniel Oyster. William has enjoyed all his educational advantages in the public schools of Sunbury, where he was reared. When he had finished his education he went to the employ of the Sunbury Gas Company, where he remained for seven years. Subsequently for a period of six months he was a driver for the brewery at Lavelle. This latter position he left in 1901 to accept of a position at Lavelle, in which he has succeeded. In 1895 was solemnized Mr. Gotshall's marriage to Mary Reabuch, daughter of Elias and Hannah Reabuch, of Northumberland county. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Gotshall are Herbert, Walter, Goldie, Helen. Mr. Gotshall is a communicant of the Lutheran church and his political shall is a zealous Democrat. He is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, and of the Sons of Veterans.

Graeff, Herman B.—Tamaqua, Pa. He is a notable pioneer who died March 21, 1902.





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**Graeff, Herman B.**—Tamaqua has been the home of this venerable pioneer since March 31, 1849. He was then a young man of

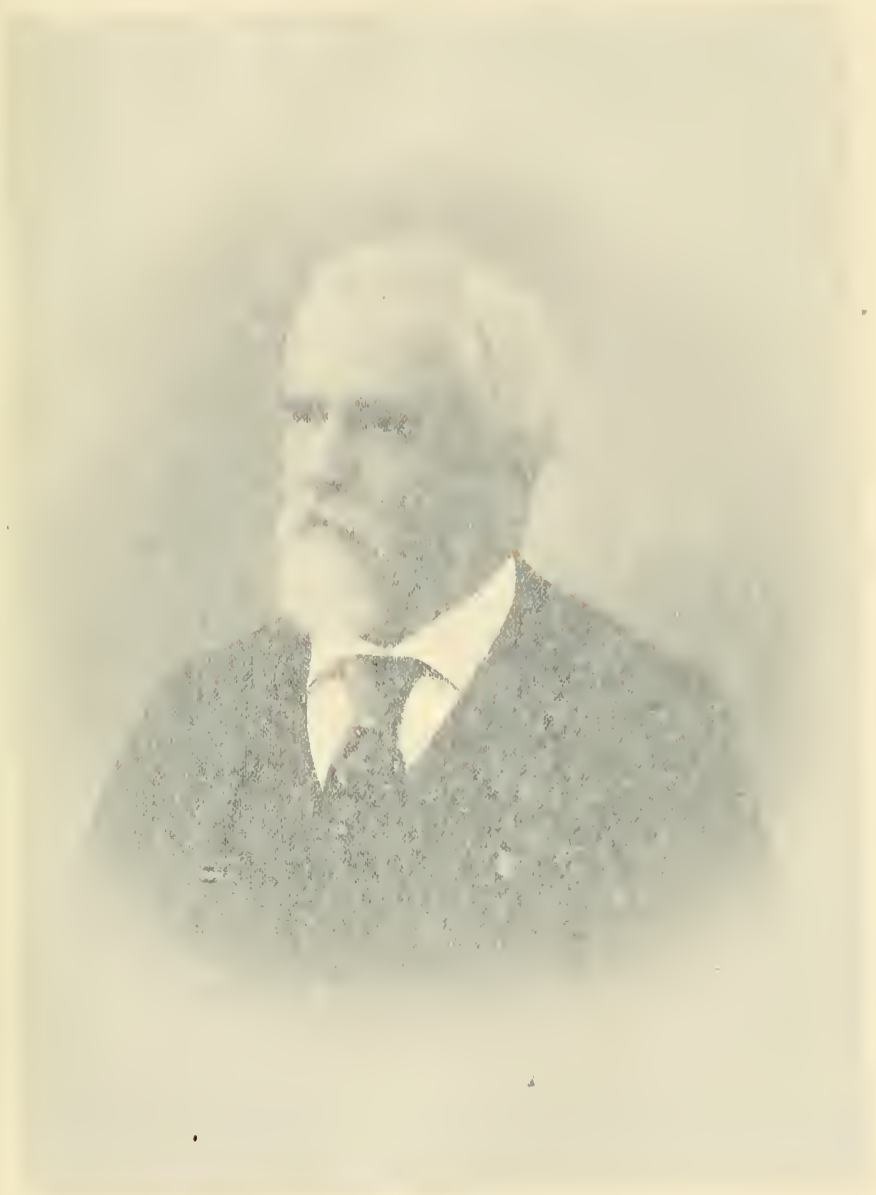
nineteen and came from his parental home at Temple, Berks county, to engage in life's duties on his own account. Young Graeff entered the employ of Bowman, Moyer & Richardson in the capacity of bookkeeper, and served eight years with this firm and other mercantile establishments of those early days. He was elected tax collector of the village in 1857, and served six years in that office. He also served several years as justice of the peace prior to 1875. He began the study of law in the office of A. W. Leyburn, and after three years spent in study in connection with his other business interests, he was admitted to the Schuylkill county bar in 1861. He at once opened an office in Tamaqua, and has been in constant practice in that borough since. He has always been considered a very successful lawyer, and a wise and conservative counsellor. His experience has been varied, and covers every phase of legal practice in the courts of the county and contiguous territory. Mr. Graeff has always taken an active interest in any public measure calculated to enhance the interests of Tamaqua, or for the benefit of the general public. He has never aspired to public office, but has been content to devote his time and talents to his professional work. He was clerk of the borough council for sixteen years, and has also served as a member of the school board. He began his political career as a Whig, and cast his first ballot for the principles of that party in 1851. Four years later, the Republican party came into existence, and Mr. Graeff has been a firm adherent to the doctrines of Republicanism for more than half a century. Herman B. Graeff was born at Temple, Berks county, Pa., Oct. 27, 1830, a son of Daniel and Arasmy (Beard) Graeff, also natives of Berks county, the father born at Kutztown in 1801, and the mother near Reading, at the then village of Birdsboro. In 1841 the parental home was transferred from Berks county to Schuylkill Haven, where the father engaged in the hotel business. He died there in March, 1850. His widow survived him for many years, and died in Tamaqua. She was an active and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. These were the parents of six children, only three of whom are now living, viz.: Herman B., the subject of this sketch; Francis B., a retired manufacturer living in Tamaqua, and Michael B., who went to Colorado in 1860, and has spent his life in the mining business in the west. The subject of this article has been twice married, first in 1856, to Miss Lenora Lattimore, of Northampton county. She died in 1874, leaving four children who lived to years of maturity. Those living are Charles, who has been associated with his father in the law business for the last fifteen years, and Mary L., widow of A. J. Rhodes, late of Tamaqua. Mr. Graeff married his present companion, who was Miss Evelyn B. Maxton, in 1875, and three children have been born to this union, James H., Lenora L., and Robert J. Mr. Graeff was adjutant of the 176th Pennsylvania militia during the Civil war, and served a brief term at the front during the invasion of the state.

Gray, Robert Bruce, M. D., a practicing physician and surgeon in Port Carbon, was born at Cressona, Schuylkill county, Aug. 11, 1866. He is a son of John and Agnes (McKelvey) Gray, the former of whom was born in Johnson, Renfrewshire, Scotland, and the latter in Pottsville, on East Norwegian and Coal streets, where the Pennsylvania depot now stands. The McKelvey family were among the early pioneers of Pottsville, emigrating from Scotland about 1820. David McKelvey, the maternal grandfather of Dr. Gray, while engaged in the early development of the coal fields in Pottsville, was killed by a falling timber under the site of the present court house, he being the first miner killed in the gate vein. His widow leased the Mt. Hope farm and sold milk, fruit and vegetables in town, by which means she reared her family of four children. At her death she was buried in the cemetery adjoining the Center street grammar school building, in a vault which contained the mortal remains of thirty-five of her relatives. Dr. Gray's father's marriage to Agnes McKelvey was blessed with eleven children, ten of whom lived to years of maturity and nine of whom are now living. Isabella is the wife of Samuel Klock, and lives in Truly, Mont. Dr. James Charles Gray has been a representative practicing physician at Cressona since 1884; William Lincoln is a machinist at Shickshinny, Luzerne county, Pa.; Jennie B. is the wife of Adam Applegate of Pottsville; Dr. Robert B. was next in order of birth; Annie Elizabeth married William Kline and lives at Great Falls, Mont.; Agnes May is the wife of Rheinold Plath and also resides at Great Falls; John McKelvey is a practicing physician in Port Carbon, where he located three years later than his brother, Dr. Robert; George Andrew was a ranchman in Great Falls, Mont., he having been thrown from a horse on his ranch and killed near Great Falls: the place is named Gray Butte in his honor, though his body lies in the family lot at Cressona; Allen Eugene is a ranchman and farmer, having taken up the claim of his brother George in Gray Butte, near Great Falls; Chester Hutchison died in infancy. The mother died in 1901 at her home in Cressona and the father died in Montana eight months later and was buried at Cressona. Dr. Robert B. Gray was educated in the public schools of his native town, and professionally educated at the Medico-Chirurgical college of Philadelphia. He was graduated at the last named institution with the class of 1894, passed the examination of the board of state examiners of Pennsylvania and after considerable hospital experience, settled down to private practice in Port Carbon. He had charge of the medical wards in the Pottsville hospital for a few months during the first three years of the existence of that institution and also served six years as deputy county coroner in the district embraced by Port Carbon, Middleport and New Philadelphia. He has been a member of the board of U. S. pension examiners for Schuylkill county for two years; served five years as a member of the board of health in Port Carbon; a like period as a member of the board of health in Palo Alto, and is at present a member of



the Port Carbon borough council. The doctor is an uncompromising Republican in his political affiliations. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Patriotic Order Sons of America. He was married on Sept. 28, 1898, to Miss Mary Beddall Wren, a daughter of George and Lillie Wren, of Mahanoy City. (See personal sketch of George Wren.) Mrs. Gray is a granddaughter of Thomas Beddall, of an early established family in Schuylkill county, and prominent in the early development of the coal interests. The same may be said of her paternal grandfather, Thomas Wren. Dr. and Mrs. Gray have a son and a daughter, the latter being Miss Lillie, born Aug. 20, 1899, and the son is Master Robert, born Feb. 6, 1900. The doctor is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mrs. Gray is a Presbyterian in religious preferences.

**Green, David Bright**, deceased, was in his day one of the leading lawyers of Schuylkill county, and in fact of the State of Pennsylvania. He was born at Reading, Berks county, Dec. 22, 1831, a son of John and Catharine (Bright) Green, old residents of that city. His early education was acquired in the schools of his native city, after which he entered Yale university, where he graduated in 1852. Returning to Reading he became a student in the law office of John S. Richards, and in January, 1855, was admitted to the bar. In April, 1856, he located at Pottsville, where he soon built up a lucrative practice. In 1862 he entered the army as adjutant of the 129th Pennsylvania volunteer infantry. Although he served but nine months he was a participant in some of the most sanguinary battles of the great Civil war, being at the second Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, as well as in several minor engagements. When General Lee invaded Pennsylvania in the summer of 1863 Judge Green again heeded his country's call and went out as lieutenant-colonel of the 27th Pennsylvania "emergency" regiment, with which he served until mustered out in August. In 1865 he formed a partnership with Hon. Lin Bartholomew, but this firm was amicably dissolved the following year. In 1867 Governor Geary appointed Mr. Green judge of the criminal court for the district composed of Schuylkill, Dauphin and Lebanon counties, which had been created by legislative enactment the preceding winter. The following fall he was nominated by the Republican party for a full term, and was elected, though the constitutionality of the law was attacked and after some bitter opposition the supreme court of the state sustained the action of the legislature. Judge Green then entered upon the duties of the office and continued in that position until about 1874. Then the present constitution of the state was adopted, by virtue of which the court was abolished, though he was commissioned as judge of the court of common pleas for the remainder of the term for which he had been elected. He was defeated for reelection in the fall of 1877 by Judge Bechtel, but was elected over James B. Reilly in 1881, and resumed his judicial functions on the first Monday in January, 1882. He was reelected in 1891, and had served



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one year, one month and three days, when death closed his career. Judge Green's death was due to progressive apoplexy. On Sunday, Feb. 5, 1893, he complained of feeling dizzy, and about nine o'clock the following morning spoke of a slight numbness in his right hand and the right side of his face. This numbness increased until by two o'clock in the afternoon, after suffering two distinct strokes of apoplexy, he became unconscious and remained so until the end, which came a few minutes after nine o'clock that evening. Concerning his legal career the *Miners' Journal*, of Pottsville, said the next day: "Judge Green was one of the best and most prominent citizens of the state. His record as a citizen, as a lawyer and as a judge, stands preëminent in the history of Schuylkill county. In the galaxy of such judges as Heggins, Blythe, Black, King, Elwell, Paxson, Mitchell, and many others who were associated in the several common pleas courts of Pennsylvania, there is no name that shines brighter in common pleas jurisprudence than that of Judge Green. In all matters of public improvement he stood in front; as a friend and social companion he was ever near." In his early study of the law Judge Green devoted a great deal of attention to the law regulating mining rights, and their bearing on the safety and preservation of railroads and highways that traversed the surface over the mines. On these questions, and the laws relating to original land titles and riparian rights, he became a recognized authority, his decisions in such cases—of which there were many—always showing such justice and equity, and such profound knowledge of the law, that many of his Republican friends urged him to become a candidate for a place on the supreme bench. These overtures he always turned aside, preferring to continue in the office to which he had been elected by the people of his own county. His decisions are still quoted, however, as sound in principle and a thorough exposition of the laws, and will no doubt continue as the highest authority on these questions in the years to come. Judge Green was interested in several business enterprises and at the time of his death was a director of the Safe Deposit bank, of which he was one of the founders. Eminent social in his disposition he was a favorite guest at numerous dinners, etc., and was a member of that organization known as the "Pottsville Fishing Party," one of the oldest social organizations of Schuylkill county. Of this club he had the honor of being president. On Dec. 8, 1870, Judge Green was united in marriage to Catherine Brooke, a daughter of L. P. Brooke, of whom specific mention will be found in this volume. They became the parents of the following children: Ida F., Katharine and Douglass Bannon.

**Green, Robert P.**, a farmer of affluence and a dealer in timber for mining purposes, whose postoffice is Ashland, was born in that city on Sept. 3, 1856. He is one of six children of Daniel F. and Annie (Patten) Green, the others being William, Thomas, Daniel, Ida and Eleanor. His educational advantages were acquired in the public schools of Barry township and Ashland, which he at-

tended until he was about sixteen years of age. Then he became his father's assistant on the homestead farm and remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-eight years old, by which time he had saved sufficient of his earnings to purchase the farm which he is now working. The place contains some 135 acres, 60 of which are under cultivation, general farming being carried on and no particular branch being favored. In connection with his agricultural interests he owns and manages an extensive lumber yard, the greater part of the output of which is used for the timbering of mines. On May 15, 1876, was solemnized Mr. Green's marriage to Miss Susanna Kimmel, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Kramer) Kimmel, and nine children have blessed this union, of whom six survive. Edward, the eldest survivor, married Miss Ella Derr, of Barry; Ida is the wife of Monroe Kimmel of Gordon; Edna is Mrs. Harvey Hubler, and the others are Elsie May, Sarah Emma, and John Daniel, all at home. The family are all communicants of the Lutheran church of Barry, of which Mr. Green is a deacon. In politics he is a stalwart Republican and as such held the offices of assessor and register for a total of six years. Fraternally he is identified with Lavelle Lodge, No. 972, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Green is of good English-Welsh stock. His paternal grandparents, John and Eleanor (Lewis) Green, were natives of England and Wales, respectively, and the maternal grandparents were Thomas and Alice Patten, both of whom immigrated to this country from England.

**Gregory, William G.**, agent and mining engineer for the Sheaffer estate, was born near Pottsville on April 22, 1850. He is a son of Elijah and Mary E. (Troutman) Gregory, the former born in England in 1834 and the latter in Schuylkill county in 1837. The parents were married in this county in 1850. The father came to the United States about the time he attained his majority, passing his twenty-first birthday on board ship, and for all his active life was engaged in mining, holding various responsible positions with different concerns. For some twenty years he was superintendent of the coal and iron company's works in the Girardville district. He retired about 1897 and removed to Reading, where he died on July 12, 1902. The mother is still living, making her home with a widowed daughter at Reading. Seven children were born to the parents, of whom the subject of this sketch is the second in order of birth. Salina, the eldest, became the wife of John Hanson, and died in 1868, leaving two children; John is a druggist in Pottsville; Emma is the wife of George M. Daniell, of Vivian, W. Va.; Sarah, with whom the mother makes her home, is the widow of W. A. Oliver, of Reading, and has two children; Harriet is the wife of Andrew Richelderfer, of Girardville; and Alice died in infancy. William G. Gregory received his educational advantages in the common schools of the county, rounding out his training by a course at Dickinson seminary at Williamsport. His work about the mines began when he was still a child and he first took

up the work of engineer in 1880 at the Ashland office of the Coal & Iron Company. He remained with that concern until November, 1892, and then was engaged as superintendent of the colliery of Leisenring & Co., of Minersville. His Minersville position he retained until April, 1894, and the following month assumed his present occupation with the Sheaffer estate. His duties are many and varied, including the collecting of rentals, the building, repairing and leasing of houses and making surveys of the collieries of the estate. He has attended to every detail of the work with as much scrupulous care as if it were his own interest, and throughout has given the highest degree of satisfaction to his employers. On June 8, 1882, Mr. Gregory married Miss Elizabeth Johnson, daughter of John and Jane Johnson of Girardville. Mrs. Gregory's parents are dead, but she has three brothers, John at Gordon, Charles at Pottsville and Frank at Shenandoah, and a sister, Mrs. J. B. Smith, living at Pottsville. In politics Mr. Gregory is a Republican, but aside from several years of service as borough surveyor of Shenandoah, he has never held political office. He is prominent in Masonic circles, having attained to the thirty-second degree, and being a member of the Blue lodge of Ashland, the Minersville chapter, the Ashland commandery, the Philadelphia consistory and the Reading Shrine, and is a past officer in the first three named. He is also a member of the Royal Arcanum, the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, and the American Hose Company of Ashland. Mrs. Gregory is a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**Griffiths, Elmer J.**, the leading undertaker and embalmer of Tamaqua, was born at Lewisburg, Union county, Pa., on March 22, 1864. He is a son of William H. and Margaret E. (McFadden) Griffiths, both natives of Pennsylvania. The father in early life was a molder by trade, and was occupied at that labor until his health became impaired and he was compelled to give it up, after which time he engaged in floriculture until his death, which occurred on Jan. 20, 1881. He removed from Philadelphia to Tamaqua before the close of the war and continued to reside there. He was a most ardent advocate of temperance and never in his life did he allow a drop of liquor to pass his lips for other than medicinal purposes. Both he and his wife, who died in 1893, were very active in the work of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which they were members. Of the seven children born to the parents but three survive. Mrs. Annie Wetzel and Mrs. Edith A. Klees, widow of William Klees, are the two members living beside the subject of this memoir, with whom they make their home. Elmer J. Griffiths attended the common schools, but was obliged by the death of his father to leave school and go to work before he had completed his course. He took charge of his father's floral business and for eight years made it the means of livelihood for the family. At the end of that period he turned it over to a purchaser and opened in his present line of business. His reputation as a painstaking, thorough workman and a kindly,



courteous gentleman in all his relations with bereaved families has brought him an increase of business from year to year and now he has calls from all over the county. On Oct. 7, 1890, he married Miss Mary E. Seiders, a native of Tamaqua and a daughter of Jackson and Ellen (Bayer) Seiders. Her father is deceased, but the mother is still living. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths are four in number—Edith G., in the class of 1908 in the high school; William H., Norman S. and Franklin G. Mrs. Griffiths died on May 22, 1900, at the age of thirty-two years. She was a woman much beloved and nowhere has she been more missed than in the Methodist Episcopal church, in which she was a loyal member and devout worker, as well as the leading soprano in the choir. Mr. Griffiths is one of the board of trustees of the Methodist church and a director in the Young Men's Christian Association. He is prominent in Masonic circles, in which he has attained to the thirty-second degree, and also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America. Like his honored father he has never tasted intoxicating liquor of any kind, and believes the world could get along just as well without it.

**Griffiths, Isaac N.**, proprietor of an old and well established hardware, plumbing and general repair business in Girardville, is a son of John and Sarah (Owens) Griffiths and was born in Shenandoah on Oct. 4, 1878. He has two sisters, Mrs. W. T. Johnson and Miss Mary Griffiths, and a brother, William G. His parents were both natives of Wales and came to Schuylkill county some ten years before his birth. The father spent all his active life in this county as an employ of a mining company. The subject of this sketch received his early education in the public schools of Shenandoah, and in 1894 completed the courses offered there. He then took up telegraphy and when he had mastered that art he became employed as a clerk in the office of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company. For nearly eleven years he held the same responsible position, leaving it only to accept the managership of the hardware business formerly owned by Peter Griffiths. The concern was established early in 1870 and is the principal store of its kind in the borough. On June 18, 1903, occurred the marriage of Mr. Griffiths to Miss Clara Morrison, daughter of Alexander and Emily (Gill) Morrison of Shenandoah. Two sons have blessed this union, John Owen and James Alexander. The parents are both members of the Baptist church and it is in that faith that the boys are being reared. In politics Mr. Griffiths is a Republican, but he has never sought the emoluments of public office. Fraternally he is identified with Shenandoah Lodge, No. 511, Free and Accepted Masons, and is the present incumbent of the chair of worshipful master. He is a young man of much natural business ability, excellent judgment and fine habits, and his friends predict for him a most successful future.

**Griffiths, Morgan**, a prominent merchant of Nuremburg and a justice of the peace of that borough, was born in Ashland on May 23, 1858, a son of Howell and Catherine (Jones) Griffiths. He attended the public schools until he was fourteen years of age and then secured work as a breaker boy. Subsequently he lived with his family for a year in Hubbard, Trumbull county, Ohio, and then returned with them to Ashland, whence they again moved, this time to Belle Tunnel near Mt. Carmel. At that place Mr. Griffiths was employed as a breaker boy again and when he went to Centralia with his parents he did the same work. The family moved from Centralia to Nuremburg, where the mines were just beginning to be worked, but left there soon after to go to Audenried, in Carbon county, and thence to Sandy Run, Luzerne county. From Sandy Run they came again to Nuremburg, where the subject of this sketch was for four years employed in the mines. In 1886 he gave up his aspirations to make mining his life work and accepted a position as manager of the clothing store of Simeon Miller in Nuremburg. In December he resigned his position and embarked in the same business under his own name. Since that time he has been most successfully engaged in the business and has a wide and varied patronage. In 1888 Mr. Griffiths was appointed postmaster by President Harrison and continued to be the incumbent of that office until 1904, when Mrs. Griffiths was made postmistress by President Roosevelt. In politics Mr. Griffiths is a Republican, and is now justice of the peace, having been elected on the Republican ticket for several terms, amounting to over seventeen years. He is a member of the county executive committee of his party and of the regular county committee. He has also been a school director for a number of years. On Oct. 26, 1886, Mr. Griffiths married Miss Margaret Witchey, daughter of Alexander and Catherine (Haber) Witchey of Osceola, Clearfield county, the ceremony occurring at Jeddo in Luzerne county. They have no children of their own, but have an adopted daughter, Eva. The family are attendants of the United Evangelical church of Nuremberg. Fraternally Mr. Griffiths is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Camp No. 96, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America. He is of good Welsh stock, his parents having come to Schuylkill county from Glamorganshire, Wales. Mr. Griffiths is recognized as a man of excellent business judgment, conservative methods and absolute integrity.

**Griffiths, Thomas B.**, a popular hotel man of Shenandoah, and school director from the Second ward, was born in North Wales in the year 1867. When he was about two years of age he came with his parents, John S. and Elizabeth (Cuffin) Griffiths to America. They came directly to Shenandoah, where the father was connected with mining interests until his death, at the age of forty-nine years. The mother died at the age of thirty-nine, leaving five children, viz.: John C., a mine worker of Shenandoah; Thomas B.; Hannah, wife of James S. Williams, an undertaker

and furniture dealer, Sarah J., a saleswoman in Shenandoah, Ruth, wife of Samuel Krom, a salesman in Philadelphia. Thomas B. Griffiths began life for himself as a slate picker in the mines. From this humble position he was promoted to more responsible and profitable ones, being connected with the mining industry for twenty years. In 1897 he engaged in the hotel business, in which line of activity he has since continued, and in which he has been measurably successful, having accumulated considerable property. Mr. Griffiths is an unswerving Republican in his political affiliations and takes an active part in the councils of his party. He is a member of the Rescue Hook and Ladder Company and the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and is an attendant at the First Baptist church. On March 20, 1893, he married Miss Miriam Thomas, a daughter of David H. and Sophia Thomas. She was born at High Park, near Scranton. Her father, now deceased, was a musician, and her mother resides in Shenandoah. She has one sister, and three half-brothers and a half-sister, children of her father by a former marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths have four children—Walter, Herbert, Sarah J. and Hazel, all living and now attending the Shenandoah schools. Mr. Griffiths is now serving his fifth year as a member of the school board. He takes a great interest in the cause of education, as well as in everything else that has a tendency to promote the general welfare of the community, and is looked upon as one of Shenandoah's substantial, public-spirited and representative citizens.

**Gruhler, Christian, M. D.**, an influential physician and surgeon of Shenandoah, was born in Jaffa, Asia Minor, Feb. 17, 1870. He is the second child born to Rev. John Grubler and his wife, Carolina Kreuz, and at the time of his birth his father was serving as a missionary of the Lutheran church. The mother died Dec. 1, 1883, and the father May 19, 1905, leaving a family of four besides the doctor. Martin, the eldest, is a druggist in Shenandoah; Mary is the wife of Philip Bierman, an electrical engineer of Philadelphia; Fannie lives in Philadelphia, and Frederick in Orwigsburg. The Gruhler family traces its ancestry back some four hundred years, and members of it have been identified with practically all the important movements in Germany for that length of time. The subject of this memoir acquired his education in the schools of Shenandoah and in 1885 entered the drug business as an apprentice with the late Charles Wasley. This arrangement continued until 1889, when Dr. Gruhler entered the college of pharmacy in Philadelphia and was graduated two years later. Upon returning to Shenandoah he again engaged in the pharmacy business, this time with his elder brother, and remained in it until 1895. In that year he purchased a drug business in Philadelphia, and at the same time began the study of medicine at the Medico-Chirurgical college of that city. When he was graduated in 1899 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine he disposed of his interest in the drug business in Philadelphia and returned to Shenandoah, where he has been actively and successfully engaged in practice ever since. He

has devoted much time to the study of smallpox and its treatment, and in 1901 during an epidemic of the disease he resigned his position as president of the borough board of health to take charge of the afflicted citizens. Before the ravages of the dread disease had ceased Dr. Gruhler had treated 163 patients, and the final extermination of the disease was due in large measure to his untiring efforts. On May 23, 1894, was celebrated Dr. Gruhler's marriage to Miss Minnie Gertrude Hoover, who was born in Pottsville, a daughter of Albert and Minnie Hoover, of Shenandoah. To Dr. and Mrs. Gruhler has been born one child, a daughter, Miss Helene D. The doctor is a member of the Lutheran church and his wife is of the Presbyterian faith. Politically Dr. Gruhler is a Republican, but aside from the two years he served as president of the borough board of health he has never held public office. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic fraternity, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

**Gruhler, Martin**, one of the leading pharmacists of Shenandoah, was born at Joppa, Palestine, Feb. 10, 1867, and is the eldest of five children born to John and Carolina (Kreuz) Gruhler, both natives of Germany, the former having been born in Württemberg and the latter in Saxony. The father was educated at the University of Heidelberg and spent his life as a minister of the Lutheran church. For seventeen years he was a missionary in Palestine, where the family was living at the time the subject of this sketch was born. Of the other children Christian was born in Joppa; Mary, now Mrs. P. J. Bierman, was born in Germany, and Fannie D. and Frederick in America. Thus the family are natives of three continents—Asia, Europe and America. Both the sisters now reside in the city of Philadelphia; Frederick is in business at Lambertville, N. J. In 1871 the parents located in the town of Shenandoah, where Martin received his education. He then entered the Philadelphia college of pharmacy, where he graduated in 1893, and soon afterward established a drug store in Shenandoah. In April, 1905, he opened a branch store in the same town, and it is no disparagement to the other druggists of the city to say that he is the leading pharmacist of the place. Mr. Gruhler is also interested in other business enterprises. He was one of the founders and is the present secretary of the Mutual building and loan association of Shenandoah; was a member of the first board of directors of the association; and is a director in the First National bank, his father having been one of the charter members of that institution. In politics Mr. Gruhler is a Socialist. From 1900 to 1903 he served as tax receiver of Shenandoah, discharging the duties with ability and fidelity. He is a member of Shenandoah Aerie, No. 103, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and he and his wife both belong to the German Lutheran church. In 1895 was solemnized the marriage of Martin Gruhler to Miss Anna Elizabeth Lehe, a former teacher in the Shenandoah public schools, and a daughter of George Lehe, who came to Shenandoah from



Pottsville. To Mr. and Mrs. Gruhler have been born three children—Caroline, Ruth A. and John. Caroline is the only child now living. In all his business transactions Mr. Gruhler is guided by a spirit of uprightness and square dealing. He takes a commendable interest in the general welfare of the community and is always ready to aid any honorable undertaking to further the interests of the city in which he lives, or to promote the health and morals of the people. In short, he is one of Shenandoah's public-spirited, enterprising and representative citizens.

**Guldner, John L.**, a conductor on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, and one of the old and faithful servants of that road, was born in this county on Sept. 18, 1862. He is a son of John C. and Sarah A. (Moll) Guldner, both native Pennsylvanians. The father was for thirty-seven years an employe of the Philadelphia & Reading. He died at the age of sixty-two years and his wife passed away in February, 1902, at the age of sixty-one. The father was a member of the Lutheran church and the mother of the Reformed congregation. Of the nine children four are living. Ida May, the eldest, born Nov. 3, 1859, died April 13, 1875; Edward E. is a railway conductor; Laura Ellen, born April 6, 1866, died April 1, 1874; Mary Elizabeth, born Nov. 20, 1869, died Aug. 23, 1873; Joseph Monroe, born Sept. 12, 1873, died Aug. 25, 1878; Sarah Jane is the wife of William Geasing, a blacksmith of Hazleton; Oliver Isaac, born Feb. 4, 1884, is deceased; and Susan Rebecca is the wife of Conrad Zeigler, a blacksmith. The subject of this sketch is the second of the children in order of birth. He acquired a scholastic training in the common schools and then was occupied in various lines until September, 1881. At that time he entered the employ of the railroad and has been with the company ever since. After about five years of service as a brakeman he was promoted to be a conductor. His long and faithful service is ample evidence of the trust in which his employers hold him. Through careful management and strict attention to the duty in hand he has gone through all his service without an accident. On May 15, 1884, Mr. Guldner was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Weiss, a daughter of the late Henry and Catherine Weiss. Her father was killed in 1880, while acting in his capacity of car inspector, and the mother died in 1891. Their seven children are Julia, now Mrs. Peter Fourour, of Philadelphia; Philip, in Tamaqua; Mary, who died at the age of three years; Louisa, wife of J. G. Schad; Henry N., a baker of Tamaqua; Frank, living in Mauch Chunk, where he is employed by the railroad company; and Mrs. Guldner. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Guldner are five in number. Thomas John, the eldest, died at the age of three years, and Henry Weiss, the youngest, died when but three weeks old. The others are Louella, Helen Louise and Augusta. The family are all communicants of the German Lutheran church, and the father is identified with Tamaqua Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and with the encampment of the same order.

**Hadesty, P. H.**, an enterprising hardware merchant of Tamaqua, is a native of Schuylkill county and a son of James M. and Elizabeth (Kantner) Hadesty. Both parents were born in Pottsville and the father came to Tamaqua in 1850, where he started in the hardware business and continued in it until his death in 1903. He was one of the most prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal church and for years was a trustee of the Tamaqua congregation. Fraternally he was closely identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having been one of the charter members of the Tamaqua lodge. With Dr. Fethrolf he was one of the organizers of the Odd Fellows' cemetery association, which maintains one of the most beautiful as well as one of the best kept burial grounds in this section of the state. The mother died in 1904 at the age of sixty-five. She was a matronly woman, whose kindly Christian influence was felt in many a sick room, and whose demise was a loss to the whole community. The subject of this sketch received the educational advantages afforded by the public schools of Tamaqua, and upon the completion of his scholastic work he entered his father's employ as a clerk in the hardware store. He served in this capacity until 1900, when he was made a partner and the firm became Hadesty & Son. Since the father's death he has had full control of the business, which has grown in proportions under his able management. Mr. Hadesty is unmarried. He is recognized as one of Tamaqua's most conscientious, progressive and substantial business men.

**Hafner, George L.**, a carpenter and builder of Shenandoah, was born in Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 1, 1863, a son of Martin John and Catherine (Philipps) Hafner, both natives of Germany. The father was a tailor and dealer in clothing and furnishing goods, first in Pottsville and later in Shenandoah, removing to the latter city on June 4, 1873. His death occurred on May 15, 1878. He and his wife had a family of seven sons and one daughter. Frederick, a carpenter, died at the age of thirty-eight years, leaving a widow and two children; Edward died in California in June, 1905, a widower with four children; Louisa is the wife of Carl Schurz, of Shenandoah; William F. is a carpenter in Philadelphia, married, and has two children; George L. is the subject of this sketch; Charles died at the age of four years; Louis F. is married and lives in Shenandoah, where he is a clerk in the Reading freight station; Harry V. is employed in the freight department of the Pennsylvania railroad at Wilkes Barre, married and has one child. After the death of the father of these children, Mrs. Hafner married Rev. John Gruhler, formerly a missionary to Palestine. He died in Philadelphia. George L. Hafner was educated in Pottsville and Shenandoah and worked about the mines until he was grown. He then learned the trade of breaker-builder and house carpenter, which occupation he has since followed—a period of twenty years. Mr. Hafner is a member and past grand of John W. Stokes Lodge, No. 515, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and for the past two years has

held the office of district deputy grand master in the order. He is also a member of Camp No. 112, Patriotic Order, Sons of America, and was district president during the years 1902-3 in district No. 5. He is a member and past state president of the Patriotic Order of Americans, an auxiliary of the former organization, also past commander of the Shenandoah Commandery, No. 14, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, and at present recorder of the same; belongs to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church and is one of its active workers, having served as assistant superintendent of the Sunday school for twelve years; a member of the church council for six years; leader of the church and Sunday school choirs for the same length of time; is now lieutenant of the United Boys' Brigade of America, a semi-military organization to teach its members Christian faith and obedience; and has been secretary of the Shenandoah Young Men's Christian association since its organization. In his political views he is an unswerving Republican and has always taken an active interest in political affairs. In 1900 he was elected to the school board for the Third ward for a term of three years, and in the spring of 1906 was returned for a second term of the same length. He is now serving that term and is a member of the committees on text-books and supplies; exonerations; finance, and non-resident pupils. Mr. Hafner is a bachelor and makes his home with his sister, Mrs. Schurz.

**Hahn, George A.**, chief of police of the city of Tamaqua, was born in this county on Feb. 1, 1870. He is a son of George and Mary (Ruff) Hahn, both native Germans. The father was a barber across the seas and followed that vocation after coming to the United States in the early '50s. When the War of the Rebellion opened he enlisted as a private in a regiment belonging to the Army of the Potomac and served until the close of that historic struggle. He was discharged as a corporal after he had participated with his regiment in the grand review at Washington. Four wounds, all rather severe, one in the leg, one in the arm and two in the body, bore witness that he had in no way shirked his duty. Shortly after being mustered out he removed to Williamsport, Pa., and in 1868 to Tamaqua, where he was actively engaged in the barber business until his death, on Dec. 16, 1902, at the age of sixty-eight years. The mother's parents, Stephen and Barbara Ruff, were probably the first settlers of Tamaqua. Stephen Ruff died in the 60's and his wife some twenty years later, at the age of eighty-two years. Their eldest son, Charles, was a mechanical genius. As early as 1874 he made the first automobile known in this part of the state. Its motive power was steam, and it was known as the steam carriage. Mrs. Hahn is still living, an honored resident of Tamaqua. The chief is the second in order of birth of the five children in the family. Louisa, the eldest, is the wife of Philip Trout, of Tamaqua; Richard is an interior decorator, working at his trade in his native city; Anna is forewoman in a shirt factory in Bayonne, N. J.; and Eva is employed in the same factory. The subject of this sketch received what education

the public schools of Tamaqua offered, and after completing his scholastic labors he engaged in paper hanging, interior decorating and sign painting, and followed that until 1900. In that year he was chosen chief of the department of police of Tamaqua, and his retention in the office is ample proof of the efficiency with which he has filled the position. For fifteen years Chief Hahn was a member of the state militia, and during the Spanish-American war was quartermaster-sergeant, his regiment being stationed at Augusta, Ga., for four months. On Aug. 23, 1899, Mr. Hahn was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Metzger, a native of Tamaqua and a daughter of Christopher and Priscilla Metzger. The mother is deceased, but the father is still living, working at his occupation as teamster in Tamaqua. To Mr. and Mrs. Hahn has been born a daughter, Dorothy Elizabeth. Mrs. Hahn is a devout communicant of the English Lutheran church. Fraternally the chief is connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the fire company, the Maennerchor, and the International Association of chiefs of police of the United States and Canada. Mr. Hahn is undoubtedly one of the most proficient men in his profession.

**Halberstadt, Andrew Howell, M. D.**—This venerable practitioner of Pottsville is a representative of three generations of physicians bearing the name of Halberstadt who have practiced medicine in Pottsville. He has long been recognized as the dean of the medical fraternity in Schuylkill county. Dr. A. H. Halberstadt was graduated in the department of arts and sciences at Marshall college, in 1850, and in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, in 1853. Soon after graduation he located in Pottsville and began an active professional career, which has continued to this day. He has been identified with all phases of medical practice, covering a period of more than fifty years, and long years ago he established a professional reputation second to none in eastern Pennsylvania. His career has been one of unbounded success and well-merited popularity. During the Civil war Dr. Halberstadt rendered valiant service to the "boys in blue" in the department of medicine and surgery as acting assistant surgeon in the United States army, continuing in service until the close of the war. He has been active in the state, national and local professional societies. He was one of the original organizers of the Pottsville hospital; has always contributed of his means and talents to the promotion of its interests, and has been chief of the staff of visiting surgeons during the eleven years of its existence. Dr. Halberstadt was married on May 25, 1854, to Miss Augusta M. Baird, a daughter of Thomas I. and Eliza (Carey) Baird, of Philadelphia. Four children have been born to this union, the eldest of whom, Dr. George H., of Pottsville, is a prominent physician and surgeon; Baird is a well-known mining engineer and geologist, with offices in Pottsville. Alfred Howell and Henry Carey complete the family circle. They are both located in Pottsville and all are prominently identified with the



social and business affairs of their native borough. The family are Episcopalians in religious views, and in political affiliations are Republicans. Dr. A. H. Halberstadt is a son of Dr. George Halberstadt, a native of Philadelphia, born in 1805; he was graduated in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania in the class of 1827, and practiced in Pottsville until his death, in 1860. He was prominently identified with the organization of the Pennsylvania state medical society, as appears more fully in the article on Medical Societies, in Volume I. of this publication. Dr. George Halberstadt married Miss Mary Summers, of Philadelphia. She was born in 1808. They had a family of four sons and two daughters, only three of whom are now living. Dr. Andrew H. Halberstadt was born in Pottsville, Aug. 11, 1831, and has been a resident of that borough all his life. The family is of German lineage, but long established on American soil.

**Hall, Charles G.**, one of the leading merchants of Shenandoah, was born at Dantzie, Prussia, Feb. 21, 1864. His parents, Peter and Christina Hall, were both natives of Dantzie, the former having been born on July 23, 1826, and the latter on Sept. 6, 1826. In 1876 they came to America, first locating at Jersey City, N. J., but later removing to Brooklyn, N. Y., where both died, the father in January, 1890, and the mother in 1898. Their remains rest in Greenwood cemetery. Of their children Peter is a farmer in Oregon; John is a sailor; Annie is now Mrs. Gaede, and lives in Hoboken, N. J.; Mary died in 1876; Charles G. is the subject of this sketch; and Minnie is now Mrs. Breitfield, of Brooklyn. When the family came to this country they were accompanied by the paternal grandmother, who died in Brooklyn. Peter served in the German army during the Franco-Prussian war in 1870. Charles G. Hall received his education in the schools of his native land and at Brooklyn. In 1895 he came to Shenandoah, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits on a small scale, thus laying the foundation of his present well appointed establishment and large patronage. Owing to the good judgment with which he selected his stock to meet the demands of his customers, his affable and kindly treatment of all who came to his store, and that thrift that is such a marked characteristic of the German people, he has built up a business that is second to none in the city. In fact, it is generally conceded that he carries the largest stock of general merchandise in Shenandoah, constantly employing seven clerks, besides himself and wife, who takes great pride in assisting her husband. Mr. Hall is independent in his political affiliations, believing that good government depends more on having honest men in office than mere party candidates. On Feb. 28, 1891, Mr. Hall was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Etter, daughter of Michael and Margaret Etter, of Danville, Pa. Four children have been born to this union, viz.: Alice, Joseph, Daniel and Paul. Daniel died in infancy. Mr. Hall is a member of the Lutheran church and his wife of the Episcopal church, and both take a com-

mendable interest in promoting the good works of their respective denominations.

**Harris, John M.**, editor-in-chief of the Tamaqua Evening Courier, a daily paper with a circulation of 2,000 copies, was born at Tamaqua on May 4, 1878, a son of Robert and Sophia (Meyers) Harris. The father was born in Plymouth, England, but came to the United States while still a young man and settled in St. Nicholas, where he grew to manhood. There he learned the printer's trade and in 1870 came to Tamaqua and with Daniel Eveland purchased the Courier, then a weekly paper. Six years later he purchased Mr. Eveland's interest and from that time until his death, on Jan. 14, 1896, he conducted the paper himself. He was well known in public life and his editorial utterances framed the course of public opinion in many instances. For four successive terms he was a member of the school board. His widow is still living. The subject of this sketch is the third in order of birth of the four children in the family. Marie A. is a teacher in the public schools and is now serving her thirteenth year; Ray F. is Mrs. Edward C. Hillegas, of Tamaqua; and Robert H. is the solicitor and collector of the Courier. John M. Harris was educated in the public schools of his native town and after he had completed his course went into his father's office and learned to set type. After the father's death, although he was but eighteen years of age, he took charge of the paper. In 1899 he changed it from a semi-weekly to a tri-weekly publication, and on June 1, 1900, made it a daily. Its high-water circulation mark was 2,400, attained during the strike year, and its average for the past three or four years is easily 2,000. It is the only daily publication between Mauch Chunk and Pottsville, so its area is not limited to Tamaqua. Mr. Harris is a young man of exceptional ability in his chosen vocation, and his success with the paper so far certainly augurs well for the future.

**Hartman, Rev. George W.**, pastor of St. John's Reformed church of Orwigsburg, Pa., is a native of Pennsylvania. He is a son of George C. and Rebecca J. Hartman, both born in the Keystone state. The father was a farmer and wholesale lime dealer, formerly a resident of Leinbachs, but now living at West Leesport, Pa. He was always greatly interested in educational matters, and for many years served as school director. The father is now about sixty-nine years of age and the mother is some seven years younger. After due preliminary training in the common schools the subject of this memoir, who was one of eight children, attended the Keystone state normal, after which he was engaged in pedagogic work for several years, and then for a time assisted his father in the management of his coal and lime business. Then he matriculated at the Franklin and Marshall college of Lancaster, taking a theological course, and in 1895 was graduated at that institution. Three years later he completed a graduate seminary course and took his first ministerial charge—the pastorate of St. John's Reformed church at Orwigsburg. His continued retention

in the service of that church is ample evidence of his faithfulness and capability. The church has a membership of about 300, and a Sunday school with an average attendance of 250. The cornerstone of the present edifice was laid on Aug. 28, 1831, and on the same date in 1906 the seventy-fifth anniversary of the church was celebrated with great ceremony. The congregation is an outgrowth of the old Red Church of history, the separation from that institution coming in 1830. On May 29, 1901, Mr. Hartman married Miss Carrie M. Reed, of Doylestown, a daughter of George and Mary Reed. The children of this union are two in number—George Edwin and Esther Lydia. Mrs. Hartman is a graduate of the Keystone state normal school, and for three years before her marriage was a teacher. St. John's congregation is contemplating the erection of a new edifice, the old structure being too small.

**Hauck, Calvin Albert**, postmaster of Brandonville, and the leading general merchant of the town, was born in Shenandoah on Aug. 13, 1877. He is a son of Jeremiah and Rachel (Heimbrook) Hauck, and one of six children, the others being Emma, Sadie, Nora, Mamie and Gertrude. The public schools of Ringtown afforded him what educational advantages he received and at the age of fourteen years he began work as a manufacturer of blasting powder. After six years in this line of business he and a partner opened a general store in Brandonville, under the firm name of Faust & Hauck. At the end of two years the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Hauck assumed entire charge of the interests of the concern. He has been conducting the business under his own name since that time, and has been most successful in a financial way. On April 19, 1901, President William McKinley appointed Mr. Hauck postmaster of Brandonville, and he has been the government official since that time in connection with his other business. On Oct. 13, 1899, he married Miss Miranda Hering, of Ringtown, a daughter of John and Miranda (Eisenbauer) Hering, and one of six children, the others being Isaac, Sallie, Ida, Clara and Ella. Mr. and Mrs. Hauck have two children, a son, Willard, and a daughter, Mabel. The family are members of the Reformed church, of which for the past three years the father has been a deacon. He is recognized throughout the county as a business man of ability, upright dealing and unassailable character.

**Hausman, Prof. Rudolph A.**, the subject of this biographical review, is a talented and highly accomplished musician in Pottsville. He is the youngest of a family of twelve children born to William and Anna Hausman, natives of Bohemia, Austria, where Professor Hausman was born, reared and educated. But two of this family are now known to be living, and the subject of this article is the only one who came to America. Rudolph A. Hausman was born July 2, 1864, and at the proper age he entered the high school of his native city, where he prepared for the profession of teaching. The laws of his country required that this preparation should include a course of seven years and when this was completed Mr. Hausman turned his attention to music instead of pedagogy. He

entered the conservatory of music at Prague, capital of Bohemia, and completed the prescribed course in that renowned institution in 1882, graduating with high honors. In addition to his musical education, Professor Hausman is a thorough linguist, reading and writing six languages with accuracy and fluency. For some two or three years previous to his graduation in music he had been engaged in teaching the fascinating study in his native land. After completing his course he entered the military service of Austria, and served three years as a member of a regimental band. His professional engagements followed this and led him twice around the world, teaching music in nearly every European country, and spending eighteen months as a member of the world-famous orchestra of Johann Strauss, in Vienna. Leaving Strauss, he completed his second trip around the world, located in London, taught in that city and Manchester, England, until 1900, when he embarked for America, and arrived in Pottsville on March 25, in that year. It seemed especially fortunate, both for Professor Hausman and the music-loving people of Pottsville, that his steps were directed here, in that he at once assumed a prominent place in the musical society of the town. His first engagement was as musical director of St. Patrick's church, soon followed by a like position, termed choir-master, in Trinity Episcopal church, these being two of the leading English-speaking churches in Pottsville. Soon after this the professor was chosen as musical director of the Pottsville operatic society, and of the "Liederkrantz," a German musical society of high order. Scarcely a musical event of prominence has occurred in Pottsville during the last six years that Professor Hausman was not the leading spirit, and his talents are everywhere recognized and appreciated. As a teacher of vocal music, voice culture and the violin, he is without a peer in the community. In the social world he is companionable, devoted to his friends, honorable and upright in character, a gentleman of high literary attainments and exalted professional talents. Professor Hausman is a member of the social and beneficial Order of Eagles, Pottsville Aerie, No. 134, and musical director of the organization. On Nov. 11, 1903, he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Julia, daughter of Francis and Elizabeth (Lecher) Alstadt, whose history as early settlers and prominent citizens of Pottsville is worthy of more than a passing notice. Francis Alstadt, a typical German-American, and a representative of the progressive German citizenship in Schuylkill county, was born in Grossenluder, Kreiss Fulda, Kingdom of Prussia, Germany, Dec. 11, 1819. He was a son of Valentine and Margaret (Yost) Alstadt, natives of the same place as himself. His parents spent their lives in Prussia. Of a family of four sons, two of them came to America in the hope of bettering their fortunes. Francis Alstadt crossed the ocean in 1837, after having completed his education in his native land, and took up a temporary residence in Philadelphia, but after a few months located at Pottsville, where he soon became thoroughly identified with the growth and prog-



ness of the town. He prosecuted the study of a course in surgery in Germany, but discontinued it after coming to America. For some twenty-five years he was identified with the barber business in Pottsville, combining that with other extensive interests. In 1855 he engaged in merchandising, and conducted a music store, book and stationery business for more than thirty years. During this period he was also the local agent for the Hamburg-American Packet Company's line, Richard & Co.'s banking house, several savings fund institutions, and conducted a general real estate and insurance business. In all of his varied business interests he was successful. Mr. Alstadt was president of the German bank for six or seven years, and later became a director in the Real Estate, Title, Insurance and Trust Company of Pottsville, an institution of high financial standing at the present day. He was also interested in the organization of the Pottsville Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and served as its president for several years. He was a man who sustained the highest confidence of the people, and was several times elected a member of the borough council without opposition. He was a devout Roman Catholic, and a zealous supporter of St. John the Baptist's church. He assisted in organizing the Washington Yeager military company, in 1838, was elected first lieutenant, and subsequently became captain of the company, a position which he held for a number of years. On Aug. 2, 1842, he married Miss Elizabeth Lecher, of Pottsville, a representative of one of the prominent and early established families. This was a most happy union, blessed with five children who lived to reach years of maturity. These were Mary, who became the wife of Emil Langguth, a piano manufacturer, who died on July 10, 1905; Josephine, wife of John J. Murphy, who died March 17, 1896; Margaret, wife of Professor Hausman, of this sketch; Amelia, now the wife of A. T. Jones, who is a commercial salesman, living in Pottsville; and George, who died in young manhood. Six children died in infancy or early childhood. Both the parents of this family are deceased, and the old parental home on Center street has passed into the hands of strangers. The mother died on Dec. 13, 1901, and the father on Sept. 28, 1902. This worthy couple lived together in love and peace for sixty-four years, and passed to the other shore within nine months. The memory of these loving, indulgent parents lingers in the hearts of their surviving children as a sacred benediction. A history of Pottsville and Schuylkill county would scarcely be complete without a record of this eminently respectable and highly honorable pioneer family. For sixty-five years Francis Alstadt was identified with the history of Pottsville, and contributed of his means and talents to its material growth and prosperity. He was a man of broad views and more than ordinary intelligence. His counsel was often sought on questions of public policy, his purse was always open to the cry of the needy, and he cared less for the accumulation of property than for the proper use of that which came to him as the result of his own industry and intelligent business career. His

home and family were ever his first care. Few men have left a brighter record in the annals of Pottsville than Francis Alstadt.

**Heaton, James**, who is now living retired from active business, at Lost Creek, is one of the well-known and distinctively popular citizens of Schuylkill county, and for many years was closely identified with the coal-mining industry in the Lehigh valley. He was born in Lancaster, England, May 5, 1836, a son of Aaron and Leah (Madacraft) Heaton, the former of whom was born in Staffordshire and the latter in Lancaster. In 1854 the parents immigrated to America, landing in the city of Philadelphia and soon afterward establishing their home in Tamaqua, Schuylkill county. The father lived only about six months after coming to the United States, and his death occurred at Berlin, Somerset county, where he was at the time employed in connection with the construction of a tunnel. His wife died at Canton, Bradford county, both having been well advanced in years. They were the parents of eleven sons, of whom four died in England. The other seven came to the United States, and of these four were Union soldiers in the Civil war. Thomas died in the State of New York, at the age of seventy years; John died in Shamokin, Pa., aged seventy-two years; William died in Hazleton, Pa., at the age of fifty-five years; Adam returned to England and there passed the remainder of his life; James, subject of this sketch, was the next younger; George and Samuel are successful stock-growers in the State of Nebraska. Those who went forth in defense of the Union in the war of the Rebellion were John, James, George and Samuel. James Heaton was eighteen years of age at the time of the family immigration to America. He secured work at the coal mines and was finally advanced to the position of inside foreman, of which he continued incumbent for twenty-seven years, all but the first year at Lost Creek, where he took up his residence in March, 1876, and where he has since continued to make his home. After thus serving for more than a quarter century as inside foreman at Packer colliery No. 4, he resigned his position and retired from active labor, though he is still carried on the pay roll of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, which thus makes fitting recognition of his long and faithful service. In politics Mr. Heaton gives an uncompromising allegiance to the Republican party, though he has never been a seeker of public office of any sort. For thirty-four years he has been affiliated with Lodge No. 357, Free and Accepted Masons, at Mahanoy City, where he also holds membership in Mizpah Chapter, No. 177, Royal Arch Masons, and Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 31, Knights Templars and belongs to General Grant Lodge, No. 575, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His life history has not been an eventful one, but it shows forth those sterling attributes of character which always gain to a man the confidence and regard of his fellow-men. In 1865 Mr. Heaton married Mrs. Ann (Sharp) Reed, who had two sons by her first marriage—Thomas, a resident of Shenandoah, and Matthew, now deceased. By her marriage to Mr. Heaton she became the mother of two

daughters: Jane Ann became the wife of Howard J. Beisel and died after a surgical operation, being survived by two sons and one daughter: the family reside in the city of Philadelphia; Margaret Effie, the younger daughter of the subject of this sketch, is the wife of Herbert C. Hooks, of Philadelphia, and they have two sons. Two of Mr. Heaton's grandsons are named in his honor. The great loss and bereavement of Mr. Heaton's life occurred in 1900, when his devoted and cherished wife was summoned to the life eternal, and since her death he has continued to reside in the old home, which is endeared to him by the associations of many years. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as was also his wife.

**Heaton, William H.**, deceased, late president of the Citizens' National bank of Ashland, was born in Tamaqua on March 22, 1843, a son of Reuben A. and Mary (Carter) Heaton. His paternal grandfather was Joseph Heaton, a native of England and a civil engineer by profession, who was a pioneer of Northumberland and Columbia counties. Joseph Heaton married Miss Sarah McNeill, a daughter of Samuel McNeill, who was brigade quartermaster of Hand's brigade, Sullivan's division of the Continental army in the Revolutionary war. Reuben Ayres Heaton, father of William H., was born in Allen township, Northampton county, in 1813, and located in Tamaqua, where he opened the collieries known as the Locust Gap and High Mines. In 1861 he removed to Girardville and started operations in the Preston collieries, which he continued most successfully until 1864. In that year he disposed of his interests, retired from active business life, and settled in Philadelphia, where he spent the remainder of his days. His marriage to Miss Mary Carter, a native of England and a daughter of Robert Carter, occurred on Feb. 22, 1838. The subject of this sketch received his education in the public schools of Tamaqua and at Canandaigua academy, Canandaigua, N. Y. In his early manhood he became engaged in the coal trade with his father at Tamaqua and Girardville. On Sept. 15, 1862, he enlisted in the 6th regiment, Pennsylvania state militia, and served actively when Lee with his Confederate army invaded the state. Early in 1865 with two of his brothers, S. M. and R. C. Heaton, he opened the Cuyler colliery at Raven Run and successfully operated it until 1885, when they disposed of their interests to the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company. Mr. Heaton was one of the organizers and heaviest stockholders of the Citizens' National bank of Ashland, chartered in 1875, and was elected its president in 1877. In 1900 he resigned and retired from active participation in business affairs. On May 2, 1872, was celebrated Mr. Heaton's marriage to Miss Emily J. Douglas, of Mauch Chunk, Pa., by whom he had one son, Robert D., born July 21, 1873. This union was annulled by the death of Mrs. Heaton in 1896, and in December, 1897, Mr. Heaton was united in matrimony to Miss Jane A. Edgar, of Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Heaton's demise occurred Aug. 4, 1904, and in his death it was felt that

not only the family but the whole community had suffered an irreparable loss. He was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Pennsylvania Society of New York, and the Sons of the Revolution. The son, Robert Douglas Heaton, was reared in Schuylkill county and received his educational training in the Canandaigua academy, the military academy at Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, and the veterinary department of the University of Pennsylvania. Since attaining his majority he has been engaged in various occupations, and since 1886 he has been a resident of Ashland. On June 2, 1897, he married Miss Mary Louise Landefeld, a daughter of William and Louise (Wagner) Landefeld, of Ashland. Mr. Heaton and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, and he is identified with Ashland Lodge, No. 384, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In politics he is a Republican, but has never held office of any kind.

**Heckert, Prof. Eli P.**, superintendent of schools of Schuylkill Haven and principal of the high school, was born in Jordan township, Northumberland county, Sept. 6, 1872, and is the youngest of a family of five sons and as many daughters of Elias and Lydia (Hepler) Heckert. The father was a native of Northumberland county and the mother of Schuylkill county. The subject of this sketch received his early education in the common schools of Northumberland county, and subsequently graduated at the Uniontown seminary and the Bloomsburg normal school. Then for a period of four years he taught school in Northumberland county and for three years was principal of the Askam, Luzerne county, schools. Then he entered Bucknell college, and received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in the class of 1902. Two years later he received his master's degree at the same institution. The four years following the college course he was principal of the Second ward (now known as the Asa Packer) schools of Mauch Chunk. His incumbency of his present responsible position dates from August, 1906, although the appointment was received in June. Since he assumed charge at Schuylkill Haven he has regraded the whole system so that now each pupil has a year in each grade and four years in the high school. The total enrollment of the schools is 829 pupils, who are under seventeen teachers, and the number in the high school is 56. On Aug. 22, 1900, Professor Heckert was united in marriage to Miss Alberta Carl, of Newville, Cumberland county, Pa., and this union has been blessed by the birth of one child, a daughter, Avril. Professor Heckert is a member of Camp No. 108, Patriotic Order Sons of America, of Mauch Chunk, and Camp 8,716 of the Modern Woodmen of America, of East Mauch Chunk. In politics he is identified with the Republican party, and he and his wife are members of the United Evangelical church of Schuylkill Haven. Although he has been a resident of Schuylkill Haven but a short time, Professor Heckert has won the respect and admiration of the community by his ability in reorganizing the school system.



Heebner, Thomas F., M. D., a leading physician of Port Carbon, is a son of George W. and Anna M. (Fister) Heebner, of Hamburg, Berks county, Pa. The father was born in Port Carbon on Aug. 11, 1834, and died Sept. 10, 1904. He was for many years one of the prominent and most successful business men of that borough, was one of the organizers of the Philadelphia shoe manufacturing business of Port Carbon, which has now ceased to exist; was a moving spirit in the organization of the Port Carbon Electric Light, Heat and Power Company, and was for a number of years the president of the concern. Other business affairs in which he was interested included a directorship in the Miners' National bank of Pottsville, and many other county institutions. In politics he was a Republican, and although he never sought office he was several times honored with positions of public trust. For six consecutive terms he was a member of the borough council, and for a number of years was on the board of school directors. George W. Heebner was twice married, his first wife being Miss Elizabeth Wyncoop, daughter of Gen. George Wyncoop, of Pottsville. One child, a daughter, Libbie F., now the wife of John Paxson, of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, blessed this union. In 1860, after death had severed the first union, Mr. Heebner married Miss Anna M., daughter of Simon S. Fister. To this union, on Nov. 10, 1860, was born Thomas F. Heebner, the subject of this sketch. He attended the public schools of Port Carbon and graduated at the Pottsville high school in the class of 1878. His first employment after leaving school was in the store of Heebner & Bro., where he remained for nearly two years. Then he took up the study of medicine in 1880 in the offices of Drs. Brown and Birch, of Port Carbon, and in the fall of the same year matriculated in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia. In May, 1883, he was granted the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and started his professional practice at once in Scranton. While a resident there he was a member of the staff of surgeons of the Lackawanna hospital, surgeon for the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad from 1884 to 1890, and developed a private practice which proved handsomely remunerative. In March, 1890, he removed to Port Carbon and became medical examiner for the Philadelphia & Reading railroad at Pottsville; was surgeon to the Pottsville hospital when it was first organized in 1895, and has been medical examiner for the Philadelphia & Reading relief association since Feb. 1, 1891. Dr. Heebner has been twice married. His first union was to Miss Mary Coxon, of Port Carbon, and was solemnized on Oct. 17, 1883. Two children blessed this union, Nellie G., born Feb. 21, 1885, and died in August, 1885; and George W., born July 25, 1888. The mother died on July 27, 1888. On March 16, 1896, Dr. Heebner married Miss Laura H. Matthews, of Fayetteville, N. C., and the children of this union are "the twins," Alice Matthews and Anna Margaret, born March 26, 1897, and Laura M., born Oct. 4, 1901. The family are all members of the Presbyterian church of Port Carbon. Dr.

Heebner is prominent in fraternal circles, being a member of Union Lodge, No. 291, Free and Accepted Masons, of Scranton; a thirty-second degree Mason of the Keystone Consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the northern jurisdiction of the United States; Robert Burns Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a past grand; and the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, having been at one time a state vice-president of the same. He is a Republican in his political beliefs, but has never held office.

**Heffner, James A.**, is the proprietor of a general store at Friedensburg, Wayne township. His paternal grandfather, John W. Heffner, Sr., was one of the pioneers of the township, and was a justice of the peace for forty years. His maternal grandfather, John K. Deitrich, was born in Berks county, from which place he moved to Wayne township and worked as a butcher during his life. James A. Heffner is a son of John W. Heffner, Jr., and Elizabeth (Deitrich) Heffner, both of whom were born in Wayne township. They were the parents of five sons and six daughters, two of the latter being deceased; their names are Charles W., John H., William P., Morris W., James A., Mary I., Kate L. (deceased), Sarah J., Anna V., Carrie S., and Ida (deceased). John W. Heffner, Jr., was a farmer and was a member of Camp 264, Patriotic Order Sons of America. He died on Jan. 29, 1903, and his wife died in August, 1878. James A. Heffner was educated in the schools of Wayne township, and when he was about fifteen years old he went west, working on a farm in Iowa for six months. Upon his return, the following year, he took charge of the farm of Mrs. Jacob Wommer and conducted it for twenty-seven months, after which he was employed on his father's farm, conducting the same for six years. At the end of that time he bought a farm for himself, which he operated for eight years, going into his present business in Friedensburg in April, 1899. Mr. Heffner was married to Amanda D. Lehman, daughter of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Heimbach) Lehman, of Cherryville, on Oct. 11, 1879. To this union have been born three sons and two daughters, viz.: Harry G., Maggie E., Charles M., Beulah A., and Harrison S., all of whom are living. Mr. Heffner is a charter member of Camp No. 164, Patriotic Order Sons of America, and has been treasurer of the Independent Americans since he became a member. He is a Republican in politics and has held the office of school director for eleven years. He and his family are members of the United Evangelical church of Friedensburg, of which he has been trustee and treasurer for eighteen years.

**Heffner, William P.**, a butcher and farmer of Friedensburg, is a son of John W. and Elizabeth (Deitrich) Heffner, and was born in Wayne township on September 10, 1872. He attended the public schools until he was eleven years of age, when he began working on the farm of his father, and hauling timber for mine use and boat-building. After this he worked for his brother for about a year and afterward went back with his father to his timber lands.

in Quakake. He then went to work for his uncle, who was a butcher, remaining with him for four years, and after that obtained a position as butcher for the county almshouse. Later he became a teamster for the same institution, finding that the latter occupation was more remunerative. After remaining in this position for two years, he rented his uncle's place, where he had previously learned his trade, and later bought the property, where he has conducted the business up to the present time. On April 1, 1897, Mr. Heffner was married to Miss Mary Fehr, daughter of Paul and Elizabeth (Emerich) Fehr, of Washington township. Four children have been born to them, of whom three are living, Arthur, Clarence and Ralph. Mr. Heffner is a member of Camp No. 264, Patriotic Order Sons of America, of Friedensburg, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Summit Station, and also of the Loyal Protective association. In politics he is a Republican, and has been election judge and county committeeman for several years. The family attends the Union church of Friedensburg. Since his marriage Mr. Heffner has bought his father's farm of 70 acres, one-half of his father's interest in a double house in Friedensburg, and eight lots in Cressona which belonged to his father. After he had carried on the butcher business for about five years he also went into the business of dealing in cattle, horses and hides, purchasing from the farming community in the surrounding country.

**Heiken, Joseph Casper**, undertaker and embalmer at Pottsville, is a native of the borough in which he now lives, and was born on Aug. 1, 1862. He is a son of Frederick and Anna Maria (Thorn) Heiken, natives, respectively, of Westphalia and Nassau, Germany. They immigrated to America in early life, and the father was engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in Pottsville for many years, the subject of this article succeeding to the business upon his death. The mother is still living, hale and hearty, at the age of seventy-eight years. Joseph C. Heiken was educated at the parochial school of St. John the Baptist, under the domination of the German Catholic church of the same name. His professional education was acquired at the Massachusetts college of embalming, at which institution he was graduated in 1897. Mr. Heiken has been twice married, first, on July 10, 1888, when Katherine L. McGovern became his wife. She was the daughter of Hugh and Mary (Farley) McGovern, of Pottsville, and became the mother of three children, viz: Margaret Katherine, Frederick Joseph, and Charles Anthony. She died on Oct. 27, 1896. The second marriage of Mr. Heiken occurred at Louisville, Ky., Feb. 11, 1902, when he chose for his companion Miss Lena M. Linden, a native of Louisville, and a daughter of Mathias and Mary (Hummel) Linden, natives of Bavaria, Germany. The father died in Louisville, Dec. 28, 1878, and the mother, born in 1830, still lives in Louisville, but is at present a welcome visitor at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Heiken. Lena M. Linden was educated in the public schools of Louisville and at St. Anthony's parochial school in the same city. Since her marriage with Mr. Heiken, she has

assisted him with the office work in connection with his extensive business, as does, also, his daughter, Miss Margaret, when not engaged with her school duties. The only child born to the second marriage of Mr. Heiken was Marie, born March 10, 1903, and died on April 3, of the same year. Mr. Heiken is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and several social and beneficial societies within the jurisdiction of the Roman Catholic church, of which the entire family are members.

**Heiser, Dr. Edward.**—The venerable Dr. Heiser has been a familiar figure on the streets of Pottsville for many years. His entire life of seventy-seven years has been spent in Schuylkill county. He was born in the borough of Schuylkill Haven Sept. 8, 1829, and is a son of George and Catherine (Koenig) Heiser. His father was born in what is now North Manheim township in this county, but then in Berks county. He located at Schuylkill Haven in 1830, and died there six years later. He was a millwright by trade, and followed that and contracting and building for the greater part of his life. During the later years of his life the question of the adoption of the public school system created a great deal of discussion in Manheim township, the majority of the residents being at first violently opposed to the "pauper schools," as that system was then called. George Heiser was one of the few advocates of the policy of universal education at public expense, but did not live to see the full fruition of his hopes. He served several years as a director of the schools in North Manheim. He was an ardent supporter of the political principles advocated by Henry Clay, and was a devoted admirer of that great statesman. His family comprised three sons and four daughters. Dr. Edward Heiser was educated in the public schools of his youthful days, but by reason of the then crude system, did not enjoy the educational advantages possessed by the children of the present day. He was variously employed until he attained his majority, when he engaged in the livery business at Schuylkill Haven, and also began a careful and systematic study of his profession. He became well skilled in the diagnosis of diseases peculiar to the domestic animals, and has been engaged in the successful practice of veterinary medicine and surgery for more than fifty years. He remained at Schuylkill Haven, engaged in practice and also dealing in horses and mules, until 1870, in which year he became proprietor of the Lone Star hotel, between Pottsville and Schuylkill Haven. This he conducted for two years, when he returned to his birthplace, and has since confined himself exclusively to his professional work. The doctor is well and favorably known throughout Schuylkill county, and though he has survived the three-score and ten years allotted to man he is well preserved, and bids fair to see many more years of usefulness. He enlisted under the emergency call in 1863, and served during the invasion of the State. Dr. Heiser has been twice married, his first wife having been Isabella Labe, who bore him two sons, Clarence and George. His second marriage was solemnized in 1868, when he led to the



altar Miss Mary Logan, a daughter of Benjamin Logan, of Lebanon, Pa., and to this union was born one daughter—Sarah.

**Heiser, Henry James**, a well-known business man of Mahanoy City, was born in St. Clair, Schuylkill county, Aug. 12, 1856, a son of William and Lucy Ann (Womer) Heiser, both natives of Lewistown, Pa. For a more complete ancestral history, see sketch of Robert L. Heiser, appearing in this volume. Henry James Heiser was educated in the public schools of Mahanoy City, and has been engaged in active business in that city for many years. He now owns and conducts an extensive hardware business, which has been his principal employment, and in which he has been very successful. Mr. Heiser is an active Republican in his political affiliations, and takes more than ordinary interest in the success of party principles. He is also an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is at present the secretary of the board of trustees. He was married on Oct. 10, 1886, to Miss Alzina Latham, a daughter of Charles and Ann (Hughes) Latham, the former deceased, and the mother living in Mahanoy City. Two daughters have been born to this union, the elder of whom, Marian Latham, is a student at South Broad street school of music at Philadelphia, and Dorothy Grace is a student in the public schools of Mahanoy City.

**Heiser, Robert Lincoln**, a representative of one of the prominent pioneer families of Schuylkill county, was born at Preston Hill, near Girardville, on Aug. 15, 1868. He is a member of a family of five sons and one daughter now living, born to William and Lucy Ann (Womer) Heiser, these parents being natives of Lewistown, Schuylkill county, Pa. Both the paternal and maternal ancestors of this family were among the first settlers of the territory now known as East and West Brunswick townships, on the southern border of Schuylkill county. Their homes were established in the wilderness, many years before the organization of the county of Schuylkill, and they were identified with the Indian troubles of their time and with the first efforts of civilization. Later they took up arms in the cause of American independence, and served under "Mad Anthony" Wayne in the Revolutionary war. William Heiser, father of the subject of this article, was one of the first breaker-builders in Schuylkill county, in which business he was noted in his day. He erected most of the earliest coal-breakers in the Schuylkill Valley and at St. Clair, and was the inventor of the first mine cage in use. He continued his business successfully until his death, in July, 1874. At that time he was completing his last contract, namely, an addition to the breaker at St. Nicholas colliery, when a plank fell on his head, killing him instantly. It was his purpose to retire from business on completion of this contract. His widow and his daughter, Miss Bertha Mary, are living at the old home in Mahanoy City. Henry James, one of the sons, whose sketch appears more fully under a separate title, is a hardware merchant in Mahanoy City; William John is vice-president of the Hazle Mountain Coal Company; Benjamin

Washington is a skilled mechanic, and Elmer Ellsworth is a breaker-builder, all residents of Mahanoy City. The subject of this sketch received the elements of a practical education in the public schools of Mahanoy City, and this was largely augmented by the thorough training afforded by the printing office. He learned the "Art Preservative" in the offices of Mahanoy City, served a number of years as a reporter on metropolitan dailies, and was appointed to a position in the government printing office in Washington in 1893. He left this position to accept an appointment in the county controller's office at Pottsville in 1897, but since Nov. 20, 1899, he has been in the general insurance business in Mahanoy City. Mr. Heiser was appointed justice of the peace on April 5, 1904, and served until the succeeding election. He was married on Sept. 2, 1898, to Miss Mary Helen, daughter of Andrew and Esther (Walborn) Frenk, of Mahanoy City. The only child born to this union is Master Robert Franklin Frenk Heiser, born Jan. 5, 1900. Of the social fraternities, Mr. Heiser is affiliated with Mahanoy City Lodge, No. 695, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Young Men's Republican club of Mahanoy City, and Columbia typographical union, No. 101, of Washington, D. C.

**Held, Rev. Cyrus E.**, pastor of St. John's Lutheran church of Shenandoah, was born in Fogelsville, Lehigh county, March 23, 1863, a son of Amandus W. and Maria L. (Smith) Held. The parents were both natives of Lehigh county, where the mother is still living. The father was a manufacturer of bricks and a building contractor, besides which he conducted a grain, coal and lumber business. His demise occurred on July 7, 1902. Of the children born to the parents the subject of this memoir is the second in order of birth. Richard A., the eldest, a mechanic by vocation, died in November, 1901, in his fortieth year, leaving a wife and child; Franklin J. E. resides in Fogelsville; Albert L. is principal of the high school at Fullerton; Annie M. is the wife of William H. Moore, of South Allentown; John O. is a farmer in Weisenburg township, Lehigh county; and Edgar G. is a teacher at Tatamy, Northampton county. Rev. Mr. Held received his preliminary education in the common schools of Fogelsville and his collegiate and theological training in Pennsylvania college and theological seminary at Gettysburg. He was granted a degree by the college in 1889 and three years later completed the course offered in the seminary. He was first licensed to preach the gospel in 1891, and the following year was ordained by the East Pennsylvania synod at Harrisburg. The first church he was assigned to was the one at Hamilton, Monroe county, where he assumed his duties on June 1, 1892, and he retained the charge for three years and nine months. On leaving Hamilton he accepted a call to serve Bethany Mission at Brunswick, Md., and remained two years and nine months, at the end of which time he was compelled to resign on account of malaria. His next charge was New Chester, Adams county, Pa., where he rendered excellent service for the same length of time

as at Brunswick. From New Chester he came to Shenandoah and assumed charge of St. John's church. The organization of this congregation was effected on June 5, 1870, by Rev. M. Schimpf, then pastor of the Lutheran congregation at Mahanoy City. The membership at the time comprised some fifteen families and the church which they had used had formerly been the property of the disorganized Baptist society. The lot and building were purchased at a sheriff's sale, and the frame structure which stood on the lot at the time of the purchase served as a church until 1873, when the present edifice was erected at a cost of \$6,000. About this time Rev. J. Grubler, who for eighteen years had been a missionary in the far east, was installed as pastor and from that time until Rev. Mr. Held's assumption he continued in the capacity, his resignation coming because of age and ill health. The church roll to-day embraces a membership of about 475 and the Sunday school has an average attendance of 100. The societies under the church domination are the senior and junior Luther leagues, with memberships of 60 and 40, respectively; German and English ladies' aid societies of 35 and 40 members, respectively, and the boys' brigade, a semi-military organization for the teaching of good citizenship. On June 23, 1892, Mr. Held married Miss Annie B. Heffner, born in Allentown, and a daughter of Charles H. and Caroline Heffner, natives respectively of Lehigh and Berks counties. Three children have been born to this union, of whom two are living. They are Annita May, born Nov. 24, 1894, and Alcestis D., born May 25, 1896. The other child, Martin Luther, born Nov. 7, 1901, died on April 23, 1903. Mr. Held is a scholarly broad-minded citizen, and conducts services in both English and German. He is always prominently identified with all measures looking to the betterment of the social and moral status of the community and is recognized as a leader in public thought.

**Helms, Peter D.**, deputy United States marshal, was born in Myerstown, Lebanon county, Pa., June 10, 1843. His early ancestors in this country were natives of Holland, his great-grandfather emigrating from that country in early pioneer days. This family settled at Reading, Pa., among the earliest settlers of that locality. From there they removed to Philadelphia county, thence to Pike county, where the great-grandfather died. It was this American ancestor who changed the name from the original Dutch spelling by adding the letter "s," thus rendering the name Helms instead of Helm, the original form. He was the father of a numerous family, one of his sons being Peter, the paternal grandfather of Peter D. Helms, of this sketch. He was born in Philadelphia county, accompanied the parental family to Pike county, but afterward returned to Philadelphia, and spent his life mostly in the distilling business in Bucks and Lebanon counties. Both he and his father served in the Indian wars of the period in which they lived. The grandfather, Peter Helms, died at Mount Ætna, Pa., in 1850, at the age of sixty-two years. Peter D. Helms is a son of Peter and Lucy A. (Hirchhold) Helms. The father was born

in Lebanon county, Pa., Jan. 12, 1816, and remained in the locality of his birthplace until 1852. In that year he came to Schuylkill county, crossing the mountains from Myerstown to Pottsville with teams and wagons, being then in advance of railroad transportation in the region. After one year's residence in Pottsville, the family moved to Philadelphia, where they remained until 1859. In this year the family home was established at Schuylkill Haven, where the father followed his trade of merchant tailor. In 1876 they removed to Pottsville, and during the later years of his life Mr. Helms held the office of jury commissioner and was a justice of the peace for five or six years. He figured conspicuously as an official during the historic days of the "Molly Maguires." He died in 1873, and his son, Peter D., succeeded him as jury commissioner, serving through the latter years of Molly Maguireism. Peter Helms had a family of three sons and one daughter, all of the former serving with honor in the Civil war. The daughter, Susan E., the eldest of the family, married Capt. John Chambers, of Philadelphia. James K. served during the three months' term in the 6th regiment, Pennsylvania infantry, and reenlisted for three years in Company D, 48th Pennsylvania. By reason of meritorious conduct he was promoted, successively, from private to the rank of captain. He was severely wounded, and crippled for the remainder of his life, at the battle of Petersburg, in 1864. After the close of the war he served for many years as justice of the peace in Schuylkill Haven. Jeremiah H. enlisted in 1861 in Company B, 50th Pennsylvania infantry, and was killed in the battle of Antietam, Md., Sept. 17, 1862. He was the youngest of the family, the subject of this sketch being the third in order of birth. Peter D. Helms was educated in the public schools of Philadelphia, and began his business career as a liveryman at Schuylkill Haven. He was also engaged as a canal boatman for a year previous to the Civil war. He learned the trade of a house and sign painter, paper-hanger and decorator, and this has been a favorite business on two or three occasions during his later life. But, in keeping with the patriotic record of the family, he enlisted among the first three years' troops called into service during the rebellion, his enlistment dating from July 30, 1861. His company was at first designated as the "Cameron Dragoons," but later known as Company H, 5th Pennsylvania cavalry. He served three years in the active duties required of the cavalry arm of military service; was never absent at roll-call by reason of sickness; escaped disabling wounds, and was honorably discharged at Petersburg, Va., at the close of the war. Mr. Helms was on a special detached service for a few months at Nashville and Chattanooga, Tenn., after which he settled down to the peaceful vocations of life. He was in the livery business for a year, when a lucrative position was tendered to him in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, and he was storekeeper and yardmaster at Gordon for two or three years. Resigning this position in 1868, he came to Pottsville and engaged in working at his trade and as a contractor in



painting and paper-hanging. This engaged his entire attention for eighteen years, or until 1886, when he established a plant for the manufacture of butchers' supplies and machinery. This was a profitable business venture which has been continued successfully to the present time, his son now having charge of the industry. Mr. Helms was one of the organizers of the Pottsville Steam Heat and Power Company in 1885, and served as president of the corporation during its early years of existence. He was appointed a trustee of the State hospital for injured persons in 1887, but resigned the position two years later. He has served many years as a member of the Pottsville borough council, and has always taken an active interest in the affairs of the town and county. In 1899, Mr. Helms was appointed deputy United States marshal and has since devoted his entire time to his official duties, which necessitate much travel and almost constant absence from home. It is nothing unusual to take a trip across the continent in the discharge of business pertaining to his office. In furtherance of the provisions of the Chinese exclusion act, he once left home with three Chinamen, took in others in the towns and cities through which he passed, until he reached New Orleans, when he had 72. From there he went to San Francisco, and by the time he reached there he had three cars loaded. They were all shipped back to the country from which they came. This incident illustrates but one of the many unpleasant duties connected with the administration of the office. Mr. Helms was married on June 13, 1867, to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Edwards, of Pottsville, and six children have been born to this union, viz: Richard, Jeremiah H., Lucy A., Peter D., Jr., Birch and Clinton H. Mr. Helms is a member of various social and beneficial societies, among which may be mentioned the Masonic fraternity, the A. Y. M., of which he is a past master, and the Grand Army of the Republic, being a past commander in this semi-military organization.

**Henry, Frank Walter**, janitor of the Garfield school of Pottsville, and a member of the cabinet-making firm of Henry Bros., was born in the borough where he now resides, Aug. 20, 1874. He is the third in order of birth of the five children of Edward and Mary (Speacht) Henry, the others being William E., Robert C., Caroline M. and Mary E. The Henry family were among the early settlers of Schuylkill county, Daniel Henry, the grandfather, locating in Pottsville in 1820. Mrs. Daniel Henry was a member of the Bensinger family, who are closely identified with the history of the "Old Red Church." Edward Henry was born in Pottsville on July 28, 1836, and his wife first saw the light of day in Union township, on March 16, 1842. The father was a carpenter and followed that vocation all his active life, until his death on March 11, 1899. During the War of the Rebellion he served three years in Company D, 96th Pennsylvania infantry, and after the cessation of hostilities he remained in the south until 1868, being employed as a carpenter. In 1877 he received an appointment as janitor of the Spark Mountain school and served in the capacity,

in connection with his carpentering, until 1894, when upon the erection of the Garfield school he was placed in charge of the new building. The mother died on April 11, 1906, and the four unmarried children are today occupying the old homestead. Robert is married and engaged in the confectionery business. The subject of this sketch received his educational advantages in the Pottsville schools, and when he had completed the courses offered there learned the carpenter's trade under his father. During his spare hours he also assisted the father in his duties as janitor, and so was fully qualified to take up the work when the father's death occurred. One of the requirements of the position was that the applicant be a practical carpenter, which Mr. Henry easily fulfilled. Together with his brother, William E., he carries on a cabinet-making business which is yearly growing in its proportions. Mr. Henry is a communicant of the Lutheran church and fraternally is associated with the Junior Order of American Mechanics and the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America. He is a skilled workman in his line and is recognized as a worthy, substantial member of the community.

Hepler, Jesse, was born on the old homestead of the Hepler family, in Eldred township, June 6, 1847. His father, Jacob B. Hepler was born in the same township, and was a son of George Hepler, who came into the county from Berks in early pioneer days. George was a son of Casper Hepler, also a pioneer of the township, and thus the genealogy of four generations of the family is traceable to Schuylkill county. George and Casper Hepler, father and son, were the founders of the family in this county. They each secured farms in Eldred township, and both died there. Jacob B. Hepler, father of the subject of this biographical review, married Hannah, daughter of John and Magdalena (Klutz) Maurer. They were residents of Eldred township at the time of this marriage, but Miss Maurer was born in Northumberland county. These young people established a home on the farm where the subject of this sketch was born, and which he now owns and occupies. It comprises 130 acres, now well-improved, but then in its virgin state. The father worked very hard all his life in improving and beautifying his home, and did a great deal of the clearing necessary to render it subject to cultivation. He also erected the farm buildings, some of which remain to this day as monuments to his industry. He held many of the township offices, and always took an active interest in political and religious affairs. The family were Lutherans in religious views, and assisted in establishing the first churches in the township. Concerning the children born to these parents the following record is given: Harriet is the widow of Peter R. Federoff and now lives at Llewellyn, in this county; Catherine died in 1857; Rebecca became the wife of Irwin Boyer, a farmer in Eldred township; John died in 1869; Amelia is also dead; Jesse is subject of this sketch; Lydia married Elias Wetzel, of Eldred township. The father was twice married, his second wife being a widow named Mrs. Martha Snyder. No

children were born to this union, but his widow survives him, and lives in Barry township. Mr. Hepler, of this sketch, has also been twice married, first in 1867, to Miss Catherine P. Daniels, who died in 1885, leaving four children, viz: Ida, wife of Robert Swank, Francis, a stationary engineer at Lebanon, Pa., married Selinda Wolfgang, Elmer married May Wolfgang and died in 1904, at the age of twenty-nine years; Kate lives with her sister Ida. Mr. Hepler married again in 1886, his second wife being Miss Louisa Klock, of Northumberland county, and two children have been born to this union: Jesse Raymond, a popular young teacher and universal favorite among the young people of Eldred township, and Luella May, a popular young lady at home. Miss Hilda Hepler is an adopted daughter in the family. Mr. Hepler is engaged in market gardening, general farming and fruit raising. He has 100 acres under cultivation, with excellent farm buildings and improvements. He owned and operated a saw-mill for some ten years, and was also engaged in merchandising for a like period. He has served twenty-one years as a school director; has filled other offices in the township; is a Democrat in political affiliations, and the family are Lutherans in religious views. The family are prominent and highly esteemed in the community where they have spent their lives, and where at least three generations have preceded the present ones.

**Hepler, John D.**, of Pitman, stands as a representative of one of the honored pioneer families of Schuylkill county and is a citizen to whom is accorded the utmost confidence and esteem. He was born in Eldred township, June 27, 1828, a son of John M. and Elizabeth (Deriger) Hepler, the former of whom was born in Eldred township and the latter in Hegins township. The paternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch was John Hepler, born in Berks county, Pa., a son of Casper Hepler, who came from Germany and numbered himself among the pioneers of Berks county. John M. Hepler was reared, educated and passed his entire life in Eldred township. He was a successful farmer, an honored and influential citizen, a man of deep religious convictions and a clergyman of the Church of God. He was originally a Democrat but later affiliated with the Republican party and wielded much influence in local affairs. He was one of the first school directors elected in his native township, where both he and his wife were held in high regard and where both died. Their children are here mentioned: Kate, Emanuel, and Elizabeth are deceased; the subject of this sketch was the next in order of birth; Magdalene is the wife of Levi Schroppe; Susan, Rebecca, and Richard are deceased. John D. Hepler received the advantages of the somewhat primitive subscription school maintained in the vicinity of his birthplace, in which he was instructed in both German and English. He was reared to maturity on the old home farm, which was heavily timbered at the time when his father located on the place, having only a small clearing and log buildings of the pioneer type as the only improvements. John D. assisted his

father in reclaiming the land to cultivation and has ever continued to make his home in Eldred township, where he owns a finely improved farm and is recognized as one of the leading agriculturists of this section of his native county. He has long been prominent in local affairs; is a staunch Republican in his political proclivities; has held various offices of public trust; has served on the jury for thirty-one times; was tax collector for twenty-eight years; assessor nineteen years; school trustee twenty-five years; school director twenty-four years, and township clerk two years. He is one of the pillars of the Church of God in Eldred township and has been an elder in the same for twenty-two years. He has also rendered long service as trustee of the church and was its treasurer for a number of years, being active in all departments of the church work. For several years past he has lived essentially retired, enjoying the rewards of former years of earnest toil and endeavor. He is well preserved in both physical and mental faculties, is a man of broad information, and takes a lively interest in the questions and issues of the day. Mr. Hepler's first marriage was solemnized in 1848, when he wedded Miss Rebecca Cartman, of Eldred township. She died in 1862. Concerning the eight children of this union the following data are given: Rachel, now residing with her father, is the widow of Jeremiah Bishop and has one daughter; Henry and Daniel are twins, the former a prominent farmer of Eldred township and the latter a resident of South Bend, Ind.; Henry has seven children and Daniel three; John, an employe of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, resides at Shamokin, Pa., and has five children; Emanuel, in charge of his father's homestead farm, married Emma Lucas and they have four children; Lydia is the wife of Samuel Hornburg and they have six children; William, a resident of Shamokin, is likewise an employe of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, and his children are five in number; Rebecca, residing at Pennington, N. J., is the widow of Jacob Hunt and has two sons. For his second wife Mr. Hepler married Miss Lydia Snyder, of Northumberland county, and her death occurred in March, 1900. Four children were born of this marriage: Priscilla is the wife of Richard Hubler, of Ashland, Pa., and they have eight children; George is a bachelor and remains at the paternal home; and Laura and Josiah are deceased.

**Hepler, William F.**, who is now living essentially retired on his fine farm in Eldred township, bears a name which is known and honored throughout Schuylkill county and which gave title to the village of Hepler. He is a representative of one of the earliest pioneer families of the county and one which has played well its part in the development and upbuilding of this section of the state. William F. Hepler was born on the old Hepler homestead, in Eldred township, Feb. 6, 1847, a son of Henry Hepler, who was born May 12, 1795, and whose death occurred July 5, 1864. Henry Hepler was a son of John Casper Hepler, born May 20, 1751, and died Dec. 27, 1816. His wife was born on March 27, 1755, and died on Jan. 27, 1831. John C. Hepler was the founder of the family in



Schuylkill county. He was born in Germany, and upon coming to America first settled in Berks county, Pa., whence he removed to Schuylkill county, and bought a large tract of wild land in Eldred township, where he was one of the first settlers. He reclaimed a good farm in the midst of the forest and became one of the influential citizens of the locality. He was a zealous member of the Lutheran church. He reared a large family of children and many of his descendants still remain residents of Schuylkill county. Henry Hepler, father of the subject of this sketch, passed his entire life on the old home farm, to whose reclamation he contributed, and was one of the prominent and honored citizens of Eldred township. He first married Salome Bolech, who died on Feb. 10, 1816. The maiden name of his second wife was Eva Kuelern, who was born on July 30, 1797, and died on Feb. 4, 1821. His third marriage was to Elizabeth Dunkelberger, who was born on Oct. 20, 1790, and who died Sept. 17, 1827. The fourth marriage was to Eva Wintzel, of Northumberland county, who was born March 10, 1806, and who died Aug. 10, 1884. No children were born of the first marriage, and the three children of the second marriage are all deceased. Three children were born of the third marriage and all are now deceased. Of the children of the fourth marriage one died in early childhood; Lydia and Abbie died later; Sarah J. resides in South Dakota; Susanna is deceased; and William F. is the immediate subject of this sketch. Henry Kepler was engaged in the flour and feed business for many years, having built and operated what is still known as the Hepler mill. He was a man of marked energy and progressiveness and left a definite impress for good upon the community in which his entire life was passed. He was a most zealous member of Zion Evangelical church and was loyal to all the duties of citizenship, though he never sought public office. William F. Hepler, whose name introduces this article, was reared to maturity on the old homestead and his entire active career was one of close and successful identification with agricultural pursuits. His fine farm comprises 250 acres, 200 of which are under effective cultivation. The buildings are of substantial and attractive order and the place is recognized as one of the best farms in the township. In politics Mr. Hepler is a stalwart advocate of the principles and policies of the Republican party and he has served as school director and school supervisor of his district. He and his family are members of Zion United Evangelical church in Eldred township, and he has long been one of its honored pillars, having served as class-leader and having been active in all departments of the church work. Mr. Hepler's first marriage was solemnized in 1870, when he wedded Miss Mary Dunkelberger, of Hegins township, a member of one of the old and honored families of this section of the state. Mrs. Hepler was summoned to the life eternal on Dec. 4, 1892, and of her children the following brief record is entered: Monroe, a rural mail carrier, residing at Pitman, this county, where he was formerly a

successful teacher, married Jennie Adams, whose death occurred in February, 1906; Henry G., a moulder by trade and vocation, resides at Lansford, Pa., and married Clara Rhodenburger; Lizzie is the wife of John N. Buffington, of Pillow, Pa.; Charles is a successful farmer of Eldred township; Della is the wife of Monroe Manner, of Eldred township; Joseph resides in Girardville, Pa.; Mamie resides with her brother Monroe; and William F., Jr., has charge of his father's farm. The second marriage of the subject of this sketch occurred in 1894, when he wedded Sarah Newgard, of Eldred township, where she was born and reared.

**Hermany, Phaon, M. D.**, a prominent physician and surgeon in Mahanoy City, was born in Jacksonville, Lehigh county, Pa., Sept. 16, 1840, one of a family of eight children born to John and Salome Hermany, both natives of Lehigh county. The names of these brothers and sisters are as follows: Mrs. Didama Brobst, born in 1833; Mrs. Sallie Crietz, born in 1835, and died in 1862; Mrs. Mary Wuchter, born in 1837; Edwin, born in 1838; Lydia, born in 1842; John, Jr., born in 1844; Martha M., born in 1850. The birthplace of the entire family was at the old homestead in Jacksonville, Lehigh county, Pa., and most of the survivors still reside in that vicinity. Dr. Hermany was educated at Mount Pleasant seminary, and was graduated in the medical department of the University of New York, March 3, 1863. He established himself in practice in Mahanoy City soon after his graduation, and has been in continuous practice in Schuylkill county for more than forty years. His career has been crowned with success, and as a physician in the county he sustains his standing in the profession. He was married in Mahanoy City Dec. 6, 1863, to Miss Mary J., daughter of David and Susan (Lentz) Bowman, and four children have been born to this union, all located in their native town. They are Horace David, Robert K., Susan L. B., and Sallie K. B. The eldest daughter is now Mrs. Dyatt. Robert K. died in 1872. The family are members of the English Lutheran church. Dr. Hermany is a Republican in his political affiliations, and though never an office-seeker, he has always manifested a strong interest in the supremacy of Republican principles. He served many years as deputy county coroner. The doctor has attained high standing in the councils of Free Masonry, is a member of all the Masonic bodies, and has passed through all the official stations, except in the Scottish Rite Consistory of Philadelphia, Pa., to which he belongs. Of professional societies, he holds membership in the Schuylkill county medical society, the Pennsylvania state medical society, the American medical association and the Lehigh county medical society.

**Hess, Charles Elmer**, assistant trainmaster of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad at Palo Alto, was born at Girardville on Aug. 14, 1866, a son of Jacob Wilson and Emma (Wolf) Hess. He is of Dutch and German descent, his paternal great-grandfather having come to Bloomsburg, Columbia county, where the grandfather, Jacob Hess, was born. Maternally his lineage is German, his

great great-grandfather having immigrated from the fatherland to Northumberland county in an early day. It was in Northumberland county that Jacob C. Wolf, the grandfather, was born. Emma (Wolf) Hess was born in Lewisburg and Jacob Wilson Hess near Bloomsburg, Columbia county. The latter during the Civil war raised three companies of volunteers for service in the Union army, and was made second lieutenant of the last one, subsequently being promoted to the rank of captain. He was a participant in the battles of Antietam and Fredericksburg, and while the great struggle was in progress at Gettysburg his regiment was held in reserve between that town and Shippensburg. In 1865 he received an honorable discharge from the service. The subject of this sketch attended the public schools of Northumberland county until he was nine years of age and then moved with his parents to Whitehall, Md. After he had completed a course in the preparatory school there he went to Baltimore, where he took a course in the Baltimore City college and then engaged in pedagogic work for a year. At the end of that period he returned to Baltimore and for three years was engaged in the dry goods business. During his residence in Baltimore he learned telegraphy, and when he left his position with the dry goods firm it was to go to Nanticoke, Luzerne county, Pa., in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, as an operator. He remained in Nanticoke until 1901, when he left to go to Williamsport to accept a position as chief clerk in the freight office of the Philadelphia & Reading railway. In the year 1901 he removed to St. Clair, where he was made yardmaster for the company. After a rather short service there he was promoted to the position of assistant trainmaster at Palo Alto, and has since been the efficient incumbent of that office. On Nov. 24, 1887, Mr. Hess was united in marriage to Miss Ada Wertz, a daughter of William and Mary (Reimer) Wertz, of Lewisburg. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hess are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics Mr. Hess is associated with the Prohibition party where the temperance issue is involved, but where that question is not paramount he exercises his right of franchise as his conscience and judgment dictate.

**Hess, Henry William**, sexton of the Odd Fellows' cemetery at Shenandoah, was born at Tamaqua, Schuylkill county, Jan. 17, 1855. His parents, Valentine and Elizabeth (Ginter) Hess, were both natives of Germany. The father was a soldier during the Civil war and died at Tamaqua in 1899, the mother having passed away the preceding year. They were the parents of nine children, of whom four are living. Henry W. is the eldest, and his three sisters live in Philadelphia, where Johanna is the widow of John Stiltz; Ida is the wife of Charles Icupp; and Annie is the wife of George Reber. Mr. Hess' mother was a widow at the time of her marriage to his father, and had one daughter, Christine, by a former marriage. She is now the wife of George Hess, an uncle of the subject of this sketch. Henry W. Hess spent his early years in working about the mines at Tamaqua. In 1872 he came to Shen-

andoah, where he was employed in the mines until July 17, 1889, when he was appointed to his present position. No better recommendation of his capability and attention to duty can be presented than the mention that his tenure of office is dependent upon the cemetery committee, which has annually reappointed him since 1889, and he is now serving his eighteenth year as sexton. The cemetery is the principal one about Shenandoah and is the only one established for the accommodation of Protestants. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows owns the grounds and the order attends to the management of the cemetery, which contains about 7,000 graves and a number of handsome monuments. Mr. Hess takes pride in his work, as the condition of the grounds will show even to the casual visitor. On Feb. 20, 1875, Mr. Hess was married to Miss Matilda Stichler, a native of Germany, who came to this country about the time she was twenty-one years old, accompanied by her aunt Philopéna. They have four sons and three daughters, all living and all useful members of society. Lena is the wife of Enoch Davis, superintendent of the Atlantic Oil Company's business at Shenandoah; George is a plumber and tinsmith in that city, doing a good business; August Gerhard is fire boss at the Keeley Run colliery; he served for six months in the army during the Spanish-American war; Frederick is employed with his father in the care of the cemetery; Lizzie is the wife of John Niswenter, who is engaged in the manufacture of commercial fertilizers; Ida and Charles are at home with their parents. The residence occupied by the family is owned by the Odd Fellows' cemetery association and is located on the crest of Locust mountain, on a plateau at the west entrance to the cemetery. It is one of the most commanding locations in the county, and from the door-yard is obtained a beautiful view over the adjoining territory, showing the mountains, valleys, collieries, villages, etc. Mr. Hess has been a member of Lodge No. 515, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for twenty years, and has always taken a keen interest in the work of the order. He is also a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and with his family belongs to the German Lutheran church. In politics he is independent.

**Hesser, Albert A.**, station agent of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad at Schuylkill Haven, was born in Orwigsburg on June 17, 1842. He is a son of Henry and Rebecca L. (Shoemaker) Hesser, and comes of good American stock, his grandfather having been a soldier in the Continental army in the War of the Revolution. His educational advantages were acquired in the public schools of Schuylkill Haven, Pa., and his first labor was for the Philadelphia & Reading railroad in 1858 as an office boy. From that position he was promoted to be wood agent, and remained in that capacity until coal became the fuel for locomotive engines. Then he was made train despatcher at Cressona, from which position he rose to be superintendent of the Mine Hill or Reading division of the road. In 1878 he was transferred to become assistant superintendent of the largest division in the coal fields, known as the



Mahanoy division, and extending from Port Clinton to Newbury Junction. In a year he had risen to the full superintendency and retained it until 1880. That year the road passed into the hands of receivers and most of the officials from the president down to the superintendents were relieved, Mr. Hesser being among the number. Probably one of the most valuable inventions in use by the railroad companies to safeguard against accident is the derailing switch. The importance of the invention can best be realized when it is known that it is in universal use by all the large railway corporations in the United States and in general use in European countries. Mr. Hesser is the inventor of this device and tells a rather remarkable story in connection with the conception of the idea embodied in it. On May 15, 1878, a gondola car loaded with rails was placed on the rear of a colliery track at the Mount Eagle colliery on the top of Broad mountain. A heavy grade of five miles extended from the colliery toward Tremont. In the evening when the breaker crew attempted to drop the car a short distance down the track the brake chain gave way and the car, gaining speed with every yard, rushed madly down the grade toward Tremont at the base of the mountain. Doubtless it would have caused a fearful destruction of property and possibly a loss of human life had not its velocity been such that when it struck a sharp curve a mile west of Tremont it was fortunately derailed. The incident suggested to Mr. Hesser the idea of the derailing switch, and putting his ideas into shape he perfected the device. It was first tried near the Mount Eagle colliery and since that time has been installed all over the country. Mr. Hesser's present position came to him in 1903. On May 13, 1880, was celebrated his marriage to Miss Alice J. Coxe, and to the union have been born four children—Henry D., Marion C., Albert A., Jr., and William K. The family is allied with the Reformed church in religious affairs, but Mr. Hesser lends his support to all faiths. In political matters Mr. Hesser is absolutely independent, exercising his right of franchise for the man he considers best fitted for the office in question. He is a man of much resource, sincere integrity and withal an exemplary citizen.

**Higgins, James C., M. D.**, one of the younger and most promising members of the medical profession in Schuylkill county, and a resident of Shenandoah, was born at Tamaqua on Sept. 27, 1875, a son of John F. and Margaret (Francy) Higgins. The paternal grandfather, William Higgins, was a railroad worker in the early days of transportation in this county, having assisted in the construction of the railroads about Tamaqua, and had the unique distinction of firing the first locomotive ever operated in the county. The father was an iron molder by vocation, and although he followed that occupation during the larger part of his career he was for a time engaged in the shoe business in Shenandoah. He was one of the constructors of the engine which hoisted the stone of which the Philadelphia city hall is built. The mother was born in Ireland and was a daughter of Martin Francy, for

many years a prominent merchant in Shenandoah. Both parents are deceased, the father departing this life in 1893 and the mother in 1901. Dr. Higgins is the fifth son in order of birth of the ten children born to his parents. The names of the others are Alice; William, an undertaker at Mount Carmel; George, station agent for the Philadelphia & Reading railroad at Shamokin; Melissa; John F., who served four years as a member of the state senate; Nellie; Catherine; Charles, a medical student at Philadelphia; and Julia. Of the total six are married. The subject of this sketch received his preliminary education in the public schools of Shenandoah and attended the high school until he reached his junior year. He then took a course in the state normal school at Lock Haven and studied under private tutors for a number of years until he took up the study of medicine at the Medico-Chirurgical college at Philadelphia in 1900. Just prior to his entering the latter institution, however, he was a clerk in the Shenandoah city colliery for several months. He was granted his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1904 and for the following year was employed as an interne in the Medico-Chirurgical hospital at Philadelphia. He then returned to Shenandoah and established himself in his professional practice, and although he has been located there but a short time he has met with a cordial and exceptional reception and has laid the basis of an excellent practice. He is professionally identified as a member of the Shenandoah medical society. On March 7, 1905, Dr. Higgins married Miss Stella M. Hinch, of Philadelphia, a daughter of the late William E. Hinch, who for many years was one of the most prominent business men of the Quaker City. Mrs. Hinch is a lady of broad culture and many accomplishments, having received her training in the Notre Dame seminary of Philadelphia. Both the doctor and his wife are members of the Church of the Annunciation, under the pastorate of Rev. Father O'Reilly. Fraternally Dr. Higgins is associated with the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He is a young man of enthusiasm and ambition, and his many friends predict for him a magnificent future.

**Hinkley, Frank**, a retired machinist and locomotive engineer of Tamaqua, was born in the city where he now resides on March 4, 1838, a son of Isaac and Catherine (Ruch) Hinkley. The former was born in Massachusetts and the latter in Pennsylvania. The father's birth occurred on July 4, 1800, and his death in 1876. Before the days of railroads he drove the daily stage between Port Clinton and Tamaqua, covering a distance of forty miles. Subsequently he had charge of the teams of the Little Schuylkill Railroad Company. The subject of this memoir is the second in order of birth of the four survivors of twelve children. James, the eldest, resides in Reading; Margaret is the widow of William Ellis, of Terre Haute, and Melista is now Mrs. William Bachelor, also of Terre Haute. Frank Hinkley attended the common schools of his native county until fourteen years of age, and then for six years served his time as an apprentice in the machinists' trade.

Then for a time he fired on a freight locomotive, working at that until promoted to be an engineer. His first employment on the railroad was with the Little Schuylkill Company, and he remained on the line with the Philadelphia & Reading after it had absorbed the smaller road until 1892. He then went with the Baldwin locomotive works and for five years was the traveling construction agent of that firm. His residence was then in Norristown, Pa., for a time, and for two years in Mauch Chunk, where he was in charge of the roundhouse. About Christmas time, 1903, after his return to Tamaqua, he resigned from active participation in railroad life and has since given devoted and most unselfish attention to his invalid wife. On Aug. 19, 1858, Mr. Hinkley was united in marriage to Miss Esther Davis, born in Wales on April 14, 1842. Mrs. Hinkley came to the United States when she was but six years of age. Four children have blessed this union. William Henry, the eldest, is the subject of a sketch in this volume. Albert Francis, like his older brother, is a locomotive engineer on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad. Clara Elizabeth was born March 7, 1868, and died Feb. 18, 1874; and Isaac Davis, born Oct. 12, 1870, died Jan. 8, 1872. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hinkley are zealous communicants of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Hinkley has been trustee, steward and librarian of the Tamaqua congregation. Fraternally he is identified with the Free and Accepted Masons. He is a much respected citizen of the community.

**Hinkley, William H.,** a locomotive engineer on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, whose home is at Tamaqua, was born in that city on Feb. 12, 1859, a son of Frank and Esther (Davis) Hinkley. A sketch of the father appears elsewhere in this volume. William H. Hinkley attended the public schools of Tamaqua until he was fifteen years of age and then accepted a position as fireman on one of the Philadelphia & Reading locomotives. After three years of service in that capacity he was promoted to the position of engineer, and since that time has been continuously "at the throttle." For more than thirty years he has been a locomotive engineer, and eighteen years of that time has had the same run. In eighteen years he has lost but eighteen days' time, part of which was due to an accident resulting from a jump from his locomotive when a careless switchman had left a switch open and his engine ran upon the turn table. Although he is the oldest in point of service of any engineer on the Shamokin division he has been "called up" to the superintendent's office for reprimand fewer times than any other man in the same capacity, only one offense of the kind being charged up against him. Mr. Hinkley has been twice married. In 1877 he married Miss Louisa McKelvy, daughter of C. W. and Deborah McKelvy. The father, who was a paper manufacturer, is deceased, but his widow is still living, an honored resident of Scranton, Pa. Three children were born to this union, of whom the eldest, Charles F., is a foreman of the American Car Company at Berwick. He married Miss Elizabeth Filbert, of Hazleton, and they have had two children—

Charles Henry, deceased, and Wilson. George Edward, the second child, is unmarried, and is engaged in the drug business at Somerville. Elizabeth Jane is the wife of William Kiereher, a machinist employed in the Vulcan iron works of Tamaqua. They have one child, Charles F. In January, 1886, death severed Mr. Hinkley's first union, and on Nov. 1, 1888, he led to the altar Miss Elizabeth Jane Stoffragen, a native of Pottsville and a daughter of Frederick and Louisa Stoffragen. Mrs. Hinkley's parents are among the pioneers of Pottsville and on Aug. 16, 1905, they celebrated their golden wedding. There are two other daughters in the family besides Mrs. Hinkley, who is the eldest. The others are Mrs. Jacob Hoover, of Mount Carmel, and Miss Carrie, at home. To Mr. and Mrs. Hinkley has been born one child, Frederick H. Both parents are members of the Zion English Lutheran church and the father is connected fraternally with Tamaqua Lodge, No. 238, Free and Accepted Masons; Harmony Lodge, No. 86, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Pottsville Lodge, No. 49, Knights of the Golden Eagle.

**Hirsh, Edward Mac**, the former popular young editor and proprietor of the Tamaqua "Tri-Weekly Recorder," is the youngest living child of Peter and Elizabeth (Mackey) Hirsh, both natives of Schuylkill county, and married in Tamaqua, where their lives have been spent. In 1860 the father went on a prospecting tour through the far west and south, visiting California, Mexico and Central America. He is a machinist by occupation, and has been employed for many years at the Bethlehem (Pa.) steel works, but retains his residence in Tamaqua. They are the parents of seven children, four of whom are now living. The eldest is Robert H., who founded the Tamaqua Recorder in 1892 and conducted it for ten years, when he sold the plant to his brother Edward, and is now employed in religious journalism at Allegheny, Pa. He married Anna Levering, of Philadelphia, and she died in 1901. Mary and Nellie are young ladies at home, and the last named is a teacher in the public schools of Tamaqua. The family are Presbyterians in religious affiliations. Edward Mac Hirsh was educated in the public schools, being a graduate of the Tamaqua high school. He began his business career as an employe of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company at Tamaqua. This engaged his attention until 1902, when he purchased the "Recorder," which is a spicy, well-edited journal, having a liberal home patronage, but which he has recently sold to Joseph H. Shepp and Earl W. Russell. Mr. Hirsh is a young man of high social standing in the community, and is regarded as one of the leading business men in Tamaqua. The founder of the Hirsh family in America was John Nicholas Hirsh, paternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch. He was a native of France, came to America about 1830, and settled in Tamaqua among the pioneers of that place. He was one of the first merchants, was a Roman Catholic in religious faith and a Democrat in political views. His marriage to Margaret Smith was blessed with a family of three



sons and three daughters, the father, Edward Mac Hursh, being one of the three now living. Grandfather Hursh died in 1875 at the age of eighty-three years.

**Hock, Conrad**, deceased, late president of the Sailor Planing Mill and Lumber Company, was a native of Dorheim, by Friedburg, Hesse, Germany. He was born May 14, 1826, and came to the United States in 1853. He was educated in his native country, and more largely by a lifetime spent in careful reading and private study until he became a man exceptionally well informed, an entertaining conversationalist, both in English and German, and was a man against whom no word of reproach could truthfully be uttered. He was a devout Christian who carried his religion into his every-day walk and conversation. Mr. Hock died at the family home on North Second street, after a very brief illness, July 24, 1900. For twelve years after his arrival in Pottsville, Conrad Hock was employed as a laborer or clerk at the rolling mill. During this time he accumulated sufficient means to build, principally with his own hands, a very humble home for his family. He told the writer that the happiest moment of his life was the day that he moved under his own roof, unpretentious as it was. Mr. Hock was twice married, first in Germany, when he wedded Maria K. Appel on Aug. 29, 1850. She was a native of Frieblingen, Hesse, Germany. Six sons, all natives of Pottsville, were born to this union, viz.: William, John, Henry, George, Conrad K. and Louis, and all except Henry are residents of Schuylkill county. Mrs. Hock died July 23, 1883, and July 31, 1884, Mr. Hock was married to the wife who survives him. In maidenhood she was Miss Catherine Schnaeiker, but was a widow named Snyder at the time of this marriage. She had a family of three daughters, who are now the wives of three of Mr. Hock's sons. In 1865 the subject of this article engaged in the lime business at Cressona, an enterprise which proved profitable from the start. The business has been enlarged and continued, the father finally retiring from active work and the sons taking his place. Storage houses and sales-rooms are located in Pottsville. Mr. Hock was one of the organizing members of the German Reformed church in Pottsville, and served more than thirty years as elder and deacon. He was always in sympathetic touch with the church of his choice, though liberal and tolerant toward the religious opinions of others. In political views Mr. Hock was a Democrat, though he always maintained his right to independence in the choice of local candidates. He never aspired to political honors, though he served one term as a member of the borough council, and was nine years a member of the school board. He took a decided interest in the principles and work of Odd Fellowship, and was a past grand of Hayden Lodge, No. 44, of that fraternity. He was also a member and past official of Wallhalla Lodge of the A. D. O. H. He was not only a good husband, but also a kind and indulgent father. Domestic in his tastes, his attention was given to his business, and his greatest happiness he found in being surrounded by his wife and children. He was a

good man and a worthy citizen, and his loss was deeply felt in the community where he so long made his home.

**Hock, Conrad K.**, secretary and treasurer of the Sailor Planing Mill and Lumber Company, was born in Pottsville, Pa., Sept. 4, 1865. He is the fifth in order of birth in a family of six sons born to Conrad and Maria (Appel) Hock, natives of Germany and early settlers of Pottsville. The ancestral history appears fully in the personal sketch of Conrad Hock, in this volume. The father died June 23, 1906, and the mother's death occurred on July 23, 1881. Conrad K. Hock, of this review, was educated in the public schools of Pottsville and learned the printers' trade in his youth. He followed this trade for some ten years in early manhood, subsequently becoming interested in the firm with which he has been connected as secretary and treasurer for the last twelve years, and of which his father was president at the time of his death. The Sailor Planing Mill and Lumber Company are extensive manufacturers of, and dealers in, all kinds of mill work, lumber, paints, builders' hardware, and supplies. It is one of the long-established and successful business institutions of Pottsville. Mr. Hock was married on Dec. 5, 1893, to Miss Helena, daughter of Frederick and Catherine Snyder, of Minersville, Pa., and they have four children: Kathryn, born June 28, 1895; Robert, born July 29, 1896; Helen, born Nov. 13, 1898, and Norman, born May 4, 1900.

**Hock, John**, a representative of a well-known Pottsville family, was born on Dec. 26, 1860, and is a son of the late Conrad Hock, whose personal sketch appears fully under the proper title in this volume. The history of the Hock family appears in the same connection. The subject of this sketch was educated in the public schools of Pottsville; was employed in his father's business during his early manhood years, and took charge of the same on the retirement of his father in 1882. From that date until 1901 he gave his exclusive attention to the production and sale of lime, and in the year last written he established his present business at Jappa, which includes the handling of the necessary grains and the preparation and sale of malt. The output of his establishment is large, and the products are sold in distant localities, as well as in supplying a good local demand. Mr. Hock was married to Miss Carrie A. Kienzle, a daughter of Andrew and Caroline M. (Moser) Kienzle, of Pottsville. This was a most happy union, blessed with the birth of two daughters and two sons, the eldest of whom is Cora Mea, now the wife of Harry Nagle, of Pottsville. She was born May 4, 1886; Augusta Caroline was born Jan. 22, 1888; Harold John was born June 7, 1892, and Douglass David was born Aug. 17, 1900. Mrs. Hock died on Sept. 28, 1904, and on June 19, 1907, he contracted a second marriage, being united to Mrs. Carrie Lennick, of Pottsville. Mr. Hock and family are members of Trinity Lutheran church. In political views he is a Democrat, but has never sought or held official positions. Mr. Hock is prominently identified with the Masonic fraternity, having taken all the subordinate degrees from the "Blue Lodge" to the Mystic Shrine.

and is also a member of the Odd Fellows, Lily of the Valley Lodge, No. 281, and of the Good Will Fire Company.

**Hoepstine, James W., Jr.**, agent for the Humane Hose Company at Pottsville, was born in that city on March 26, 1870. His parents, James W. and Annetta (Ebbert) Hoepstine, were both native Pennsylvanians, the former of Berks and the latter of Schuylkill county. Prior to the Civil war the father followed the trade of sash-maker in Pottsville. He served for over three years in the Union army as a member of Company A, 99th Pennsylvania volunteer infantry, taking part in practically all the battles in which his regiment was engaged. At the expiration of his term he was honorably discharged, returned to Pottsville, where he married and was for twenty-seven years in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company. In 1905 he retired from this position and entered the soldiers' home at Erie, Pa., where he is now living. He is a member of the Union Veteran Legion and Post No. 23, Grand Army of the Republic, of Pottsville, and belongs to the German Lutheran church. The children of James W. and Annetta Hoepstine that grew to maturity were James W., Charles, Louis, Jacob, Lucy and Edward. James W. Hoepstine, the subject of this sketch, was educated in the Pottsville public schools and was for twenty-one years in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company, leaving that company on April 19, 1907, to accept his present position. On Feb. 5, 1890, he enlisted in the Pennsylvania National Guard; in May, 1891, was made corporal; was elected second lieutenant in the Pennsylvania volunteer infantry on May 9, 1898, for service in the Spanish-American war, and was mustered out with that rank on March 7, 1899. Upon his return home he was elected first lieutenant in the National Guard and on Oct. 18, 1902, was elected captain of Company H, 8th regiment, which office he still holds. He is a member of Pottsville Aerie, No. 134, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Humane Steam Fire Company, of which he has been a member for thirteen years. From May, 1904, to May, 1905, he held the position of chief of the Pottsville fire department. Politically he is a Republican. On May 18, 1894, Mr. Hoepstine married Miss Emma, daughter of John Creary, of Pottsville, and they have one daughter, named Ethel.

**Hoffman, Charles P.**, a public-spirited and progressive business man of Pottsville, was born in Friedensburg, Berks county, Pa., Sept. 20, 1866, a son of Rev. P. A. Hoffman, a minister in the Reformed church, who spent his entire life in the ministry, principally in the service of the church at Reading, where he died June 30, 1890. He was born at Cherryville, Northampton county, Pa., and his wife, who was in maidenhood Miss Aravesta M. Bodder, was born at Bethlehem, in the same county. She is now living in Reading. These were the parents of five children, all living, and engaged in life's struggles on their own account. Charles P., of this article, is the eldest; Willard is chief engineer with the Deppen Brewing Company in Reading; J. Lange is employed with the

White Steamer Company in Chicago; Bertha is the wife of Thomas Payne, of Reading, and C. Herbert is an expert carpet man in the employ of The G. M. Britton Company, of Pottsville. Charles P. Hoffman was educated in the Friedensburg public schools, Oley academy, a private school in Bethlehem, and is a graduate of the Reading high school, having graduated with class honors as class orator. He studied law for some time, but abandoned the profession after his marriage, and has spent his mature years principally in mercantile pursuits. He was for eighteen years in the employ of the firm of Gateley & Britton, and since the death of the senior partner of that firm has been with the successors, The G. M. Britton Company. This company was organized in 1904, since which time Mr. Hoffman has been the secretary and general manager. They deal extensively in all kinds of house furnishings, and operate general department stores at Reading and Pottsville. Mr. Hoffman began his mercantile career as a collector, and has gradually ascended the scale until he has attained the highest and most important position within the gift of mercantile employers. He has been a resident of Pottsville since 1894, and has established high social and business relations with the leading people of the place. He has reached that point in civic life where his suggestions and help are sought and considered in all matters pertaining to the good of the town and its people. He was one of the moving spirits in formulating and systematizing the "Old Home Week" celebration in Pottsville, a demonstration which will be long remembered as the leading event in the history of the town. Mr. Hoffman was the general chairman of the committees, and to him is due much of the credit for the grand success of the occasion. He is also chairman of the Pottsville civic society, having in view the promotion of enterprises calculated to benefit the material growth and prosperity of the town; is president of the Merchants' protective association of Pottsville and vicinity; is a moving spirit in the Commercial club; a member of the Pottsville club, also of the West End Fire Company. He sustains high rank in the Masonic fraternity, his initial membership being with Reading Lodge, No. 549, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a past master; Reading Chapter, No. 152, Royal Arch Masons; De Molay Commandery, No. 9, Knights Templars, of which he is past commander, and is a charter member of Rajah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Schuylkill county historical society and of the board of control of the 3d regiment band. He is a Republican in political affiliations, and served eight or nine years as a member of the Reading election board. Mr. Hoffman was married on April 9, 1885, to Miss Sue E., daughter of Franklin and Amelia Bickley, of Reading. Her parents are both deceased. Mrs. Hoffman was graduated from the Reading high school in the same class as her husband. The only children of Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman, Belle and Elsie, died in infancy. The family are communicants in the Reformed church, the religious home of their ancestors.



**Hoffman, Frank J.**, the junior member of the firm of Drobel & Hoffman, merchant tailors and clothiers at Pottsville, a firm which though young in years already takes high rank among the places of trade in Schuylkill's county seat, is a native of the county in which a large part of his life has been spent. He was born in Middleport on July 6, 1875, his parents being William and Mary (Wertensohn) Hoffman. The father was a native of Schuylkill township, this county, and the mother was born at sea, of German parents, who at the time were on their immigration voyage to America. Her parents were Martin and Margaret Wertensohn, and upon their arrival in America they became pioneer settlers in Middleport. William Hoffman, the father of the subject of this review, was a cigar manufacturer, and he followed that occupation at Patterson for twenty years, until his death. He reared to maturity a family of five children, of whom Frank J. is the immediate subject of this memoir; Mary is the wife of Henry Schlitzer; Margaret is the wife of Fred J. Drobel, mentioned more at length on another page; Fred and William. Frank J. Hoffman was reared in Patterson until he had reached the age of sixteen years, and was educated in the public schools of that place and at Pottsville. He came to Pottsville in 1891, and was there employed as a clerk in various stores until Jan. 1, 1907, when, in company with his brother-in-law, Fred J. Drobel, he became established in business for himself, under the firm name of Drobel & Hoffman, merchant tailors and up-to-date clothiers. He was married on Jan. 20, 1904, to Mardina, daughter of Fred and Mary (Schaefer) Schenck, of Pottsville. Mr. Hoffman is a member of St. John's Roman Catholic church and his political affiliations are with the Republican party.

**Hoffman, George E.**, deceased, was a prominent merchant of Cressona, from 1860 until 1905. He was a son of Jacob Hoffman and Catherine Bensing, whose mother was a "Dreher," and a grandson of Cornelius Hoffman and Elizabeth Alspach, who settled on land in West Brunswick township after the Revolutionary war. Cornelius Hoffman came from Switzerland to America before the Revolution began; enlisted at Philadelphia and served throughout the war; was made one of the body-guard of Gen. George Washington and was with him when he crossed the Delaware. A sword presented to him by General Washington is still in the possession of a member of the family. George E. Hoffman, the subject of this sketch, was born at Orwigsburg Feb. 9, 1835, and began his business career in a store at Cressona in 1853. In 1854 he was employed by John S. Morris, a merchant at Pottsville; joined the Washington artillerist military company, but resigned in order to give full attention to the business in which he embarked at Cressona in June, 1860. On Sept. 20, 1860, he married Miss Anna R., daughter of John S. and Hannah Jones Cunningham Morris, and a granddaughter of Samuel and Mary Levering O'Connor (who was born at Philadelphia, in 1778, being a daughter of Paul O'Connor and Margaret Levering). Mrs. Hoffman's ma-

ternal grandparents were Nathaniel Cunningham and Mary Jones, the latter being a daughter of Col. Jonathan Jones, of Revolutionary fame, who with John Morris and John Davis owned the land on which the almshouse at Reading is built, and all three were ancestors of Mrs. Hoffman. In November, 1864, Mr. Hoffman purchased the stock of merchant William Nammers, who was about leaving Cressona, Mr. Samuel Morris purchasing the property. He also had the postoffice transferred and was postmaster for a number of years. In 1876 Mr. Hoffman purchased the property from Mr. Morris. He was school director for a number of terms. George E. Hoffman died at his daughter's home at Denison, Ia., Aug. 21, 1905, leaving a widow and five children. The eldest, Samuel Morris, is deceased; John Louis is a practicing physician at Ashland; Alice Rebecca married Harlowe A. Boyle, M. D., a son of Maj. John Alexander Boyle of the Civil war; Harry Leslie is an artist in New York city, and Lucy Brewster is the wife of William Wilson McCloy of Virginia. Mr. Hoffman was an intensely religious man and for more than twenty years was a member of the Evangelical church and superintendent of the Sunday school. Subsequently he joined the Methodist Episcopal church and was superintendent of the Sunday school until his failing health caused his resignation. After his death the general merchandise business which he had been conducting was taken charge of by his son-in-law, Capt. William W. McCloy. Captain McCloy is a son of William J. and Elizabeth F. (Storrs) McCloy, the former of whom was a first lieutenant in the 15th Virginia Confederate infantry during the Civil war. Captain McCloy was a member of Company B, 24th Virginia Confederate cavalry, and participated in the battles of Fairfax Court House, Charles City Court House, the Wilderness, Spottsylvania Court House, Cold Harbor, Deep Bottom, Richmond and others. He was one of the escort with the body of Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson after the latter was killed at Chancellorsville, and remained with it while it lay in state in Richmond. After the war Captain McCloy was engaged as a civil engineer until 1904, when he located in Cressona and embarked in business with Mr. Hoffman. He married Lucy B. Hoffman June 12, 1900, and has one son, Lewis Morris, living in Cressona.

**Hoffman, J. Louis, M. D.**—The following excellent sketch of Dr. J. Louis Hoffman appears in the *Cyclopædia of Schuylkill County*, and as but little change has occurred in the family history since the date of the article quoted, we give it here in full. On the paternal side, he is of German lineage, being a direct descendant of the family bearing the same name in Halle, Prussia, who have been connected with medicine since 1460, the most famous member of which, Frederick Hoffman (1660-1742), was one of the founders of the Halle university in 1693. He was its first professor of the theory and practice of medicine, a position which he held from the founding of the institution until his death, with the exception of four years, from 1708 to 1712, when he was the royal physician at Berlin. His grandson, Cornelius Hoffman, emi-

grated from Switzerland to the American colonies in 1768, and located 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, Second brigade of the Colonial Line, in 1776, and was with Washington when he crossed the Delaware and surprised and captured the Hessians at Trenton. His sword is an heirloom in the family. After the close of the war for Independence in 1783, he took up his residence in Brunswick township (then Berks county), on the present site of Orwigsburg, and followed the pursuits of a farmer during the remainder of his life. His son Jacob retained possession of the original homestead and married Kate Bensinger, and these were the paternal grandparents of Dr. J. Louis Hoffman, of this sketch. Concerning the parents of Dr. Hoffman proper mention is made in the preceding memoir of his father, George E. Hoffman. The founder of his mother's family on American soil was Richard Morris, who was an officer of distinction in the armies of Oliver Cromwell. He left England soon after the Restoration and eventually landed in New York, where he purchased a large estate near Harlem, in Westchester county. Subsequently he obtained a grant from Governor Fletcher through the provisions of which his estate of more than 3,000 acres was erected into a manor under the name of 'Morrissania,' and it was endowed with all the customary memorial privileges. He died in 1673, leaving an infant child named Lewis, who became chief justice of the Province of New York, and governor of New Jersey. Descendants of this ancestor have occupied very distinguished positions in the history of states and the nation. They have been noted as orators, statesmen and professional men, and had a representative of the Colonial Congress and a signer of the Declaration of Independence. John S. Morris, the great-grandson of Richard, and grandfather of Dr. Hoffman, was born at Reading, Pa., in 1811, and died in Pottsville in 1887. He located in the last named place in 1830, and spent his active years in merchandising. He was a public-spirited citizen, active and zealous in the promotion of every enterprise calculated to enhance the interests of the country. Dr. Hoffman is a member of a family of five children who attained to years of maturity. He was educated, primarily, in the public schools of Cressona. This was later supplemented by a scientific course at the University of Pennsylvania, from which institution he received the degree of Bachelor of Science. In preparation for his professional career he was a student for two years in the office of Dr. Fegley, at Ashland, from whose office he entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, and was graduated with the class of 1886. He was resident physician in St. Luke's hospital, South Bethlehem, Pa., for two years after his graduation, and was subsequently associated with the Fifth Street dispensary and the Out-Door department of the Pennsylvania hospital, at Philadelphia, thence to Ashland in this county. The doctor has been successful as a general practitioner of medicine

and surgery. He keeps abreast of the onward march of the profession, and is allied with the medical societies of the county and state, a member of the American medical association, of which he is an ex-president, and an active participant in their deliberations. He is a Republican in political sentiments and a Lutheran in religious views, and has been choir master of St. James' Lutheran church for sixteen years. Of the social fraternities, he holds membership in the Patriotic Order of Sons of America, of which he is a past president in his camp; a member of the Royal Arcanum, and has been its medical examiner since its organization; medical examiner of the Schuylkill Aerie, No. 524, Fraternal Order of Eagles; a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Pottsville from the time of its organization until the institution of the Ashland Lodge in 1898, when he affiliated with the home body, of which he is now lecturing knight. He is master of Ashland Lodge, No. 294, Free and Accepted Masons; is past high priest of Griscom Chapter, No. 219, Royal Arch Masons; is generalissimo of Prince of Peace Commandery, No. 39, Knights Templars; is a thirty-second degree member of Williamsport Consistory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons; and belongs to Rajah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Reading Pa.; is president of the Washington Hall association; vice-president and director of the Miners' and Laborers' saving fund; a director of the Locust Mountain saving fund of Ashland, Pa.; and is examiner for the following life insurance companies: Ætna, Equitable, Fidelity, Hartford Mutual of Connecticut, Mutual Life of New York, Mutual Life of Newark, N. J., Philadelphia Mutual, Manhattan, New England Mutual, Security Trust, of Binghamton, N. Y., Security Trust of New York City, Sun of Montreal, Travellers, Germania, Washington Life of New York, and Capital of Philadelphia.

**Holland, David A., M. D.**, a practicing physician and surgeon in Mahanoy City, was born in Mahanoy township, Sept. 1, 1881, a son of Michael and Mary (Washington) Holland, natives of Ireland. They had a family of six sons and one daughter, Dr. David A. being the youngest son. The names in order of birth are John, Mark, Thomas, Michael, Patrick, David A. and Bridget. The sister died on May 30, 1887. Dr. Holland was educated in the public schools of Mahanoy township and Mahanoy City, and was graduated in the Mahanoy high school with the class of 1898. He then took up the study of medicine at the Medico-Chirurgical college in Philadelphia and was graduated in the class of 1903. He began practice in Mahanoy City immediately after graduation, and has been accorded a liberal patronage, having established a good practice among the friends and associates of his lifetime. The doctor is a member of the Schuylkill county medical society, and of the fraternal orders he belongs to the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Independent Order of Foresters, Ancient Order of Hibernians and Knights of Columbus, and the Father Matthew Pioneers, the latter being a



temperance society. In political preferences, he casts his ballot for the nominees of the Democratic party, though he is not aggressive as a politician. The subject of this article was happily married in 1907, the lady of his choice being Miss Ella, daughter of D. J. and Mary (Gill) Cleary, of Mahanoy City. The religious affiliations of the Holland and Cleary families are with the Roman Catholic church.

**Holmes, Col. William H.**, editor and proprietor of the spicy little weekly paper known as "Splinters," at St. Clair, was born in that borough April 4, 1850, a son of John and Rosanna Holmes, early residents of St. Clair. He was educated in the public schools of his native borough, graduated at the First Pennsylvania normal school, and began his business career in mercantile pursuits by opening a store for the sale of stationery, books, wall-paper, notions, etc., which he now owns and operates. But one of the principal features of his business life has been in contract work in painting and decorating. This has been a source of good revenue, to which is added the income from his printing establishment in connection with the publication of his newspaper, the office being thoroughly equipped for job work of all kinds. For many years past Mr. Holmes has been interested in military affairs, and has worked his way to a position of prominence in the National Guard of Pennsylvania. He began his military career in 1875; was major of a regiment during the Spanish-American war; and is now the lieutenant-colonel of the 8th regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania. Mr. Holmes is a stockholder and director in the Citizens' bank of St. Clair, and is otherwise interested in the development of business and social affairs in the borough. He was married Nov. 11, 1877, to Miss Marie Belle Phipps, a daughter of William and Philena (Pyle) Phipps, of West Chester, Pa., and two children were born to this union, the elder of whom is now Mrs. A. V. Werner, and W. Norman is a young man at college. Colonel Holmes is a member of Camp No. 75, Patriotic Order of Sons of America, and of the Alert Fire Company, being a charter member in both organizations. He is a Republican in political affiliations; takes an active interest in political affairs; has served four years as president of the borough council, and nine years as a member of the school board. His parental home was established in St. Clair in 1840, when his father located there as a coal operator and prospector and opened up the large vein which has since been designated as "The Holmes Vein" in reports and publications pertaining to the mines in this section of the anthracite coal regions. He established numerous other workings, and was the inventor of several useful mine machines which are still in every-day use about the mines. The Holmes family adhere to the religious teaching of the great Quaker founder of the State of Pennsylvania.

**Horn, William**, justice of the peace of Sheppton and a prominent real estate dealer of the borough, was born in 1840 at Pine Grove, a son of Daniel and Susannah (Fager) Horn. He attended the public schools of Tamaqua and Llewellyn until he was twelve

years of age and then started out to earn his own living, finding employment as water boy for a gang of trackmen building the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, then known as the Little Schuylkill road. After a time he came to be a trackman and continued in that capacity until he reached his twenty-first year. Then the somber cloud of war was hovering over the horizon of national unity and President Lincoln issued a call for 75,000 volunteers. A company known locally as the Scott Rifles was organized at Tamaqua and when mustered into the service of the United States government became Company C, 10th Pennsylvania infantry. Mr. Horn was a member of the company and at the close of the ninety days for which he had volunteered he re-enlisted, in Company H, 96th Pennsylvania infantry, taking a three weeks' furlough meantime. Captain Hipple was the first leader of the company, but subsequently he resigned and Henry Royer became captain. The regiment left Pottsville on Nov. 8, 1861, proceeded by way of Gordon Plain and Shamokin to Washington, D. C., and thence into camp at Bladensburg, Md. It was then moved across the Long bridge into Virginia beyond Fairfax seminary. Henry L. Calk, colonel of the regiment, named the new location Camp Northumberland, in honor of his home county. Picket duty had been the chief work of the organization up to this time, but it left shortly after by boat for Fortress Monroe, and after the evacuation of Yorktown the 96th went up the York river to West Point, where a slight skirmish occurred with the Confederate rear-guard. From West Point it proceeded to White House Landing, and then participated with McClellan in the Peninsular campaign. On June 27, 1862, it formed the extreme right of the Federal line at Gaines' Mill, and the following day supported the batteries at White Oak swamp. At Malvern Hill it again had the extreme right of the line and with the rest of the army fell back when that engagement was over. After participating in the second battle of Bull Run the brigade to which the 96th had been assigned was moved to help intercept the Confederate movement into Maryland. On September 14 was fought the battle of South Mountain and in the charge which was so gallantly made up the slope with the final result of a decisive Federal victory, Mr. Horn received a severe gunshot wound in the breast. After three months in the hospital he was discharged, but his wound incapacitated him for further military service and he returned to Tamaqua. There, in 1863, he married Miss Margaret Van Horn and shortly afterward moved to Mahanoy City. He is the father of four children, all of whom are living—Ella, William F., Bessie and Leo D. At Mahanoy City he had a position as foreman for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company, but the wound received in the service of his country still troubled him and he was compelled to resign. He then purchased a beautiful farm in the Catawissa valley, where for a number of years he followed agricultural pursuits. Subsequently he removed to Sheppton to engage in the real estate business and was shortly afterward elected justice of the peace. Of

this latter position he has been the incumbent for more than twenty years now, and at each election is again honored by retention in the office. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and aside from his office as justice has been deputy coroner. He and the family are all members of the Evangelical church of Tamaqua, and Mr. Horn is associated with the Shenandoah post of the Grand Army of the Republic. By his sincerity of purpose, kindly, hearty manner and his general worth he has won for himself an enviable place in the hearts of his fellow-citizens.

**Housenick, John S.**, manager of the Shenandoah house of Armour & Co., wholesale meat and provision dealers, was born in Bloomsburg, Columbia county, Pa., Sept. 10, 1867. He is the second of eight children born to M. L. and Anna Housenick, and the oldest one now living. Elizabeth, the first-born, married B. B. Freas and died at the age of twenty-six years; Fannie is the wife of Frank J. Long, of Berwick, local auditor for the American Car and Foundry Company; Ezra, John S. and Charles are partners in a mercantile establishment in Berwick; Atta is the wife of Fred Wasley, a druggist in Shenandoah; and Ruth is at home with her parents, who now live in Berwick, the father being a retired merchant. After attending the Berwick schools and graduating in the high school, John S. Housenick took a course in a business college in Philadelphia and remained in that city for five years. On Sept. 1, 1890, he came to Shenandoah, where he engaged in the manufacture of hats and caps in connection with J. M. Robbins, under the firm name of Robbins & Housenick, afterwards known as the Shenandoah Manufacturing Company. In May, 1897, he closed out his interest in this business and became cashier for Armour & Co. Two years later he was made manager of the Shenandoah branch, which employs over twenty men and handles a large quantity of dressed meats and provisions. Mr. Housenick was one of the organizers of the Shenandoah Trust Company, and is now one of the directors of that institution. He is also a director in the Schuylkill Railway Company. He is prominent in Masonic circles, being a member of Shenandoah Lodge, No. 511, Free and Accepted Masons; Ashland Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Ashland Commandery, Knights Templars. In his politics he is independent, and with his wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. On June 3, 1891, Mr. Housenick and Miss Anna Thompson, of Berwick, were united in marriage. She is the daughter of Joseph and Mary Thompson, old residents of Berwick, where her father was engaged in business until he retired. He is now deceased, and his wife died June 10, 1907, aged 74 years. Hugh Thompson, the only other member of the family, is now in business in Berwick. To Mr. and Mrs. Housenick have been born three daughters, viz: Mary J., Elizabeth E., and Helen K. Whatever degree of success that Mr. Housenick has accomplished has been through his own industry and methodical habits, and it is a compliment to his ability and character that a great concern like Armour & Co. should have selected him for promotion. In this age of great

corporations the officials of these organizations are on the lookout for good men, and no better testimony to the general qualifications of John S. Housenick is necessary than the fact that he is manager for one of the largest packing houses in the world, a position that he has filled for nearly ten years to the evident satisfaction of his employers.

**Hubler, George W.**, head of the shoe manufacturing firm in Adamsdale, was born at Pine Grove, this county, Feb. 18, 1868. He is a son of Peter and Fietta (Wagner) Hubler. The father was a farmer and in the lumber business and died while still a young man, leaving two sons and two daughters. The other son is Charles H., a shoe manufacturer of Philadelphia, Pa., and the daughters are Sallie E., wife of A. H. Prenzel, a manufacturer of shoes at Halifax; and Annie R., wife of J. H. Adams, of Orwigsburg, a hardware salesman in the employ of J. H. Long. The mother is still living on the old homestead at Orwigsburg, Pa., where Mr. and Mrs. Adams make their home with her. The subject of this sketch received a common school education in the schools of Landingville and Orwigsburg and at the age of thirteen started in to learn the business of making shoes, in the factory of A. E. Brown & Co. at Orwigsburg. He started in as a finisher and worked up through the various departments until he had completely mastered the industry, and in 1891 became associated with Mr. George Adams, of Adamsdale, in the same business, as general manager. This relationship was continued until January, 1901, when Mr. Adams' death caused a reorganization of the concern, which was then incorporated into a stock company with Mr. Hubler as president and general manager; F. P. Adams as vice-president; and J. H. Adams as secretary and treasurer and assistant general manager. The business is on a paying basis and the output increases from year to year. On March 25, 1894, Mr. Hubler married Miss Carrie L. Beck, daughter of John C. and Emma C. (Becker) Beck, of Orwigsburg. To this union has been born one son, George Harold, now ten years of age. The family are all members of St. Paul's Lutheran church of Orwigsburg, and Mr. Hubler is one of the deacons. In politics he is a stanch believer in the principles of Jeffersonian Democracy, but has never held nor aspired to public office. Fraternally he is associated with the Orwigsburg Lodge, No. 157, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Camp No. 86, Patriotic Order of Sons of America.

**Hummel, D. F., M. D.**, a physician of Gilberton, is a native of Hummelstown, Dauphin county, Pa., where he was born Nov. 30, 1872, a son of Henry and Anna Elizabeth (Fox) Hummel, who are descended from old Pennsylvania stock, the village of Hummelstown having been named in 1738 for Frederick Hummel, the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch. Dr. D. F. Hummel was reared in Hummelstown, in whose elementary and high schools he received his early education, having graduated from the high school with the class of 1889. He later matriculated in the Philadelphia college of pharmacy, at which he graduated in 1895.



and for a time was engaged in the drug business, after which, having decided to make the practice of medicine his life work, he entered the Medico Chirurgical college of Philadelphia, from which institution he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1902. On Jan. 1, 1904, he entered the State hospital for injured persons of the anthracite coal regions, at Fountain Springs, Schuylkill county, and remained there until July 1, 1905, when he located in Girardville, where he has since been engaged in the active practice of medicine, and he is rapidly forging to the front rank of the profession in that locality.

**Hummel, Edward**, chief clerk in the office of the county commissioners at Pottsville, was born in Washington township, Schuylkill county, on April 29, 1853, and is the only son of Benneville and Louisa (Zerbe) Hummel, both natives of this county. The father was in early life a boatman on the Schuylkill canal, but later turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. The mother died in 1853, when the subject of this sketch was but six months old, and the father married a second time, ten children being born to the second marriage. These last are George, Jeremiah, Henry, Mrs. Sophia Barr, Mrs. Lydia Zettlemoyer, Mrs. Mary Werdt and Mrs. Emma Snyder, two who died in infancy and Charles, a school teacher by vocation, who was killed in an accident at the Brookside mine when he was twenty-three years old. The father died in Washington township in 1887, at the age of sixty years. Edward Hummel received a due preliminary training in the public schools of his native township and then matriculated at the Palatinate college at Myerstown. When he had completed his course there he started teaching, although but eighteen years of age. Pedagogic work furnished him employment for ten terms, and his vacations were spent on his father's farm. The year that he attained his majority he was elected to the office of constable of Pine Grove; at the next election he was made justice of the peace, and was three times re-elected to that office. In 1882 he was nominated and elected as the representative of the Fourth Schuylkill county district to the lower branch of the state legislature. He is serving his sixth term in both Pine Grove township and borough as a school director, a period of nine years in each. In January, 1906, he received his appointment to his present responsible position, and his tenure of office is for three years. On June 22, 1872, Mr. Hummel married Miss Mary E. Spancake, a native of Washington township, and a daughter of Geol. E. and Rebecca (Kremer) Spancake. The children of this union are eleven in number. Bessie, the eldest, is the wife of John Rausch, of Pine Grove; Oscar E., engaged in mining, was a soldier in the volunteer army during the Spanish-American war and saw service in Porto Rico; Amy I. is Mrs. William H. Daubert, of Pine Grove; Stella M. is the wife of Franklin Sotzin; and the others, Cana M., Frances F., Raymond, Harold H., Oliver, Milton E. and Robert E., are all at home. It is an unique coincidence that for three generations there have been eleven children in the Hummel family. Mr. Hummel and

his father each having been one of eleven. The family are all members of the Reformed church and the father is prominent in fraternal circles, being identified with Pine Grove Lodge, No. 148, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is past grand; Washington Camp, No. 49, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, of Pine Grove; Pine Grove Castle, Knights of the Golden Eagle; the Junior Order of United American Mechanics; the Improved Order of Red Men; the Royal Arcanum, and the Knights of the Mystic Chain. Mr. Hummel is an efficient and trusted public official, a sagacious business man and a worthy, representative citizen.

**Huntsinger, Samuel A.**—The connection of the Huntsinger family with Pennsylvania history may be dated from the arrival on Oct. 2, 1743, of John George Huntsinger on the ship *Jacob*, Capt. Adolph de Grove. The ancestor in question came to this country from Rotterdam, via Shields, England, with 290 more of his countrymen. John George Huntsinger's children were Susanna, George, Daniel, Viola, Michael, Henry, John, Jacob and another daughter. Jacob, the youngest son, grew to manhood and lived all his life in the Keystone state, leaving when he died a family of ten children, whose names were George, Samuel, Phoebe, William, Jacob, Edward, Elizabeth, Sarah, Charles and Frank B. George subsequently became the father of eleven children—Elizabeth, Mary, George, William, Joseph, Emanuel, Hannah, David, Reuben, Marcus and Harriet. Reuben married Angeline Artz, by whom he had eight children, viz.: Samuel A., Josiah H., Catherine, Lucy, Emanuel M., Caroline, Reuben R. and Abby. Samuel A., the subject of this sketch, first saw the light of day in 1847. His educational advantages were those afforded by the public schools, which he attended until he was seventeen years of age. Then he served a full apprenticeship in the carpenters' trade and when he had mastered it worked as a journeyman for twenty years. In 1884 he started in his present business at Hegins, where he manufactures cabinets, furniture, porch work, handrails and window frames. Besides this he holds a certificate as an undertaker, doing all the work of that nature in the village. Mr. Huntsinger is the father of a family of nine children—Cora, Catherine A., James V., Ellen G., Mary J., Francis E., Emma E., John E. and Sadie A. Cora, the eldest daughter, is married and also has nine children—Alma, Stanton, Charles, Bulu, Ira, Albert, Laura, William and Myrtle.

**Huntzinger, George M.**, proprietor of a leading general mercantile store and a member of the borough council of Tremont, was born in Schuylkill county on July 21, 1864, a son of Frank K. and Caroline (Potteiger) Huntzinger. The mother is deceased, her death having occurred in Oct. 1891, at the age of fifty-six years. The father is retired, and is now living a quiet, secluded life in Tremont. The Huntzinger family came originally from Germany, having settled in this county in its early days. Joseph Huntzinger, the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch,

was the first of the name to be born in this county. For more than one hundred years members of the family have been buried in the cemetery of the "Old Red Church." Frank and Caroline Huntzinger had eight children, five of whom survive. Albert, a clerk, died at the age of forty-five; Andrew J. is a carpenter in Philadelphia; Jane is at home; Margaret L. is Mrs. George W. Morthimer, wife of the owner and editor of the Daily Leader of Lehighton; Carrie E., a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, is a trained nurse in New York city; Charles V. is a twin of the subject of this sketch, and Albert, died in infancy. George M. Huntzinger attended the public schools of Tremont and when he had completed his course there he found employment in a mercantile establishment as a clerk. He continued at this work until 1891, when he accepted a position as mortgage clerk in the office of the recorder at Pottsville. Six years later he returned to Tremont and purchased the general store which he is now operating. His business has grown to good proportions and in a pecuniary way he is doing exceedingly well. By frugality and careful management he has come to be recognized as a leader in the commercial life of the community and his place of business is one of the most modern as well as one of the best equipped in the county. Mr. Huntzinger has been twice married. On Christmas day, 1891, he was united to Miss Bertie Wolfe of Myers-town, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Wolfe. The death of Mrs. Huntzinger, in her twenty-second year, occurred in the following October, and on June 26, 1905, Miss Edith E. Workman became the bride of Mr. Huntzinger. She was born in Roanoke, Va., and is the daughter of David and Clara J. Workman, now residents of Philadelphia. Mr. Workman is an expert mining engineer and does much in the opening up of mines. Mr. and Mrs. Huntzinger have one child, Joseph W. Mrs. Huntzinger is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and her husband is well known in fraternal circles. He is a member of the Blue lodge and the Tremont chapter of the Masonic order and is a past officer in each. He is also identified with the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, the Junior United American Workmen and the Royal Arcanum.

**Huy, Charles W.**, the postmaster of Schuylkill Haven, was born in that borough on June 21, 1856. He is the son of Isaac and Harriet (Moyer) Huy and one of eight children, the others being Sophie, Mary, John L., George, Isaac E., Abraham L. and William G. The public schools afforded him all the educational advantages which he received and while still a youth he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company as a car repairer. After a service of eight years in that capacity he was promoted to the position of car inspector and for twenty years was the incumbent of the position, serving with great satisfaction to his employers. On Jan. 4, 1903, President Roosevelt appointed Mr. Huy postmaster of Schuylkill Haven and he severed his connection with the railroad company to accept the position.

Mr. Huy married Miss Mary Jane Raudenbush, daughter of Henry S. Raudenbush of Schuylkill Haven. They have no children. Both are members of the Reformed church. Fraternally Mr. Huy is a member of the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a past officer in the former. In politics he is a Republican, but aside from the office which he is now holding has never aspired to positions of public trust. He is a man of absolute integrity and unassailable character.

**Irwin, John J.**, the capable fire boss of the No. 5 colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, is a son of John and Hannah (Sweeney) Irwin and was born in Girardville, on May 25, 1869. His parents were both born in County Mayo, Ireland, and the father came to this country in 1862, locating in Girardville. For many years he was employed about the mines, but is now retired and lives in Connerton. He was twice married and the subject of this sketch is the eldest child of the first union, the others being Patrick, Michael and Maggie. His second marriage was to Mary Dougherty, and the six children of their union are: Mary, wife of Thomas Kane; Anthony; Bridget; Thomas; Maggie (2d); and James, deceased. John J. Irwin was reared in the parental home in this country and his scholastic training was secured in the common schools. His early educational advantages, however, were rather limited, as at the age of ten years he went to work as a slate-picker in the mines. From that time until the present he has been employed in various capacities about the mines of Schuylkill county, and he has served in his present position since 1899. Sept. 19, 1894, was celebrated Mr. Irwin's marriage to Miss Maggie Gaughan, a daughter of Anthony and Mary (Short) Gaughan. Mrs. Irwin's parents are natives of County Mayo, Ireland. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin has been blessed with six children, Hannah, Margaret, John, Marie, Joseph (deceased), and Florence. The family are all communicants of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church of Girardville. Fraternally Mr. Irwin is affiliated with the Ancient Order of Hibernians and in his political convictions he is a Democrat. For the past twelve years he has been a member of the board of school directors.

**Jenkins, William S., M. D.**, the leading physician of Sheppton, was born in England, his parents being David W. and Emily (Sellman) Jenkins. The place of his nativity was Bilston, in Staffordshire, and the date Jan. 17, 1861. Besides the doctor there were four children in the family, Samuel and Walter, twins, Charles, and Fanny. The last mentioned is the wife of Elliott A. Oberrender, of Freeland, secretary of the Coxe estate. When the subject of this sketch was but five years of age his parents came to the United States, locating in Ebervale, Luzerne county. There the doctor attended the public schools until he was seventeen years of age, in the latter few years of the time spending his summers in work on a breaker and his winters in the school-room. In his twenty-fourth year he enlisted in the United



States Army hospital service as a steward and remained in it for a period of five years. It was during this period that his desire for a medical training was developed, and he determined to become a physician. With the money he had saved he removed to Philadelphia when his period of service was over and matriculated in the Jefferson Medical college. When he had completed the course, in 1890, he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine and located in Sheppton, where he has since that time been carrying on a general practice. Oct. 3, 1894, Dr. Jenkins married Miss Florence Downing, daughter of Joseph and Eliza (Stokes) Downing. Mrs. Jenkins has a brother, William, and a sister, Eliza, wife of Dr. Joshua A. Morton, living in Allentown. Dr. Jenkins is a member of the Church of England and his wife of the Methodist Episcopal congregation of Allentown. In politics the doctor favors the Republican doctrines as regards affairs of national import, but exercises his own judgment as to the fitness of candidates for local offices. He stands high in fraternal circles, especially in the Masonic order. He is a member of Hazle Lodge, No. 327, Free and Accepted Masons; Hazle Chapter, No. 277, Royal Arch Masons, and Mount Vernon Commandery, No. 73, Knights Templars. In the last named department he is a past eminent commander. He is also identified as a life member with the Jefferson Medical college alumni association. Dr. Jenkins' father before coming to this country was private secretary to Earl Dudley in his big iron works. He was an expert accountant by vocation and after coming to Luzerne county obtained employment as such with the Stout Coal Company, with whom he remained for twenty-six years. The mother is still living, and although in her seventy-seventh year, is still in wonderful possession of her mental faculties. The doctor holds high rank among the members of his profession in the county, and personally no one can be more courteous and genial than he.

**Johnson, Henry B.**, justice of the peace, insurance agent and a prominent citizen of Girardville, now deceased, was a son of Silas H. and Eliza (Runk) Johnson, and was born near Catawissa, Pa., June 12, 1835. Although his educational opportunities were limited,—four terms of three months each of schooling being all he was able to acquire in the public schools—by private study and several terms' attendance at the Elysburg seminary he prepared himself for teaching, two terms of which he taught in Barry township and two in Butler township. His early life was spent on the farm and during the long vacations he drove a log team between Columbia county and the Delaware river. In 1854 he located in Ashland to take charge of the store of Jonathan Faust and the postoffice, Mr. Faust being then in service as the first postmaster of Ashland. For eight years he was in the employ of Mr. Faust, and during that period opened for him the first store established in Gordon. Then he came to Girardville, in 1862, and entered business as a teamster, hauling coal from the old Preston No. 1 colliery to Preston No. 3, from which place it was shipped.

This was during the Civil war, when there were no other means of transportation to be had. From this he went into the grocery business, but after an unsuccessful two years in it he closed out the business which he had started and entered the employ of another grocer. Twelve years later he removed to Scranton and opened a drug store, but, not being a licensed druggist, he learned in a few months' time that it was an unprofitable venture, and returned with his wife to Girardville. In 1894 he was elected justice of the peace. Thereafter he was continuously re-elected at each successive election, being incumbent of that office at the time of his death. In Sept., 1896, Mr. Johnson embarked in a small way in the insurance business, which yielded him a profitable income. Mr. Johnson's wife was formerly Miss Charlotte Lloyd, a daughter of William Lloyd, the pioneer coal operator of Pottsville and Minersville. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson; William S., the only son, succumbed to typhoid fever in his twenty-fifth year; Lillial E. is the preceptress of the Keystone state normal school at Kutztown; Mary Elisa is a trained nurse, practicing at East Orange, N. J.; Emma H. is the wife of J. Linwood Eisenberg, supervising principal of the schools of Royersford, Pa.; and Gladys Lloyd, the youngest daughter, is at home. Mrs. Johnson is a devout communicant of the Church of England and her husband was affiliated with the Girardville congregation of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was a Republican in his politics and besides the office of justice of the peace was councilman and served on nearly every election board while he was a resident of the borough. Fraternally he was well known as a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the Aqua Lodge, No. 737, of Girardville, and of Ashland Lodge, No. 294, Free and Accepted Masons, of Ashland. With the exception of five years he was the incumbent of the office of secretary of the Girardville organization from the time of its inception. Although well advanced in years, Mr. Johnson retained a wonderful intellect, was keenly alive to everything passing about him and was a sagacious business man, holding the respect and esteem of all his fellow citizens. Mr. Johnson has entered into his eternal rest, his demise having occurred peacefully at his home, with his family about him, on June 4, 1907, at which time he lacked but eight days of three score years and twelve. He closed a life of great usefulness; his advice and opinions were worthy of pondering, because they were founded on practical considerations and sound, hard sense; he was a man of the "old school," few of whom are to be found in the present generation, and he had many qualities well worthy of imitation.

**Johnson, Rev. Samuel**, who is the beloved pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Port Carbon, was born at Birmingham, England, Aug. 31, 1864, a son of Samuel and Hephzebah Johnson. His parents brought him to the United States when he was less than a year old and it was in the Pottsville public schools, in which city the family located, that he received his earliest schol-

astic training, finishing it with a course in the Philadelphia schools. He graduated from the high school when he was seventeen years of age and then learned the hat-finisher's trade, in the famous John B. Stetson works. He remained at this vocation for twelve years and then took up a collegiate course to prepare himself for the ministry. His ordination as a minister of the gospel came about 1892 and his first charge was a small town in Kansas. From there he went to Tannersville, Monroe county, Pa., thence to Richmond, Northampton county, and later to Hulmeville, Bucks county; Quakertown, and then Marietta, in order. From the last named place he came to Port Carbon, where his pastorate has been most highly satisfactory to his congregation and pleasant to himself. In 1891 was celebrated Mr. Johnson's marriage to Miss Sallie Musselman, daughter of Samuel Musselman. Of the two sons born to this union, one, Edward A., survives. He is employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company, at South Bethlehem, Pa. Rev. Mr. Johnson takes no active part in politics except where the question of temperance is the issue, when he takes the part of the Prohibition party. In other issues, however, he generally sides with the Republican party. He is a man whose ideals are of the highest and whose life is one worthy of emulation.

**Jones, David A.**, a member of the Schuylkill county bar whose home is in Minersville, was born in Dowlais, Glamorganshire, Cymru, on May 9, 1842. He is a son of William D. Jones and Margaret Jones. The family came to this country in Dec., 1842. The father was a fire boss and repair foreman about the mines until his death, which occurred in his fifty-second year, in 1858, some twelve years after his wife's demise. Of the four children in the family the subject of this sketch is the sole survivor, all the rest of the family having been buried at Minersville, Pa. He received the educational advantages of the public schools at Minersville and then went into the office of Judge Edward Owen Parry to study law. In 1864 he was admitted to the bar and has since that time been continuously engaged in the practice of his profession. His chief office is in Pottsville, but he has an office at Minersville, where he makes his home. During the Civil war he was a member of the state militia upon two different occasions—one being at the time of Lee's invasion of the state. He was commissioned second lieutenant by Governor Curtin. Mr. Jones was married in 1865 to Miss Mary Bedlow, a daughter of William and Mary Bedlow, the former of whom was superintendent of mines for more than a generation. The children of their marriage were nine in number, eight of whom are now living. William P., the eldest, graduated at Pennsylvania State college as an electrical engineer and also graduated as a physician at the medical school at Burlington, Vt. Margaret B. graduated at Pennsylvania State college and is the wife of Professor John Price Jackson, who is at the head of the electrical engineering department at that college. Howard H. graduated at Pennsylvania State college as a mechanical engineer and studied law for two

years in his father's office. He is now employed by the steel trust in their offices at Chicago. Elizabeth F. attended Pennsylvania State college and was employed there for several years afterward. She is the wife of Professor H. P. Wood of the electrical department of the University of Illinois, at Urbana. Antionette B. attended Pennsylvania State college and is now a teacher in the public schools at Minersville. David A. Jones, Jr., graduated at Pennsylvania State college as an electrical engineer and is now employed in the offices of the General Electric Company, at Schenectady, N. Y. Helen Gwenydd graduated at Darlington Seminary, Westchester, Pa., was two years at Wilson college, Chambersburg, Pa., and is now a senior at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. Mary is an invalid, and Joseph died at the age of eight months. For thirty-six years Mr. Jones has been a member of the board of school directors of Minersville and secretary thereof for over thirty years, and he is still a member and secretary. He has been ambitious that his children should receive the best of educational advantages and has spared no means to allow them to acquire scholastic advantages. He himself is a man of broad culture and intellectual attainments, an excellent attorney and an esteemed and respected citizen.

**Jones, Henry L.**, a retired merchant of Shenandoah, was born in Llanasa parish, Flintshire, Wales, July 20, 1841. His parents, John and Laura (Lloyd) Jones, were both natives of north Wales, where they passed their lives, the father being a mechanic and contractor in the lead mines. He died at the age of forty-one years. His widow survived him for many years and died at the age of eighty-seven. They had a family of three sons and one daughter. The daughter died in childhood; Robert, the eldest of the family, if now living, is a resident of Scotland; Ellis lives in Denbighshire, Wales. In 1869, Ellis and Henry L. came to America and located at Pomeroy, Ohio, where for about a year they engaged in mining bituminous coal. In 1870 they came to Shenandoah. Here Ellis' wife died and he returned to his native land, as above noted, where he is now engaged in mining operations. After coming to Shenandoah, Henry L. Jones followed mining for about twenty years, when he engaged in mercantile pursuits, as a wholesale dealer in flour and feed, later handling a full stock of groceries and provisions. He continued in that line until Feb., 1905, when he retired from active business. Before leaving his native country he married Miss Jane Jones, who lived in the same neighborhood as his parents. No children were born to them, but they adopted a son and a daughter, both in their infancy. The son, named John Henry, died in childhood; the daughter is now Mrs. Emily L. Rudd, wife of John T. Rudd, living with Mr. Jones. Mrs. Jones having died on July 22, 1904. Mr. Jones is an ardent supporter of the principles of the Republican party and has always taken an active part in political work. For thirty-six years he has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, now holding his membership in Shenandoah



Lodge, No. 50. He has filled all the principal offices in the subordinate lodge and the encampment and was for many years a member of the degree team in Shenandoah Lodge. He is also a member of the American True Ivorites, in which order he has been local treasurer for more than twenty years; has represented his lodge at fourteen different meetings of the grand lodge in different cities and states; was treasurer (for 1903-1905) of the grand lodge and representative to the grand lodge of America. In his religious affiliations he was for many years a Calvinistic Methodist, but he now belongs to the Baptist church. He has always been an active participant in and a liberal contributor to church and Sunday-school work. In the Calvary Baptist church is a beautiful memorial window, placed there by him to commemorate the many virtues of his deceased wife. Mr. Jones has always shown great interest and activity in the uplifting of the masses. Believing that every family ought to have a home of their own, he has taken a leading part in the work of the Mutual Building and Loan Association, having been one of the directors of that organization for over twenty years, and president for the last five years, as well as president of the building committee of the association. Through this association homes have been acquired by a number of persons who otherwise might have remained tenants to the end of their days.

**Jones, Ira B.**, editor of the Minersville Free Press, was born in the borough where he now lives, Oct. 19, 1877. He comes of good Welsh stock, his parents, John R. and Margaret (Beynon) Jones, having been born in Wales. The father came to the United States in 1852 and settled near Minersville, where he engaged in mining until the amputation of one of his legs made further work of that kind impossible. From about 1860 until the time of his death, on Sept. 3, 1902, he was engaged in the mercantile business, and his store became one of the landmarks of Minersville. He was the father of a large family of children, twelve of whom are living. The subject of this sketch attended the public schools of Minersville and then rounded out his education in the Pottsville commercial school. Then he found employment at different collieries as paymaster and clerk, leaving that work in 1901 to go to Milwaukee where he lived for three years. Ill health compelled his going to the south and he went into southern Alabama where he became proprietor and editor of the Baldwin Times, a weekly newspaper. In Apr., 1906, he returned to Minersville and purchased the paper and plant of the Free Press, which he has been operating ever since, with signal success. On June 12, 1902, was celebrated Mr. Jones' marriage to Miss Lydia G. Robertson, a daughter of the late George and Elizabeth (Woolcock) Robertson, of Mount Carmel, Pa., the Robertsons being well known coal operators. Mrs. Jones is a member of the Presbyterian church and her husband is a chapter Mason. He is a clean, honest business man, and an esteemed and respected citizen.

Jones, Reuben, a clerk in the Miners' National Bank at Pottsville, is a descendant of some of the pioneer families of Schuylkill county. His paternal grandfather, Charles Jones, a Pennsylvanian by birth, settled in East Brunswick township in the early part of 1800, and there followed his trade of shoemaker and the vocation of farmer for many years. His old account book, dating back to 1801, is now in possession of the subject of this sketch. Charles Jones died in Schuylkill county and his remains rest in the cemetery at the Old Red church. The maternal grandfather was George Heisler, who spent all his life in Schuylkill county, and held the office of justice of the peace for many years. He and his wife both died in Pottsville and are buried in the Presbyterian cemetery. Reuben Jones, the father of the subject of this review, married Sallie Heisler, and after working at his trade of shoemaker for several years engaged in farming in East Brunswick township. He and his wife both died there and are buried at McKeansburg. They had a family of nine children who grew to maturity, viz: Rebecca and Mary, twins, Reuben, George, Emma, Daniel, Eliza and William and Caroline, twins. Rebecca married John Brenner; Mary married Benjamin Seltzer; George is in Chicago; Emma is the wife of Daniel Frantz; Daniel died at the age of about fifty-five, at Wichita, Kan., and was buried there; and Eliza is the wife of Jacob Maley. Reuben Jones was born at McKeansburg, April 26, 1842. He received a limited education and did not learn to speak English until he was about twenty years old. In 1862 he came to Pottsville, where he was employed in a general store. In 1863 he enlisted as an emergency man in Company B, 27th regiment, Pennsylvania state militia. His command burned the bridge at Columbia during Lee's invasion of Pennsylvania, which terminated in the battle of Gettysburg. After a service of six weeks he was honorably discharged, and returned to his place in the store, where he continued until 1865. On Nov. 1, 1866, he was appointed watchman in the Miners' National Bank, and has ever since been connected with that institution, holding his present position since 1878. Mr. Jones is one of the bank's most trusted employes. Every year he has a vacation of two weeks and on these occasions he has visited many points of interest in the United States, Canada and Bermuda. He is a member of Gowen Post, No. 23, Grand Army of the Republic; Lily of the Valley Lodge, No. 281, and Franklin Encampment, No. 4, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and belongs to the German Reformed church. On March 20, 1864, Mr. Jones and Miss Hannah Bachman were united in marriage. Her parents, Daniel and Mary (Saul) Bachman, were natives of Pennsylvania, but of German descent. Mr. and Mrs. Jones became the parents of four children, two of whom survive. David Milton Jones lives in New York city, where for the past five years he has held the position of tenement house inspector. He married Florence Shand and they have one son, David Gordon. Ida Elmira lives at home with her father. The mother of these children entered the life eternal on March 3, 1905.

**Jones, Thomas G.**, for twenty-five years principal of the high school at St. Clair, has exercised the additional function of superintendent of schools in the same borough for several years past. He is a native of Schuylkill county, having been born at Silver Creek, also known as New Philadelphia, July 28, 1852. His parents were Griffith and Laura (Thomas) Jones, of Welsh extraction. His father was a miner, in comfortable circumstances, but not sufficiently forehanded to gratify his son's ambition for better educational advantages than those afforded by the public schools. At the age of thirteen years young Jones left the schools and secured such employment as he was able to perform in and about the mines. He continued thus employed until he was eighteen, and he again entered school during the labor strike of 1872. Here he was chosen as an assistant teacher in the ungraded district school in which he was a student. In 1873 he attended a normal training school conducted by the county superintendent of schools, Mr. Newlin. He taught school the following term, and then accepted a position in the lumber regions of Clinton county for the succeeding six months. He was employed in teaching during the winter following this engagement, and during the following summer attended a normal school conducted by County Superintendent Weiss. During all of these years of study, whether in the normal schools or in the privacy of his own room, Mr. Jones had in view the completion of the prescribed course in the Keystone state normal school, at Kutztown, and he finally took the graduating examinations, securing a state certificate. With this evidence of superior qualification, he applied for positions of higher grade and larger recompense, but has had practical and successful experience in teaching, from the primary departments to the high schools. He also graduated from a summer school in 1888. As intimated at the beginning of this article Professor Jones has been continuously employed as principal of the high school at St. Clair for the last twenty-five years, in addition to which he has also had general superintendence of the schools of that borough during a considerable portion of the time. Professor Jones is prominently associated with educational circles throughout the state, having held the responsible position of chairman of the permanent-certificate committee. He has been secretary of the Schuylkill county teachers' institute for a number of years, and has always wielded a potent influence in the advancement of the educational interests of his native county. In religious affairs he has sustained active relations with the Baptist church for many years, and has served as superintendent of the Sunday School for twenty-five years. He is an active member of the St. Clair Lodge, No. 285, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has served four years as district deputy grand master; he is a member of Anthracite Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and of Camp No. 75, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America. Mr. Jones has been twice married, first, on August 11, 1881, to Elizabeth Greenwood, to which union three children

were born, namely: Errol, Anna and Lizzie. Mrs. Jones died in 1896, and July 20, 1898, Mr. Jones was married to Miss Mary J. Wicks, his present companion, and a lady of culture and refinement. Professor Jones is a Republican in political preference, but has neither sought nor held official position. He is devoted to his profession, and gives but little attention to anything outside of that and the church.

**Jones, William W.**, a prominent citizen of Minersville, where he is a dealer in stationery, books, notions and fancy goods, was born in the borough where he now resides, on Feb. 2, 1863, and is a son of William H. and Dorothea (Wertley) Jones. The paternal grandfather, who was a native of Wales, came to Minersville in the early days of the settlement of that place. He became a prominent merchant and coal operator, and was the father of three children. William H., the eldest, was born in Wales, March 6, 1835; Elizabeth, who was born on the ocean while the family was en route to America, became the wife of Henry Rausch of Philadelphia; and Louisa married Robert Andrews. Philip Jones was a Republican in politics and in his religious relations was a member of the Welsh Baptist church. His demise occurred about 1871. William H. Jones received his educational advantages in Minersville and at the tender age of nine years went to work in his father's colliery as a slate-picker. It was not long, however, before he had risen to the dignity and responsibility of running an engine. He remained in his father's employ until the breaking out of the Civil war, and then was one of the first to enlist for the preservation of the Union. The regiment he was assigned to duty with was sent through Washington to Alexandria, where it was stationed for some days. At the end of his term of enlistment he returned to Minersville and became employed as a mine machinist, which vocation he followed until his death. His marriage to Miss Dorothea Wertley, who was born in Port Carbon, Dec. 27, 1839, occurred in July, 1860. She was a daughter of George and Magdalena (Roehrig) Wertley, the former a native of Wurttemberg, Germany; and the latter of Alsace-Lorraine. The children of William H. and Dorothea (Wertley) Jones are three in number. Roy H., the eldest, was born Apr. 12, 1861, and was educated in the Minersville public schools. He entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, as a telegraph operator and rose through the various stages until he became yardmaster at Reading, a position which he is now holding. He married Miss Sally Cummings, and they have one son, Ramsey. The second son of William H. Jones is the subject of this sketch, and the third is Henry L., who is now general storekeeper for the Northern Pacific Railroad company at Brainerd, Minn. He married Miss Ida Johns, and has three children, Roy H., Mae Dorothea and Harold. William W. Jones, who is the immediate subject of this review, attended the public schools until the death of his father, which occurred Jan. 10, 1878, made it necessary for him to go to work to assist in the maintenance of the family.



His first labor was as a slate-picker in a colliery, but he did not long remain thus employed, leaving to serve an apprenticeship to the trade of printer, in the office of the Weekly Schuylkill Republican. After three and a half years he had mastered the vocation and for a year thereafter was employed at different places as a journeyman printer. In 1881 he returned to Minersville and purchased of William J. McElroy the business which he has so successfully been operating since that time. Nov. 12, 1891, Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Kear, who was born in Minersville, Nov. 18, 1867. She is a daughter of William G. Kear and for several years was a teacher in the county, in which vocation she established for herself an enviable reputation. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Jones are three in number, Dorothea, born Aug. 20, 1892; William Grant, born Sept. 19, 1896; and Mary Elizabeth, born July 23, 1903. Both parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which faith the children are being reared, and Mr. Jones has been secretary of the Sunday School for twenty-five years. He is a staunch exponent of the principles of the Republican party, but has never held or aspired to public office. Fraternally, he is identified with the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Sons of Veterans.

**Kaercher Edward E.**, division superintendent of mines, for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company, is a native of Pottsville, where he was born June 20, 1859. His father, Franklin B. Kaercher, was likewise a native of this county, having been born in South Manheim township, Sept. 18, 1821, and having died in Pottsville, Aug. 20, 1881. He was a soldier and officer during the Mexican war, and was prominently identified with journalism during many years of his life. He learned the printer's trade in the office of the Miners' Journal, being an apprentice under Benjamin Bannan; worked as a compositor on the Daily Sun, of Philadelphia, and founded the Anthracite Gazette in Pottsville, in 1844. He was a member of the military organization known as the Washington Artillerists, and went into service in the war with Mexico as second lieutenant of Company B, under Captain James Nagle. He was elected county treasurer of Schuylkill county, on the Whig ticket, in 1850, though his party was largely in the minority, and served three years in that office; for a like period he was clerk to the county commissioners. Franklin B. Kaercher was in the hotel business in Pottsville for a number of years, being seven years the proprietor of the Exchange Hotel, and four years in the Pennsylvania Hall. He was five years superintendent of the Girard estate. He was extensively interested in coal operations at Lost Creek and Shenandoah, and was one of the organizers of the Safe Deposit Bank, of which he was treasurer and secretary at the time of his death. He was married Sept. 3, 1844, to Susanna, a daughter of Samuel and Eleanor Huntzinger, of Pottsville. Ten children were born to this union, the eldest of whom was George R., who was a member of





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Norristown, where the father followed his occupation of blacksmith and the son began learning the trade of baker and confectioner. In 1850 the family removed to St. Clair, and here Charles entered the bakery of Fred Epping, with whom he completed his apprenticeship. When President Lincoln called for 75,000 men in the spring of 1861, Charles D. Kaier was one of the first to respond. He enlisted as a private in Company H, 9th Pennsylvania volunteer infantry, and after serving for three months was honorably discharged on Aug 21, 1861. In 1862 he located in Mahanoy City, where for a time he was associated in business with Frederick Gantert. He then erected the building at 113 East Centre street and engaged in bottling ale and porter. Subsequently he became the agent for Bergner & Engle, the great brewing firm of Philadelphia, his territory embracing the counties of Schuylkill, Columbia, Carbon and Northumberland. To this position he brought all his energy and fine executive ability, and in a short time his agency became one of the best known and most profitable in the state. His desire, however, was to be a brewer on his own account, and his work as agent for Bergner & Engle was but a stepping-stone to that end. In 1891 he erected a brewery, equipped with all the latest improvements, and began the manufacture of malt liquors. This establishment was enlarged from time to time, until at the time of his death it was one of the greatest breweries in the state, having a capacity of over 100,000 barrels a year and employing constantly 150 men. Mr. Kaier was also interested in other business institutions in the county. He was connected with banks in Shenandoah and Girardville; was one of the organizers and at the time of his death was vice-president of the Union National bank of Mahanoy City; was the founder and controlling spirit of the Broad Mountain Ice Company, which he operated in connection with his brewing interests; and also controlled the operations of the Anthracite Light, Heat and Power Company. He owned the opera house, as well as other valuable property in the city where he had lived for nearly forty years, and although he was one of the well-to-do men of the place, not one dollar of his wealth had been accumulated except by the most upright methods. He was a Democrat in his political affiliations, and was a member of the Roman Catholic church. But his charity was not limited by nationality, party line nor religious creeds. Many instances of his generosity and kindness might be mentioned, though it is highly probable that many more would remain unknown, as his benevolence was of that unostentatious kind that "lets not the left hand know what the right hand doeth." He was a member of Severn Post, No. 110, Grand Army of the Republic, of Mahanoy City, and of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in Philadelphia, where he died on May 31, 1899. Mr. Kaier had been afflicted for several years, and had gone abroad in search of health, placing himself in the hands of the most skillful physicians of both this country and Europe. His remains were brought to Mahanoy City and interred in the family plot in St. Fidelis cemetery.

Mr. Kaier married Miss Margaret Curry, of Pottsville, and of the ten children born to this union seven reached the age of maturity. Ella married John B. Lieberman and is now deceased; Josephine is the wife of M. J. Haughney of Mahanoy City; Margaret is Mrs. John B. Lieberman; two daughters, Mary and Crescentia, are unmarried; Amelia is now Mrs. Henry Schreyer; and Charles, the only surviving son, is interested in the management of his father's estate. Concerning the career and death of Mr. Kaier, the Mahanoy City Record said: "In his death Mahanoy City loses not alone its foremost business man, but one who by the confidence which he manifested in its welfare inspired others to invest, and awakened faith in the future of the community. To his pride in the town was due some of its greatest improvements, and notably an opera house which in the completeness of its appointments, and the elegance of its decoration is unsurpassed in the state. In his family relations he presented an excellent example of husband and father. Devoted to his wife and fond of his children, he was constantly aiming to provide for their pleasure and gratification. These special occasions in the history of families which mark domestic history were always observed in a manner to make them memorable and fragrant memories." This encomium from one who had known him in his life is an index to his character and in few words shows what manner of man he was in his relations with his fellow-men. His death was deeply felt, not only by the surviving widow and her children, but also by the entire community which he had done so much to elevate in a moral and material sense.

**Kaier, Franz X.**, the superintendent of the Charles D. Kaier Brewing Company, of Mahanoy City, was born in Baden, Germany, in 1852. His father, Plasius Kaier, was a school teacher by vocation and lived out his years in the German fatherland. The subject of this sketch attended the public schools of his native country and there learned the art of brewing in the thorough manner of which only native Germans are capable. His coming to the United States is dated in 1882, and his first home in the new world in which he sought his fortune was in Pottsville. After six months of work in that city he came to Mahanoy City, where Charles D. Kaier had preceded him by some years and had become well established in the brewing business. It was in this establishment that he first obtained work, and when the concern moved into the new and larger quarters necessitated by the increase of business, Mr. Kaier was made superintendent, a position which he has filled with proficiency and ability every since. He has been twice married, and by his first wife, nee Theresa Guenther, who was born in Ashland, he is the father of three sons—Frank, John and Edward. After death had severed the first union he was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Kate Kline, a daughter of William Kline, of Mahanoy City. Three children blessed this union—Faver, Harry and Charles. Fraternally, Mr. Kaier is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of



Duke and is a member of the C. D. Kautz Benefit association. He is a man of sterling integrity, genial manner and public spirit and would be a most worthy citizen.

**Kalbach, Capt. George R.**, inspector for the Pottsville Water Company, is a descendant of some of the oldest families of Schuylkill county. His paternal grandfather, John Kalbach, was born in Womelsdorf, Berks county, in 1816, and at the age of twenty years settled in Pottsville, where he followed his trade of cabinet-maker and also conducted an undertaking establishment. He married Mary Keef, who was born in Trwigsburg, Schuylkill county. The maternal grandfather of Capt. Kalbach was John Boland, a native of Ireland, who settled in his early life at New Philadelphia. The maiden name of his wife was Margaret Holihan. He was a mining contractor for the greater part of his active life. Capt. Kalbach was born in Pottsville, Nov. 24, 1874, his parents, Charles W. and Mary (Boland) Kalbach, both being natives of Schuylkill county. The father is now conducting a plumbing establishment in Pottsville. The children of Charles W. and Mary Kalbach are George R., John G., William, Elizabeth M., Lila, Walter and Robert. Capt. George R. Kalbach was educated in the Pottsville public schools and then served an apprenticeship at the plumber's trade, following that occupation for a while; thereafter he was fireman in the Federal building for three years, and since Jan. 1, 1902, he has held his present position. Jan. 3, 1893, he enlisted as a private in Company F, 4th regiment Pennsylvania National Guard. He was promoted to corporal on May 15, 1894; sergeant on Oct. 25, 1894; and was commissioned second lieutenant May 14, 1897. With this rank he was mustered into the United States service on May 12, 1898, at Mount Gretna, for duty in the Spanish-American war, his company being assigned to the 4th regiment, commanded by Col. D. B. Case. He served with his command at Chickamauga, Ga., Newport News, Va., and in Porto Rico. On Nov. 11, 1898, he was mustered out of the Federal service and resumed his old rank of second lieutenant in the same company and regiment of the National Guard as before the war, Capt. James Archibald commanding the company. On May 7, 1901, he was made first lieutenant, and on Oct. 4, 1901, was commissioned captain, holding that rank until Sept. 4, 1906. Capt. Kalbach has testimonials from congressmen, state officials and prominent citizens, attesting his qualifications as a member of the National Guard and his general character. He is a member of the fraternal Order of Eagles, the Royal Arcanum, the Pottsville Turtle club, and is a Republican in his political affiliations. On Jan. 1, 1904, he was united in marriage to Miss Kathryn, daughter of William R. and Cecelia (Quinn) Schaefer, of Cressona, Schuylkill county, and they have one daughter, Kathryn Elizabeth.

**Karsch, Rev. Carl G.**, a minister of the gospel in Minersville and the regularly installed pastor of Zion's Evangelical Lutheran church, was born in Silesia, Germany, Feb. 16, 1871. He is a son of the late Herman and Leopoldine (Thomas) Karsch. The

father came to the United States in 1865, but owing to the Prussian-Austrian war he returned in 1866. He was a surgeon, a graduate of the University of Berlin, Germany, and spent a part of his life in surgical practice. The mother died in 1894, at the age of sixty-six years, and the father passed away in 1900 at the age of eighty. The father was a devout Lutheran, and it was in this faith that the ten children were reared. Of the ten, six are living, two—Theodore and Mrs. Mary Boehn, of Philadelphia and Atlantic City respectively—besides the subject of this sketch, being in this country, and the other three, Adolph, Bertha and Hedwig, remaining in Germany. Rev. Mr. Karsch received his preliminary educational training in the public schools and college of the fatherland. His theological training was received in the Lutheran seminary at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, and his ordination to the ministry came early in 1898. His first connection was with St. Mark's church, in Philadelphia, where he remained but a few months. On the first Sunday in December, 1898, he was duly installed as pastor of Zion's Evangelical Lutheran church. The church is the oldest in the community, the building itself having been erected sixty-eight years ago, and the congregation was organized even before that time. The membership roll today shows a total, exclusive of the children, of 450, and the Sunday school has an average attendance of 300. Mrs. Karsch was formerly Miss Kate W. Scheuermann, a native of Philadelphia and a daughter of Adam and Frederica (Schnering) Scheuermann. She is a graduate of the Girls' Normal school of Philadelphia, having received her certificate on June 14, 1888, following which she was a teacher in the Daniel Webster school for a period of two years. She had a most excellent record both as teacher and pupil. Mr. and Mrs. Karsch have one child, Carl Henry, now a pupil in the public schools. Mrs. Karsch is an earnest and devout worker in both church and Sunday school and is superintendent of the primary department of the latter. Her husband is a regular member of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent states and was president of the Pottsville conference for the term which ended in 1906. Personally Mr. Karsch is a man of pleasing presence, both in the pulpit and elsewhere, and of excellent bearing. He is a gentleman of broad culture, scholarly attainments and exemplary Christian character.

**Kaufman, Charles F.**, proprietor of a modern, well equipped general store at Gordon, was born in Schuylkill Haven, Jan. 10, 1840. He is a son of George and Maria (Boyer) Kaufman, and is one of nine children in the family, the others being John G., Louis, George B., Alexander, Samuel, Edward, William and Alice, all of whom are living except John and William. Charles F. Kaufman attended the public schools of his native borough until he was seventeen years of age and then left his scholastic work to earn a living. He opened a restaurant and subsequently a store, which he managed in connection. After a few years he closed out his interests and in 1865 came to Gordon, where he engaged in the

general mercantile business. This has been his vocation ever since that time and his store has become a landmark in the borough. Mr. Kaufman has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Lizzie Kline, daughter of Benjamin Kline, who was a resident of Schuylkill Haven and who operated a boat line on the canal. Four children blessed this first union, the only son of which, Charles, is deceased; Lizzie, the eldest daughter, is the wife of Henry Hubler and the mother of two children, Gregory and Theodore; Amy married Charles Kleber and has one child, Helen; and Addie is the wife of Harry Duncan, by whom she has had seven children—Charles, Alice, Amy, Bird, Grace, Claude, and Ruth, the last of whom is deceased. After death had annulled Mr. Kaufman's first marriage he led to the altar, on Jan. 1, 1871, Miss Rosina Faust, a daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Rarig) Faust of Gordon. By this union he was the father of five sons and a daughter, of whom but two survive—Austin, who married Miss Annie Frank, daughter of Prof. N. M. Frank, head of the Gordon schools; and Luther B., who married Miss Annie Stauffenberg, daughter of Charles and Eliza (Krapf) Stauffenberg, on Aug. 23, 1898, and who is the father of two children, Virginia and Roy. The deceased children of the second union are George, Gardner, Alice and Albert. In political matters Mr. Kaufman uses his influence in behalf of the candidates of the Republican party, but aside from a term of service as school director he has never held, or aspired to, positions of public trust. He and his family are communicants of the Lutheran church and he has been identified with several fraternal organizations. Among these are the Free and Accepted Masons, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America. Of late years he has not been actively associated with any secret society.

**Kazunas, Luke Mark**, proprietor of the City Drug Store at Shendoah, and also of a drug store at Mahanoy City, was born May 1, 1872, in Russian Lithuania, and is the youngest of five sons born to Luke Peter and Mary Kazunas. The mother is deceased and the father still lives at Birzy, in the province of Kovno, where he was born, and where he has passed his entire life as a farmer and miller. Of the other sons, Matthew lives in the province of Kurland; Peter, John and Michael, and a step-brother, Joseph, all live in the province of Kovno. They are all engaged in similar business to that of the father, as they inherited a large estate, consisting of valuable farming land and mill property. The subject of this sketch was educated in the schools of Kovno and the gymnasium at Mitau, the capital of Kurland. In this institution he spent six years, and was also under the care and instruction of private tutors for some time, accepting this educational training in lieu of a share in the estate above mentioned. In 1893 he came to America, stopping for a short time in Germany on his way over, and first located in Baltimore, Md., where he spent a year as a student in the Baltimore medical college. He then came to

Pennsylvania and for a short time was at Mount Carmel. Toward the close of 1894 he came to Shenandoah. For about a year he was interested in the publication of a Lithuanian newspaper, but in 1895 he disposed of this interest and entered a drug store at Mahanoy City, where he remained until 1898, when he returned to Shenandoah and entered the employ of the Gruhler Bros., druggists. A few months later he and P. W. Bierstein bought a drug store, which they conducted for about three years under the firm name of P. W. Bierstein & Co. In 1900 Mr. Kazunas became the sole proprietor of the establishment, which he has ever since conducted, giving his personal attention to the business in all its details. While a student in the gymnasium at Mitau he was thoroughly instructed in the elements of physiology, chemistry and hygiene, and this training, supplemented by his year's work in the Baltimore medical college, has given him a preparation for his calling that few druggists enjoy. He manufactures a number of remedies which have been introduced to the trade throughout a large section of the United States. In addition to his drug store at Shenandoah he conducts another store at Mahanoy City. This branch store was established in 1906 and is in charge of a registered pharmacist, with one apprentice. The Shenandoah store employs two clerks, both of whom are capable and competent men. Mr. Kazunas is a Socialist in his political views, though he has never been an aspirant for political honors. He is a member of Gen. Harrison Lodge, No. 251, Knights of Pythias; the Lithuanian Alliance of America, and a beneficial organization known as the Sons of Lithuania. On Aug. 6, 1901, Mr. Kazunas was united in marriage to Miss Regina Anna Boczkowski, whose father is the editor of the Lithuanian paper at Mahanoy City called "The Saule" (The Sun.) To this union has been born one son, Mark Leo, born May 20, 1904.

**Keeny, Peter M.**, head of the grammar school of Pine Grove, and a farmer, was born in Schuylkill county, March 27, 1861. He is a son of Elias N. and Isabella (Moyer) Keeny, both natives of Pennsylvania, the father of this county and the mother of Berks county. Elias Keeny was a farmer and had no other vocation during his life time. The farm which he worked is now in the hands of a third generation of Keenys. He was a school director for many years and an earnest member of and worker in the Lutheran church, in the doctrines and tenets of which faith his family was reared. He died Dec. 6, 1896. His widow is still living and is a resident of North Pine Grove. Prof. Keeny is the eldest of the children in the family. John H. is a blacksmith, working at his trade in Myerstown, Lebanon county; Charles N., formerly a teacher, is now a rural mail carrier; Kate died at the age of nine; and Elmer N. is a teacher. The subject of this sketch received his preparatory intellectual training in the county and borough schools and in 1887 was graduated at the Keystone state normal school and given a teacher's certificate. Four years prior to his graduation he had begun teaching, and he has continued it



ever since. Of the twenty-five or more years he has spent in pedagogic work, nineteen have been in his present position. That he is eminently fitted for the work is evidenced by the length of service in the Pine Grove schools. Dec. 24, 1887, he was united in marriage to Miss Polly Groh, a native of Lebanon county and a daughter of John R. and Lydia (Keller) Groh. Her parents are both living, residing on a farm in Pine Grove township. The children of Prof. and Mrs. Keenly are two in number—Minnie Lydia, a graduate of the Pine Grove schools in the class of 1900, and Harry H. Both father and son are members of the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America.

**Kehler, Albert B.**, of Locust Dale, is a prosperous dealer in home-dressed beef. He was born in Eldred township, Schuylkill county, Apr. 22, 1863, and is a son of Joel and Catherine (Bensinger) Kehler. The father, who was a farmer, merchant and butcher, spent the larger part of his active life in this county. Six of the children born to the parents are living, of whom Albert B. is the fourth in order of birth. The others are Catherine, wife of E. S. Kehler; William, Lafayette, Elmira, the wife of Frank Knapp, and Jennie, the wife of Charles Moser. The subject of this sketch was reared in Eldred township, in the common schools of which he received his education. When he had completed his schooling he learned the butcher's trade and in 1894 embarked in business for himself at Locust Dale. His excellent stock, his finely equipped store and his ability to please soon brought him a patronage which has increased from year to year until now he does an annual business to the amount of \$6,000. His earnings of the past few years have enabled him to erect a handsome, modern residence. In 1893 was solemnized Mr. Kehler's marriage to Miss Alice Schwalm, a daughter of Emanuel Schwalm, of Hegins township. Mr. and Mrs. Kehler have no children of their own, but have an adopted daughter, Larvetta. The family are ardent and conscientious members of and workers in the United Evangelical church of Locust Dale. Politically Mr. Kehler is a Republican, but is interested in politics only so far as they give him opportunity to exercise his judgment in the selection of office-holders. His fraternal relations are with the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America. He is wealthy and influential and personally is a man of fine physique, excellent carriage, and hearty, genial manner.

**Kehler, Andrew Jackson**, a prosperous retail dealer in meats, whose place of business is Locust Dale, was born in Eldred township, this county, Sept. 16, 1862. He is a son of John and Christina (Bensinger) Kehler, both of whom were born in Eldred township. The two grandfathers, John Kehler and Jacob Bensinger, were prominent agriculturists in the early days of Schuylkill county. The father, John Kehler, was for many years a farmer of Eldred township, leaving that occupation to engage in the mercantile trade in Ashland. From Ashland he came to make his home in Locust Dale, where he spent the remainder of his days. He was the father of six children—three of whom survive—To-

bias, Andrew J., and Sheridan. The subject of this sketch spent his early life in Schuylkill county, attending the common schools of Hegins township. On attaining his majority he learned the trade of butcher and as a journeyman in that trade was employed for eight years by an uncle, F. J. Kehler. In 1893 he embarked in business for himself as a retailer and has met with a success far exceeding his most sanguine expectations. In Nov., 1885, Mr. Kehler was united in marriage to Miss Mary Monroe, a daughter of John Monroe, of Locust Dale. This union has been blessed with three children—Frank, John and Edgar. The family are all communicants of the United Evangelical church of Locust Dale. In politics Mr. Kehler is a Republican, and as the candidate of that party he was elected township treasurer, a position which he filled with dignity and ability for a full term. Fraternally he is identified with the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America. He is enterprising and public-spirited and withal is a most valued member of the community.

Kehler, Felix F., a prosperous farmer in Eldred township, was born at his present home, March 21, 1854. His father, Peter Kehler, was born on the same farm, which his father, John Kehler, located in the pioneer days of Schuylkill county. He secured a large body of wild land which succeeding generations of his family have cleared up and rendered productive. Originally it was covered with heavy hardwood timber, and almost endless labor was required to subdue the forest and establish a comfortable home. John Kehler was the first of the family name to locate in Schuylkill county, where he has a numerous posterity. There are now many prosperous farmers in Eldred township who trace their ancestry, near or remote, to John Kehler. He was obliged to clear a spot on which to locate his pioneer cabin, and ended his days in an almost fruitless effort to prepare a portion of his land for cultivation. But succeeding generations have benefited by his labors, as do all successors of the early pioneers. Peter Kehler, father of the subject of this sketch, took up the work of his father and occupied the parental home and farm when he reached the years of maturity, as his son, Felix, is now doing in the continuance of the family heritage. This was the "home" of the pioneer preachers as they made their rounds among the people, and the log barn erected by grandfather John Kehler, was one of the early preaching points. In later years he assisted in building the first church in the community, as his son, Peter, still later, assisted in rebuilding and modernizing it. The mother of Felix Kehler was, in maidenhood, Miss Elizabeth Fetterhoff, also a native of this county, and a daughter of Samuel Fetterhoff. Peter Kehler died in 1886, and his widow survived him until 1894. Following is a record concerning their children: Emanuel, lives at Mount Carmel; Mary, who married William M. Snyder, is now deceased; Samuel died at the age of forty-one; Sarah is the wife of Elias K. Hepler and lives in Tamaqua; Fritta became the wife of William K. Snyder, and both are now dead; Felix F. was the sixth in order of

birth, Lizzie married Samuel Baum, but is now deceased. Amelia is the wife of Lewis Stahr and is living in Eldred township; Emma married John Zimmerman and lives at Pitman, and Peter is a resident of Lebanon, Pa. Mr. Kehler received a common-school education and continued to live at home, tilling the farm, for fourteen years after leaving school. He then bought the old home place, consisting of 125 acres of improved land and twenty-one acres of timber land. He is engaged in general farming, stock raising and market gardening, and gives considerable attention to fruit growing. He markets his products principally at Mount Carmel and Ashland. Mr. Kehler was married in 1874 to Miss Paulina Maurer, daughter of Peter and Rachel Maurer, of Eldred township. Eight children have been born to this union, the first two born, Maude and Oscar, being deceased; Henry is at home engaged in operating the parental farm. He married Minnie Gehres, and has two children, Frank and John. Lizzie is the wife of Felix Herb, of Eldred township, and they have one child, Pretha. Peter, Emma and Robbie are still under the parental roof, and Frank is dead. Mr. Kehler has always been a hard-working man and has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits. He served nine years as a member of the Eldred township school board. He casts his vote for the nominees of the Republican party. The family are members of Zion Evangelical church. The only social or fraternal organization with which Mr. Kehler is connected is the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, and he holds membership in Camp No. 184, at Pitman. He is a well known and highly esteemed citizen, and his family has high social standing in the community. The Kehler home and farm are among the best in the township.

**Kehler, Irvin M.**, is the proprietor of a prosperous wholesale cattle buying business and a stock yards at Locust Dale. He is a son of Franklin and Lydia (Snyder) Kehler, and was born March 16, 1865, in Eldred township. His paternal grandfather, John Kehler, a native Pennsylvanian, of German ancestry, was a prominent farmer of Eldred township for many years and his father, who was also engaged in agricultural pursuits, was a live-stock dealer for more than forty years, driving cattle in the early days from Buffalo to Ashland. The father died in 1904, leaving a family of six children, of whom the subject of this memoir is the youngest. The others are Franklin J., Henry C., Robert C., Pruella, wife of H. H. Geist, and Johanna, the wife of Dr. J. D. Kiefer. Irvin M. Kehler was reared in the township in which he was born and attended the public schools there. His scholastic training was rounded out with a course in the Gratz academy, of Dauphin county, and when he had completed his studies he entered the employ of his father. For twenty-one years he has been engaged in the business and has undoubtedly the best equipped abattoir in the county. His business amounts to \$3,000 weekly, and is exclusively in western-fed cattle, all of which are slaughtered and dressed at Locust Dale.

In 1893 Mr. Kehler married Miss Clara Moser, a daughter of George and Catherine Moser, of Columbia county. By this union he is the father of five children, Blanche Marguerite, Ethel P., Miriam M., Irvin Ralph and Henry Franklin. The family are members of and workers in the United Evangelical church of Locust Dale, and for nearly fifteen years Mr. Kehler has been superintendent of the Sabbath school of the same. In politics he is a Republican, but is not an office-seeker. He is known throughout the county as an enterprising and progressive citizen and as specially skilled in his line.

**Kehler, Joseph J.**, a farmer and real-estate dealer of Frackville, Pa., was born in Eldred township, Schuylkill county, Jan. 19, 1849, a son of George H. and Sarah (Fetterhoff) Kehler, both of whom were natives of Schuylkill county. John Kehler, grandfather of Joseph J., was a native of Schuylkill county and was a prominent farmer of Eldred township. He married Elizabeth Hepler. Samuel Fetterhoff, the maternal grandfather of our subject, also was a farmer of Eldred township, but died in Dauphin county. The maiden name of his wife was Maurer. George H. Kehler, the father of Joseph J., was for many years a farmer of Eldred township and was a large land-holder, but in later life he removed to Mahanoy City, where he died. His family consisted of two sons and one daughter, of whom Joseph J. was the only one who grew to years of maturity. Joseph J. Kehler was reared on the old homestead in Eldred township, where he attended the public schools of the day, later attending schools in Philadelphia and at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in which latter city he was a student in the famous Eastman business college. At the age of fifteen years he initiated his independent career by becoming a clerk in a general store at Ashland, Pa., where he remained one year, after which he was in charge of a general store in Eldred township for five years. He then, in 1872, became engaged in farming and operating a mill in Eldred township. He followed this vocation until 1881, when he removed to Frackville. Later he removed to Ashland, where he was engaged in conducting a general store until 1905, when he sold the business to his son, Webster, and returned to Frackville. He has since been a resident of that city, devoting his attention to farming and real estate. He is also a stockholder in and director of the First National bank of Frackville, of which he was one of the original organizers. He is a Republican in his political proclivities, having served in the borough council, and is a member of Camp No. 66, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America. Religiously Mr. Kehler is a zealous member of the United Evangelical church and always maintains an active interest in the work of that denomination. For many years he has been superintendent of the Sunday school and is one of the leaders in the weekly society meetings. In 1871 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Kehler to Mary J. Hepler, a daughter of Elias and Elizabeth (Fisher) Hepler, of Eldred township, and they are the parents of four children—T. Webster; Elizabeth A., wife of G. W. Hop-



per, Jennie L., wife of John L. Dyer, and Joseph J., Jr., principal of the high school at Pottsville, Pa.

**Kehler, Lewis F.**, is numbered among the representative agriculturists of his native township of Eldred and is a member of one of the sterling pioneer families of Schuylkill county. He was born in the township noted and the date of his nativity was Feb. 28, 1850. He is a son of Peter and Elizabeth (Petterhoff) Kehler, the former likewise born in Eldred township and the latter in Dauphin county, this state. Peter Kehler, who was a son of John Kehler, was reared in Eldred township and his educational privileges in his youth were limited to a somewhat irregular attendance in the primitive subscription schools of the day. His entire life was devoted to agricultural pursuits and both he and his wife continued to reside in Eldred township until their death. Both were zealous members of the Evangelical church and in politics he was a staunch Republican. He served as treasurer of his church and was a man who commanded unqualified esteem. He died in 1885, at the age of sixty-five years, and his devoted wife passed away in 1801, at the same age. They became the parents of twelve children, one of whom died in infancy. Emanuel, who was a soldier in the civil war, resides at Mount Carmel, Pa., and is a farmer and butcher by vocation; Mary, who became the wife of William Snyder, died in 1901; Samuel, who was a farmer in Eldred township, died in 1880; Sarah is the wife of Elias Hepler, of Tamaqua, this county; Fritta became the wife of William K. Snyder and both are now deceased; Felix resides on the old homestead farm; Lewis F., of this sketch, was the next in order of birth; Lizzie became the wife of Samuel Baum and is now deceased; Amelia is the wife of Lewis I. Stahr, of Eldred township; Emma is the wife of John Zimmerman, of Pitman, this county; Peter is a resident of Lebanon, Pa.; and the one who died in childhood was named Lottie. Lewis F. Kehler was reared under the sturdy discipline of the home farm and was afforded the advantages of the local schools. At the age of eighteen years he left the parental home and learned the blacksmith trade, to which he devoted his attention for some time. He then became identified with the nursery business, with J. J. Kehler, looking after the stock and also acting as salesman. He continued to be thus engaged for a period of eight years, making a specialty of small fruits and becoming an adept in their cultivation. In 1886 he purchased the Henry Kehler farm, which is now his home. The place comprises seventy-six acres, of which sixty-one are under cultivation. The farm was badly run down when he assumed possession and he has developed it into one of the model places of Eldred township, having erected substantial buildings, including his attractive and commodious residence. On the place he has 300 apple and pear trees, and he also raises choice varieties of small fruits of all kinds. He makes a specialty of selling fruits and vegetables and commands a large trade in various towns in the vicinity. His career has been marked by industry and good management and through his own

efforts he has achieved a worthy and gratifying success. Though never a seeker of public office, Mr. Kehler takes a loyal interest in local affairs and is a staunch supporter of the cause of the Republican party. He and his wife are members of the Evangelical church, in which he has served as trustee, steward and assistant class leader. In 1874 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Kehler to Miss Lena Hering, daughter of Henry Hering, of Eldred township, and of this union were born eight children, two of whom died in infancy; Jane is the wife of George W. Zimmerman, who assists in the work and management of Mr. Kehler's farm, and the children of this union are Beulah, Pearl, Iva, Samuel and Lewis; Curtis Calvin died at the age of nine years; Lillie is the wife of Arthur W. Kessel, a successful teacher in the schools of Eldred township, and they have four children—Cora, Florence, Maude and Benjamin; Kate, Maude and Frank, the three younger children of Mr. Kehler, remain at the parental home.

**Keller, Charles**, proprietor of an up-to-date clothing and furnishing store in Schuylkill Haven, was born below Hamburg, Berks county, Pa., Dec. 25, 1849. He is a son of Reuben and Lucy N. (Seidel) Keller, both natives of Berks county. He took advantage of the courses afforded by the Schuylkill Haven schools, and rounded out his educational training by a course in the Lebanon Valley college. In 1871 he embarked in the flour and feed business, leaving it subsequently to open a stationery store. His advent in his present business was in 1881 and since that time he has been most successfully conducting it. In politics Mr. Keller is a strong upholder of the cause of the Prohibition party. The only office he has ever held is that of school director. In religious matters he is identified with the United Brethren church, and he has served for more than a quarter of a century as superintendent of the Sunday school. For more than twenty years, also, he has been a member of the board of trustees of the institution. On May 28, 1869, Mr. Keller married Miss Mary Shappell, daughter of Franklin and Rebecca (Reber) Shappell, of Schuylkill Haven. Seven sons and three daughters were born to this union, of whom three sons and the daughters survive. The eldest, Robert, is a tailor, and the others are William, George, Margaret, Carrie and Mary. Fraternally Mr. Keller is associated with but one order, the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America. For some thirteen years he was financially interested in the Eureka knitting mills, which were burned to the ground in Sept., 1906, as a result of being struck by lightning. Mr. Keller is distinctively an upright Christian gentleman, one who carries the precepts of the golden rule and the ten commandments into his daily life.

**Kelley, John J.**, attorney at law, Tamaqua, Pa., is a son of Martin and Elizabeth (Reilly) Kelley, natives, respectively, of Philadelphia and Tamaqua. At the age of seventeen Martin Kelley left the parental home in Philadelphia and came to Pottsville, where he was employed as an apprentice to the machinist's trade in the Palo Alto shops. In 1864 he went on the road as an em-

ploye of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad company, and has been with that corporation continuously since. For the past thirty-two years he has been a passenger conductor between Pottsville and Williamsport. For a more complete family history, see personal sketch of Martin Kelley. John J. Kelley, the subject of this article, was born in Tamaqua, Feb. 25, 1875. He enjoyed excellent educational opportunities, and after graduating from the Tamaqua high school, in 1892, he entered Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., from which renowned institution he was graduated with the class of 1897. He then took up the study of law, and while thus engaged he accepted a clerkship in the offices of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company. He was admitted to the bar of Schuylkill county in 1900, and at once established his offices in his native borough, where he has been successful as an attorney and counsellor at law. Mr. Kelley is a prominent and well-known young man who sustains the highest social standing in the community. He is a Democrat in political views, and the family are Roman Catholics in religious affiliations.

**Kelley, Martin**, the oldest conductor in point of service on the Shamokin division of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, was born in Philadelphia, Dec. 21, 1845. His father, Martin Kelley, died in 1850, while still a young man, in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading, and the mother died soon afterward. Of the children but two now survive—Lewis, a bachelor, who is a retired business man, and Martin. The subject of this review received his education at Port Richmond and when he had completed his scholastic training he went into the service of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad as a brakeman. This was in 1864, and his employment with the company has been continuous since that year. After his first year as brakeman he was made freight conductor and a year later was made baggage-master on a passenger train between Pottsville and Tamaqua. His promotion to the position of passenger conductor came in 1873 and since that year he has had the same run. He is deservedly proud of the star and bar which he wears on his sleeve, the star denoting a quarter of a century of service as conductor and the bar five years more. In all his years of service he has never had an accident of any kind, and no passenger on his train has ever been injured in any way. May 18, 1869, Mr. Kelley was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth C. Reilly, a native of Tamaqua and a daughter of John and Rose Reilly, pioneer settlers, both deceased. Six children blessed the marriage. The eldest, Rose M., is at home with her parents; Mary A. is a milliner in Tamaqua; John J. is an attorney-at-law in Tamaqua; Harry L. is in the employ of the railroad as clerk; Martin died in infancy, and Gertrude J. is a teacher of music in Tamaqua. The family are all devout communicants of the Catholic church.

**Kenna, Michael J.**, a retired citizen of Cumbola, was born in the town where he now resides, on Apr. 15, 1860, his parents being Michael and Mary (Dowling) Kenna, both natives of Queens county, Ireland. They came to this country in 1848 and settled in

Blythe township, Schuylkill county, where the father followed his trade of shoemaker until his death, in May, 1875, at the age of forty-eight years. The mother died in 1889 at the age of sixty-five. They reared to maturity a family of five children, three of whom are living. Catherine is the widow of William Batersby and lives at Elizabethport, N. J.; Michael J. is the subject of this sketch; and Mary is the wife of Hugh McLoughlin. Ann married Lawsena Whalen, and Bridget married Thomas Devlin. Both are now deceased. Michael J. Kenna attended the schools of Blythe township, where he acquired a practical working education. He learned the shoemaker's trade with his father and followed that occupation from 1875 to 1892, when he practically retired from active business, having by judicious investments in real estate accumulated about \$20,000 worth of property. Mr. Kenna is a Democrat and takes a commendable interest in advancing the interests of his party's principles. He has served as tax collector for three years and was for six years a member of the school board. April 23, 1885, he was united in marriage to Miss Julia, daughter of Edward and Julia (Whalen) Doyle, of Cumbola. For her ancestral history see the sketch of Edward V. Doyle. Mr. and Mrs. Kenna have six children living—Mary, Edward, Genevieve, Katie, Elizabeth and Rose. The family are members of the Holy Family Catholic church of New Philadelphia, and Mr. Kenna belongs to the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

**Keogh, Bernard J.**, proprietor of the bottling works at Shenandoah, was born in that city, Jan. 27, 1874. His parents, John and Ellen (Dolan) Keogh, were both born in Ireland, but were married in Pottsville, lived for a number of years in St. Clair, and came to Shenandoah in 1873. In early years the father was a miner, but in his later life he was engaged in the liquor business. He died in 1890, in Shenandoah, where his widow is still living. Of their twelve children seven survive, viz.: Mrs. E. J. McGinnis, Edward, John, Michael, Katie, Patrick and Bernard J. John and Bernard are married and Katie is a teacher. Bernard J. Keogh attended the schools of his native city in his boyhood, and at eight years of age found employment as a slate-picker in the mines. He followed mining until he was about sixteen years old, when he took a position in the bottling works of Cleary Bros. After some time with this concern he engaged in the retail meat business, but in 1897 he sold his meat market and started a bottling works of his own, in which line he still continues. He employs two men besides himself and requires two teams to distribute the products of his plant. He puts up all kinds of "soft" or temperance drinks and the quality of his goods, as well as his promptness in filling orders, has been the means of building up for him a satisfying patronage. Mr. Keogh is a Democrat in his political affiliations and was for three years a member of the board of school directors. He is a member of the Annunciation Roman Catholic church and belongs to all the social and beneficial societies connected with that faith, notably the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the



Knights of Annunciation, and he is also a member of the Phoenix fire company. He is a member of the fraternal Order of Eagles and the Foresters. In 1900 Mr. Keogh was united in marriage to Miss Bridget, daughter of Patrick and Julia Dolphin, both natives of Ireland, though Mrs. Keogh was born in Shenandoah.

**Kessler, John M.**, one of the oldest residents of Hegins township, was born in that township, Nov. 13, 1822. His grandfather, Michael Kessler, was a native of Berks county, but came to Schuylkill county in the year 1800. Here he bought a tract of wild land, cleared a farm and built a mill. He gave the site for the first school house and church in the township. He married Polly Grim and they both died on the farm he thus established. His son Michael, the father of John M., came with him to this county, and married a Miss Arnold, by whom he had eight children, viz.: Abraham, Michael, John M., Christiana, Philip, Catherine, Harriet and Magdalena. Abraham was a farmer. He married Kate Rickel and moved to Lykens Valley. They had one son, Renben, who became a distiller. Michael died, unmarried, at the age of seventy-five years. He was a miller at Hegins. Christiana is the widow of John Lucas and lives in Barry township. Philip, now dead, was a farmer and mason. Catherine died, single, at the age of sixty-five years. Harriet is the widow of Joseph Staub and lives at Lancaster. Magdalena is the widow of Gabriel Barth and lives in Hubly township. The mother of these children died and Michael Kessler married Catherine Boyer, who had been twice married before, and had two sons: Franklin Haupt, now of Mount Carmel, and Charles Overfield, deceased. To this second marriage of Mr. Kessler's father were born five children: William B., a farmer of Hegins township; Caroline, widow of Daniel Diebert; Levi, who married Rebecca Hoch and is now dead; Joel, who married Sarah Hoch and is now a farmer in Hegins township; and Elias, who married Elizabeth Stutzman and lived on the old homestead until his death, in 1887. John M. Kessler received a limited education and learned the trade of miller, which he followed until 1851, when he gave it up on account of his health and bought from William Hoch seventy-nine acres of land, upon which he began farming. He still lives on the farm, the house in which he resides having been built by him in 1861. He is a member of the Church of God and is a Republican in politics, but has never aspired to office. In 1845 he married Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Michael and Elizabeth (Snyder) Wolfgang, of Schuylkill county, and to this marriage were born eight children. Cornelius was a carpenter, married Luzanna Geist and died at Mount Carmel at the age of fifty-seven years. Joseph is a contractor and builder at Shamokin, and is also treasurer of the Shamokin Lumber and Manufacturing Company. He married Polly Engle. Sarah married E. E. Greider, of Lancaster. John W. married Amelia Kimmel, and was a farmer and proprietor of the Marion hotel at Shamokin at the time of his death, in 1894. Michael W., the fifth child, is mentioned more fully below. Lydia is the wife of John Gahnes,

of Eldred township. Elizabeth is Mrs. James M. Boyer, of Ashland. William died at the age of six years. Michael W. Kessler was born on April 22, 1858. He grew to manhood on the farm and was educated in the local schools. He married Mary, daughter of George and Harriet (Klinger) Kimmel, of Barry township, and they have two daughters, Alverda E. and Jennie B., both at home with their parents. Alverda attended the Freeburg musical college, and Jennie attended the state normal school at Millersville; she has taught for six years in the Schuylkill county schools. Mr. Kessler has a well improved farm and a fine orchard of over 400 trees of all varieties, as well as a fine assortment of small fruits, his products finding a ready market at Minersville and other adjacent towns. He is a Republican and was for twenty-two years a school director. He belongs to Camp No. 85, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, at Weishample, and to the Church of God, at the same place. He was for eight years superintendent of the Sunday school and takes a lively interest in church work.

Ketner, George W., of Orwigsburg, a farmer and a manufacturer of paper boxes, was born in Schuylkill county, March 25, 1857, a son of Samuel and Catherine (Maurer) Ketner. The father was a stationary engineer and had the unique distinction of being the first man to hoist coal from the mines of Schuylkill county. A physical deformity prevented his participation in the Civil war, but he was an ardent upholder of the Union cause and was strong in his denunciation of slavery and rebellion. He was exceedingly well read and a man of fine intellect. His death, in 1869, resulted from injuries received while blasting rock, the concussion causing a pile of lumber to fall on him. He married Mrs. Catherine (Maurer) Hartline, the widow of John Hartline, and by her first marriage she had three sons and a daughter. The subject of this sketch was the only child of her second union. Her death occurred in 1905, at the age of ninety years. George W. Ketner received his education in the common schools of Berks county and in Northumberland, upon the completion of which he found employment in the shops of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad at Reading. Then for a time he was a brakeman and subsequently became a locomotive engineer. He left railroad life to operate a stationary engine in a rope factory and from that business got into the paper-box industry. He continued in this line with the Webekind Paper Box Company until 1891, when, upon the death of Mr. Augustus Webekind (his father-in-law), he disposed of his interest in the firm and removed to Orwigsburg and embarked in the business in his own name. He employs some eighteen helpers, and the average daily output is 10,000 boxes—an amount which required 100 hands to turn out daily before the invention of modern machinery. His trade territory is not very extensive, only the immediate neighborhood being supplied, but his patronage is exclusive and unchanging. In politics he is an ardent Republican and before his removal from Reading he was chairman

of the Twelfth ward Republican club. He was also at the time of his change of residence a member of the Reading school board. Feb. 2, 1888, Mr. Ketner married Mrs. Amelia Kueip, a widow with one son, Oscar. Her parents were Augustus and Joanna Webekind, native Germans, and at the time of their demise residents of Reading. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ketner are communicants of the Lutheran church and in a fraternal way he is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America. By hard work and the maintaining of the most exacting code of honesty he has won for himself an enviable place in the social and commercial life of Orwigsburg.

**Ketner, William B.**, was born in West Brunswick township, near Molino, Schuylkill county, Sept. 7, 1860, a son of Frank and Rebecca (Hoy) Ketner. He is the third son of a family of three sons and three daughters, viz.: George W., Mary, Emma R., Allen F., William B. and Bella. George, Mary, Bella and Allen are deceased. Allen married Sallie Faust, daughter of Jacob Faust, and they had two children, Olie and Herman. Allen died in 1896. Emma is the wife of John M. Hardinger, of Pinedale. The father of William B. Ketner was engaged as a farmer during the active portion of his life, but is now living retired. His wife died July 29, 1906, at the age of seventy-one years. William B. Ketner was graduated from the township schools, after which he took a course at the normal school at Kutztown, Pa., and later one in the Northwestern normal school of Valparaiso, Ind. He adopted the profession of the teacher and taught school in Brunswick township for fourteen years. In 1901 he concluded to change his occupation and went into a general mercantile business at Pinedale, with which business he is at present occupied. He has a finely equipped store, and uses up-to-date methods in his management of his establishment. Mr. Ketner was married June 1, 1894, to Miss Anna Fahl. They have four children, one son and three daughters, Helen E., Leon V., Ada M., and Grace M., all of whom are living. Mr. Ketner is a member of Symmetry Lodge, No. 103, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Hamburg, and is past grand in this lodge. His political affiliations are Democratic, and he is at present a justice of the peace, an office which he has held for two terms, and is now a candidate for a third term. The family are of the Lutheran faith, and are members of Zion's red church of Pinedale. Mr. Ketner is a deacon of the church and president of the joint church council, and was president of the committee in charge of the anniversary celebration which was held in 1905 and which was known as the sesqui-centennial.

**Kleindienst, Charles F.**, proprietor of a cafe and quick-meal lunch room at Shenandoah, was born at Middleport, Schuylkill county, Sept. 19, 1865, his parents being John and Mary (Stein) Kleindienst, both natives of Germany. During the Civil war the father served as a soldier in the 48th Pennsylvania infantry, was wounded at Gettysburg, and died at Mahanoy City in 1882. The mother is still living there. Of their children those living are: Charles F.,

the subject of this sketch; Joseph B., who for the past ten years has been a member of the coal and iron police and lives at Mahanoy City; Frederick, a barber in Philadelphia; Frank, a fireman at Girard college, in Philadelphia; and Caroline, wife of Charles McClearen, of Mahanoy City. Charles F. Kleindienst graduated in the high school at Mahanoy City and began his life's career as a slate-picker in a breaker at New Philadelphia. He was employed in the mines until he was about twenty-two years old, when he was elected constable, being the only Republican ever elected to office in the First ward of Mahanoy City. At the close of his first term he was re-elected and was then appointed on the coal and iron police, where he served until he engaged in his present business, which he opened Nov. 29, 1904, though he had been a resident of Shenandoah for ten years prior to that date. During his service as a member of the police, which covered all the important strikes in that period, he was several times seriously injured by lawless persons. On one occasion he was stabbed in the face; on another his head was almost crushed with a "billy," and on others bullets penetrated his clothing. These things did not deter him from doing his whole duty. He was a terror to law-breakers and made a number of important arrests, for which he was highly commended. Mr. Kleindienst is prominently identified with the work of secret orders, being a member of Shenandoah Lodge, No. 511, Free and Accepted Masons, and Gen. Grant Lodge, No. 575, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Mahanoy City. While in Mahanoy City he was a member of the Citizens' steam fire company and for seven years was assistant chief. He also belonged for a number of years to the Rescue hook and ladder company of Shenandoah. In politics he is an unswerving Republican and is always ready to do his part in winning a victory for his party. He has served as committeeman in the Second ward, has been a member and president of the city school board, and is recognized as one of the progressive and public spirited citizens of the town. His place of business is well appointed and enjoys a large patronage, due in a great measure to the personal popularity of the proprietor. On July 14, 1887, Mr. Kleindienst and Miss Mary, daughter of Nicholas Hess, of Mahanoy City, were united in marriage. This union was blessed with five children, of whom Maimie is the only one living. She is a graduate of the Shenandoah high school and lives with her parents. The family belong to the Trinity Reformed church.

**Kline, Albert H.**, a prominent and well known citizen of Schuylkill Haven, was born at Landingville, Schuylkill county, Pa., on Apr. 1, 1863. His parents, William D. and Elizabeth (Hoy) Kline, were both natives of this county, the father having been born at Schuylkill Haven, and the mother at Orwigsburg. Albert Kline received his education in the public schools of his native borough, completing the course in the high school at that place. His youth was employed in various avocations, but his early manhood years were devoted to general merchandising. Becoming interested in



manufacturing, he abandoned his mercantile pursuits and opened a factory for the manufacture of knit goods and underwear. This has proved a profitable business venture, and has grown with the passing years until the annual business is large and profitable. Mr. Kline was married Sept. 25, 1889, to Miss Emma R., daughter of Benjamin F. and Angeline (Butz) Lessig, of Schuylkill Haven. Mr. and Mrs. Kline are members of the Reformed church. Their only child is named William Albert, born Dec. 10, 1890. Mr. Kline is a Republican in political views. He has neither sought nor held public office. The only social fraternity with which he is now affiliated is the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America. Mr. Kline is a director of the First National bank of Schuylkill Haven and was one of its organizers.

Kline, William H., proprietor of the popular resort known as Kline's cafe, in Pottsville, was born at Lititz, Lancaster county, Pa., Jan. 14, 1854. He is the eldest of six children born to Hiram and Barbara (Beck) Kline, natives of Lancaster county, Pa. His father, who was a prosperous farmer, spent his life in his native county. He died in Lancaster, Dec. 26, 1885. His wife is living. The children of this family are as follows: William H. is the subject of this sketch; Emma, born Jan. 1, 1858, is the wife of Samuel Miller, a farmer in Lancaster county; Ezra, who was born Oct. 10, 1860, is a farmer on the old homestead in Warwick township, Lancaster county; Hiram, born Nov. 3, 1862, is also a farmer in Warwick township; Kate, born Jan. 21, 1865, married Horace Sturgis and lives in the town of Lititz. William H. Kline was educated in the public schools of his native county and in the town schools of the same locality. He began his independent career as a farmer, a vocation which engaged his attention for the first three years after his marriage. He then engaged in mercantile pursuits for a time, and later was in the hotel business in Farmersville and Lancaster for six years. His next business venture was at the Tumbling Run hotel, near Pottsville, which he conducted successfully for seven years. From there he went to Reading and conducted the State cafe, at 503 Penn street, and was successful beyond expectations. In 1902 Mr. Kline came to Pottsville and opened the popular cafe which bears his name. During his sojourn of seven years at Tumbling Run he had demonstrated the wisdom of such a venture in Pottsville, and this was the culmination of a long cherished desire in this direction. Kline's cafe is unquestionably the most popular resort of its character in the borough, and the proprietor and his able assistants are ever vigilant in keeping it so. The cuisine is such as to satisfy the most epicurean appetite, while the bar is stocked with the choicest goods to be procured in the markets. The fixtures and appliances are first-class in all respects, and strictly up-to-date. Mr. Kline was married Oct. 14, 1879, to Miss Maggie Bowman, of Ephrata, Lancaster county, Pa. She is a daughter of George L. and Fannie (Steinmets) Bowman. Her father is dead but her mother is living. Three children have been born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Kline,

the eldest of whom is George Edgar, born Oct. 29, 1880. He was graduated from the Pottsville high school at the age of sixteen years, and is a young man exceptionally bright and intellectual. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Young Men's Christian Association, Baxter club, Turtle club, and Pottsville Game and Fish Protective association. He is employed in his father's business. The second born is Miss Elsie L., a young lady at home. She also is a graduate of the high school, and is accomplished in those characteristics peculiar to her sex. William McKinley, whose name is an index to the family politics, was born two days after the first inauguration of the martyred president. He is a student in school. Mr. Kline is a member of the Lutheran church and his wife sustains religious relations with the Reformed church. Mr. Kline holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Dramatic Order of Knights of Khorassan, Pottsville gun club and the Liederkrantz, the last being a musical society.

**Klock, Henry Albright, M. D.**, a prominent physician of Mahanoy City, is a descendant of one of the old families of Pennsylvania, five generations of which have been represented in the population of Schuylkill county. In 1750 a German family consisting of the parents and three sons left their native province of Wurtemberg in the Fatherland, and came to America. One of these sons afterward settled in the state of New York, one located in Canada, and the third, whose name was John Peter Klock, remained with his parents where they first settled, near Womelsdorf, Berks county, Pa. John Peter Klock was the great-great-grandfather of Doctor Klock. He was born Jan. 1, 1743, and was therefore but seven years of age when his parents came to this country. In 1793 he removed to what is now Eldred township, Schuylkill county, where he bought 342 acres of land in what was known as the "Beauty Tract," and there engaged in agricultural pursuits. Part of this old homestead still remains in the possession of some of his descendants. He built the first saw mill in the Mahantongo valley and was a typical pioneer. His death occurred Dec. 19, 1818, and he was buried in the Lutheran cemetery at Line Mountain, in Northumberland county. Peter R. Klock, the grandfather of the doctor, inherited the old homestead and followed farming until 1866, when he retired. He was the father of seven children, three sons and four daughters. He was a prominent member of the Lutheran church and was one of the founders of the old Union church in Eldred township, where he and his wife lie buried. This church was erected by the Lutheran church and the Evangelical association in 1860. One of his sons was Joseph, who learned the miller's trade, but after following that occupation for several years he abandoned it to become a farmer. In 1858 he removed to Pitman, where he was interested in farming operations, mercantile pursuits and in buying and selling grain and live stock until his death, which occurred May 26, 1865. He

married Magdalena Hepler, whose grandfather, Casper Hepler, was one of the pioneers of Berks county, and the first school house in Upper Mahantongo township was upon his land. Henry Hepler, the father of Magdalena, donated the land for the Zion Evangelical church and cemetery—the first church in Eldred township. Joseph Klock was born in Upper Mahantongo township, Nov. 29, 1824, and his wife was born in the same township, Dec. 12, 1825. Two sons were born to Joseph and Magdalena Klock: the subject of this sketch, and William Josiah, who resides on the old homestead and is engaged in farming. Dr. Henry A. Klock, was born in Upper Mahantongo township, Schuylkill county, Aug. 16, 1848. He attended the schools of Eldred township until he was thirteen years of age, when he entered his father's store as a clerk and remained in that position for about five years. In August, 1866, he entered the Union seminary at New Berlin, Union county, and studied in that institution for one year. In the fall of 1867 he took a course in the Quaker City business college, of Philadelphia, and the following year became a clerk in the hardware store of Peter E. Buck, at Ashland, Schuylkill county. From 1870 to 1876 he was associated with his brother in conducting the business of the firm of H. A. Klock & Co., which was engaged in agricultural and mercantile operations in Pitman. He then took up the study of medicine and on March 11, 1878, he received the degree of M. D. from the Hahnemann medical college, of Philadelphia. A month later he formed a partnership with Dr. Benjamin Becker, of Pottsville, but on Oct. 9, 1878, he removed to Mahanoy City, where he has been in continuous practice ever since, and has been successful, both in a pecuniary sense and in the treatment of his patients. Dr. Klock is a member of the Mahanoy City Lodge, No. 357, Free and Accepted Masons; General Grant Lodge, No. 575; Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Mahanoy City Lodge, No. 2335, Knights of Honor; Washington Camp, No. 124, and Garfield Commandery, No. 21, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America; and is a director in the Centennial and Memorial association of Valley Forge. Besides his professional interests he is a director of the Fidelity and the Serial building and loan associations. On June 23, 1872, Dr. Klock and Miss Elizabeth Sidney, daughter of Elias and Sarah (Evans) Seiler, were united in marriage. Her parents were both born in Pennsylvania, of German and Welsh extraction, respectively. Dr. and Mrs. Klock have two sons, Joseph Victor and Egbert Leroy. Both are graduates of the Hahnemann medical college, Joseph in the class of 1895 and Egbert in the class of 1905. Both are now practicing physicians in Mahanoy City, the younger son having taken up his father's practice. He was resident physician of the Homeopathic hospital at Reading, Pa. for one year after receiving his degree. Dr. Joseph V. Klock married Miss Minnie Kerschmer, of Shoemakersville, and they have two children, Henry A. and Helen. The younger son married Miss Annie D. Young,

of Minersville, and they have one daughter, Olive Elizabeth. Dr. Henry A. Klock was one of the organizers of the Schuylkill county Homeopathic medical society, and is a member of the state medical society of that school of medicine. Although practically retired from active practice, he still ministers to the wants of some of his old patients who insist on "seeing the old doctor." He is a Republican in his political affiliations, though he is by no means an active political worker. The only office he ever held was on the Mahanoy City school board, where he served for eight years, with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the people. The family belong to the United Evangelical church.

**Klock, William J.**, proprietor of "Pitman Farm," at Pitman post-village, Eldred township, was born on the farm which he now owns on Jan. 2, 1853. He is a son of Joseph and Magdalena (Hepler) Klock, who also were natives of Eldred township. Joseph Klock was a son of Peter R. and Elizabeth (Curfing) Klock, numbered among the earliest settlers of Eldred township. The ancestral home of these pioneers embraced a portion of the fine farm now owned by William Klock, the subject of this sketch. The genealogical history of this family appears quite fully in the sketch of Dr. H. A. Klock of Mahanoy City, and need not be here repeated. Joseph Klock was an early merchant and postmaster in Pitman, and was prominent in various business enterprises. Both he and his wife died in Eldred township. They were members of the Evangelical church. The father died May 26, 1865, and his widow survived him until March 23, 1904. They had but two children who survived the infantile age, these having been already mentioned. The early lives of William J. and Henry A. Klock were almost identical for a long period of years. They were interested together in farming, in merchandising, and in keeping up the parental home. Their mother remarried, her second husband being C. K. Herb, M. D., of Pitman. William J. finally sold his mercantile interests to his brother and retired to the farm, where he has since remained. He was married Nov. 21, 1869, to Miss Clara Klinger, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Mayer) Klinger, of Minersville. The father spent his life in Minersville as a carpenter and builder. He died in 1858. His wife was a native of Northumberland county. She died March 22, 1881. They had a family of five children, viz: Mary, Clara and Perry, living, the first and last named being residents of Sunbury; and Emma and Sophia, both of whom died in childhood. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Klock have but one child, wife of James Witzel, of Pitman, Eldred township; they have four children living and one dead—Bernice, William, Thomas, Hildah (deceased) and Leroy. Mr. Klock has followed agricultural pursuits as his life work. He owns a valuable farm of seventy-seven acres detached from his home farm, yet near enough to be easily cultivated by the home force. He is engaged in general farming, stock-raising and market gardening. He is local agent for several fertilizer companies, and serves the neighborhood in the capacity



of a veterinary surgeon. Mr. Klock is shipping agent for Grange No. 1325, Patrons of Husbandry, at Pitman. He is a Republican in political views, but has neither sought nor held public office. The family is well known and highly esteemed in the community, and the religious faith of its members is shown by identification with the Evangelical church; they take an active interest in religious work of all kinds.

**Knecht, August**, proprietor of the *Miners' Journal*, is a life-long newspaper man and has gained success in his chosen vocation. He was born in Baden, Germany, Nov. 24, 1844. He accompanied his parents to America in childhood, and attended school in Pottsville, Pa., until he was twelve years old. This very brief educational training has been supplemented by a life-time of study and research in various lines of journalism. At the age of twelve years he became an apprentice to the printer's trade, and entered the employ of Hendler & Schroder, the publishers of the *Jefferson Demokrat*, and subsequently that of Bertram & Snyder, who were then publishing the *Amerikanische Republikaner* (American Republican), which was first issued from the *Miners' Journal* office, in Sept., 1855. On the death of Mr. Snyder, in 1880, Mr. Knecht assumed the ownership of the paper, and has continued its publication to the present. The *Miners' Journal*, of which Mr. Knecht is the present owner and publisher, is the evolution of a paper started in 1825, and continued under various owners and titles to the present day. It is the oldest newspaper in Schuylkill county. Under the management of Col. H. Ramsey and Benjamin Bannan, the *Journal* assumed an influential status in the local journalism of the day, and was by them merged into the *Daily Miners' Journal*, as appears more fully under another title. The first issue of the daily appeared on Sept. 1, 1869. Mr. August Knecht purchased the plant in 1900, and has since greatly improved and strengthened the *Journal*, making it one of the leading dailies of Schuylkill county. It has always been uncompromisingly Republican in political complexion. Mr. Knecht was a soldier in service for a brief period during the Civil war. His regiment, the 27th Pennsylvania militia, was called into service during the invasion of the state in 1863, and participated in the battle of Wrightsville, when the town of York was threatened. It then moved over the South mountains down into Maryland with the Army of the Potomac. The subject of this article was married Nov. 6, 1870, to Miss Elizabeth Lecher, daughter of John and Catherine (Meyer) Lecher, of Pottsville. Mr. and Mrs. Knecht have three children living: Bertha, Elizabeth and Robert A. The son is employed in his father's business. The family are members of St. John the Baptist's German Catholic church. The Knecht family were prominent in the political history of Baden, the subject being a grand-son of Benedict Knecht, and a son of Landolin and Catherine (Streigel) Knecht, natives of Baden. Mr. Knecht is a director, and first vice-president of the Schuylkill Trust Company, of Pottsville. He sustains re-

lations with various social and beneficial societies, the American hose company, the Central Republican club and the Liederkrantz, a German choral society.

**Knecht, William F.**, editor and proprietor of the West Schuylkill Herald, at Tower City, was born in Pottsville, Pa., Oct. 23, 1865. His parents, Charles and Pauline (Eisensteck) Knecht, were born in Germany, but came to this country in their early life. William F. Knecht received a limited education in his boyhood, and this he has supplemented by reading and self-culture until he is a well informed man on almost any topic of general interest. His parents removed to Tower City while he was still comparatively young, and he went to work in the breaker at the Brookside colliery. Later he became a fireman, and he continued in various capacities about the mines until Cleveland's first administration, when his father was appointed postmaster at Tower City, and he was made assistant, having full charge of the office. After leaving the postoffice he conducted a bakery for several years, and on March 26, 1898, he established the paper which he still conducts. Mr. Knecht was one of the organizers of the Tower City National Bank, and has been one of the directors of that institution ever since it opened its doors for the transaction of business. He is a Republican in his political affiliations and has held several local offices. He is a member of Tower Lodge, No. 755, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of Swatara Lodge, No. 267, Free and Accepted Masons, and takes an interest in the work and welfare of both orders. On June 25, 1887, Mr. Knecht married Miss Alice, daughter of William and Maria (Kaufman) Klinger, of Tower City, and to this union have been born five children. Roy S. is now a student in the state normal school at Kutztown; William K., Gilbert, Mildred and Merle are at home with the parents.

**Knittle, Albert Daniel**, a representative of an old and prominent family in Schuylkill county, was born at Port Carbon, July 2, 1872. He is the son of Francis and Emily Florence (Allison) Knittle. Both families were prominent in Civil war history, as appears more fully under separate titles in this volume. The Grand Army of the Republic Post at Port Carbon is named in honor of three Allison brothers who lost their lives in the great Rebellion of the 60's. The subject of this sketch was educated in the Port Carbon and Pottsville public schools, at Bloomsburg state normal school, and at Pennsylvania state college. Having chosen the law as a life profession, and recognizing the preponderance of Lithuanians among the foreign population, he studied and mastered that language, and is able to read, write and converse with people of the Lithuanian nationality, being the only lawyer in Pottsville who possesses this accomplishment. Mr. Knittle was admitted to the bar of Schuylkill county in 1895, and at once engaged in an active and remunerative practice. Many clients come to him because of his familiarity with their native language, this gift being recognized as an evidence of sympathetic

interest. Albert D. Knittle is recognized as a young man of exalted literary, social and professional standing, and has established a well grounded reputation as such. He is a zealous worker in the local Young Men's Christian Association, and sustains relations with his college fraternities, known as the Beta Theta Pi and Alpha Upsilon Chapter, at the State college of Pennsylvania. He is also a member of the Out Door club, of Pottsville. In political relations he is an ardent Republican, though he has never taken an active part in political discussions, nor aspired to official honors. He married Miss Carrie Elizabeth, daughter of Hon. Oliver Perry and Mary Elizabeth Bechtel. She is a representative of one of the old and honored families in Pottsville. Her father was admitted to the bar of Schuylkill county on May 10, 1866, and at once assumed a prominent place in the legal councils of the district. He was elected judge of the common-pleas court in 1877, and has been re-elected at the close of each decennial period since. In 1888 he was chosen as president judge, a position he now holds. His unanimous re-election in 1897 and his continuous service of thirty years on the bench offer the best evidence of his high standing as a distinguished jurist. Judge Bechtel is a native of Northumberland county, Pa., born Jan. 31, 1842. The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Knittle is Oliver Bechtel, born June 10, 1902. The family attends the services of the First Presbyterian church of Pottsville.

**Knittle, Frank**, a substantial citizen and prosperous merchant of Port Carbon, was born in Orwigsburg, June 24, 1845, a son of Daniel and Mary (Heebner) Knittle. He attended the public schools of Port Carbon until 1857 when his father removed to Iowa, and he attended the high school there until 1861, when he removed to Port Carbon, and in Oct., 1861, enlisted in Company C, 96th Pennsylvania volunteer infantry. With his regiment he participated in the engagements at Bull Run, Antietam, South Mountain, Malvern Hill, Gettysburg and Chancellorsville. In the campaign made by Grant from the Rapidan to the James the 96th Pennsylvania was in the heaviest of the fighting, and at the battle of Spottsylvania Mr. Knittle fell badly wounded. For ten days he lay on the battlefield with his wound undressed and was then taken prisoner to Richmond. After a confinement of three months he received his exchange and in October was honorably discharged from the service. He returned to Port Carbon and for two years acted as tax collector for the borough, leaving that position to embark in the grocery business. Subsequently he added dry-goods and shoe departments and has continued in business from that time (1867) to this. His industry has been affected by local and national conditions and he estimates that in the years since he established the concern he has lost approximately \$100,000, but his cheerfulness, his perseverance and his inherent ability have surmounted the obstacles in the way and finally brought him out "on the top of the heap." To-day his department store is the most modern, best stocked and finest equipped place of

business in and about Port Carbon. Feb. 20, 1867, Mr. Knittle was united in marriage to Miss Emily Allison, of Port Carbon, daughter of Robert Allison. To this union have been born eight children, two of whom, Charles and Mary, are deceased. The others are Robert, Frank S., Albert, Carrie, Nellie and Catherine. The family worships in the Methodist Episcopal church of Port Carbon. In political matters Mr. Knittle is a Republican, and as the successful candidate of that party he has held the office of school director and borough councilman. He has a well deserved reputation among the people of the community as a man of unsullied honor, business enterprise and high character.

**Knoll, William M.**, of the firm of C. M. Knoll & Bros., contractors and builders, of Pottsville, was born in that city on May 6, 1879. His father, William H. Knoll, was a native of Berks county, but came to Pottsville in the early '60s and engaged in the business of contracting and building, founding the business now conducted by his sons. He erected the public school building at the corner of Twelfth and Market streets, as well as a large number of private residences. On Feb. 8, 1866, he married Miss Fina Miller, of Annville, Lebanon county, though she was born in Berks county, and to this marriage were born the following children: Kate, Corine, George, Emma, Charles, William M. and Esther. Kate, Corine and Emma are deceased. The father of these children died in 1893 at the age of fifty-seven years, and the mother is still living, at the age of sixty. Two generations of the family have been engaged in contracting and building and the firm of C. M. Knoll & Bros. was established in 1903, though Charles, the senior member, has been in the business for sixteen years. Their specialty is the erection of fine residences, in which line of work the firm stands second to none in Schuylkill county. William M. Knoll is a member of Lilies of the Valley Lodge, No. 281, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Encampment No. 4, and the Daughters of Rebekah. He also belongs to Camp No. 36, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America; the Good Intent fire company, and the Carpenters' union of Pottsville, of which he was president for two terms. In politics he is a Republican and takes a commendable interest in all questions touching the public weal, particularly those of a local nature.

**Knowles, Thomas C.**, principal of the commercial department in the Pottsville schools, is a native of that borough, born Sept. 16, 1871. His father, George N. Knowles, was born in Wolverhampton, England, in 1840, and came to this county in childhood. He was a worker of iron and steel, in which capacity he was employed in Pottsville during his early manhood years. He enlisted as a soldier during the Civil war and served over three years at the front, incurring disabilities which contributed to his death, Aug. 22, 1883. He served under two enlistments, first in the Nagle Guards, 6th regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, and again in Company E of the 3d regiment, Pennsylvania volunteer cavalry. The mother of Prof. Knowles was in maidenhood Miss Sarah



Davis, a native of Schuylkill county, Pa., born at Pottsville, in 1844, of Welsh ancestors. She died in Pottsville, Sept. 19, 1875. George N. and Sarah Knowles were the parents of a numerous family, all of whom died in infancy or early childhood except the subject of this article and his brother Benjamin. The latter, and younger of the two, is foreman of the bridge-building department of the Eastern Steel Company in Pottsville. He married Miss Mame Heisler, and they have two daughters, Anna and Alberta. These brothers received their education in the Pottsville schools and at Mount Joy military academy. Professor Knowles was graduated from the last named institution with the class of 1887 with the rank of major. He was self-dependent from childhood, and earned the means for further education in various lines of work, as occasion required, and was several years in completing his business education. In 1890 he took a course of instruction in D. L. Scott-Brown's business and commercial college in New York city, and he received his "certificate to practice and teach" in 1892. While taking this course and following his graduation he was employed by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company, and he remained with this firm, as stenographer and bill clerk, until elected to his present position, in 1904. In fact, his connection with this corporation dated from 1889, with various vacations. Mr. Knowles' election to the principalship of the commercial department in the Pottsville schools, in competition with five other applicants for the position, was a high compliment to his ability and social standing. He received the unanimous vote of the board, and has been twice re-elected. The conditions of eligibility to his department are that the student must first have been graduated from the grammar school or the high school. An average of about fifty students are taught in this department, and receive the same instruction which is given in the colleges devoted exclusively to business education. The expenses are paid from the school funds of the district, the same as other teachers are paid. Thomas C. Knowles was married, in Pottsville, Jan. 16, 1896, to Miss Mary R., a daughter of Rowland and Charlotte Whitfield. Her father was a well known merchant in Pottsville. He died in 1896 at the home now occupied by his widow and the family of Professor Knowles. Mrs. Knowles was educated in the Pottsville public schools and is a graduate of the high school. She is a lady of culture and refinement, possessing musical accomplishments of a high degree. The only child born to Professor and Mrs. Knowles is Master Rowland Whitfield, born Sept. 24, 1900. Professor Knowles is financial secretary of Washington Camp, No. 36, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America; a member of Miners' Lodge, No. 20, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Pottsville Council, No. 965, Royal Arcanum. He has been president of the Humane fire company for several years, a position which he still holds. In political views he is a Republican, and is a member of the Central Republican club. In religious affiliations he is an Episcopalian and his wife is a Presbyterian.





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Koch, Hon. Richard Henry.—The annals of Schuylkill county record the history of no name more prominently associated with the pioneer history of Western Pennsylvania than that of the Koch family. The great-grandfather of Richard Henry Koch took an active part as a soldier in the French and Indian war. He left a number of children, one of whom William Koch, was the father of the subject of the article. He was born in 1749, and spent his childhood and early youth in the county, and in Oley township, where he was the one who carried the family name into the new county; he built the first grist mill in the county, in Oley township, and the same was the father of William Koch, who was twice married, his second wife being the mother of Henry Koch, the father of Judge Koch, of this sketch. William Koch died at his home in East Brunswick township, May 3, 1832. Daniel Koch was born at the old homestead in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, Oct. 5, 1791, and died at New York, 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, of German antecedents, and they became the parents of ten children, of whom Daniel, Judge Koch's father, was the eldest. He was born at Kunkle's Mill, near the old mill erected by his ancestors, his birth occurring on Dec. 24, 1816. On the 24th of Oct., 1839, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Ann Beck, who represented an old and prominent family in Pennsylvania. One of her ancestors was a gunsmith during the Revolutionary war, by reason of which he was exempted from the performance of military duty. She was born on Jan. 24, 1818, and died Aug. 26, 1888. Eleven children were born to the union of Daniel and Mary Koch, namely, Harriet, Francis D., Allen, Jeremiah, Albert B. (deceased), Sarah, Richard Henry, Emanuel, Arenius, Kate and Andrew. All were born. Ten of the number lived to maturity. The eldest son served throughout the Civil war, more than three years, and the father and his third son served together during the emergency call when the state was invaded by the Confederate army. Daniel Koch remained in the vicinity of his birthplace until 1854, when he removed to Middleport, and engaged in the mercantile business. In 1857 he moved to Auburn and resumed farming operations, his earlier life work, in which he was very successful. In 1866 he purchased a flouring mill at Moreocacy, Berks county, and the year following 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 the party. He was a candidate for the office of sheriff in 1854, and was elected as a representative in the legislature in 1860. Richard Henry Koch was born at Middleport, Schuylkill county, Pa., Apr. 2





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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. He was graduated from that institution in 1871, with the first honors in his class. He engaged in teaching in Lehigh and Schuylkill counties for two years, and then returned to his alma mater, where he held the chair of instructor in mathematics for six years. While thus employed, he also turned his attention to institute work and was engaged as instructor and lecturer in teachers' institutes in a number of the adjacent counties. He resigned his chair in the normal school to take up the study of law, becoming a student under the tutorship of the late Hon. Francis W. Hughes, in Pottsville. He was admitted to practice before the bar of Schuylkill county in May, 1881, has since been admitted to practice in the supreme court of the state, and in 1890, to the supreme court of the United States. Judge Koch is a thorough lawyer, devoted to his profession, and maintains a 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 year 1889 he was elected to that office. This election was a high compliment to Mr. Koch's popularity, in that the county was considered almost hopelessly Democratic. He was nominee of his party for the office of judge of the common pleas court in 1892, but was defeated, Grover Cleveland, candidate for president, carrying the county by a plurality of 2,251. He was appointed judge by Governor Hastings, on the death of Judge Weidman, in 1897, and was his party's candidate for election in 1898; but, owing to the great anti-Quay fight that year, the election resulted in favor of every Democratic candidate in the county. Judge Koch was married Sept. 30, 1884, to Miss Annie S. Philips, whose father, Captain William Philips, was fatally wounded at the battle of Cold Harbor, during the Civil war. Judge and Mrs. Koch have an interesting family of four children, whose names are Roscoe, Helen, Marshall and Marjorie. The judge is associated with a number of fraternal organizations and has attained to high rank in the Masonic fraternity. He is a member of the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He has been for the past twenty years a director of the Centennial Memorial association of Valley Forge, which was established for the purpose of preserving this historically sacred spot from that oblivion which has already obliterated too many relics of past generations. Judge Koch is a trustee of the Pottsville hospital and for many years he has been a member of the board of trustees of the Keystone state normal school, located at Kutztown.

**Kohler, Gerald A.**, station agent of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad on the Shamokin division, at Tamaqua, was born in Schuylkill county, June 10, 1876, a son of Henry J. and Sarah A.

Kohler, now residents of Philadelphia. The father is a carpenter and a skilled workman in his line. During the Civil war he enlisted in the Union army, but he was disqualified because of his youth. Notwithstanding, he was a member of the state militia and saw some service doing guard and garrison duty. Both parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Six children were born to them. George H., the eldest, is an insurance broker in Philadelphia; Edward died at the age of a year and a half; Mary Laura is the wife of Charles McGovvin, of Philadelphia; Frank S. died Dec. 14, 1894, at the age of fourteen; and Arthur R. passed away in Apr., 1890, at the age of ten months. The subject of this memoir is the third of the family in order of birth. He received his scholastic training in the public schools of Girardville, completing a course in telegraphy at the same time he finished his other schooling. The first three years after graduation he was operator at Girardville for the Philadelphia & Reading road, and then served two years in the same capacity at Alaska. From Jan. 8, 1900, until Dec. 22, 1902, he was station agent at Gilberton, and then was promoted to the position of traveling station agent with headquarters at the division superintendent's office in Tamaqua; promoted to station agent, Tamaqua, Apr. 18, 1907. Dec. 31, 1900, Mr. Kohler married Miss Maude K. Anderson, who was born in Boonsboro, Ia., a daughter of John and Elizabeth Anderson, now residents of Girardville. Three children have blessed this union—Elwood Melvin, Marion Averyll and Wayne Anderson. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kohler attend the Primitive Methodist church, and Mrs. Kohler is a member of the same. The husband is identified with the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, of which he is now a trustee and of which he has been president. He is well known and popular, an efficient official and a substantial citizen.

**Krapp, George F.**, one of the prominent younger members of the Schuylkill county bar, and a resident of Ashland, was born in that borough, Jan. 4, 1874. He is a son of Frederick Krapp, Sr., and Elizabeth (Schaefer) Krapp, both natives of Germany. His father was born in Sans Kow-Pommern, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, and his mother in Barka on the Werra, Saxe-Weimar. His two grandfathers were both prominent in the commercial life of Germany in their early days. His grandfather on his father's side was born in Mecklenburg-Schwerin and was engaged in the iron business, and his grandfather on his mother's side was born in Gotha on the Werra, Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, and was the owner of large tanneries. His father in his early days was engaged in the shoe business, but for the last thirty-five years has been a wholesale liquor dealer in said borough. The subject of this sketch attended the public schools of his native borough up to his seventeenth year and subsequently entered service on the state and government ship *Saratoga*, on her first cruise under Captain Greene, of the United States navy. On his return to Ashland he entered the law offices of the Hon. William A. Marr, and after he



had successfully passed the examination for admission to the bar he was granted license to practice at the Schuylkill county bar Sept. 6, 1897. April 18, 1899, the supreme court of the state admitted him to practice at the bar of that tribunal, upon motion of the Hon. Dallas M. Sanders, of the city of Philadelphia, and since that time he has been professionally engaged in many important causes before the courts of the state. Politically Mr. Krapp is a Democrat and for several years has been honored with the appointment as one of the county court commissioners. In 1898 he was elected as a delegate to the state convention, held at Altoona, which nominated the Hon. George A. Jenks for governor, and in 1902 as a delegate to the state convention, held at Erie, which nominated the Hon. Robert E. Pattison for governor. In 1904 he was nominated by his party for the legislature, on the Democratic ticket, from the Second legislative district of Schuylkill county, but was defeated at the general election by the Republican nominee, Hon. Alfred B. Garner. In 1905 he was elected tax collector of the borough of Ashland for the years 1906-07-08. Besides his legal work, he has done considerable work as a notary public, having held a commission as such for the past twelve years, and for several years has been solicitor for the New Ashland National bank and for the school district of said borough. His religious affiliations are with Zion's German Evangelical Lutheran church, of Ashland, and he is prominent in all its activities. He is also identified as a member with American House and Betsy Ross Memorial association, the German Washington Verein, Camp 84, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, and Ashland Lodge, No. 384, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His many friends predict for him a brilliant future in the legal profession, and he is recognized as one of the most promising members of the community.

Krebs, Frank P., attorney and counsellor at law, was born in Tamaqua, Schuylkill county, Pa., Oct. 1, 1864. He is a son of Philip A. and Elizabeth (Portz) Krebs, both natives of Münster-Appel, in the province of Rhenish Bavaria, Germany. They accompanied their parents to America in early life, the mother being a resident of Tamaqua, Pa., since 1817, and the father having located there in 1851. He was a skilled mechanic, and followed the business of a fresco painter and decorator until 1864, when he engaged in the liquor business, as a retailer and wholesaler. He died in Tamaqua in 1883. His widow still lives in the borough of her adoption. They were the parents of six children, four of whom are living. Frank P. Krebs, the subject of this sketch, was educated in the public schools of Tamaqua, and at Lafayette college and the University of Pennsylvania. He graduated from Lafayette college in the year 1885, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science, and two years later received the degree of Master of Science. In 1885 he entered the law department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which institution he graduated in the year 1887 with the degree of LL. B. His preceptor was United

States Attorney General Benjamin Harris Brewster, upon whose motion he was admitted to practice in the various courts of Philadelphia county in 1887, and to the supreme court of Pennsylvania in 1890. He was admitted to the bar of Schuylkill county March 17, 1890. He has established a large and lucrative practice, and is classed among the successful lawyers of Schuylkill county. Politically Mr. Krebs is an independent Democrat. He has served four years as a member of the borough council, and three years as president of the school board. He is a prominent member of Tamaqua Lodge, No. 592, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

**Krecker, Harry**, son of Charles and Arabella (Riland) Krecker, was born in Friedensburg, Sept. 13, 1859. Of his immediate family, two brothers, William F. and John W., beside himself, are living. His education was obtained in the public schools, his attendance continuing until he was eighteen years of age. After that time he taught school for five terms in the Friedensburg district, and then went to Wyoming county, Pa., where he worked for the Lehigh Valley Railroad, remaining for two years. The next three and one-half years he spent as clerk in a general store, and then tried working in a furniture factory at Allentown, Pa., for a time. In 1895 he came to Friedensburg, where he has since resided. In March, 1899, he received the appointment as postmaster of the office at Friedensburg, and has filled that position since that time, having retired from active work in other lines. June 13, 1881, Mr. Krecker was married to Miss Ellen C. Wommer. Five children were born to them, two girls and three boys, Ada, Alice, Arthur, Walter and Joseph, all of whom are living. Mr. Krecker is a member of the local organization of the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America. In politics he is a Republican. With the exception of the office which he is now holding, Mr. Krecker has never held office. The family are members of the United Evangelical church of Friedensburg.

**Kurtz, Frederick D.**, proprietor of the Cambrian hotel at Shendoah, was born at Camden, N. J., Aug. 23, 1873, and is the only child of Frederick and Lena E. (Schwickert) Kurtz, the former a native of Berlin, Germany, and the latter of Philadelphia, Pa. The mother died in giving birth to her son, being at the time twenty-two years of age, and the father soon afterward went to California. Nothing was ever heard from him afterward and he is supposed to be dead. Frederick D. Kurtz was reared to manhood by his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Sanis Kurtz, of William Penn, where he lived for thirty-two years. He attended school for a few terms in his early boyhood, and when about nine years old began work on the breaker. At the age of sixteen years he was employed by a huckster, where he continued for about three years, when he engaged in that line of business on his own account and followed that occupation for eleven years, conducting for a part of that time a small livery business in connection with his huckstering. Upon going out of this business he worked

about one year for the Oxford Coal Company, and was then for a time employed as a carpenter by that company and the firm of Glenn & O'Learn. Feb. 4, 1907, he was granted a hotel license and opened the Cambrian hotel at the corner of Jardin and Center streets. The hotel has fourteen rooms, well furnished, and the genial proprietor caters to both transient and permanent trade. A first-class bar is operated in connection with the hotel, and this is supplied with the best the market affords in that line. Mr. Kurtz is a member of Aerie No. 103, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and Lodge No. 151, Improved Order of Red Men, both of Shenandoah. In politics he is independent, voting for the man he regards best fitted for the office, without regard to party affiliations. Although his attendance at school was very limited he has by self-culture and observation acquired a wide range of information on general topics and votes on national questions according to his judgment. Sept. 4, 1895, Mr. Kurtz and Miss Martha Jordan were united in marriage. She is a daughter of Thomas and Sarah Jordan, of Lost Creek, Schuylkill county, where the father died in the early part of 1907, and where the mother is now living. Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz have had four children. Sarah died at the age of four months, and Thomas at the age of twenty-two months. Lena and Frederick are now attending the schools of Shenandoah and living at home with their parents. Mr. Kurtz is a member of the German Lutheran church and his wife is a Methodist.

**Lamb, Archie B.**, mine inspector of the Thirteenth district of Pennsylvania and a popular citizen of Shenandoah, was born at St. Clair on Apr. 16, 1853, a son of John and Sarah (Lamb) Lamb. Although the parents had the same name they were not related, though both were born in Durham county, England. The mother died in Ashland in 1867, leaving four children. Thomas, the eldest, is a miner living in Centralia; Mary is the wife of Mr. Hares, a miner of Shenandoah; and Lawson is on a ranch in the state of Washington, where for several years he was engaged in gold and silver mining. After the mother's death the father married again and lived to a ripe old age in Shenandoah. When Lee with his Confederate army was invading the state the father enlisted in a volunteer regiment under Colonel Connor and served three months, although at the time he had reached an age which exempted him from military duty. The subject of this memoir is the third child of his parents in order of birth. The education he acquired was in the common schools of St. Clair and Ashland and while he was still a youth he went to work in the mines. An injury received there incapacitated him for work for several years, but when he was able he returned to it. In 1877 he went to Colorado and spent five years in mining and prospecting, meeting with fair success. Upon his return at the end of that period he resumed his mining interests as a contractor, and from that time was continuously and most successfully engaged until 1905. In February of that year he took the examinations as to qualification for mine inspecting and passing them to the entire satisfaction of the



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commission, he became the candidate of the Republican party for the office. In November he was elected, although he had served from the previous February by appointment to fill a vacancy. The duties of a mine inspector are many and varied, including a power in some instances of filling positions about the mines, and in all cases being held responsible for the safety of the miners. Mr. Lamb has fulfilled the duties of his position with promptness and decision, and has yet to be found wanting in any matter concerning his office. He is a stalwart Republican in his political beliefs and has done much to aid in the success of his party in the elections of the past few years. From 1889 to 1895 he served as a member of the borough council, during which years the water-works system was installed and the street railway built. He has also served as treasurer of the board of school directors and for more than fifteen years has been a member of the board of trustees of the public library, which is one of the largest in the county. On Jan. 25, 1882, Mr. Lamb married Miss Mary Lewis, a daughter of the late Humphrey Lewis, of St. Clair. Mrs. Lamb is the youngest of four daughters in the family, the others being Mrs. Charles S. Davis, of Girardville; Mrs. Henry Leam, a widow, of Ashland, whose son is cashier of the Guarantee Trust Company at Shamokin; and Mrs. Mark Minto, who lives near Washington, D. C. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Lamb are five in number—Jessie, Hazel, Archie, Mary and Esther, all at home and all but the two eldest students in the public schools. Mrs. Lamb is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which faith the family is being reared. Fraternally, Mr. Lamb is identified with the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, and is a prominent member of Lodge No. 103, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He is a public-spirited, straightforward citizen, who is immensely popular with his fellows and is a trusted public servant.

**Landback, Jesse E.**, who conducts a general store at Helfenstein, was born near Mifflinsburg, Union county, Feb. 17, 1861. He is one of the five children born to Samuel and Susan (Evans) Landback, the others being Mrs. Joseph Rowe, Mrs. John Pursel, Charles and Oscar. After a due preliminary discipline in the common schools of Northumberland county, the subject of this sketch left scholastic work at the age of seventeen years to come to Helfenstein and accept a position as clerk in the general store of the company. By hard work, strict attention to duty and a desire to overcome all difficulties, he soon became recognized as a man of capacity and ability, was promoted to the general managership and remained in that position for a period of eight years. Then, in 1891, he purchased the controlling interest in the concern and since that time has managed it as successfully for himself as he did for the company. The business includes all lines of merchandise generally found in a store of the kind and the stock is full and of the best. Mr. Landback has been thrice married. His first wife was Miss Kate Warfield, a daughter of Henry Warfield, who was



the first man to discover the coal producing region in the Helfenstein tract. One son, Jesse, now living in California, blessed this union. His second marriage was to Miss Mary Pursel, daughter of Thomas Pursel of Union county, and to this union were born three daughters and a son—Olive, John, Martha and Edna. Mr. Landback's third marriage was to Miss Kate Kehras, a daughter of Daniel Kehras, of Klingerstown. The family are all attendants of the Union church of Helfenstein. Mr. Landback is identified with Ashland Lodge, Free and Accepted Order of Masons, and was one of the organizers of Camp No. 41, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America. In politics he is a Republican, but aside from the office of school director, he has never held nor aspired to political honors.

**Laudenslager, Charles I.**, justice of the peace of Valley View, was born at Gratz, Dauphin county, on March 1, 1849, a son of Daniel and Lydia (Sausser) Laudenslager. He received his preliminary educational training in the public schools of his native borough, completing it by a course in the Kutztown state normal school. For the first few years after graduation he taught school in Branch and Frailey townships and at Hegins. His first business venture was in the general merchandise industry in Sacramento. In the spring of 1874 he was elected to represent the Sacramento district in the state legislature and served a full term of two years. About 1876 or 1877 he removed to Valley View and opened an agency for the sale of farm implements. In 1888 he again embarked in the general merchandise business, but five years later disposed of his interests and confined himself again to the sale of agricultural implements. In Dec., 1870, Mr. Laudenslager married Miss Katherine A. Romberger, daughter of John Romberger, of Pillow, Dauphin county. The children of this union were eight in number, five of whom survive. They are: Rufus H., Irvin A., Minnie (Mrs. George Young, of Good Spring), John H. and Eva L. The family are all members of the Church of God at Valley View, in which the father is one of the elders. In his political belief Mr. Laudenslager is a staunch Republican, and his elevation to offices of public trust has always been as the candidate of that party. Fraternally he is associated with the Valley View Camp of the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America. In 1881 he was elected justice of the peace and his continued re-elections to the incumbency of the office are but a slight evidence of the esteem and respect in which he is held by the people of the community.

**Laurisin, Rev. Cornelius**, former rector of St. Michael's Greek Catholic church of Shenandoah, was born in Hungary on Sept. 29, 1858, a son of Rev. John and Emelia (Illicky) Laurisin, both native Hungarians. The father was a soldier in the Hungarian revolution of 1848, being a non-commissioned officer, and was ordained to the ministry of the Greek Catholic church in 1857. His service in that capacity continued until 1901, when he resigned from active work and has since been a pastor emeritus. The family con-

sisted of three sons, the eldest of whom, Augustine, is now a priest in the Greek church in Hungary. For seven years, five at Mahanoy City and two at Braddock, he served his church in the United States and then returned to take up his labors in his native land. He is married and has a family. Nicholas is also married and is now a presiding judge in one of the courts of Hungary. The subject of this sketch was reared and educated in the land of his birth and received his ordination to the ministry of the Greek church while still a citizen there. He came to America in 1891 and was assigned first to a church at Osceola Mills, Pa. After less than a year there, however, he was transferred and became the third pastor of St. Michael's church in Shenandoah. This congregation was organized in 1884 by Rev. John Wolansky and was the first Greek church to be established in America. Father Wolansky was recalled after three years of service, owing to the fact that he was married, a condition unknown among the Catholic clergy in this country at the time, which caused much discussion detrimental to the best interests of the church. He was succeeded in 1889 by Rev. Father Constantine Andrichovic, who remained at the head of affairs until the coming of Father Laurisin. The church today is comprised of a membership of 400 families and between 700 and 800 single members, the latter number including those unmarried and those who have left their families in their native countries. The services of the church are conducted in the old Slavish language, into which the Holy Scriptures and the liturgical works were translated by Sts. Cyril and Methodius about 980 A. D. What is known as the Greek Catholic church is really two different branches of the same faith. The one, which is better known as the United Greek Catholic church, is in union with the Church of Rome, having the same dogmas acknowledging the supremacy of the pope, but retaining and abiding by its own disciplinary laws and the Oriental Greek rite. To this belongs the law governing the marriage of the clergy, which allows the members of the faith to marry once before ordination. Divorce is unknown, and there is no second marriage allowed in case of death of the wife. The union between the Greek church and the church of Rome was effected in 1648, and the conditions agreed upon bind the latter to recognize certain rights, laws and privileges of the Greek church. The other branch of the Greek church does not recognize the infallibility of the pope nor the dogma of the immaculate conception of the Holy Virgin. It is controlled by the sovereign of the country or countries in which it has been established, an instance being Russia, where the czar is the nominal head, as he appoints the members of the synod. In other European countries there is a patriarchal government under the approval of the reigning sovereign. This latter branch of the church is the stronger numerically, having a membership of about 120,000,000. The United Greek church has a membership of about 10,000,000, and embraces within its scope peoples of Russia, Roumania, Bulgaria, Greece, Croatia, Arabia, Syria, Hungary

and Italy. The church in the United States as represented by Father Laurisin is under the jurisdiction of the Latin bishops, a condition not wholly satisfactory and one from which relief has been sought. An effort is being made at the present time to separate the American Greek Catholic church and place it under a bishop of its denomination. An appeal to the Hungarian government resulted in the sending of a prelate as a visitor to this country to ascertain the true condition of the church and report upon the advisability of a separation. Since the arrival of this visitor it has been shown that he is serving rather the political and national interests of the Hungarian government than disinterestedly working out the problem of the church. Consequently his recall has been asked and is ultimately expected. Father Laurisin was married in his native country before taking the orders of priesthood, the lady of his choice being Miss Mary Volkay. Four children blessed this union, three of whom, Mary, Michael and Stephen, died in childhood, while the other daughter, Annie, died in 1900 at the age of seventeen years. Since the demise of the last named daughter, Mrs. Laurisin, who had been in ill health for some time, was summoned to her rest eternal on Dec. 27, 1905. Father Laurisin became a citizen of his adopted country as soon after his arrival as the law would allow, and he has done much to imbue his parishioners with high ideals of loyalty and patriotism. He was one of the organizers of the Shenandoah Trust Company, and during his residence in Shenandoah was one of the directors. In 1892 he formulated the general plan which resulted in the organization of the "Greek Catholic Union," an association having for its object the home protection of its members. The society provides for the payment of weekly benefits in case of sickness or inability to labor on the part of the members, and in case of death pays out to the widow and children the sum of \$1,000. The membership of the organization now numbers 16,000 and conducts a publishing enterprise which prints a weekly paper in the Russian language. The reserve fund at the present time amounts to about \$100,000. Father Laurisin was the first secretary of the union, and subsequently held the offices of president and spiritual adviser. He is a man of broad culture and fine intellect and his thorough knowledge of the English language has been of immense value to his people in their litigations and deliberations. He has often been called into consultation with the clergy of the Roman Catholic church, and possesses the unbounded confidence of all the people of the community, irrespective of creed or nationality. On May 1, 1907, Father Laurisin removed to Clairton, Pa., becoming rector of Ascension Greek Catholic church.

**Lautenbacher, Jeremiah Charles**, a prominent resident of Schuylkill Haven, was born in Kutztown, Berks county, Pa., June 26, 1857. His father, Charles Lautenbacher, was born in Germany, July 26, 1832, and his mother, whose maiden name was Sarah Ann Graff, was born in Kutztown, Berks county, Aug. 16, 1831. Her ancestors were among the earliest pioneers of Berks county, and

shared the dangers of the time from Indian depredations. A well established family tradition relates that her great-grandfather had a secret cave to which he and his family would retire in times of danger, and that the Indians never succeeded in finding this family hiding place. The subject of this article was educated in the public schools of Schuylkill Haven, and began his business career at an early age. He learned the marble cutter's trade and followed that as a profession from early youth until he was twenty-eight years old, when he established a factory for the manufacture of hosiery, this being the first factory in Schuylkill Haven, and was subsequently enlarged to include the manufacture of underwear, the line of business in which he is at present engaged. It is a well established and prosperous enterprise, affording steady and remunerative employment to a large number of employes. On Sept. 6, 1877, occurred the marriage of Mr. Lautenbacher, the woman of his choice being Miss Angella Emerich, daughter of Elijah and Sarah Ann (Raudenbush) Emerich, of Schuylkill Haven, early pioneers of Schuylkill county. Mr. and Mrs. Lautenbacher have three daughters, Irene, Mary Flora and Sarah May. The first named is the wife of Thomas Tindall, living in Schuylkill Haven; Mary Flora married Howard Herlinan, also of Schuylkill Haven, and the youngest daughter is still under the parental roof, attending school. Mr. Lautenbacher has been a life-long Republican in his political preferences. He has served three terms as a member of the borough council, and was, for two terms, president of that body. He is prominent in the councils of Free Masonry and has attained to the thirty-second degree in that time-honored fraternity; is a member of Pottsville Lodge, No. 207, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Junior Order of American Mechanics, the Improved Order of Red Men, and the Royal Arcanum, all in Schuylkill Haven. The church affiliations of the family are with the United Evangelical organization in Schuylkill Haven.

**Lawlor, James J.**, general blacksmith and wood-worker, Shenandoah, was born in that city June 20, 1869, a son of William and Bridget (Ryan) Lawlor, both natives of Ireland, who came to America in youth and were married at Minersville. The father was a stable boss for over thirty years, and died in 1899 at the age of sixty-eight years. His widow is still living in Shenandoah. They had a family of four sons and two daughters. Alice is the wife of Thomas Mahon and lives in Philadelphia; Nora is the widow of Anthony Gallagher and lives with her mother; Martin is a stable boss for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company; John occupies a similar position with the same company; James J. is the subject of this sketch; Harry is a mechanic at the Reading colliery. James J. Lawlor was educated in the schools of his native city, where he has always lived. After leaving school he served an apprenticeship at his trade with Andrew Elliott, worked three years as a journeyman, and in 1890 started in the business for himself. He owns the three-story building in



which his shop is located, the first floor being devoted to blacksmithing, the second to wood working, and the third is the paint shop. He does a general blacksmithing and wood working business, but gives special attention to horseshoeing, and employs five or six mechanics constantly in the various departments. Politically Mr. Lawlor is a Democrat, but the only office he has ever held is that of member of the city school board, to which he was elected in 1904. He always takes an active part in campaigns, however, is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Phoenix Fire Company, the Horseshoers' association, and with his family belongs to the Annunciation Roman Catholic church. He is also a member of the Annunciation temperance society. On Sept. 22, 1897, Mr. Lawlor married Miss Margaret, daughter of Patrick and Bridget (Hanahan) Finnegan. She, too, is a native of Shenandoah. They have the following children: William, born in July, 1898; James, who died in infancy; Joseph, six years of age; Alice, aged three and a half years; and Emmett, one year old.

**Lawrence, Franklin C.**, a leading merchant of Minersville, was born at Milton, Northumberland county, July 11, 1829, a son of George and Esther (Straub) Lawrence. The progenitor of the family was Maurice Lawrence, who settled in Pennsylvania in the days of Indian occupancy. He lived to be one hundred and nine years, six months and twenty-one days old and when he was one hundred years old he walked from Milton to Sunbury, a distance of fourteen miles, which he covered in a few hours. He had a son John, to whom in turn was born in 1788 a son George, the father of the subject of this sketch. George Lawrence was a carpenter by vocation, but in the earlier part of his life he found it more profitable to deal in horses and cattle. Later he was a sub-contractor in the construction of the Chesapeake & Ohio canal, three of the sections having been completed by him. He erected at Minersville the first steam mill ever built in this section of the state, and operated it for a number of years, leaving it to engage in agricultural pursuits near Milton. In the war of 1812 he was captain of a company of volunteers and rendered distinguished service. His wife's family were of German origin, the father, Andrew Straub, having come to the United States from the Fatherland in the early part of the nineteenth century. The children of Andrew Straub and his wife, who was a Miss Walter, were seven in number, viz.: Abraham and Isaac (twins), Joseph, Christian M., Esther, Rachel and Mary, and all settled in or near Milton. Christian M. became a personage of some note, serving as a member of Congress from his district, and while sheriff of his county he had the unique distinction of hanging the first man to suffer the penalty of capital punishment in the county. George Lawrence died in 1863, while acting in the capacity of postmaster of Milton. Besides his widow, who died shortly after, he left a family of twelve children. The names of these in the order of birth follow: Washington, Mary, Abraham, Susan, George J., Jacob H., Sarah, Franklin C., James, Margaret, Hettie and Willis.





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Lee, Riollay F.—It is well to put on record of a worthy and useful life be not allowed to pass without the perfect man shall be held to serve a noble purpose, and his life and actions both lesson and incentive. The life of Riollay F. Lee is a definite and two-fold purpose, and his life is a lesson in itself is that which touches the biography of a man whose value can not but be cumulative. The life of Riollay F. Lee of Pottsville and that of Schuyler Lee of Harrisburg are the able efforts and exalted character of a man who was called to the life eternal. Riollay F. Lee, and his life is worthy of a tribute of respect and honor. He was born in 1832, was a native of England, where he was born in the year 1832, of a stanch and worthy lineage. He was the son of Richard and Isabella Lee, who came to America in 1832. He was only one year old. They settled in Pottsville, Pa., and there passed the residue of their lives. The good home surroundings in the youth of the subject of this sketch tended to mold his character for good during its formative period, and he was afforded such advantages as the common schools of the locality and town could offer. He initiated his career in commerce with the practical affairs of life by securing a position as clerk in a general store conducted by James B. Beatty, of Harrisburg, and he assumed a similar position in Harrisburg when he remained for some time. Upon his return to Pottsville he continued the same





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Franklin C. Lawrence is the sole survivor of this large family. He received a somewhat limited education in the public and subscription schools of Milton, and at the age of twelve years left school to go into a general store as a clerk. He remained in that capacity until he had mastered every detail of the business and then, in 1856, he launched a general mercantile business of his own in Minersville, which he has continued to manage since. For twenty-seven years he occupied the building in which he first started his business and then removed to the large and commodious quarters which he now occupies. In connection with his mercantile interests he was for thirteen years extensively interested in mining as an operator, working some valuable properties, which were a source of large income. In 1857 Mr. Lawrence married Miss Lavina Bath, a native of Berks county, and a daughter of Jonas Bath. This union was blessed by the following children: Hettie, who became Mrs. Morris Stupp, and died Feb. 15, 1906, leaving one child, Lavinia; Carrie; Willis, who married Sada Palsgrove and has three children, Ruth, Clara and Mary; Frank W.; Fanny, who married Samuel G. Crawford, of Cleveland, Ohio; Gertrude; George; and two who died in infancy. Mr. Lawrence is a stanch exponent of the principles of the Republican party, but aside from the office of treasurer of the board of school directors, which he has now held for a number of years, he has never aspired to positions of public trust. He is much revered and respected by his fellow-citizens, and although well advanced in years is remarkably preserved in mind and body.

**Lee, Riollay F.**—It is well and just that a record of a worthy and useful life be not allowed to perish and that its perpetuation shall be held to serve a noble purpose in offering to later generations both lesson and incentive. The publication at hand has a definite and two-fold purpose, and not the less of the two elements is that which touches the biographical and memorial reviews, whose value can not but be cumulative. The history of the city of Pottsville and that of Schuylkill county were enriched through the able efforts and exalted character of this honored citizen, who was called to the life eternal Apr. 25, 1891, and none is more worthy of a tribute of respect in this volume than he. Mr. Lee was a native of England, where he was born in the year 1832, of stanch and worthy lineage. He was a son of Richard and Isabella Lee, who came to America when he was only one year old. They settled in Pottsville, Pa., as pioneers, and there passed the residue of their lives. The gracious home surroundings in the youth of the subject of this memoir tended to mold his character for good during its formative period, and he was afforded such advantages as the common schools of the locality and time could offer. He initiated his career in connection with the practical affairs of life by securing a position as clerk in a general store conducted by James B. Beatty, of Pottsville, and later assumed a similar position in Harrisburg, where he remained for some time. Upon his return to Pottsville he entered the employ

of Haywood & Snyder, in whose office he occupied a clerical position, was rapidly advanced and finally became chief clerk. He early developed that self-reliance and initiative power which so distinctly marked his independent and highly successful business career throughout its entire course, and it is well to note that from beginning to end there can be found on his record no shadow of wrong or injustice. While still a young man Mr. Lee engaged in business for himself, becoming a member of the firm of Lee, Grant & Co., coal operators, the other interested principals being his father and William Grant. They operated the Plank Ridge colliery at Shenandoah for many years, and it was here that Mr. Grant was killed by a fall of top coal, soon after which fatality the colliery was sold to the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company. The subject of this review was one of the original stockholders of the Pennsylvania National bank of Pottsville, which was organized in 1866, and on Jan. 14, 1873, he was elected president of this old and solid institution—an office of which he remained the incumbent until his death. He administered the affairs of the bank with great acumen and wisdom and gained for it the high reputation which it now holds as one of the most substantial banks in the state. His energy and progressiveness found divers fields of action and his public spirit was ever in evidence. He was one of the heaviest stockholders in the Pottsville Gas and Water Companies and the Anthracite Electric Light Company, besides being identified with various other enterprises in a capitalistic and executive way. In national and state affairs, where definite issues and policies were involved, he gave his support to the Republican party, but in local matters he held an independent attitude, lending his aid and influence to such candidates and measures as met the approval of his mature judgment. He was at one time a member and president of the borough council. He was essentially a man of affairs, kept in touch with the questions and issues of the day, and was well informed and broad-minded. He served for a long time as a member of the city council of Pottsville and was its president for several years. Mr. Lee stood forth as one of the best known and most honored citizens of the Schuylkill valley, a leader in public thought and action and in the upholding and upbuilding of enterprises for the general good. His integrity was inviolable and he ever demanded the approval of conscience for his action, countenancing no unworthy motives on his own part or that of others. His success was achieved through well directed effort; he was instant in sympathy and in a desire to help others, especially young men, so that his life widened into gracious symmetry and his influence in all relations was beneficent. Many who are now prominent in the business and capitalistic world owe the initiation of their success to this honored citizen. On Tuesday, Apr. 28, 1891, at a meeting of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania National bank the following resolutions were adopted: "Whereas, Our esteemed associate in the board of directors of the Pennsylvania National bank, after

a long and severe sickness, was taken from our midst by the stern messenger, death, on the 25th day of April, 1891; and, Whereas, The bank has sustained a very great loss, the community has lost a valuable citizen and his wife and children have lost a good husband and a kind and indulgent father; Resolved, That we extend to the wife and family of our deceased president, in this hour of their affliction, our sincere and heartfelt sympathy and the hope that the Most High, who orders all things for the best, will be their comfort and guide in their great sorrow. Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and that a copy of the same be sent to the family of the deceased and to each of the daily papers." In the death of Mr. Lee the people of his home city of Pottsville felt a sense of personal loss and bereavement, and on every side, from all classes, were heard words of testimony to this effect. Mr. Lee was a member of the Episcopal church. On Dec. 25, 1855, he married Miss Augusta R. Curry, a daughter of John W. and Tamsen (Stichter) Curry, and they became the parents of the following children: Bertha, who married Frank Roseberry, of Pottsville, Pa.; John C., who married Phebe A. Atkins, of Pottsville; and Martha, who became the wife of Charles H. Moore, of New York City.

**Lee, William Thomas**, the popular proprietor of the Hotel Ferguson, at Shenandoah, is a native of Schuylkill county, born at St. Clair, Apr. 21, 1867, and is the eldest in a family of thirteen, born to John T. and Harriet (Harblaster) Lee, natives, respectively, of England and Pennsylvania. The father was born in 1838, and died in Shenandoah in June, 1905, and the mother was born in 1841 and died in the same city in 1884. The parents were poor, and wholly dependent upon the father's earnings as a miner, and later as a mine foreman, in which vocation his income was more in keeping with the domestic requirements in the sustenance of a large family. But he was never forehanded, being much handicapped by sickness, and the family was reared and educated amid the environments of poverty, not to say absolute want. The subject of this sketch, being the eldest of the family, bore the brunt of privations, which, he is happy to relate, were not the portion of some of his younger brothers and sisters. At the age of about nine years he went into the mines in whatever capacity his services would best subserve the parental interests, and continued in various lines of mining work, often with but scant supply of the necessities of life. Yet no word of complaint does he utter against his parents, but philosophically says: "They did the best they could." With the lapse of years he began to command better wages, the father was promoted to mine foreman, and thus the income was materially augmented and an air of comfort pervaded the parental home. Then the common enemy of all invaded the home circle, the idolized mother was removed and another in the person of a Mrs. Foltz came to preside over the destinies of the younger children. She was an exemplary wife, and performed her onerous duties as a stepmother with more than ordinary patience



and forbearance. She is still living in Shenandoah, as does also her son, Caleb B. Lee, the only survivor of her two children born to her union with John T. Lee. Of the large family of children but six are living. These are William Thomas, the subject of this sketch, Joseph Henry, a superintendent for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company, located at Pottsville, Hattie, wife of D. R. Simmonds, of Shenandoah, Miss Mattie V., matron and superintendent of Cottage state hospital, at Blossburg, Pa., John C., cashier for Armour & Co., at one of their stations in New York, and Rhoda May, now Mrs. C. P. Holtzer, of Kansas City, Mo. All have attained to positions of social or business prominence in their several careers as individuals, and have been successful in the battle of life. William Thomas Lee, the subject of this article, is distinctively a self-made man, as that term is understood. His opportunities for acquiring an education were very limited in his youth, as may be inferred from what precedes, but while working in the most menial employments, he did not neglect to improve his mind at every opportunity. His studies were elementary, it is true, and confined to a very small sphere, but in time he had the opportunity of broadening his curriculum, and eventually became interested in the history of his state and nation, and from the study of these became interested in general politics. During all of his mature years he has been an ardent Republican, and has taken a very active part in local and general political policies. He is a recognized leader among the young Republicans of Shenandoah and Schuylkill county and wields a potent influence in the councils of Republicanism in the state. For the last seven years he has been a member of the state committee, and has held minor offices within the gift of local Republicans. He was a formidable candidate for the Republican nomination for legislative honors, but was defeated in the convention by the narrow margin of two votes. But his popularity and prominence in the heated contest gave him the prestige of naming the successful man, both in the convention and at the polls. Mr. Lee has been deputy county coroner for some years past and is also a member of the board of health in Shenandoah. He severed his connection with mining interests in 1895, having saved during all his previous years of toil and sacrifice the sum of \$2500. This was the nucleus to his engaging in the hotel business, which has occupied his attention since. In 1904 he became the proprietor of the Hotel Ferguson, the principal hotel in Shenandoah, and has continued in the operation of this popular hostelry to the present time. Though it has many competitors, the "Ferguson" stands at the head in the estimation of the traveling public. It is fully equipped with all the modern conveniences, and reflects credit not only upon the zealous and active proprietor, but also upon the town. It is located at the corner of Main and Center streets, in the business population, and is conveniently accessible from all depots. The father of Mr. Lee was a man of sterling integrity and uprightness of character. He held numerous offices of trust and responsibility in the borough, and always

discharged his official duties with strict fidelity to himself and the people. He served a number of years as a member of the borough school board—a thankless and unrequited position, though one of great responsibilities. He lived retired from active labor during the last fifteen years of his life. W. Thomas Lee was married on Jan. 15, 1889, to Miss Mary Preston, a daughter of James and Sarah Preston, natives of Ireland, but for many years residents of Shenandoah, where the father died, after which the mother removed to the west, where she died. Mr. and Mrs. Lee have had three children born to them, the eldest of whom, John, died at the age of nine years from the effects of a fall. Miss Mabel, just budding into womanhood, is a student in the high school, and Harry is busy with his studies in a lower department. It is a source of great satisfaction to the indulgent father to know that his children are enjoying privileges which he longed for during all his early life, yet was never able to attain. The trials of his youthful years will never be known to his children, except as a vague idea is transmitted to them through tradition, or the pages of history. Mr. Lee regards it as a sacred duty to posterity to properly educate and train the rising generations with a view to future usefulness in the world, and deplores the apparent tendency in the opposite direction, as often witnessed on the streets of Shenandoah. Mr. Lee is a member of the Primitive Methodist church and his wife is a communicant in the Methodist Episcopal organization. Of the fraternal associations, Mr. Lee sustains membership in Ashland Lodge, No. 384, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Aerie No. 103, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and Camp No. 112, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America. He is a genial and companionable gentleman—an ideal “landlord,” as well as a warm-hearted, generous friend. He is highly esteemed in the community as a useful, public-spirited citizen, and his acquaintance with leading people of Pennsylvania extends far beyond the boundaries of Schuylkill county.

**Leibig, Charles P.**, a contractor in all kinds of plaster, cement and brick work, and a manufacturer of concrete blocks for building purposes at Locustdale, was born at Reading, Pa., Jan. 22, 1863, is a son of Samuel and Magdalena (Spangler) Leibig, the former a native of Lehigh and the latter of Berks county. In the spring of 1863 the family removed to Ashland where the father was engaged as a plastering contractor until 1885. In that year he retired and he died ten years later at the age of seventy-three, leaving a family of seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the fifth in order of birth. The others are Caroline, now Mrs. John Coyle; George; Mary, wife of John Meudler; Harrison; James A. and John B. Charles P. Leibig was reared in Ashland and his educational opportunities were such as the public schools of that borough afforded. While still a youth he learned the plasterers’ trade under his father’s instruction and for five years was employed as a journeyman. Then in 1890 he embarked in the business as a contractor and has been most successful in the conduct

of it since that time. The manufacture of cement building blocks was begun in 1905 and has proved to be one of the best paying features of the business. There are plenty of evidences of Mr. Leibig's ability in the county, among them the smoke stack at Engel & Schindl's brewery at Fountain Springs and the cold storage building at the State hospital for injured persons. On Aug. 25, 1895, Mr. Leibig was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Gearhard, a daughter of Frederick and Sophie Gearhard of Ashland. The union has been blessed with four children—Helen, Samuel, Frank and Marie. In his political beliefs Mr. Leibig is a Republican but has never aspired to offices of public trust. Fraternally he is a member of the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America.

**Lessig, J. Alfred, M. D.**, a prominent young physician of Schuylkill Haven, was born in that borough on Dec. 31, 1872, a son of Benjamin F. Lessig. His paternal grandparents were James and Susanna (Boehm) Lessig, the former of whom was born in Montgomery county, near Valley Forge, and the latter near Rockland, Berks county. James Lessig was killed by an excavation near Valley Forge. Benjamin F. Lessig, now retired, was for many years a cattle drover. The subject of this sketch, after a due preliminary discipline in the common schools, entered and graduated at the high school of Schuylkill Haven. He then completed a two years' course at the Keystone state normal school of Kutztown and after a few years entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, where he completed a four years' course in 1899 and was granted the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He immediately started his professional practice in Schuylkill Haven and has been successfully and continuously engaged in it since that time. In September, 1904, Dr. Lessig was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Blee, daughter of Francis H. and Anna (Boone) Blee, and to this union has been born a son, James. The doctor and his wife attend the Reformed church of Schuylkill Haven. Professionally Dr. Lessig is associated with the county, state and American medical associations and fraternally with the order of Masons and the Royal Arcanum. Of the doctor's immediate family of ten children five beside himself are living. They are his brothers Norman, Frank and John, and two sisters, Mrs. A. H. Kline and Mrs. G. W. Werner. Dr. Lessig ranks high in his profession in the county and is one of the most esteemed citizens of the community.

**Le Van, Capt. James H.**, retired, was born in Minersville, Pa., Feb. 1, 1841. He is a son of Joseph and Martha (Russell) Le Van, the former born in Berks county, Pa., and the latter in England. The father was a tanner by trade, and followed that occupation in earlier life, but in later years was employed in a foundry located on the spot where Captain Le Van's house now stands. His death occurred in his ninety-third year and his wife died two years later at the age of eighty-four years. Of the seven children born to them four survive. Captain Le Van

acquired some educational training in the public schools of his native town, and at the age of thirteen years went to work in the De Haven foundry of Minersville. Later he served an apprenticeship to a carpenter. In 1861, in response to President Lincoln's call for 75,000 volunteers, he enlisted as a drummer in Company I, 5th Pennsylvania volunteer infantry in the three months' service and upon the expiration of that enlistment, in the fall of the same year, he became a private in Company C of the 50th Pennsylvania infantry. The regiment was first sent to Hilton Head, S. C., under Gen. W. T. Sherman and after participating in the siege of Hilton Head and battles of Beaufort, Pocotaligo and the Coosaw it was assigned to the Army of the Potomac and joined it at Newport News, Va., where it became a part of the Second brigade, First division, Ninth army corps. As a part of this command it took part in the battles of White Sulphur Springs, Second Bull Run, Centerville and Chantilly, Va., South Mountain and Antietam, Md. It was then transferred to the Army of the Tennessee and took part in the siege of Vicksburg and capture of Jackson, Miss., under General Grant. After the fall of Vicksburg and Jackson, the regiment joined the Army of the Ohio under General Burnside and took part in the battles of Blue Springs, Lenoir Station, Huff's Ferry, Campbell's Station, and was besieged at Knoxville, Tenn. After the siege was raised, Captain Le Van received an honorable discharge at Blaine's cross roads, Tenn., Dec. 31, 1864, on account of reënlistment in the same company and regiment, as a veteran, to serve three years, or during the war. But after a thirty days' furlough he rejoined his regiment at Camp Curtin, Pa., and with his command was assigned to the Second brigade, First division, Ninth army corps, at Annapolis, Md. Shortly afterward it started with Grant on the Wilderness campaign and saw service in the battles of the Wilderness, Ny River, Spottsylvania, North Anna, Bethesda Church, Cold Harbor, Siege of Petersburg, the Mine Explosion, Weldon railroad, Ream's station, Pegram farm, Poplar Grove Church, Hatcher's run, Fort Stedman and fall of Petersburg. He was wounded before Petersburg, June 22, 1864, by a gunshot in the right shoulder, confined to the hospital at Mt. Pleasant, Washington, D. C., for sixty days and rejoined his regiment at Yellow Tavern, Va. On Oct. 1, 1864, he was made captain of Company I of the same regiment, and served in that capacity until the end of the war. He was constantly with his respective commands, took part in all of their movements and engagements, except while confined in the hospital on account of his wound, and performed arduous and gallant service at all times, meriting the high commendation of his superior officers. Although not participating in the battle of Gettysburg, as a mark of honor the regiment was selected to represent the national government at the dedication of the Gettysburg Monument, on the battlefield, July 4, 1865, by order of the war department, Captain Le Van being provost marshal of the town during the dedication ceremonies. During the



whole of his army career he was made prisoner but once, and that was at Spottsylvania, but with several of his comrades he managed to make his escape and rejoined the remnant of his regiment. After marching in the grand review at Washington, the regiment was mustered out at Fort Gaines, July 30, 1865, and Captain Le Van returned to Minersville. For the first two years after his return he was engaged in the butcher business but left it to join the first coal and iron police force where he rendered distinguished service, during the Mollie Maguire troubles, for a number of years. He then went to work for Gartley & Fox in the machine shop of his native town, leaving them to become assistant boiler inspector of the Schuylkill district, and after serving eight years as such, again joined the coal and iron police force. While serving on the police force he was elected recorder of deeds of Schuylkill county, and served a full term of three years. Subsequently he was for two years the warden of the county prison. In 1876 Captain Le Van married Miss Matilda Wythe, who was born in Minersville, a daughter of Simeon and Agnes Wythe. Four children have blessed their union. Orlando B. is married and resides in Newark, N. J., though he is employed in New York as a ticket seller by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for the Pullman Car Company. Joseph H. is a bookkeeper in the Lytle store in Minersville. He married Miss Elizabeth A. Snyder, by whom he has one child, James H.; Benjamin F., unmarried, is a blacksmith and lives with his oldest brother in Newark, N. J. The youngest son, James Garfield, died at the age of three years. Mrs. Le Van died in August, 1896. She was a fine Christian character, and a woman whose every effort was directed towards the happiness and comfort of others. Nowhere is she more missed than in her own home. Captain Le Van is a member of Lawrence Post, No. 17, Grand Army of the Republic, and after having served eleven years as commander of the same he was recently re-elected to that office.

**Lewis, Moses H., D. O.**, an eyesight specialist of excellent ability, located in Ashland, was born in Pottsville on Nov. 2, 1874, and is a son of Abraham and Pauline (Levy) Lewis, both of whom are natives of Schuylkill county. The paternal grandfather, Leon Lewis, was born in Germany and was the founder of the family in America, having settled in Pottsville as early as 1805. He was a tailor by vocation, and followed that occupation in Pottsville until his death. He left four children—Nathan, Herman, Abraham and Leah—and two of the sons served in the Union army during the Civil war. Abraham Lewis was reared in Pottsville, but in early manhood removed to New York city, where he is now engaged as a wholesale manufacturer of clothing. His family consists of seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the eldest. The others are Celia, wife of Daniel Gorfinkle; Jeannette, wife of Fred Langfelder; Leo, Martha, Hannah and Victoria. Dr. Lewis was reared in New York and received his preliminary educational training in the schools of that city. On

June 8, 1904, he was graduated at the Chicago eye, ear, nose and throat college and subsequently took a graduate course in ophthalmology and therapeutics. In the spring of 1905 he opened an office in Ashland for the practice of his profession, and has met with success far beyond his most sanguine expectations. On March 9, 1895, was solemnized Dr. Lewis' marriage to Miss Bertha Sherwin, a daughter of Isadore and Esther (Levine) Sherwin. Both of Mrs. Lewis' parents are natives of Frankfort-on-Main, Germany. To Dr. and Mrs. Lewis have been born two children—Bella Ray and Celia. Both the doctor and his wife are members of the Daughters of Rebekah; the doctor is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the encampment of the same, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Although he has been a resident of Ashland but a short time, Dr. Lewis has won for himself an enviable place in the life of the community.

**Lewis, William H.**, a well known and highly esteemed citizen of Pottsville, was born at Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, Sept. 6, 1840, and is the youngest in a family of five children born to John C. and Hannah (Umstead) Lewis, early residents of Port Carbon. John C. Lewis was born in Bucks county, Pa., in the year 1800, but spent the greater part of his life as a resident of Schuylkill county, principally at Port Carbon. He was a teacher for some years during his early life, and later took up the business of boat building, in which he was very successful until the encroachments of railroads rendered canal-boating unprofitable. He then sold out his yard and engaged in the mercantile business at Port Carbon, in which he continued until his death, in 1873. In political affiliations he was a Whig, and upon the organization of the Republican party, became an adherent to the doctrines of Republicanism. He was a zealous worker in the church, a public-spirited, progressive citizen whose life was replete with good deeds and was a man who possessed the confidence and high regard of a large circle of acquaintances, formed during a business and social career covering a period of forty years in Port Carbon. His wife was the counterpart of her husband in all that was good and pure in life, a devoted wife and mother, a devout Christian, a generous, kind-hearted friend and neighbor. William H. Lewis has had a wide and varied business career. He was educated in the schools of his native borough, with the supplementary education acquired during a lifetime spent in careful study and investigation. He began his active life-work at the age of seventeen, when he was employed as bookkeeper and manager in a mercantile and coal business in Tremont, a prosperous borough in this county. He continued there from 1857 until 1862, when he resigned his position to accept a similar one in the employ of Miller, Maize & Co. Seven years were devoted to this work as bookkeeper and manager in the extensive mercantile and mining establishments operated by his employers. In 1869, Mr. Lewis became the general manager for the firm of Packer, Rathburn & Co., of Pottsville, who were extensive coal operators in the Ma-

hanoy and Schuylkill valleys. Soon afterward he formed a partnership with M. F. Maize, the firm title being Maize & Lewis, and operated the West Shenandoah colliery until 1873, when they sold the property. The position of general manager of the William Penn colliery was then tendered to Mr. Lewis and he accepted the charge of this, one of the largest and most profitable collieries in the region. After working this colliery for several years it was transferred to New York parties who were connected with the Pennsylvania railroad, and Mr. Lewis remained for some time in their employ. He was also identified with the purchase of the land and the opening up of the Lytle collieries near Minersville, and represented the interests of his employers in the Shamokin region. For a number of years he continued as manager of these interests, as well as of the William Penn colliery. He is extensively interested in private business affairs, being a director in several banking institutions in the county, and is vice-president of the First National bank of Shenandoah at the present time. In addition to the large banking interests mentioned, Mr. Lewis is president of and stockholder in the Fall Bottom Coal and Coke Company of West Virginia, and was formerly a member of the board of trustees of the State hospital for injured persons, at Fountain Springs, in this county. He is a man deservedly popular, not only as an employer of labor, but also in a social sense. He is a Mason of exalted standing, having attained to the thirty-second degree. Mr. Lewis was married on Sept. 13, 1865, to Miss Sarah E., daughter of M. F. and Catherine Maize, then residents of Pottsville, and ten children were born to this union, five of whom are living. Mrs. Lewis was an exemplary wife and mother, whose many graces endeared her to all who knew her. She died in 1890, and her death was sincerely mourned by a very large circle of acquaintances who knew her fine social qualities and lovely womanhood.

**Lewis, William J.**, a well known resident and member of the school board of Shenandoah, was born in that city Oct. 31, 1867. His parents, John A. and Sarah J. (McCord) Lewis, were both born in Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, the former on March 20, 1831, and the latter on May 22, 1846. John A. Lewis was one of the pioneer settlers of Shenandoah, coming to the town in February, 1862, when it contained but two houses, and the first colliery was opened shortly after his arrival. He spent the active years of his life as a carpenter and contractor, many of the buildings in Shenandoah having been erected under his supervision. In this line of activity he frequently employed as many as 24 skilled workmen. He is still living and is hale and hearty for one of his years. His wife died on July 19, 1906. Of their children Lorena is now the wife of Dr. S. M. Fetzner of Shenandoah; William J. is the subject of this sketch; Ida C. is the wife of John M. Graig, a real estate man of Good Springs, Nev.; Olive U. is Mrs. Harry J. Huntzinger of Uniontown, Pa.; and Alfred B. is a civil and mining engineer, now holding the position of

borough engineer of Shenandoah. William J. Lewis received his elementary education in the schools of his native city. After completing the course in the high school he attended business college and then spent over two years as a student in the law department of the University of Pennsylvania. On account of failing health, due to sedentary work, he gave up the law and was for sometime associated with his father in the building business. He is now serving his second term of three years as a member of the school board, and in the years 1905-6 was secretary of the board. In political matters he is a consistent Republican and in church affiliations was formerly a Presbyterian, but now belongs to the Congregational church, in which he is a deacon and was for four years superintendent of the Sunday school. Mr. Lewis is a bachelor. (See sketch of William H. Lewis of Pottsville, a brother of John A. Lewis, for a more complete account of the family history.)

**Lindemuth, William H.**, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Pottsville, a pulpit orator of exceptional force and ability, and withal a man of unexcelled capacity as an executive, was born in Reading, Pa., Aug. 2. 1864. His father, Rev. Jerome Lindemuth, was for more than forty years a member of the Philadelphia conference of the Methodist church, and the Lindemuth family has been well known in Schuylkill county for years, an uncle, William J., having been a lifelong resident of Minersville. The subject of this sketch attended the public schools of his native state and in 1881 received a certificate of graduation at the Lancaster high school. A year later he received a like certificate from the Rugby academy of Philadelphia, and in the fall matriculated at the Wesleyan university at Middletown, Conn. When he had completed the full four years' course he received his master's degree, and in the same year (1886) started his theological training at the Drew theological seminary at Madison, N. J. The year that he graduated at that institution he received his ordination as a minister of the gospel of the Methodist Episcopal church. His first charge was the St. Luke's congregation of Philadelphia, whence he went to the Oak Lane church of the same city and then to the Asbury church of West Philadelphia. In the last named charge he remained six years, the longest pastorate in the history of the church. His other pastorates include the churches at Pottstown, Wissahickon, Philadelphia, and Lansdowne, the latter a suburb of Philadelphia, whence he came by appointment of Bishop Henry W. Warren to the First church of Pottsville. Rev. Mr. Lindemuth's churches have all been in the Philadelphia conference, of which he has become one of the leading and most influential members. He is a contributor to various theological and religious periodicals and has won renown as an orator of no mean ability. Mrs. Lindemuth, formerly Miss Emma T. Kaercher, is a cousin of Samuel, Daniel and Edward



Kaercher, well known and prominent business men of Pottsville, their fathers, Daniel and Frank Kaercher, having been brothers.

**Llewellyn, George T.**, the subject of this biographical review, was born at Summit Hill, Carbon county, Pa., July 14, 1857. His parents, George and Mary (Jones) Llewellyn, were natives of Wales. The mother was a daughter of Thomas W. Jones, who died at Ashland, Pa., Jan. 11, 1875. George Llewellyn, father of the subject of this article, died in June, 1857, as the result of an accident in the mines. His widow accompanied her parents to Pottsville, and in 1863 returned to Carbon county, where she died in August of that year. George T. was taken in charge by his maternal grandparents, and made his home with them during his childhood years. His opportunities for education were not the best, comprising only irregular attendance at the Ashland public schools for three or four years. He was a door-tender in the mines at the age of eleven, and passed through all grades at the mines, from slate-picker to starter. Whatever of success he has achieved in life is directly attributable to his own unaided efforts. By private study and observation, he has acquired a good business education, and has been recognized for many years as a thoroughly competent and successful business man. In his boyhood days he carried papers, served as a messenger boy about the mines or elsewhere delivering messages, etc., and served for a time as colliery clerk. Finally he accepted a book agency, and sold books, and from this he drifted into the insurance business, which has been, practically, his life work. In this line he has established a large and lucrative business, and has been superintendent of agencies for the last twelve years. Mr. Llewellyn has been twice married, first, in 1879, to Miss Clara, daughter of James W. and Esther Thompson, of Ashland. She died on Aug. 21, 1892, leaving three daughters: Emily M., Mary Harris, and Elizabeth T. On April 4, 1894, Mr. Llewellyn was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Holland, daughter of John and Jane Holland, of Mahanoy City, and two sons and a daughter have been born to this union, George H., Jane A. and John H. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Llewellyn is a Republican in his political affiliations, and takes an active interest in political affairs, but has neither sought nor held public office, except three years in the borough council, having been president of that body in 1905. He is a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America; Mahanoy City Lodge, No. 695, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Republican club.

**Lobach, Rev. Albert**, pastor of St. John's Reformed church at Tamaqua, was born at Ironton, Lehigh county, March 12, 1861, a son of Samuel and Elnora (Schadt) Lobach. The father died at the age of forty-eight, but his widow, who makes her home with her children, is still robust and hearty, although in her seventy-fourth year. The father was a blacksmith, which vocation he followed all his active life. He was a master workman and an exemplary Christian gentleman. He was the father of six sons and two daughters.

of whom three sons and a daughter are living. After a due preliminary training in the public schools of Lehigh county the subject of this sketch learned the blacksmith trade under his father. He became a good workman, but his aspirations were along a different line and he matriculated at the Kutztown normal school. He was graduated with the class of 1883, and the following year took post graduate work at the school and then for a number of years was a teacher in the public schools. After another year in the normal school he was graduated, in 1887, from the scientific department. His theological training was acquired immediately after in three years of work at the Franklin and Marshall college of Lancaster, Pa., where he was graduated in 1890. He was then ordained as a minister of the Reformed church, and accepted a call to become the pastor of the St. Paul's congregation of Bethlehem. After nine years of faithful, zealous service, in which he was the chief influence in the erection of a new church, he assumed charge of the five churches and congregations at Cunningham. There he remained but a year and a half, however, resigning to become pastor of St. John's Reformed church at Tamaqua. This charge he has held ever since, to the satisfaction of the entire congregation. He is deeply interested in the welfare of the city and county, and in the fall of 1906 was a candidate for the nomination to the state legislature on the Democratic ticket. In 1891 Mr. Lobach was united in marriage to Miss Ada M. Breinig, a native of Lehigh county, and a daughter of Edwin and Catherine (Swartz) Breinig. Her mother is a sister of the late Judge Swartz of Berks county. To Mr. and Mrs. Lobach have been born eight children—Samuel E., Paul A., Titus B., Catherine E., Margaret L., Pearl H., Ada L. and Esther Marion.

**Long, Jacob L.**, a hardware merchant, a plumber and tinsmith by vocation, and superintendent of the water works of Pine Grove, was born in Lebanon county, Pa., Dec. 22, 1870. He is a son of John Henry and Louisa J. (Dixon) Long. The father was a jeweler and a skilled workman in his line, doing work for the people of several places. His death occurred in 1876, at the age of thirty-three years, and his widow, now over sixty years of age, is a resident of Tremont. Of the six children in the family three are living. Clinton A., Charles A., and Emma E. died at the ages of thirteen, twenty-four and twelve years, respectively. James H. is in the hardware business at Orwigsburg, and Amos E. is foreman of the tinshop in the bolt works. The subject of this sketch attended the public schools of Tremont and Pine Grove, and while he was yet a student he began his apprenticeship in the tinsmith's trade. He worked as a journeyman at Pine Grove, Philadelphia, Brazil, Ind., and Mount Carmel, Pa., and in 1898 returned to Pine Grove and established himself in business. His ability, his skill as a workman and his absolute honesty have won for him the respect of the community and his industry has prospered even better than he had dreamed. He does all kinds of tin work, steam heating and plumbing and has fitted most of the recently erected dwellings of Pine Grove. In September, 1890, Mr. Long married Miss Sallie C. Haas, a native of

Pine Grove and a daughter of Jacob and Sarah Haas. Mrs. Haas died in 1903 at the age of seventy-six, but the father is still living, making his home with this daughter. To Mr. and Mrs. Long have been born four children—Catherine E., Robert H., John H. and George F. The family are all members of St. John's Lutheran church.

Luther, Roland C., deceased, late superintendent of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company, was born at Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, Jan. 20, 1846, a son of Peter D. and Elizabeth (Mills) Luther, natives of Lancaster county, Pa., where the ancestors settled in early pioneer days. The American branch of this family are direct descendants of the great reformer, Martin Luther. The father of Roland C. Luther came to Schuylkill county in 1832, and located at Port Carbon, but later removed to Ashland, where he died in 1881. His business was that of a coal operator, in which he was a pioneer in the anthracite field and acquired a comfortable fortune. There were four children born to Peter D. and Elizabeth Luther and all are now deceased. The subject of this article was educated in the public schools and the Polytechnical college in Philadelphia, and began his business career as a mine operator, in connection with his father. As a youth he served in various capacities; was employed for awhile as a railroad conductor, was then interested in railroad construction and was later associated with Mr. Harris as a mining engineer. At one time he was superintendent of Kaska-William colliery, and in 1870 he held a position as mining engineer with the Philadelphia & Mahanoy Coal Company. This property was absorbed by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company, and Mr. Luther continued in the employ of the new proprietors as mining engineer. In June, 1874, Mr. Luther was sent to the company's property on the Hudson, near West Point, where he had charge of the corporation's business until he resigned in 1875 to take up other interests, on the Pacific coast. He had charge of mining developments in southeastern Nevada, and subsequently became chief engineer of construction for the Eureka & Colorado River Railroad Company. Returning to Pottsville in 1882, with a large and varied experience in civil and mining engineering, his services were sought by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company, and he accepted the position of mining engineer, continuing in that capacity until 1888, when he became the general superintendent. He brought to this arduous duty a rare knowledge of both theoretical and practical engineering, together with unquestioned executive ability. Mr. Luther realized the responsibilities of his position, and devoted himself to the interests of his employers, even to the detriment of his own health, remaining at his post until relieved by the hand of death, on March 6, 1905. He married Miss Theresa Yuengling, whose family sketch appears more fully on another page of this volume. The sons are Roland Y., who married Miss Grace Lewis and is attending to mining interests in West Virginia; Edwin C., a graduate of Princeton university and a mining



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engineer by profession, is at home. The family are Episcopalians in religious affiliations.

**Lutz, A. L.**, dealer in horses and mules and a contractor, was born in Lehigh county, Pa., Feb. 7, 1848, a son of David and Mollie (Le Van) Lutz. The father was born in Lehigh and the mother in Berks county. When the subject of this sketch was but three and a half years old his father died, leaving a widow and six children. He was a blacksmith, with a reputation as an expert in the making of ax blades and the tempering of steel for cutlery of all kinds. The mother lived until 1896, passing away at the age of seventy-eight years. Alfred, the eldest of the children, was a captain in the 1st Ohio cavalry in the War of the Rebellion. Emanuel is a coach maker at Wabash, Ind. James is a stationary engineer by trade, but is now engaged in the lumber business at Allentown, Pa. Sarah is the widow of Captain Harmony and is living at Allentown with her daughter, Mrs. Fethrolf. Mary J. is Mrs. Levi S. Sittler and resides in this county. A. L. Lutz was the third in order of birth. He had but limited scholastic advantages in the Lehigh county schools, and when he had completed the training he served an apprenticeship to a harness-maker. When he had mastered the trade it furnished him a means of livelihood until he was thirty years of age, and he then embarked in the hotel business in Tamaqua, operating the Mansion House. Subsequently he turned over the management of the hostelry itself to a purchaser, but is still the proprietor of the stable in connection with the hotel. For some years now he has been purchasing horses and mules and selling them to the coal companies of the district. At the present time also he has some 65 men stripping and excavating preparatory to the opening of the mines. Mr. Lutz's residence in Schuylkill county really dates from 1864, when he first came here. Two years later he removed to Ohio and was there for a period, and in 1880-81 was in Atchison, Kan., in the harness business. On Jan. 16, 1880, he was united in marriage to Miss Irene Shantz, a native of Allentown, and a daughter of Walter T. and Emma (Fusselman) Shantz. Mrs. Shantz died in 1895 at the age of fifty-eight years, but the widowed husband is still living, a resident of Atchison, Kan. To Mr. and Mrs. Lutz were born four sons. Alfred, a jeweler by trade, is at the present time assisting his father; Frank married Bessie Kleckner and is associated with his father in business; Edward is a student at Myerstown, and James Alfred is at home. The parents are both members of the Reformed church. Mr. Lutz is highly thought of in the business circles of the city and county, and his family are valued members of the social life of the community.

**Lutz, Joseph M.**, is a prosperous farmer of Wayne township. His paternal grandparents, who occupied the farm on which the subject of this sketch now lives, were John and Susannah (Schrope) Lutz, and his maternal grandparents were Amos and Anna (Crause) Frederici, of Lehigh county. His father's name was also Joseph and his mother's, before her marriage, was Angeline Frederici. Joseph M. Lutz was born on the family homestead on Oct. 13, 1869, and his



father was born there also in 1824. Three of the family are still living, Joseph M., Charles R., present assessor of the township, and Lydia, the wife of James Fisher, of Schuylkill Haven. Mr. Lutz obtained his education in the public schools, attending them until he reached the age of eighteen years. He then employed himself on his father's farm until the death of the father in 1889, when his brother Charles and himself took possession of the property and have conducted it as a general farm and market garden since that time. The farm consists of 128 acres and the firm name is Charles R. Lutz & Bro. The farm is a very fertile one, and it is kept in condition by keeping upon it from sixteen to twenty head of cattle and horses. On March 8, 1890, Mr. Lutz married Miss Ida J. Reber, daughter of Joel J. Reber, of Friedensburg, and eight children have been born to the union, six of whom—five girls and one boy—are living, viz.: Mary A., Cora M., Amy M., Eva L., Henry E. and Vera V. Mr. Lutz is a member of Cressona Lodge, No. 426, Free and Accepted Masons; Farmers' Lodge, No. 649, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Summit Station, and Camp No. 507, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, also of Summit Station. He is also a member of the Royal Protective Association. In politics he is allied with the Democratic party; is a member of the school board of Wayne township, which office he has held for seven years, and has also at various times acted as judge and inspector of elections. The family are of the Lutheran faith and attend the Summit Hill church.

**Lyon, Hon. Thomas H. B.**—The subject of this article is one of the well-known and successful lawyers at the Schuylkill county bar, and has been in the active practice of his profession at Mahanoy City since 1874, in which year he was admitted to the bar of the county and state courts. He served one term as president judge of the orphans' court of Schuylkill county, and has since given his attention to his large private practice. Judge Lyon was born at Herrick, Susquehanna county, Pa., Apr. 26, 1846, and was educated principally in the institutions of his native county. The ancestral history of this family is thoroughly interwoven with the colonial and revolutionary period of our national existence. On the maternal side, both great-grandfathers fought in the Revolutionary struggle, their names, though forgotten by posterity, being engraved on the nation's "Roll of Honor." The mother's family name was Mahala Sampson, her father being of the Sampson family of New England. Her mother's brothers, David and Daniel Heacock, of New England, were soldiers in the Revolution, and also fought in the war of 1812. The grandfather Sampson was also a soldier in the first struggle against Great Britain, and his uncle bore arms in the same meritorious cause. The great-grandfather Lyon was also enlisted in the cause of American independence, and lost his life in the battle of Trenton. Judge Lyon is a son of Jacob and Mahala (Sampson) Lyon, the former born at Herrick, Susquehanna county, Pa., July 20, 1790, and spent his life in the vicinity of his birthplace. The mother was born in New York, Nov. 14, 1797. The subject of this sketch has been a life-long Republican in his political affilia-

tions, and has always maintained a prominent position in the councils of his party. He takes an active interest in the supremacy of Republican doctrines, and is an able campaign orator. Mr. Lyon was married on May 23, 1869, to Miss Jane Meyers, whose great-grandfather, Phillip Scheaffer, fought under Washington in the battle of Trenton and wintered at Valley Forge. She is a daughter of John M. and Mary Meyers, of Herrick, Pa. Two daughters have been born to this union, Una Hawthorne and Asia Mural. The family are members of the Protestant Episcopal church. Judge Lyon is prominently affiliated with the leading social fraternities, being a member of the Masonic bodies, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, Knights of the Golden Eagle, and Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

**Lyons, Joseph T.**, was born in Ashland, Pa., Sept. 14, 1877. After graduating from the high school of that place he attended West Chester state normal school, where he graduated in the class of 1898. He taught three terms in the public schools before being admitted to practice law. He commenced the study of law in his brother's office at Shenandoah, Pa., in January, 1902, and was admitted to practice in 1905. He is now associated with his brother, W. F. Lyons, with offices at Shenandoah, Pa. He is a Republican in his political views and is a member of the Masonic fraternity and Ashland Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

**Lyons, William F.**, whose home is in Shenandoah, was born in Ashland, July 11, 1874. He attended the public schools of his native borough and graduated from the high school, after which he attended Millersville state normal school. His education was rounded out by a course in the Susquehanna university, from which he received a degree. In January, 1897, he became a student of law in the offices of the late J. Harry James, and in 1900 was admitted to the practice of his profession at the bar of Schuylkill county. He was successfully engaged in his vocation in this county for about a year and then removed to the west to take up the same work in the courts of Oklahoma. He had laid the foundation of a fine practice in his new field when the serious illness of his mother compelled his return to his native county, and as her ill health continued he determined to remain and work out his destiny in this county. His ability gave him eminence from the start and inside of six months' time his office was a busy one. Upon the election of C. E. Berger to the office of district attorney, Mr. Lyons was made his deputy and served as such during the full term of three years. He is a Republican in his political beliefs and is a recognized power in the councils of his party. His friends, and they are legion, predict for him a brilliant and successful future, both in law and politics. His offices are located at 210 North Main street, where he has one of the best appointed libraries in the county.

**Maher, Patrick J.**, a well known business man and borough auditor of Shenandoah, is a native of that city, having been born on South Main street, Dec. 4, 1877. His father, John P. Maher, is a native of Ireland, where he was born in 1847. At the age of sixteen

years the father came to America, locating in Schuylkill county, and in 1872 he married Miss Mary A. Delaney, who was born at Valley Furnace, in 1850. They had a family of eight children, of whom three sons and three daughters are now living. Philip, the eldest, is a printer on the Shenandoah Evening Herald, is married and has five children; Martin P., who is employed in the Cunningham piano factory at Philadelphia, is also married and has one child; Bridget E. is the wife of A. J. Flynn, superintendent of the Manhattan elevated railway in New York, and they have four children; Patrick J. is the subject of this sketch; Alice is the wife of E. J. Tobin, of New York city; Mary is a student in Shenandoah, and John and Malachi died in infancy. For many years John P. Maher was identified with the mining interests of Schuylkill county, mostly as a contracting miner. He then conducted the National hotel in Shenandoah for awhile. He still owns the hotel building, but is practically retired from active business. He and his wife still live at the old home on South Main street. Patrick J. Maher was educated in the public schools of Shenandoah and in a business college at Mahanoy City. During his school days he was employed on off days and in vacation time about the mines, first as slate-picker, then as door-tender and later as a mule driver. After completing a course in stenography and typewriting he accepted a position with the Adams Express Company in Philadelphia, where he remained about a year, when he entered the employ of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railway Company in their offices in New York. He continued in that city for about a year and then returned to Shenandoah. In 1906 he opened a saloon at his present place of business, his license being issued in February of that year. His place is recognized as one of the most orderly in the county, as he caters to the first-class trade only and numbers among his patrons some of the best and most representative men of the city. Politically Mr. Maher is a Democrat, and he is one of the leaders of that party in the city of Shenandoah, especially among the younger members of the organization. In 1906 he was elected one of the board of auditors for the borough and is now serving the first year of his three years' term. He is unmarried and makes his home with his parents. The family are all members of the Annunciation Roman Catholic church. Mr. Maher is one of the active members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and is now the financial secretary of Division No. 2, in which capacity he is serving his second term. He is also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Phoenix Fire Company and the Emmett League. In all these societies he is deservedly popular because of his many sterling qualities and his general good fellowship.

**Malarkey, Frank**, of the borough of Coaldale, is one of the alert and prominent business men of his native county, where he conducts a large and successful enterprise as a wholesale dealer in wines and liquors. His standing in the community is indicated by the fact that he was chosen the first president of the council of the borough of Coaldale upon its incorporation, in 1906. He was born in

what is now the borough of Coaldale, June 16, 1863, and is a son of Daniel and Kate (Melley) Malarkey, both of whom were born in picturesque County Donegal, in Ulster, Ireland. The father was reared and educated in his native land, whence he immigrated to America in the early '50s. He took up his residence in what is now the borough of Coaldale and in this county he continued to follow the vocation of mining until the time of his death, in 1891, at the age of fifty-seven years. His wife likewise is deceased, both having been communicants of the Catholic church. They became the parents of eight children, of whom the eldest, Daniel, is deceased; Frank, the subject of this sketch, was the next in order of birth; Sarah is the wife of F. Condy Maloy; Cassie is the wife of Manus Breslin; John and Thomas are still residents of Schuylkill county, as are also the younger daughters—Lizzie and Ella. Frank Malarkey has maintained his home in Schuylkill county from the time of his birth to the present, and is indebted to the public schools of Coaldale for his early educational discipline. At the age of fourteen years he found employment as a mule driver in the mines and he eventually advanced to the position of full working miner, continuing to be thus actively identified with the coal-mining industry of his native county for a period of twenty years. In March, 1896, he engaged in the wholesale liquor trade in Coaldale and in this line of enterprise he has since continued, having built up a large and prosperous business. He was one of the organizers of the Citizens' National bank of Lansford, Carbon county, and is still a member of its directorate. He is essentially public-spirited in his attitude and is a stalwart in the local camp of the Democratic party. He has served as president and as secretary of the board of education of Rahn township and upon the incorporation of the borough of Coaldale, in 1906, he was elected first president of its council, an office of which he remained incumbent until 1907. Both he and his wife are communicants of the Catholic church and are actively identified with St. Mary's parish. Jan. 9, 1890, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Malarkey to Miss Mary Rodgers, daughter of Patrick and Madge (Boyle) Rodgers, early settlers of Coaldale, and the two children of this union are John and Mary.

**Marchetti, John**, proprietor of a modern, well stocked general store in Nuremberg, was born in Austria, Sept. 27, 1849, a son of Laurence and Rosalia (Sodra) Marchetti. He acquired his education in the government schools in his native country and in 1873 came to the United States, locating in Larimer, Pa. There he obtained employment in the mines, and for seven and a half years he was engaged in no other labor. In 1880 he removed to Nuremberg, and for a period of two years after arriving in that borough he worked as a tinsmith. When he left that vocation he opened the general store which he is to-day so successfully operating. May 10, 1874, Mr. Marchetti married Miss Catherine Felina. Thirteen children have blessed this union, of whom nine survive. They are by name, Anna, Laurence, Mary, Olivia, Andrew, Joseph, Rosie, Angeline and Catherine. The family are all communicants of the Ro-



man Catholic church of Nuremberg. Mr. Marchetti is a member of several Slavish societies and in politics generally votes the Republican ticket, although he allows no political allegiance to blind him to the relative merits of the candidates for office. He is an exemplary citizen in every particular and a fine example of what industry and perseverance will do for one.

**Marquardt, William Louis**, a prominent citizen and business man of Pottsville, Pa., was born at Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, this state, Nov. 27, 1852, a son of John Blasious and Mary Agnes (Muench) Marquardt, both of whom were natives of Wurtemberg, Germany, the former having been born in 1820 and the latter in 1825. John Blasious Marquardt immigrated to America in 1847, but after a few months returned to his native land, where he remained but a short time, and then came again to America, accompanied by his mother, two sisters, and Mary Agnes Muench, who later, in 1849, became his wife. They sailed from Germany May 3, 1848, and arrived in New York July 3 of the same year. They located in Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, Pa., where John B. embarked in the wholesale feed, grain and fruit business. John B. and Mary Agnes Marquardt became the parents of twelve children, two of whom died at an early age, and the others, five boys and five girls, were reared to maturity. William Louis Marquardt, the immediate subject of this review, attended the public schools of the day during the winter months, and early began the battle of life, having gone to work in the mines at the age of nine, but he later entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad and for a period of nineteen years, until his resignation in 1887, acted in the capacity of conductor in the passenger service of that company. In the year last mentioned he embarked in the dry-goods business in Pottsville, and evidence that he has been eminently successful is that afforded by his mammoth emporium on Second and Market streets and by the busy throng of shoppers passing through its doors. In 1894 he established a shoe store in Pottstown, Pa., but he finally disposed of it as his growing business in Pottsville required all his time and attention. In 1896, in connection with his dry-goods business, he established a shoe store on North Center street in Pottsville. He has shown the same progressive business spirit in conducting the latter business that has made his dry-goods business such a wonderful success, with the result that the business paid from the start and is now second to none in the county. As a business man Mr. Marquardt enjoys the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens, and he is an earnest worker in all matters that touch the welfare of his city and county. In March, 1901, he was a member of the famous commission which held conference with J. Pierpont Morgan in an effort to avert the threatened coal strike in the anthracite region. This commission, of which the Rev. Father Phillips was the head, was composed of prominent business men of the anthracite region—loyal representatives of the citizens of that region. Mr. Marquardt is a charter member and an active worker in the Civic League, in which body he is chairman of the trade extension

committee. He was one of the organizers of the Merchants' association of Pottsville, and was for a time its president; at the present time he is vice-president of that organization. He is prominent in the Masonic fraternity, being a member of Pulaski Lodge, No. 216, Free and Accepted Masons, Williamsport Consistory, and Rajah Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is a Republican in politics and he and his family are members of the Episcopal church. Jan. 27, 1873, Mr. Marquardt was united in marriage to Miss Clara Gibson, a daughter of J. E. and Mary Ann (McCord) Gibson, of Port Carbon, Pa., and they became the parents of two children—Emily Amelia, the wife of Norman H. Rich, of Pottsville, Pa., and William Louis, Jr., who died at an early age.

**Marr, William A.**, a prominent citizen of Ashland and additional law judge of Schuylkill county, is a native of Lewisburg, Union county. He is a representative of a family prominent in the pioneer days of Pennsylvania, his grandfather, William Marr, having settled on a farm near Milton, Northumberland county, more than a hundred years ago. This place is still in the possession of the family, which is of good Scotch stock. A great-uncle represented the Northumberland district of Pennsylvania in the congress of the United States many years ago. Phineas B. Marr, father of the subject of this sketch, was an ordained minister of the Presbyterian church. His wife was of German-Irish ancestry. Judge Marr received his education in the public schools of Lewisburg and graduated at the institution which is now known as Bucknell university in 1860, in the same class with Hon. Simon B. Wolverton, a distinguished member of the bar of Pennsylvania. After completing his scholastic work he studied law in the offices of George F. Miller, of Lewisburg, and in 1864 he was admitted to practice in the Union county courts. For a time he taught school and continued to read law in Danville, Pa., and he then located in Ashland, where he continued in the general practice of his profession until his elevation to the bench. This latter event occurred Jan. 1, 1899, and his election, which was entirely unsolicited and won by a thousand majority, was for a term of ten years. While engaged in practice he became prominent as an attorney for various large coal corporations. In politics Judge Marr has always been a strong exponent of the principles of Jeffersonian Democracy and has often been a delegate to national and state conventions of his party. On three separate occasions he has been chairman of the Democratic county committee and each time succeeded in securing the election of the full ticket. Judge Marr is a devout attendant of the Presbyterian church and for upwards of thirty-five years has been the treasurer of the board of trustees. He is recognized throughout the county as a man of fine legal mind and broad culture and is, withal, a most able incumbent of the office which he now holds.

**Marshall, Arthur J.**, superintendent of the People's Light, Heat and Power Company of Schuylkill Haven, is a native of Shenandoah, this county, where he was born Oct. 6, 1878. He is the second in order of birth of the three children of Joel and Amanda (Show-

ers) Marshall, the others being Mabel and Margaret. Mabel is the wife of John L. Griffiths, a hardware merchant of Girardville, and is the mother of one child, Margaret, who became the wife of E. B. Landis, a train dispatcher of Harrisburg, died, leaving one child. The mother of Amanda (Showers) Marshall was a Grant, having been a cousin of the renowned general and president of that name. The paternal grandfather, Henry Marshall, was an early citizen of Shenandoah, and hunted over the land which is occupied by the borough. He was for many years the superintendent of the St. Clair shaft and was a man of wealth and influence. It was he who donated to the Trinity Reformed congregation the land upon which the church of that denomination now stands. His death occurred about 1880 and his widow passed away a few years later. Joel Marshall was born at St. Clair, in 1847, and his wife first saw the light of day at Reading in 1857. Their marriage occurred in Schuylkill county, where the father has spent the greater part of his active life in mining. For the past twenty years he has been engineer at the Keeley Run colliery. The subject of this sketch received his education in the Shenandoah schools and started earning his own living as a clerk in a grocery store. He was possessed of a determination, however, to see more of the world, and while still young went to New York city and secured a similar position there. Subsequently he became stockkeeper in a large mercantile house, where he remained about two years. On leaving New York, at the end of that time, he went to Harrisburg, Pa., and secured a position in the employ of a railroad company. His first work was as a brakeman, but after seven months he became a fireman. After he had been at the business about two years he was injured in a wreck and he decided to enter some other line of business. He returned to Shenandoah and made a systematic study of electrical engineering. When he had thoroughly mastered the trade he accepted a position with the Hamburg Electric Light Company. For a year and a half he remained in Hamburg and then returned to Shenandoah again to enter the employ of the People's Light, Heat and Power Company, at a big increase of salary. In March, 1905, he was promoted to the superintendency of the plant in Shenandoah and later was transferred to Schuylkill Haven, where he is acting in the same capacity for that company, filling the position with proficiency and skill. Dec. 2, 1899, Mr. Marshall married Miss Katie Smith, a native of Shenandoah, and a daughter of Peter and Catherine Smith. The father, now deceased, was a miner, but the mother is still living, a resident of Harrisburg. Mrs. Marshall is one of a family of ten children, of whom seven are living. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall have one child, Carrie. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall are communicants of the Trinity Reformed church, and Mr. Marshall is identified fraternally with the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

**Martin, Patrick J.**, a popular and prominent citizen of Pottsville, Pa., where he is justice of the peace in the Second ward, was born in Palo Alto, Schuylkill county, Pa., Apr. 11, 1864, and is a son of

Hubert and Mary A. (Walsh) Martin, the former of whom was a native of County Roscommon, Ireland, and the latter of Heckscherville, this county, where she was born, Dec. 24, 1843. The maternal grandparents were Michael and Julia (Moran) Walsh, natives of County Kilkenny, Ireland. They were pioneer residents of Heckscherville, this county, where they both died, the grandfather having been a miner by vocation. Julia Moran, with her mother and several of her brothers and sisters, emigrated from Ireland to Canada in the spring of 1842. Michael Walsh accompanied them and soon after their arrival in Canada the courtship which dated back to their earlier days in the Emerald Isle resulted in their marriage. In the fall of the following year, the Moran family, including Mr. and Mrs. Walsh, located in Heckscherville, where two of Mrs. Moran's sons, James and Michael, had located several years prior, and where they erected a comfortable home, one of the few which at that date dotted that beautiful valley. This valley is noted for its rich coal deposits, whose veins have up to this time proved valuable producers, and will thus continue, as mining experts agree, for many years to come. In those early days the nearest Catholic church to Heckscherville was St. Patrick's, at Pottsville, where the mother of the subject of this sketch was baptized. Later her father, with others, gratuitously gave their services in excavating for the foundations for St. Vincent de Paul's church at Minersville. Mrs. Martin's grandfathers both died in Ireland, and her grandmothers, Mary (McKinley) Walsh and Mary (Ryan) Moran, both died in Heckscherville, Pa. Her family tree is one of the most extensive in eastern Pennsylvania. Hubert Martin was a son of Patrick and Catherine (O'Brien) Martin, both of whom died in County Roscommon, Ireland, where they owned and tilled a farm. He came to America in 1851, locating at Palo Alto, where he followed railroading for many years, dying in that town Oct. 24, 1900. He and his wife, who survives him, were married at St. Stephen's church, Port Carbon, by Rev. Daniel Magorien, on Sept. 13, 1859, and to them there were born twelve children, four of whom were reared to maturity: Catherine, born June 28, 1860, was married to Charles P. Gillespie, at St. Stephen's church, Port Carbon, June 8, 1882, by Rev. John O'Rourke, and she died at Palo Alto, July 4, 1892, leaving to survive her three children, Mary, Catherine, and Marcella; Patrick J. is the subject of this review; Margaret B., residing at Palo Alto, was born Jan. 18, 1869, and was married to Harry O'Neil, at St. Patrick's church, Pottsville, by Rev. F. J. McGovern, on June 18, 1902; and Michael J. C. Martin, now of Pottsville, was born in Palo Alto Dec. 24, 1870. The last mentioned is the manager of the Pottsville store of the Cunningham Piano Company, of Philadelphia. He formerly taught in the public schools of West Penn township and in the borough of Palo Alto. He learned stenography in the meantime, and subsequently taught this branch in Wood's business colleges at Pottsville and Hazleton, Pa., and in Newark, N. J. Following is a brief record concerning the eight children who died in childhood: James, who was born April 29, 1862.



died Jan. 16, 1865; Julia, born Jan. 6, 1865, died Oct. 27, 1866; Mary Ann, born Sept. 15, 1867, died Sept. 12, 1868; infant boy, died May 9, 1872; John, born May 30, 1874, died Jan. 30, 1878; Hugh, born March 28, 1878, died Nov. 7, 1879; Elizabeth, or Bessie, born March 9, 1883, died Nov. 10, 1887; and Leo Francis, born May 16, 1886, died Dec. 23, 1891. Patrick J. Martin was reared in Palo Alto and was educated in the public schools of that borough. For a short time he also attended the parochial schools of St. John the Baptist church at Pottsville, where he took up the study of German. His first employment was in a cigar-box factory. He then became messenger in the office of the *Evening Chronicle*, in which office he learned the art of printing, which he followed for a short time. He was subsequently employed in the Philadelphia & Reading car shops at Palo Alto and at Atkins' rolling mills, Pottsville. In 1886 he and John J. O'Connor founded the *Saturday Night Review*, a weekly newspaper published in Pottsville. He disposed of his interest in that publication two years later and became identified with the *Evening Chronicle*. For eleven years he was the court reporter for that paper, resigning that position Dec. 8, 1906. Sept. 16, 1901, the family moved from Palo Alto to 330 South Center street, Pottsville, where Mr. Martin established a cigar, tobacco and confectionery store, which he still conducts. He is a member of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic church of Pottsville, Pa., and is a member of several fraternal organizations. He was a delegate to the grand court sessions of the Foresters of America, held at York, Pa., in May, 1907, representing Court Pottsville, No. 297, of Pottsville, and was one of the forty-eight delegates elected by the grand court to the sessions of the supreme court to be held in Chicago in August, 1907. Though not a candidate for the office, nor present at the convention, he was tendered the nomination for county auditor on the Democratic ticket in 1887, his enthusiastic friends winning the nomination for him over several other candidates. He was triumphantly elected, was chosen chairman of the board and filled the duties of the office in a manner most satisfactory to his constituents. In almost the same manner, on Feb. 19, 1907, he was elected to the office of justice of the peace in the Second ward of Pottsville. He declined to be a candidate for the office, but his friends were persistent and as his name was not printed on the ballots his friends wrote it on the space allotted for that purpose and elected him over two other candidates. His election coming in this way was considered by the subject as a mandate from the people to serve, and he accordingly opened modernly equipped offices at 105 East Norwegian street. He represented the Fourth legislative district at several state conventions of the Democratic party—two at Harrisburg and one each at Reading and Allentown. He was one of the delegates to the Democratic convention in Harrisburg in 1905, who nominated William H. Berry for state treasurer. Mr. Berry, as a reform candidate, was triumphantly elected by the people. While a resident of Palo Alto Mr. Martin filled several local offices with credit to himself and the approbation of the tax-payers, the offices he filled for

two terms or more having been those of town clerk, tax collector and borough treasurer. His father also filled several borough offices, including those of school director and tax-collector, and was secretary of the school board for a number of years.

**Masser, Samuel Richard**, the leading general merchant of Hegins, was born in Northumberland county, Pa., Jan. 7, 1869, a son of Jacob C. and Katherine (Wagner) Masser. He attended the public schools of Upper Mahanoy township until he reached the age of nineteen years, completing all the courses offered. For a year thereafter he taught school, but pedagogic work did not appeal to him and he left it to accept a position with the general merchandise firm of D. G. Siler & Co., of Shamokin. For nine years he continued his residence in Shamokin, being employed by different firms for different periods of time. In the spring of 1899 he removed to Hegins and engaged in the general merchandise business which since that time he has been most successfully conducting. His store is the most modern and the best equipped of all in the vicinity and his patrons are always assured of courteous treatment and the best of service. In Nov., 1894, Mr. Masser married Miss Elizabeth Geist, a daughter of Jacob Geist, of Hegins, and to this union have been born three children—Mark Millard, Jacob Geist and Paul Leon—all living at home. The family are members of the Reformed church of Hegins. In politics Mr. Masser is an influential upholder of the tenets of the Democratic party, but has never held nor aspired to office. In a fraternal way he is associated with the Hegins Lodge, No. 726, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a past officer of the same. By his integrity, kindliness of manner and business judgment he has won for himself and his family a secure place in the social and commercial life of the community.

**Master, Milton H.**, proprietor of the Shenandoah Steam Marble and Granite Works, was born in Berks county, Pa., Sept. 21, 1855. His parents, David and Catherine (Hunsberger) Master, were both natives of that county, where the father followed the occupation of shoemaker, and both are now deceased. They were the parents of ten children, viz.: Mary, Henry, Evan, James, John, William, George W., David, Milton H. and Kate. Mary is the wife of Amos Fryer, of Shimerville, Pa.; Henry is a blacksmith at Macungie, Lehigh county; Evan operates a granite quarry in Berks county; John is in the same business at Minersville, and James at Mertztown, Pa.; George W. is a blacksmith at Robesonia; Kate is the wife of John Stichter, of Zionsville, Lehigh county, Pa., and William and David died in youth. Milton H. Master was educated in the common schools and took up the trade of marble cutter. After serving his apprenticeship he established his first business at Minersville, but after about eight years there he removed to Shenandoah, where he opened his present concern in 1881. The skill and good taste in designs that he has displayed have built up for him a successful business, and in the cemeteries of Schuylkill and adjoining counties may be seen many fine specimens of his handiwork. He employs on an average seven or eight skilled cutters and is equipped for turn-

ing out orders on short notice and in the best possible manner. Politically Mr. Master is a Democrat. He has served as a member and secretary of the city council, and was the candidate of his party in 1895 for the office of county comptroller, but his ticket was defeated at the polls. He is a member of the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, and with his wife belongs to the Reformed church. On March 21, 1878, Mr. Master and Miss Levina Hanich, of Minersville, Pa., were united in marriage, and their union has been blessed by three sons and three daughters: Harry, Robert, Grace, Mabel, Thomas J. and Ruth. Robert is deceased; the eldest son is employed in his father's business, Grace is the wife of James Ringler, of Shenandoah, a colliery clerk; and the others are at home.

**Mathias, John I.**, a prominent resident of Mahanoy City, where he has resided since Apr., 1864, is a native of Dowlais, Wales. He was born June 19, 1842, and four years later accompanied the parental family to America. They located in Pottsville in 1846 and have been identified with the history of Schuylkill county since that date. The father, Lewis Mathias, was born in England, Apr. 8, 1805. By reason of an estrangement between himself and his uncle, Sir Henry Mathias, he decided to seek his fortunes in the New World. His wife, who in maidenhood was Mary Isitt, was born in Milford Doeh, Wales, Feb. 22, 1810. He died in Mahanoy City, Apr. 16, 1865, and she died at the same place, July 7, 1891. The subject of this sketch has been a resident of Schuylkill county for sixty-one years, and all of his mature life has been spent in Mahanoy City. He has been prominently identified with the growth and progress of the town, and has borne his share in the development of the beautiful little city. He was one of the original directors at the organization of the Union National bank, and has served continuously as a member of the board of directors since. He was a member of the school board for six years and served as president of the same for one term. He was president of the borough council for four years, and served as a member of that body for six years. During the past thirty years Mr. Mathias has been general agent for a school text-book publishing house, and has devoted his energies principally to the work involved in this position. In political views Mr. Mathias is an active Republican, and he has filled some important positions on the state central committee, and was alternate delegate to the national conventions at Minneapolis and St. Louis. He was married July 3, 1864, to Miss Annie, daughter of David and Margaret (Williams) Davis, of Minersville. Four children have been born to this union, the eldest and the youngest of whom are deceased. The names in order of birth are William D., Mary D., Lewis B. and John W. Mr. Mathias has taken an active interest in Odd Fellowship and has attained high standing in this fraternity of the "triple links." Beginning with the subordinate lodge, he has taken the degrees in the encampment and canton and filled the principal official stations in each. He is also a member of the Odd Fellows' Temple club, of Philadelphia, and the Veteran Odd Fellows' association of Pennsylvania. He is also a member of the

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Of political organizations he holds membership in the Westmoreland club of Wilkes Barre, Central Republican club of Pottsville, and the Young Men's Republican club of Mahanoy City. The religious affiliations of the family are with the Methodist Episcopal church.

**Matthews, William J.**, justice of the peace of the borough of New Philadelphia, was born in County Down, Ireland, on Feb. 16, 1854, a son of John and Mary (Calvert) Matthews. The father worked in the lead mines in his native country and in 1855 he came to America with his wife and child. The passage was made on a sailing vessel and took seven weeks and three days. He located first at Silver Creek, Pa., where he secured employment in the coal mines, and he continued to be thus engaged until he met his death, on Aug. 10, 1870. The cage in which he and eleven other men and the subject of this sketch were ascending suddenly dropped, and nine of the thirteen occupants were instantly killed, among them John Matthews. He was the father of eight children, all but the eldest of whom were born in this country. The names of the children are: William J., John, Jr., Mary Ann (1st), Mary Ann (2d), Elizabeth, Andrew, George and Joseph. Mary Ann (1st) died in infancy, and George and Joseph also are deceased. The father was in early life a Presbyterian, but after coming to the United States he joined the Methodist Episcopal church and was for many years superintendent of the Sunday school. Politically he was a Republican and he had no little influence in the local party councils. His widow became the wife of John Howells, and they had one child, Martha. William J. Matthews attended the public schools of Silver Creek and New Philadelphia and at the age of twelve years began the life of a miner. His first employment was in picking slate and he worked up through the various grades until he had become a journeyman in the vocation. For thirty-five years this work furnished him a livelihood and he relinquished it to engage in the retail liquor business in New Philadelphia. Since that time he has been employed in no other way. In a pecuniary way his trade has been very good, and is constantly on the increase. Politically he is a Republican. As the candidate of that party in 1897 he was elected justice of the peace, and at each successive election has been re-elected to the place. July 22, 1874, Mr. Matthews was united in marriage to Mary Agnes Murry, a daughter of John and Mary Jane (Shields) Murry. Mr. Murry was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and came to Schuylkill county in early life. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews are the parents of seven children. William J., Jr., married Blanch Newton, by whom he has one child, Ethel. Mary Jane is the wife of Benjamin Tate, of Philadelphia. Barney Murry Matthews lives in Philadelphia. The other children, Agnes Elizabeth, Joseph McCool, Andrew Harrison and Louisa Clare, are all at home. Mr. Matthews is affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church and in a fraternal way is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a past master of the lodge.



**Maurer, Ambrose U.**, farmer and poultry raiser, at Hegins, was born in the township where he now lives on May 26, 1809, and is a descendant of one of the pioneer families of Schuylkill county. His grandparents, Tobias and Sarah (Vean) Maurer, were both born near Boyertown, Berks county, grew up and married there, and shortly after their marriage came by boat to Minersville, where he worked at his trade of blacksmith and was also a blacksmith for the mines. In 1847 he bought fifty acres of land in Hegins township, where he followed farming until his death. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, a Democrat in politics, and he and his wife were members of the Reformed church. They had seven children. Elizabeth married William Rees, of Minersville; Mary married Charles Marsh and lives in St. Louis, Mo.; Sarah died single; Sophia married George Smith and lives in Ohio; John went west and died of cholera; Henry went west and all trace of him has been lost; and William is the father of the subject of this sketch. The opportunities of William Maurer to acquire an education were rather limited, though his father was one of the first advocates of the free-school system in the county. He attended school but a short time and in Jan., 1862, enlisted in Company G, 48th Pennsylvania volunteer infantry. With his regiment he was in the battles of South Mountain, Antietam, second Bull Run, Fredericksburg and a number of minor engagements. After a service of two years and two months he was discharged, but re-enlisted, at Harrisburg, in the same company and regiment. He started on the Wilderness campaign, but was severely wounded in the shoulder at Spottsylvania, being sent to Aquia creek, and thence to Philadelphia, where he went to the hospital. The minie ball was extracted in the field hospital and it is still in his possession. He was finally discharged, at Philadelphia, on July 5, 1865. After the war he was not able to do much work, but he bought the old homestead, where he is now living, engaged in farming. His son, Ambrose, now manages the farm. In 1866 he married Miss Catherine, daughter of Samuel Heater, a farmer of Hegins township, and this union was blessed with the following children: Lizzie, who married William Baur and lives in Ohio; Ambrose; William, a farmer of Hegins township; Catherine, who married Adelbert Smith and died Jan. 13, 1906; Cora, wife of Lewis Champion, of Pleasantville, N. J.; and Sarah, at home with her father. The mother of these children died June 25, 1892. William Maurer is a Republican, a member of the Lutheran church, was for twenty-one years a school director, was auditor for three years, and has served as a director in the Northwestern Fire Insurance Company for six years. Ambrose U. Maurer attended the local schools until he was seventeen years old. He then managed a farm in the Kessler district of Hegins township about eighteen months for John Jones, of Ashland, and was then for about a year in a hotel at Hegins, in the employ of J. F. H. Long. He then went to Janesville, Wis., and took a course in the Valentine school of telegraphy. Upon leaving this school he took a position as assistant operator and station agent for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad at

Table Grove, Ill., where he remained five months, when he was sent to White Hall, Ill., on the same road, and stayed there for nine months. He then took charge of the office at Riggston, Ill., and held that place for four years, when he was promoted and sent to Piasa, where he remained until 1902, when he resigned and returned to Pennsylvania. In Jan., 1902, he bought eighty-four acres of land—the old Michael Kessler place—and has since that time been engaged in farming and raising poultry and in looking after the management of his father's farm. In Nov., 1892, while at Riggston, he was married to Miss Annie, daughter of George and Sallie Ressler, of Hegins township, where she was born. Her parents were both born in Northumberland county, Pa., but were among the pioneers of Hegins township. Mr. and Mrs. Maurer have four children living and one deceased. Their names and dates of birth follow: Earl, Sept. 16, 1896; Myrtle A., Aug. 17, 1898; Willis A., Aug. 4, 1900; George L., March 17, 1903; Phyllis, Aug. 12, 1894. The last named died Sept. 12, 1900. Mr. Maurer is a Republican, takes an active interest in all questions pertaining to the public welfare, and has frequently served as judge of the elections and on the school board.

**Maurer, Curtin F.**, proprietor of a prosperous livery business in Ashland, was born in that borough on June 28, 1865, a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Fry) Maurer. The father was a native of Schuylkill county and the mother of Northumberland. The paternal grandfather, although of German parentage, was born in this county and was all his active life engaged in the work of a stone mason and in agricultural pursuits. The mother's father, William Fry, was a carpenter and farmer and spent all of his active life in Northumberland county. Daniel Maurer was a bricklayer by vocation. He died in Ashland, in 1898, in his sixty-sixth year, and his wife departed this life some two years later, in her sixty-third year, leaving two sons, the younger of whom, Harry G., is a carpenter working at his trade in Wilkes Barre. The subject of this review has spent all his life in Ashland. It was in the public schools of the borough that he received his educational advantages and it was within its limits that he grew to manhood. When he had attained his majority he embarked in the livery business, to which he has since devoted his attention. In 1895 he took possession of his present well equipped and well stocked stables, and his business has been increased year by year until now he has all he can attend to. Jan. 6, 1887, was celebrated Mr. Maurer's marriage to Miss Arabella Mills, a native of Ashland and a daughter of Thomas and Ann (Winters) Mills, of that borough. This union has been blessed with four children, all boys—Leslie, Howard, Raymond and Harry. Mr. and Mrs. Maurer are devout and earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically he is a Republican, but has never sought public office. He is a member of the American hose company of Ashland and fraternally is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

**Maurer, David P.**, is engaged in the blacksmithing business in his native town of Hepler, where he was born Apr. 23, 1850, and he is

also the owner of a well improved farm in this county. Mr. Maurer has won success through his own efforts and has exemplified the value of consecutive industry, in the meanwhile so ordering his life as to merit and retain the confidence and good will of his fellow-men. He is a representative of the third generation of the Maurer family in Schuylkill county, and is a son of John H. and Nellie (Paul) Maurer, the former of whom was likewise born in Hepler and the latter of whom was born at Klingerstown, this county. They continued to reside in the county until their death, the father passing away May 8, 1905, and the mother Apr. 17, 1907. Henry Maurer, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was the founder of the family in Schuylkill county, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits until the time of his death. John H. Maurer was a shoemaker by trade, but in later years his attention was given to farming. He was a staunch Democrat in politics and served as constable for a number of years. Both he and his wife were zealous members of the Lutheran church. They became the parents of eight children, of whom five are living: David P., the immediate subject of this review; Catherine, a resident of Philadelphia; Fayette, of Vineland, N. J.; Amelia, of Tremont, Pa.; and Cecilia, likewise a resident of Tremont. David P. Maurer was reared on the home farm and was afforded the advantages of the common schools of the locality. At the age of nineteen years he left the parental roof and began an apprenticeship at the blacksmith trade, under the instruction of Daniel Klock, of Hepler, with whom he remained two years, becoming a skilled workman. He started in business for himself, and later passed three years on the old homestead farm, after which, in 1872, he built and equipped his present shop, where he has worked at his trade during the long intervening period and where he has built up a successful business, based upon his technical ability and his personal popularity in the community. He is the owner of a valuable farm of 107 acres, in Wayne township, and the greater portion of the tract is under effective cultivation. The place is now in charge of his eldest son. Mr. Maurer gives his allegiance to the Democratic party and he has been called upon to serve in various offices of local trust. He was justice of the peace for more than five years, a director of the school board for six years, and treasurer of the school district for three years. He and his wife hold membership in the Lutheran church and are active in its work. In 1870 Mr. Maurer was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Erdman, who was born and reared in this county, and of their eleven children six are living, namely: Donald, who is a successful farmer in Wayne township and who also learned the blacksmith trade, under the direction of his father; he married Lillie Hartzog; Jane, who is the wife of Frank Herb, of Frackville, this county; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Edwin Snyder, of Northumberland county; Charles, who is a successful farmer in Wayne township and who married Gertrude Klinger; and Edgar and Raymond, who remain at the parental home.

**Maurer, Elmer Harold, M. D.**, a representative medical practitioner at Ashland, Pa., was born at Pitman, in Schuylkill county, Pa., Jan. 16, 1878. He is a son of G. S. and Elmira (Kramer) Maurer, both of whom were born in this county. The father, G. S. Maurer, has been a teacher in the public schools of the county for the last thirty-five years, and is known as a successful educator. Both parents are now living at the family homestead at Lavelle, this county. Dr. Maurer has two sisters, Mrs. Delilah Lloyd, wife of William Follwell Lloyd, and Miss Mamie Maurer, both residents of Philadelphia and graduated trained nurses. Mrs. Lloyd was graduated in 1896 from the Hahnemann training school for nurses, and Miss Mamie has just completed a full course of training at the Children's Homeopathic training school for nurses, both institutions being located in Philadelphia. Dr. Elmer H. Maurer entered the State normal school at Kutztown at the age of fifteen and was graduated with the class of 1895. He then engaged in teaching for three years, after which he entered upon the study of his profession at Hahnemann medical college, in Philadelphia, and was graduated from that institution in the class of 1902. He at once engaged in active practice at Ashland and has continued successfully to the present. Dr. Maurer was married Apr. 14, 1904, to Miss Florence, daughter of William G. and Katherine (Baer) Hinterleiter, of Kutztown, Pa. One little bud of promise has come to bless this happy union and brighten the domestic fireside, Miss Catherine Elmira, born Feb. 9, 1905. The doctor is a Republican in his political affiliations, and he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church in Ashland. Dr. Maurer is prominent in the Masonic fraternity, being a member of Lodge No. 294, Free and Accepted Masons; Chapter No. 219, Royal Arch Masons; Commandery No. 39, Knights Templars; Williamsport Consistory, and Rajah Temple, Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Lodge No. 384, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, No. 84. He is a past president of the Schuylkill County Homeopathic medical society, and is a member of the Hahnemann alumni association. He is also the medical examiner for the Baltimore Life Insurance Company.

**Maurer, John Jacob**, a prominent contractor and builder of Ashland and the owner of a lumber yard at Girardville, was born at Minersville, Feb. 12, 1860. He is a son of John Jacob and Margariethe (Schwartz) Maurer, both natives of Bavaria, Germany. The father came to the United States about 1845 and located in Pottsville, where he obtained employment as a bottler in a brewery. In the late '50s he engaged in the wholesale and retail liquor business at Minersville and continued in it most successfully until after the close of the Civil war, by which time he had secured a sufficient competency to allow him to retire. In May, 1874, he located at Ashland, where he remained until his demise, 1887, in his seventy-seventh year. He reared to maturity a family of five children—Mary Louise, John Jacob, Fred W., Lucile, now Mrs. Peter A. Waldner, and George H. John Jacob Maurer, the subject of this



sketch, received his education in the schools of Minersville and Ashland, completing his scholastic training in the high school of the latter borough. For a period of three years he served an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, with Adam Waldner, and when he had successfully mastered the technical points of the vocation he served for five years as a journeyman. During that time he did some contracting, and in 1889 he entered business on his own account as a contractor and builder. He has met with success beyond his most sanguine hopes and many of the modern dwellings and public buildings of Ashland are monuments to his skill and ability. He is especially proficient in the erection of churches and has many times been called upon to put up edifices in other boroughs. In the fall of 1905 Mr. Maurer purchased the lumber yard of R. K. Beaker in Girardville and has since been conducting it, in connection with his other business, through a resident manager. Apr. 26, 1890, was celebrated his marriage to Miss Elizabeth Roper, a daughter of John and Sarah Ann (Kline) Roper, of Ashland. The children of this union are Luther, Carl F. and Sheldon. Politically Mr. Maurer is a Democrat, but has never held public office of any kind. In a fraternal way he is a member of the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His family are all communicants of the Methodist church, and he himself is a Lutheran.

McDonald, John J., president of the school board and agent for the Adams Express Company at Shenandoah, was born in that city March 22, 1870. His parents, John and Mary (O'Donnell) McDonald, were born in Ireland, but were married in this country and were among the early settlers of Shenandoah. The father, who was a miner, died when he was about fifty-five years of age, and the mother is still living in Shenandoah. Five of their children are living, viz.: Mary, John J., David, Joseph and Nellie. Mary lives at home with her mother; John J. is the subject of this sketch; David is employed in Pittsburg; Joseph is a miner, and Nellie is a graduate of the State normal school at Bloomsburg, and is now a teacher in the Shenandoah public schools. John J. McDonald received his education in the schools of his native city and began his career as a worker in the mines, where he continued in various positions for about fifteen years. He then took a place as driver of one of the Adams Express wagons and gradually worked his way up with that company until, in Feb., 1903, he was appointed agent at Shenandoah. Politically Mr. McDonald is one of the active Democrats of Schuylkill county. He served three years as borough auditor; was elected to the school board in the spring of 1901. He has been twice re-elected, and in June, 1906, was made president of the board. He is a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and he and his family are communicants of the Annunciation Roman Catholic church. In Oct., 1900, he was united in wedlock to Miss Nora McGrath, who at the time of their marriage was a resident of Mahanoy Plane. To this union have been born four daughters: Mary, Anna, Helen and Margaret.

McGettigan, Rev. Hugh J., pastor of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church at Ashland, is a native of Schuylkill county, having been born in Blythe township, in May, 1860. He is a son of Hugh McGettigan, who was for many years a successful teacher in the schools of this county. Both parents of Father McGettigan were natives of Ireland, the father immigrating to America and locating in Port Carbon in 1852 and later removing to Blythe township. The family in the mother country has given to the Roman Catholic church some of its most distinguished leaders among the clergy of past generations. Hugh McGettigan, father of the subject of this article, received in this native country an education far above the average afforded to the laity, and came to America well qualified for the honorable station which he filled so acceptably during the last thirty-two years of his life. This was no doubt a material aid in shaping the studies of his son, who aspired to the exalted station which he now fills many years before his hope was gratified. Hugh McGettigan was a man of broad and liberal views, highly esteemed by the community in which he lived, and possessed the good will of all who knew him. He was a devout Catholic and did much to extend the influence of the church in the community in which he lived. He died May 31, 1891, at the age of sixty-five years. He was survived by a widow and six children. The subject of this sketch passed his youthful days in attendance at the district school and in working about the mines, devoting all his leisure moments and holidays to private study and to preparation for his contemplated calling. At the age of fifteen he was found qualified to teach school, and he entered into this pursuit with a determination to turn the opportunity to good account in the furtherance of his well grounded ambition, and also with excellent results as a careful, conscientious instructor. He entered upon a course of study at St. Charles seminary, at Overbrook, Pa., to prepare himself to enter the ranks of the Catholic clergy. Having completed his work in the seminary he was ordained to the ministry of the Holy Catholic church June 15, 1889. He was immediately appointed assistant pastor of St. Patrick's church in Pottsville, and remained in that position for three years. June 11, 1892, he became rector of St. Mary's church at St. Clair. He was transferred from this charge to the rectorship of St. Joseph's church in Ashland on July 24, 1894. This is the oldest English speaking congregation in the county north of the mountain, having celebrated its golden anniversary March 17, 1907. Father McGettigan is a genial, scholarly gentleman, who sustains the highest regard of the people, irrespective of church affiliations. He is alive to the importance of his work and enters into it with an enthusiasm indicative of his personal interest in the spiritual welfare of humanity. Father McGettigan has been at the head of the board of health of the city since its inception in 1902, and is always to be found prominently identified with all matters pertaining to the public welfare.

McGinnis, John C., president of the First National bank of Frackville, was born in Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 18, 1857. His parents, Henry

and Mary (Flanagan) McGinnis, were both natives of County Down, Ireland, where the father followed his trade of weaver. For a number of years prior to coming to America he was in the employ of the Moreland Linen Manufacturing Company at Belfast and Downpatrick, the company being still in existence. In 1853 the family came to this country and located at Pottsville. The father was employed at that place until March, 1863, when he went to Big Mine Run, near Ashland, where he continued to live until his death, in 1885, at the age of eighty years. He and his wife had nine children, six of whom grew to maturity. Elizabeth married Nicholas Schu and is now deceased; Celia is the widow of John Murphy; Edward enlisted at the beginning of the Civil war in Company E, 48th Pennsylvania volunteer infantry, was captured during the siege of Petersburg, and died in prison at Salisbury, N. C.; James is deceased; and Henry H. and John C. reside in Schuylkill county. John C. McGinnis was educated in the public schools of Butler township, Schuylkill county, and at the age of seven years began working about the mines. He was promoted through the intermediate positions from breaker boy to superintendent, holding the latter position for thirteen years at the Cambridge mines at Shenandoah. In 1903 he became interested in bituminous coal mining in Cambria county, as a stockholder, and was subsequently elected secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Cambridge Bituminous Coal Company, a position he still retains. He is also interested in the Cambridge Slate Company, of Slatington, of which he is a director and secretary. In 1883 he took up his residence in Frackville, where he has since been identified with various movements and institutions for the advancement of the moral and material interests of the community. He was one of the founders of the Broad Mountain Building and Loan association, organized in 1887, and one of the best in the state, and has been president of the association since 1895. When the First National bank was organized, on Sept. 5, 1905, he was elected president, and has held this office continuously ever since. He was active in the organization of this bank, and much of its usefulness is due to his efforts and superb executive ability. Mr. McGinnis is a Republican in his political convictions and is always active in promoting the welfare of his party. He was for seven years a justice of the peace, and is now serving his second term as a member of the Frackville city council. He is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic church, and is a liberal contributor to its worthy charities. Jan. 7, 1885, Mr. McGinnis and Miss Katie C. Deehan were united in marriage. She is a daughter of Bernard and Catherine (Egan) Deehan, of St. Clair. Mr. and Mrs. McGinnis became the parents of seven children. Mary is deceased and those living are Ida, Harry, Marguerite, Helen, Bernard and Clement.

McGinty, John P., is president of the First National bank of Tamaqua and is one of the most prominent and enterprising business men of that city. He was born in Tremont, Pa., Aug. 1, 1864, and is one of the seven children of James and Mary (Foley)

McGinty. His father, now retired, was a contractor and miner well known in the earlier days of the county. While the railroad known as the Pine Grove line was being built he was employed as a water-carrier, and before the line was completed between Lebanon and Williamsport, he had become one of the contractors. During the Civil war he and a Mr. Bettinger opened and mined the Sharp Mountain colliery between Tremont and Blackwood. James McGinty and his wife now make their home in Mahanoy City. The subject of this sketch attended the public schools of Mahanoy City and when he started out to earn his own living his first employment was as a driver of mules and other light work about the mines. In 1888 he engaged in the grocery business but did not remain in it long, removing to Tremont in 1890 to become an agent for the sale of the Bergner & Engle Brewing Company's products. From Tremont he removed to Tamaqua and engaged in the wholesale liquor business which he still conducts. About 1896 he erected a brewery and started the manufacture of beer. The concern is known as the McGinty Brewing Company and employs about twenty-five men. In Jan., 1894, Mr. McGinty was made one of the directors of the First National bank of Tamaqua and upon the death of Mr. Calloway, in 1895, he was honored with election to the presidency of the institution. For many years he has been a director of the Building and Loan association, serving much of the time as chairman of the loan committee. This association is one of the best paying ventures of the city. In 1905 the borough council granted Capt. E. M. B. Shepp and Mr. McGinty a ten-year franchise to furnish light for the city, and they at once organized the Tamaqua Light, Heat and Power Company, which began operations Jan. 1, 1906. The plant is equipped with the most modern appliances and machinery and is amply qualified to light a city of twice the size of Tamaqua. About twenty-five men are employed in the operation of the plant. Every enterprise Mr. McGinty has undertaken has been a financial success and his name in connection with the promotion of any venture insures a patronage not otherwise received. He is the owner of much valuable realty in and about Tamaqua. June 10, 1890, Mr. McGinty married Miss Mary Brannon, a daughter of James and Mary Brannon, of Shenandoah. Her father is a retired merchant. The children of Mr. and Mrs. McGinty are seven in number—Frank, Florence, Marion, Nellie, Vera, Clare and Margaret. The family are communicants of St. Jerome's Roman Catholic church and the father is a charter member of the Tamaqua Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of the county association of brewers and one of the executive committee of the same. He is one of a number of prominent business men who secured a charter to operate an electric-trolley railway between Tamaqua and Mahanoy City. As the right of eminent domain has been signed by the governor of the state, it is the intention to build this road, running through Delano, Park Place and adjacent villages, as soon as all arrangements can be made.



**McLoughlin, Michael P.**, a well known attorney of Pottsville, was born at Bear Ridge, a hamlet in Blythe township, Schuylkill county, Pa., Sept. 3, 1853. He is a son of James and Mary J. (Gillespie) McLoughlin, the former a native of Ireland, and the latter of Philadelphia. The Gillespie family were pioneers in the Schuylkill valley, and were a robust and long lived race of people. Mr. McLoughlin spent his early life working at the coal breaker, and after his ninth year divided his time between picking slate and attending the district school. He attended the Schuylkill county normal school, then conducted at Port Carbon, and thus qualified himself for teaching. He taught four terms of school in Blythe township, and then turned his attention to the study of law, becoming a student under the tutorship of Major James Ellis, then counsel for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company in the Schuylkill region. He prosecuted his studies with great energy, and readily showed adaptability to the profession. He was admitted to the bar of Pennsylvania in 1878, and at once engaged in practice. Apr. 10, 1884, Mr. McLoughlin was admitted to practice in the supreme court of the United States, and this evidence of superior qualification secured for him a legal position in the land department of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company. During the nine years of his connection with this position Mr. McLoughlin was in constant contact with complicated cases involving a thorough knowledge of the laws pertaining to real estate, taxes, township and municipal laws, etc., as well as the rights of individuals within the sphere of this work. The knowledge thus acquired has been of incalculable value to him in the general practice of law, and especially so in all cases of litigations over the question of land titles, etc. Jan. 1, 1893, Mr. McLoughlin severed his connection with the coal and iron company mentioned and became first deputy in the office of District Attorney Ryon. He continued in this position for three years, and was an assistant to Mr. Ryon's successor, E. W. Bechtel, until he was himself elected to the office of district attorney, in 1899. Since completing his term of office, in 1902, Mr. McLoughlin has been engaged in a large and lucrative private practice. Mr. McLoughlin married Miss B. M. Gannon of Ashland, Pa. She was a daughter of Martin and Honora Gannon. This happy union was blessed with five daughters—Mary, Nora, Margaret, Catherine and Eleanor. Mrs. McLoughlin died on Oct. 30, 1906. The family are Roman Catholics in religious faith. Mr. McLoughlin is a Democrat in political affiliations, and is a recognized leader in the councils of his party. For many years he has taken an active interest in the fraternity of Catholic Knights of America, and has served as local and state president of the organization. He is a thorough lawyer, a close student, an eloquent speaker and an accomplished gentleman, who sees pleasure as well as profit in the versatility of his life.

**McMahon, Rev. P. J.**, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul's church at Minersville, was born in St. Clair, Schuylkill county, Pa., March 10, 1866. His parents, Patrick and Eliza (Downing) McMahon,

were natives of Ireland, and came to this county from their native land in 1845, locating in the mining districts of Silver creek. They later removed to St. Clair and subsequently went to Philadelphia, where the father died in 1898; his widow is now living in St. Clair. Two sons in this family are clergymen, Father P. J. McMahon, of this sketch, and Rev. Father John J. McMahon, a younger brother, who is stationed at Sharon Hill, Delaware county, Pa. Henry is a plumber in Philadelphia, and the only living sister, Mrs. John Quigley, resides in St. Clair. Four of the children are deceased. Father P. J. McMahon received his elementary education in the public schools of St. Clair. After being graduated from LaSalle college, in Philadelphia, he entered upon his professional studies in philosophy and theology in St. Charles seminary, at Overbrook, Pa. He was ordained to the priesthood of the Roman Catholic church in May, 1893, and his first call to pastoral duty was as assistant to Rev. Father Beresford (since deceased), at Minersville. He was stationed at Bethlehem at the beginning of the Spanish-American war and gallantly offered his services as a volunteer chaplain. He entered the service with the 9th regiment, though he attended to general pastoral duties throughout the army at Chickamauga. He was also engaged for a time as an army chaplain in Kentucky. Returning to his charge at Bethlehem, he was soon transferred to St. Monica's church, in Philadelphia, where he remained for more than a year, and whence he came to Minersville, as rector of St. Vincent de Paul's church, Feb. 14, 1900. This church is one of the landmarks of Catholicism in Schuylkill county. The first religious services of the English speaking Catholics were held in rented rooms which stood on the site of the Mountaineer opera house, and were conducted by Rev. Nicholas Cantwell, late vicar-general of the archdiocese, but then rector of St. Patrick's church at Pottsville. These services were commenced as early as 1842, and soon thereafter a small frame church was erected on the hillside at the lower end of the parish cemetery. The Irish population rapidly increased with the opening of collieries and the gradual development of business, and the little church soon became too small to accommodate the needs of the parish. A lot was purchased on Sunbury street, then, as now, one of the main thoroughfares of the town, and in the spring of 1846 the work of excavating for the foundation was commenced. The corner stone was laid July 19, 1846, by the Right Rev. Bishop F. P. Kendrick, an occasion of great rejoicing among the faithful band of Catholics whose energies, hard labor and generous contributions had brought about so desirable a result. A substantial stone structure was erected. This has met the necessities of the growing congregation for sixty years and is to-day in keeping with its surroundings. The dedicatory services were held Dec. 6, 1846, and the name of St. Vincent de Paul was chosen, as exemplifying historic conditions and perpetuating a name sacred in the annals of Catholicism. The first resident pastor was Rev. Hugh Fitzsimmons, a most devoted, faithful and earnest worker, upon whose shoulders fell much of the

pioneer ministerial labor in the parish. It was he who built the new church, organized the parish, and set the interior workings in order. The bounds of his parish were almost limitless, there being no other Catholic church westward for a distance of forty miles. The now thriving towns of Shamokin, Mount Carmel, Ashland, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Girardville and others, where Catholicism is now prosperous, were not then known. But the adventurous pioneers who had invaded the wilds, were to be found at all of these places and many others, and their spiritual advice and counsel in distress and misfortune came principally from the incessant labors of Father Fitzsimmons. He traveled over this wild and dangerous country, mostly on foot or on horseback, visiting the sick, consoling the dying and burying the dead, and no personal sacrifice seemed too great for him to make in the interest of humanity. Many pleasant reminiscences are left as an evidence that he always found amusement and pleasure in the most discouraging surroundings, and that he saw a silver lining in every cloud. He was succeeded in the rectorship, Aug. 15, 1848, by Rev. Father M. A. Malone, who continued at the head of the church for nearly thirty years, and this was the period of development in numerical and financial strength. Father Malone finished the interior of the church, built the tower, and placed the bell therein. He also built a handsome pastoral residence, a brick structure, two and one-half stories high. He received into the church by baptism an average of about three hundred persons annually during this period of great religious activity. His duties in the early days were very similar to those of the first pastor, and were equally as arduous and hazardous. It is recorded of him that he attended sick calls at a distance of forty miles from his home. He labored in the parish until the last and when the final summons came he was laid to rest in a vault in front of the church for whose welfare he had sacrificed so much of life's energy. In later years, his body was removed by his sister and placed in the sacristy. Rev. Father McGovern was the successor of Father Malone, but he was transferred to another field after a short term with St. Vincent de Paul's, and Rev. Father P. J. Eagan assumed the pastorate. But his field of usefulness was terminated here by death in Apr. 1879, after little more than six months' service. He was a young man of bright promise for future usefulness in the church and his untimely death was greatly deplored by a large circle of friends both in and out of the church. He was a native of Schuylkill county, born at Heckscherville, where his parents died. Rev. J. Scanlan came as the successor to Father Eagan, but he too was called from earth, in Feb., 1882. Rev. M. P. O'Brien served the church very acceptably until Feb., 1885, during which time he made many improvements on the church and its surroundings. He also collated and arranged the church records of baptisms, marriages, etc., and had the same substantially bound for preservation. This service has been greatly appreciated by his successors, since the records of St. Vincent de Paul are frequently sought to establish matters of material interest to the

inquirers. Rev. F. P. Beresford was the next pastor in order of succession, and served the church for ten years, being a most excellent pastor, careful and methodical, and ever alive to the interests of his church and people. During his pastorate a mission church was organized at Branchdale, and a handsome little church was erected, which, with furnishings complete, cost about \$5,500, nearly all of which was contributed by the Catholics of Branchdale. Father Beresford also made material improvements on the church and parish property in Minersville. Rev. P. F. Fogerty and Rev. J. J. McAnany, in the order named, succeeded to the pastorate of St. Vincent de Paul, the former remaining but a short time. He came from the rectorship of St. Jerome's church, at Tamaqua, and was an active, energetic and scholarly leader who greatly endeared himself to the people of the parish. Father McAnany was the immediate predecessor of the Rev. P. J. McMahon, in whose name this sketch is written. Father McAnany was in poor health, and the onerous duties of the parish overtaxed his physical strength. He went south in the winter of 1900, and Father McMahon succeeded to the rectorship at the same time. But he did not come here as a stranger. He had served about two years as assistant rector during the pastorate of Father Beresford, and was well and favorably remembered by many of the parish people. He is ably assisted in his pastoral work by Rev. Thomas J. Hurton, who is now serving under his first ministerial assignment. Father McMahon is a gentleman uniformly esteemed throughout a very large circle of acquaintances, and has especially endeared himself to the people of his church. He is genial and companionable, with a pleasant word and kindly smile for everybody. The parish as at present organized embraces a large scope of territory, including within its confines 430 families and 2,100 souls. To reach all of these, scattered over many miles of territory, involves untold labors and constant activity. Two churches are sustained within the parish, in each of which two masses are said every Sunday. Father McMahon has been an active worker in the Ancient Order of Hibernians for a number of years, and has served the order both as county and state chaplain. The contemplated improvements at St. Vincent de Paul for the year 1907 embrace a new front extension to the church edifice and a new parish hall. Arrangements are made for the completion of this work, the net cost of which will be about \$10,000.

**Meck, Milton**, is one of the representative business men and influential citizens of Schuylkill Haven, is ex-president of the borough council and is held in unequivocal esteem in the community which has been his home from the time of his nativity. He has various capitalistic interests in the county and is one of the interested principals in the knitting mill at Schuylkill Haven. He was born in the town which is now his home, Sept. 21, 1861, and is a son of Charles and Priscilla Meck, both native of Berks county, this state, where the former was born Jan. 16, 1831, and the latter March 14, 1829. The Meck family was early founded in the old Keystone state and one of the paternal great-grandfathers of the



subject of this review was a loyal and valiant soldier in the war of 1812. Milton Meck was afforded the advantages of the public schools of Schuylkill Haven and has been identified with local business interests from the initiation of his independent career to the present time. As a citizen he is alert, enterprising and public spirited, and his services have been called into requisition in positions of public trust. He served eight years as a member of the town council and for two years was president of the borough council. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party, and he and his wife are members of the Reformed church. Apr. 20, 1898, Mr. Meck was united in marriage to Miss Annie Agnes Frantz, daughter of William and Louisa (Batdorf) Frantz, of Williamstown, Dauphin county, and of this union the six children, all of whom are living, are: Amy Ellen, Jennie Marie, Marion Arline, Ethel Louisa, Harold Leinbach, and Millard Millford.

**Meck, Walter F.**—One of the important industrial enterprises of the county is that conducted under the title of Meck & Co., at Schuylkill Haven, in the manufacturing of underwear of excellent grade, and of this concern the subject of this brief sketch is an interested principal, being actively identified with the work of the mills in an executive capacity. Mr. Meck was born at Meckville, Berks county, Pa., Apr. 15, 1878, and is a son of Jacob R. and Esther (Becker) Meck, both of whom likewise claim that county as the place of their nativity. The father was born in Bethel township, May 4, 1859. The great-grandfather of the subject of this review was a patriot soldier in the war of 1812, as a member of a Pennsylvania regiment. Walter F. Meck, whose name introduces this paragraph, is indebted to the public schools of his native county for his preliminary educational discipline, which was supplemented by attendance in the schools of Schuylkill Haven and the State normal school at Millersville. After leaving school he maintained his home in Meckville until 1900, and since then he has lived in Schuylkill Haven. Here he has become prominent as a young man of much business acumen and sterling character, commanding the esteem of all who know him. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party, he holds membership in the Reformed church, and is affiliated with the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America. Nov. 11, 1903, Mr. Meck was united in marriage to Miss Urie Klahr, daughter of Jacob and Amelia (Zerbe) Klahr, of Schuylkill Haven, and of this union has been born one son—Charles Jacob.

**Medlar, Lewis T.**, is a native of Schuylkill county and is one of the representative contractors and builders of Pottsville, where he has been engaged in this line of enterprise for more than thirty-five years. He was born at Drehersville, this county, Mar. 4, 1843, and is the son of Samuel B. and Susannah (DeFrehn) Medlar, the former of whom was born at Drehersville and the latter at Orwigsburg, this county, where the respective families were established in the pioneer epoch. The paternal grandfather, Christian Medlar, was of staunch Pennsylvania-Dutch stock

and was one of the early settlers of Brunswick township, this county, where he reclaimed and improved a good farm, upon which he continued to reside until his death. The maiden name of his wife was Catherine Bushey. The maternal grandfather of the subject of this review was Daniel Del'rechn, who was of French lineage and who was a pioneer carpenter and contractor of Schuylkill county. He maintained his home in Orwigsburg for many years and finally removed to Pottsville, where he passed the residue of his life. Samuel B. Medlar was reared and educated in this county and for many years he was a prosperous farmer of Brunswick township. He passed his declining years in Pottsville, where he lived retired until his death, which occurred June 4, 1891, at which time he was seventy-two years of age. He was a man of sterling integrity and was well and favorably known throughout his native county. His cherished and devoted wife passed away Aug. 2, 1887, aged sixty-two years. Following is a brief record concerning their children: John C. is a resident of Drehersville; Lewis T. is the immediate subject of this sketch; Francis O. is deceased; Daniel A. is a clergyman of the United Evangelical church; Mary M. became the wife of Richard Rahn and is now deceased; Catherine is the wife of Dr. Frank Ziegenfus; Samuel R. resides in Allentown, Pa.; William is a minister of the Congregational church; and Sarah A., who was for many years a popular teacher in the public schools of Pottsville, is now practicing Osteopathy in this city. Lewis T. Medlar is indebted to the common schools of Drehersville for his early educational training, and as a youth he assisted in the work of the home farm. At the age of nineteen years he entered upon an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, serving three years and becoming a skilled workman. He was thereafter employed as a journeyman at his trade until 1871, when he engaged in business for himself as a contractor and builder. His attention has since been continuously given to this branch of industrial enterprise and he has done a large amount of important work in the county, especially in Pottsville, where are to be noted among the prominent buildings erected by him the Pottsville hospital and nurses' home, the public school building on the Minersville road, the Evangelical church, and the residences of W. L. Sheaffer, Walter S. Sheaffer, A. W. Sheaffer, Joseph Harris, Samuel Riley, J. M. Freck, George Smith, and James Focht, besides many others. Mr. Medlar is a citizen of stability and public spirit and is known as a reliable and upright business man, well meriting the high esteem in which he is uniformly held. He is a Republican in his political proclivities and he and his wife are zealous members of the United Evangelical church. May 19, 1866, Mr. Medlar was married to Miss Sybil Miller, daughter of Peter and Catherine (Seltzer) Miller. Her paternal grandfather, Andrew Miller, and her great-grandfather, Christian Miller, were numbered among the honored pioneers of this county, and the last named was a native of Germany. The maternal grandparents, Abraham and Catherine (Faust) Seltzer, were also well known early settlers of

the county. Concerning the children of Mr and Mrs Medlar it may be said that Emma O. is the wife of William Warren Kessel; Joseph L. Heber II., and Harold L. all remain residents of their native county; and Catherine, the third in order of birth, died in childhood.

**Melley, Charles P.**, is one of the representative business men of the thriving borough of Coaldale, where he conducts a successful enterprise as a wholesale liquor dealer. He was born in the borough which is now his home and the date of his nativity was Oct. 7, 1873. He is a son of James and Mary (Shovelin) Melley, both of whom were born and reared in county Donegal, Ireland. Their marriage was solemnized in Coaldale, Schuylkill county Pa., where the father took up his residence about 1867. He forthwith identified himself with work in the mines and continued to be concerned in this great industry during the remainder of his active business career. He and his wife still reside in Coaldale and he is now living essentially retired, being well known and highly esteemed in the community which has so long represented his home. Of the eleven children in the family only three are living—Frank, a resident of the state of Nevada; Charles P., the immediate subject of this review; and Annie, the wife of John F. McElhenney, of Coaldale. Charles P. Melley early began to face the active responsibilities of life, since he was but seven years of age when he secured employment about the mines. His early educational training was gained in the public schools of Coaldale, and was limited in scope, owing to the exigencies of time and place. He continued to be identified with mining operations until 1906, since which year he has been established in the wholesale liquor trade in his native place. He is also a stockholder in the Panther Valley co-operative store in Coaldale, which was organized in 1894, and he was president of the company for two years. As a citizen he is loyal and public-spirited and he is a staunch supporter of the principles and policies for which the Democratic party stands sponsor. He is a communicant of St. Mary's Catholic church and is affiliated with the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

**Mellon, Davis M.**, a justice of the peace at Pottsville and an United States claim attorney, was born in Schuylkill Haven, this county, Nov. 29, 1844. He is a son of Mark and Justina (Warner) Mellon. The family is of Scotch ancestry and the first member to settle in this country came from across the water about 1762. The father was born in Delaware, March 4, 1803, and spent most of his active life as a contracting bridge-builder. He was captain of the Schuylkill Grays in 1840 and for a number of years was state inspector of militia in the counties of Berks, Lebanon and Schuylkill. His death occurred on the forty-ninth anniversary of his birth, in 1852, and his wife, who was a native of Berks county, died in 1897, in her seventy-ninth year. They were the parents of five children, two of whom, the first and second born, died in infancy. Another, Henry Clay, a machinist by vocation, died in 1877, as a result of a surgical operation, and he left a widow

and a son, Henry Clay, Jr., who now resides in Dixon, Ill. A daughter, Phoebe, is the wife of F. P. Shuman, an insurance agent of La Crosse, Wis. The subject of this sketch is the elder of the two survivors of the family. He attended the common schools of his native county until he was about sixteen years of age and then entered the office of the Pottsville Standard as a printer's devil. After he had been there about three months the Civil war broke out and he enlisted in the company which was being recruited in Pottsville, and which subsequently became Company H of the 96th Pennsylvania infantry. At the battle of South Mountain he received a severe wound, which kept him in hospital for some months. When he was partially recovered he was transferred to Company K of the 14th veteran reserve corps, and he served as company clerk until Oct. 4, 1864, when, by reason of expiration of his term of service, he was mustered out, and he then returned to his home in Tremont. He attended school for one term, and from 1865 to 1868 was engaged in teaching. He then entered the mercantile business as a clerk in the store of Aaron Eckel, of Tremont, this county, and of J. B. Price, of Ashland. He subsequently became bookkeeper for George H. Helfrich & Co. In 1871 he engaged in the sewing-machine business at Tremont, while he also maintained a branch office at Millersburg, Dauphin county. For the past thirty years he has been a practicing attorney before all the various departments at our national capitol, giving especial attention to pension claims. He has filed nearly 3,000 claims before the pension department and has been unusually successful in securing favorable consideration. Mr. Mellon's residence in Pottsville dates from 1897, when he removed there from Tremont. In 1902 he was appointed justice of the peace, and he has been retained in the office at every election since that time by the votes of his appreciative fellow citizens. While a resident of Tremont he served five years in a similar position. On Christmas day, 1869, Mr. Mellon married Miss Annie M. Sherk, of Grantville, Dauphin county, a daughter of Amos B. and Lydia Sherk, both of whom were born in Lebanon county, and who reared a family of four sons and four daughters. Two of the sons, Simon and Edward, are wholesale grocers at Findlay, Ohio; John is engaged in contracting and building at Harrisburg; Galen is a conductor on an electric line in Harrisburg; Fannie is the widow of C. A. Bicksler; Alice, now deceased, married Prof. W. N. Schman, principal of the Bridgeport, Pa., high school; Laura is the wife of William H. Middleton, an attorney of Harrisburg. The father was a merchant tailor by vocation. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Mellon has been blessed with five children, three of whom are living. Mabel Lillian, the firstborn, died at the age of fourteen months; Harry W., who is a druggist in Pottsville, married Miss Jessie Sneddon, of Shenandoah, and they have one child, Anna O.; Florence May is the wife of George W. Skelly, a locomotive engineer, and is the mother of two daughters, Naomi



and Caroline, Naomi L. lives with her parents in Pottsville and is forewoman in a shirt factory. William G. died at the age of nine months. All the survivors are members of the English Lutheran church, to which the parents also belong, and are graduates of the Tremont high school. The mother and the daughters are active workers in church circles. Mr. Mellon is past colonel of encampment No. 10, of the Union Veteran Legion of Pottsville, an office which he held for three consecutive years. He is also past commander of Williams Post, No. 136, Grand Army of the Republic, at Tremont. In his political relations Mr. Mellon is a Republican and his elevation to public office has been as the candidate of that party. He is a trusted public servant, an estimable gentleman and a respected citizen.

**Merkel, George A., M. D.**, a rising young physician and surgeon of Minersville, was born in Frackville, this county, Jan. 30, 1882. He is a son of J. H. and Margaret E. (Lewis) Merkel, the former of whom is a merchant of Minersville, where he has been in business for more than twenty years and where he has served as assessor. Of the seven children, three survive, of whom the doctor is the eldest. May is a stenographer employed in Minersville, and Blanche is at home. The deceased members are Annie and Harry, who died in infancy, Clara, who died in youth, and Nettie E., who passed away at the age of eighteen years. She was a most estimable lady of good Christian character and a devout worker in church and Sunday school. The subject of this sketch received his preliminary education in the public schools of Minersville and graduated from the high school in the class of 1900. He entered the Hahnemann medical college of Philadelphia in the fall of 1900 and in June, 1904, was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine and of Homeopathic medicine. He immediately began the practice of his profession in his home city and has been most eminently successful. He is a member of the Schuylkill County Homeopathic association, and is recognized as one of its most valuable members. The doctor is deputy coroner for his district of the county, is assistant medical examiner for the Prudential Life Insurance Company of Newark, N. J., also for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York city. In May, 1906, Dr. Merkel married Miss E. K. Balliet, a resident of Minersville. Both Dr. and Mrs. Merkel are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. The doctor is a young man of enterprise, stability and pleasing manner and his friends predict a brilliant future for him.

**Merwine, Jeremiah M.**, a thrifty wholesale dealer in flour and feed whose place of business is in Ashland, was born in Barry township, Schuylkill county, Nov. 5, 1863. He is one of the three children born to Charles and Catherine (Klinger) Merwine, the others being Theodore and Elmer, the latter now deceased. The paternal grandfather, Charles Merwine, was an immigrant to the United States in the early part of the nineteenth century, coming from Scotland. He located first in Philadelphia, where he engaged

in the real-estate business for a number of years. In the early '30s he purchased a large tract of land in Barry township and removed there. He married Elizabeth Geist and of the thirteen children born to them twelve grew to maturity. These in the order of their birth were: Lewis; Maria, who married Daniel Snyder; Charles; Harriet, wife of John Weikel; Daniel; Eliza, now Mrs. Lewis Kimmel; Polly, the wife of Chester Fetterolf; Dena, Mrs. William Openhauser; Henry; Frank; Albert; and Ella, who married Benjamin Sweinhart. The son Charles was born in Barry township and when he grew to manhood earned a livelihood at the blacksmith trade, in which he was a skilled workman. Before the close of the Civil war, in which he participated as a member of the 17th Pennsylvania cavalry, he received a wound in the leg. From the effects of this injury he died, in 1868. After the father's demise the mother married again, Thomas P. Davie becoming her husband. This union was blessed with four children—Elizabeth, wife of John Kull; Isabella, who married Albert Gruver; John; and Catherine, wife of George Bowman. The mother departed this life in 1891. Jeremiah M. Merwine, the subject of this review, received his education in the common schools of this county. His residence in Ashland dates from 1880, when he began his active business career as a clerk in one of the mercantile establishments of the borough. He left that occupation to take charge of the livery business of D. K. Maurer, having supervision over four men and fifteen horses. In 1887 he engaged in his present business which he has been most successfully conducting ever since. In politics Mr. Merwine is a Republican, and as such he was for a term the representative of his ward in the borough council. His fraternal associations are with the Royal Arcanum, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America. Both he and his wife are communicants of St. James Lutheran church. On June 25, 1885, Mr. Merwine was united in marriage to Miss Madia Runge, a daughter of William and Fredericka (Krapp) Runge. The children of this union are four in number—Marie, Arthur W., Robert and Walter.

**Messersmith, Abram Clarence**, a prominent contractor and builder of Pottsville, was born in Liberty township, Montour county, Pa., Aug. 19, 1868, and is a son of William J. and Elizabeth (Hendrickson) Messersmith, both of whom are likewise natives of the old Keystone state of the Union: they now maintain their home (1907) in Washingtonville, Montour county. Abram Hendrickson, maternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Pennsylvania and was a scion of one of its honored pioneer families. He was a prominent and influential farmer of Montour county at the time of his death. William J. Messersmith is a carpenter by trade and is still actively engaged in contracting and building, in addition to which he is engaged in the furniture and undertaking business at Washingtonville. Abram C. Messersmith was reared to maturity in his native county, to whose pub-

he schools he is indebted for his early educational discipline. In 1885 he entered the employ of the Wilkes Barre & Western Railroad Company and became concerned in the erection of bridges, depots, etc. At the expiration of about eighteen months he retired from this line of work, after which he was employed at his trade in various parts of the state until 1892, when he located in Pottsville, where he has since maintained his home and where he has been established in successful business as a contractor and builder since 1894. He has erected many high-grade buildings in this locality, and among the more noteworthy may be mentioned the Polish Catholic church at New Philadelphia, the Fishbach public school building in Pottsville and the new annex to the Jallapa public school in this city. He also had the contract for the rebuilding of the Mountain City building, owned by J. Miehle & Son, Pottsville. He has built many of the finest private houses in his home borough, and his reputation as a reliable and able business man is unassailable. He is also a member of the firm of Messersmith Brothers, dealers in furniture at Lansford. Mr. Messersmith is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, is a Democrat in his political adherency, and both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Messersmith has been twice married. His deceased wife's maiden name was Margaret Evans, and she was born in Wales, a daughter of George and Fanny Evans. She is survived by two children—Leroy and Leah. Mr. Messersmith's second marriage was to Miss Caroline Miller, daughter of Levi and Rebecca Miller, of Pottsville.

**Meyers, Charles**, proprietor of the Evening Chronicle, Pottsville, was born in Minersville, Schuylkill county, Pa., Nov. 25, 1855. He is descended from German ancestors, his parents, Jacob and Susanna (Laudeman) Meyers, being natives of Bavaria. They immigrated to America in 1852, and were married in Minersville, in which borough they passed the closing years of their lives. The father died in March, 1894, at the age of sixty-seven, and the mother died three months later, at the age of seventy-two. Charles Meyers has been entirely self-dependent from early youth. His parents were not financially able to afford him the advantages of an education, and he left school at the age of ten years to join the army of slate-pickers at the mines. He was employed in this capacity and that of a "loader" until he was eighteen years of age. Thereafter he was employed in various lines of work for a number of years, until after his marriage, in 1880, when he returned to the mines as a foreman, being thus employed for several years, at different places. In 1894 he became the superintendent of the Brookwood Coal Company's washery at Mahanoy Plane, both he and his brother Harry having an interest in the \$50,000 plant there erected. In 1896 Mr. Meyers resigned his position and was nominated as Republican candidate for the office of county commissioner, a position to which he was elected by a handsome

majority. After completing his term of office Mr. Meyers again returned to the mines, having retained his interest in the property previously mentioned, and soon thereafter considerable change was made in the proprietorship, other property was purchased, and the business of the firm expanded. It now became known as the G. B. Newton & Company Consolidation, and Mr. Meyers owned a one-third interest, being superintendent of the business. Leases were secured on additional property, in different parts of the county, the business being devoted principally to washing culm banks, which proved profitable. In Aug., 1903, Mr. Meyers sold his interest in the extensive business here briefly described, and in May, 1905, he purchased the Chronicle, which is one of the principal daily papers in Pottsville, as it is also, under various changes of name and proprietorship, one of the oldest. The plant is large and valuable, fully equipped for all kinds of book and job work, in connection with publishing a daily and a weekly newspaper. Charles Meyers was married Feb. 8, 1880, to Miss Caroline Semmet, of Cressona, Schuylkill county. Her parents, Frederick and Elizabeth (Leonard) Semmet, were natives of Bavaria and located at Cressona in an early day. Her father was killed in a railroad accident, in 1875, and her mother died at Cressona in 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Meyers have two daughters, Misses Marion and Helen. Both are attending school in Pottsville. The only son, whose name was Frank, is deceased.

**Michel, George H.**, son of Christ and Frances (Walters) Michel, was born in Tremont, Schuylkill county, Pa., Oct. 8, 1865, and is one of a family of eight children—five sons and three daughters. His brothers are Joseph, Charles, John and William, and his sisters, Carrie, Frances and Emma. He attended the public schools in Tremont until he was ten years of age, then going to work in the Brookside colliery. At the age of sixteen he became an apprentice in the bakery and confectionary business and served three and a half years, learning the trade of J. B. Christ, of Tremont. At the age of nineteen he left Tremont and went to Philadelphia, where he worked at his trade until 1888. He then came to Schuylkill Haven and started in business for himself on a small scale, gradually increasing facilities until his had grown to be a very large and complete establishment. He manufactured a full line of bakery goods and was also a wholesale jobber of confectionary. He continued in this business until Apr. 1, 1906, when he retired and sold his interest to his two brothers, Joseph M. and Charles H. Michel, who now conduct the business under the name of Michel Brothers. Mr. Michel was married in May, 1889, to Alice A. Berger, daughter of Samuel and Christine (Buehler) Berger, of Schuylkill Haven. They had one son, who died in infancy. Mr. Michel is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Royal Arcanum. He is a Republican in politics, but has never aspired to public office.

**Michetti, Rev. Peter**, pastor of St. Joseph's Italian Roman Catholic church at Pottsville, was born in Italy, on May 19, 1878, a son



of Dominic and Cherubina Michetti. The father is living in the old country with another son. The preliminary education of the subject of this sketch was received in a seminary near his home village, and in Sept., 1902, he went to Rome, where, on May 25 of the following year, he read his first mass. His arrival in the United States dates from Nov. 21, 1905, when he landed in New York, direct from Rome. In Jan., 1906, he came to Pottsville and assumed the charge which he now holds. His pastorate includes Italian congregations in many different towns, and most of the services are held in the German Catholic churches. The class at Minersville comprises thirty-five families, Nesquehoning, fifty-five families, Mahanoy City, thirty families, Schuylkill Haven, twelve families; St. Clair, five families, New Philadelphia, five families, and Blackwood, fifteen families. Beside these there are many single men and the church at Pottsville has a membership roll of seventy-five families. The congregation recently purchased from the St. John the Baptist congregation the German Catholic church edifice and there each Sunday Father Michetti holds services. Although he has been a resident of Pottsville but a short time he has won the respect and esteem of the community by his able and intelligent efforts in the behalf of his countrymen.

**Miller, Preston**, land surveyor for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, is a native of Lykins Valley, Dauphin county, Pa., where he was born on Feb. 6, 1838. He is a son of John and Leah (Bower) Miller, of German antecedents. His father, who was a tanner and farmer by occupation, was born in 1806, and died in 1870. He was a native of Lancaster county, Pa. The mother, whose maiden name was Leah Bower, was born in Berks county in 1815, and died in 1891. The subject of this article received a liberal education in the schools of his youthful days, dividing his time between attendance at the district school and working on his father's farm. At the age of seventeen he began teaching, and he continued this work during the winter seasons for five or six years. In the meantime his aspirations for higher education were gratified, principally by his own efforts, and he enrolled as a student in Berksburg seminary; later he took a course in Union seminary at New Berlin, Pa. His professional education was acquired in the Polytechnical college at Philadelphia. He came to Schuylkill county in 1868 as a surveyor for the same corporation with which he is now connected, and has been employed in this capacity for thirty-four years. His long continuance at the head of this important branch of the company's varied industries is the best recognition of superior merit. Mr. Miller has been twice married—first on Dec. 21, 1865, when he wedded Miss Sarah Louisa Schwab. This union was blessed by the birth of three sons: John Harvey, a practicing physician in Harrisburg; Charles Logan, engaged in the coal business in Philadelphia; and Arthur Clayton, who died at the age of three years. Dr. John H. Miller, the eldest of the sons, is a graduate of Jefferson medical college, Philadelphia, and also completed a

course in pharmacy prior to taking up his medical studies. Mrs. Miller died Sept. 12, 1876, and on Dec. 31, 1879, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Miller to Miss Elizabeth Robinson. Three daughters were born to this union: Anna Robinson, Helen Elizabeth and one who died in infancy, unnamed. Miss Anna was educated at Elmira college, New York, and her sister, Miss Helen, completed her education at Swarthmore college, in Delaware county, Pa. Both young ladies are at home. Preston Miller was the only son born to his parents, his sisters being Anna Maria, deceased wife of Samuel Snyder, and Miss Elizabeth. In political affiliations Mr. Miller is a Democrat, but has never been controlled by party lines. He is proud of the fact that he supported Lincoln and Grant, and sustained the efforts of the national government in the suppression of treason and disunion. In the selection of political candidates he supports men rather than measures, and is always found on the side of right as he understands the right. He has never aspired to public office. The paternal grandfather of Preston Miller was Jacob Miller, whose wife was Mary Ruhl. Their home was in Lancaster county. The maternal grandfather, John Bower, was a merchant, farmer and tanner in Oley township, Berks county. His wife's maiden name was Anna Kehler. Preston Miller is a member of the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and also holds membership in the Pennsylvania Forestry society, the Schuylkill County Historical society, and the German-American society.

**Monaghan, Joseph P.**, a prominent young attorney of the Schuylkill county bar whose office is in Shenandoah, is a native of Girardville, this county, where he was born on Jan. 6, 1876. He is a son of Patrick and Bridget ((Derrick) Monaghan, both of whom were born in County Mayo, Ireland, whence they came to this country with their respective parents while still young children. Both families located in Minersville and there the parental marriage was celebrated. The father has been engaged in pedagogic work all his active life with the exception of the four years that he served in the Union army during the Civil war, as a private in the 48th Pennsylvania infantry. For the past thirty years he has been principal of the Girardville schools. Of the seven children born to the parents, six are living. William J. is a practicing physician at Girardville; Mary Z., a graduate of the Keystone state normal school, at Kutztown, is a teacher; Margaret is the wife of T. J. Slattery, station agent of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad at Girardville; Vincent D. is a druggist at Girardville; and Helen, at home, is a graduate of the public schools. In 1890 the subject of this sketch completed the courses offered in the public schools of Girardville and he prepared for college at Kutztown normal school, where he graduated two years later. In the fall of 1892 he entered Georgetown University, at Washington, D. C., and he was graduated at that institution in 1896, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then began the study of law in the office of the Hon. James B. Reilly,

of Pottsville, and on July 22, 1901, after successfully passing the examination of the state board, he was admitted to the practice of his profession. He immediately removed to Shenandoah and has since been prominent as an attorney in many of the most interesting causes which have been tried in this county. Politically he is a Democrat, and although he takes an active and influential part in the campaigns, he has never been a candidate for office. His religious affiliations are with the Roman Catholic church. Fraternally he is identified with Council No. 618 of the Knights of Columbus, being the present incumbent of the office of chancellor, and is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

**Monaghan, Patrick F.**, is the competent president and general manager of the John B. Monaghan's Sons wholesale liquor house of Shenandoah, the firm being P. F. & M. V. Monaghan. The business was established by their father, John B. Monaghan, at Ashland, in 1858, and for eleven years he most successfully operated it at that place. Then he removed to Shenandoah and engaged in the same line, conducting in connection with it a grocery business. For a period of thirty years the business was conducted as first established and then the growing interests of the liquor trade demanded more space, whereupon the grocery department of the business was closed out and the additional space thus gained was used in the development of the liquor industry. Even with this added room the business outgrew its quarters, and within the past few years a three-story cement-block building, equipped with all modern appliances for the ready handling of the heavy goods comprising the stock in trade, has been erected. It is occupied chiefly as a storage room and rectifying plant. Under the former management, as now, the house has always been one of the leading commercial institutions of Schuylkill county and it has built up and maintained an excellent permanent trade. The institution has weathered the storms of financial panic and labor troubles of the past few years—ordeals which sent many houses of good standing to the wall. It is probable, however, that no business man of the community suffered more severely than did the elder Monaghan, but he always came up smiling and with renewed vigor set to work to recover lost ground. Patrick F. Monaghan, the subject of this sketch, was born in Ashland, on Oct. 2, 1866. His parents came to Shenandoah when he was a mere child and his educational advantages were received in the schools of that borough. When he started out to earn his own living it was as an employe of his father, and he continued with him until the parent's death, in 1903. Then he assumed the full responsibility of the ownership and management of the concern. He was familiar with every detail of the business and no loss of prestige was occasioned the firm when he took hold. It has the same universal esteem of patrons and others which marked its hold upon the community under the old regime. In 1897 Mr. Monaghan married Miss Eleanor J. Rossiter, a native of Philadelphia, and to this union have been born three children—James, Mary and Eleanor.

The family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church of the Annunciation. Mr. Monaghan never takes an active part in politics. His other business interests include a directorate in the Merchants' National Bank of Shenandoah. M. V. Monaghan was born July 14, 1880, in Shenandoah, where he received a public-school education. He has been identified with the firm since the father's death. He takes an active interest in politics being prominent in the councils of the Democratic party. He is one of the directors of the Miners', Mechanics' and Laborers' Building and Loan Association and the Citizens' Electric Light Company. He is a communicant of the Roman Catholic church.

**Monahan, Thomas A., M. D.**, a physician and surgeon of Shenandoah, was born at Tremont, Schuylkill county, Jan. 9, 1880, and is a son of John J. and Margaret (Carroll) Monahan, the former a native of England and the latter of Schuylkill county. The father has been identified with the mining industry all his life. For some time he was mine foreman and he is now district superintendent of mines, his jurisdiction extending to five collieries about Shenandoah. The children of the family are: Mayme, at home with her parents; Dr. Thomas A.; Margaret, a teacher in the public schools of Washington, D. C.; Anna, a music teacher in Shenandoah; John, a student in Mount St. Mary's college, at Baltimore, Md.; and James and Philomena, attending the Shenandoah public schools. Dr. Monahan was educated in the public schools and at Westchester state normal school, after which he entered the Jefferson medical college of Philadelphia, in 1901, and was graduated with the class of 1905. For fourteen months he was resident physician in the Mercy hospital at Wilkes Barre, and he then began general practice at Shenandoah. Although one of the youngest physicians in the city he has demonstrated his ability in the treatment of diseases and is rapidly building up a successful practice. He is a member of the Shenandoah medical society and the alumni society of Jefferson medical college; is examining physician for the ladies' auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Prudential Life Insurance Company, and belongs to the Foresters of America. On all questions touching national politics Dr. Monahan is inclined to the Democratic party, though in local matters he exercises his suffrage to suit himself. He is unmarried and lives at home with his parents.

**Mootz, John**, a prominent merchant residing in Pottsville, was born in Luxemburg, Germany, March 15, 1856, and received his education in his native country. He came alone to America in 1872 and located at once in Pottsville, where he secured employment on the railroad. He remained in the service of the Philadelphia & Reading for seven years, the last five of which he was a freight-train conductor. Upon leaving the road he engaged in the dry-goods and grocery business at Palo Alto, where he continued the enterprise for a period of fifteen years. At the end of that time he disposed of his stock of dry-goods and removed his stock of groceries to the building at 218-220 South Center street; Potts-



ville, where he has been engaged in business ever since. Mr. Mootz's wife was formerly Miss Barbara Hummel, a lady of refinement and culture and a daughter of the late George H. Hummel of Pottsville. Six children have blessed this union—Ellie, George A., Emma, Mary, John F. and Barbara. All the children are graduates of St. John's parochial school in Pottsville. The two sons are engaged in business with their father, and the daughters are at home. The family are all communicants of the Roman Catholic church, and are regular attendants and workers in the same. In politics Mr. Mootz is a Democrat, but never was in sympathy with the free-silver propaganda of his party. His other business interests include the presidency of the Rettig Brewing Company, in which he is heavily interested as a stockholder, and he is also a director and stockholder in the Schuylkill Toast Company, a director in the Pottsville Mutual Fire Insurance Company and a director and treasurer of the new City Building and Loan Association. He is highly respected for his business ability, his thrift and his honesty.

**Mortimer, George Wesley**, a well known business man of Pottsville, and a representative of an old and honored family, was born Sept. 6, 1851. He is a son of William and Susan J. (Simpson) Mortimer, and in the paternal line the family was represented in this country prior to the Revolution. They are of English extraction and the original American progenitors came to this country as subjects of King George, but soon allied themselves with the cause of the colonists. William Mortimer, the father of the subject of this article, was a son of William Mortimer, who was an early pioneer of this county, to which he came from Valley Forge, in 1826. He was one of the early state senators from Schuylkill county, and was otherwise prominently identified with the county's early history. He purchased a hotel property on the site of the present Mountain City building, and conducted that, in connection with a mercantile business, for many years. He was an ardent Democrat, and a leader of his party in local politics. William Mortimer, Jr., father of the subject of this sketch, was a dry-goods merchant, and was prominent in the business circles of Pottsville. He became the father of fourteen children, and nearly all of his sons are identified with mercantile life in Pottsville. The eldest of this family was Mary Frances, who died at about the age of sixty years. She was the wife of William H. Robinson. Sarah is the widow of John Engle; Emma L. is the wife of James Muir, and Susan J. is the widow of Dr. Charles T. Palmer; Charles W. conducts a hat store and men's furnishing business in Pottsville; George Wesley, of this sketch, is the next in order of birth; Franklin Pierce is a dry-goods merchant in Pottsville; and William Horace is a jeweler in the same town; Minnie Allen married John J. Garbin, and resides in Pottsville; Joseph Gilmore, the youngest of the living, is a jeweler in his native town. Walter, William John, Ellen and James died in infancy or early childhood. George Wesley Mortimer was edu-

cated in the public schools of Pottsville, at the Paschal Institute of Technology, and at Millersville state normal school. His early aspiration was to become a lawyer, and with this object in view, he entered the law office of A. W. Schalck, Esq., and began the preliminary study. But the confinement was detrimental to his health, and after one year spent in this preparatory work he decided to accept a position which was tendered him, and became the bookkeeper for the Diamond Coal Company, continuing with that firm until November, 1873, when he engaged in his present business—real estate and insurance. He is the representative of many of the leading insurance companies of the United States, and transacts a large business, both in real estate and insurance. Mr. Mortimer was married Sept. 6, 1876, to Miss Anna M., daughter of Jeremiah and Amanda (Morgan) Seitzinger. They have no children. The subject of this article is prominently identified with several business interests besides those mentioned. He is one of the managers of the Pottsville hospital, is a director in the Pottsville Water Company, and a director in the Schuylkill Trust Company (bank). He holds membership in the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The religious affiliations of the family are with the First Presbyterian church, Mr. Mortimer being one of the church trustees. The maternal branch of this family, as represented by Susan J. Simpson, was also of English extraction, but the history has not been well preserved. It is known that the maternal grandfather of Mr. Mortimer was a man of education, and that he was a professor in a private seminary for young ladies; but even traditional history does not establish the date of the family's introduction into the New World.

**Moser, Joseph R.**, proprietor of a general store in Locustdale, was born in that borough on Nov. 12, 1865. He is one of seven children of George H. and Catherine (Davis) Moser, the others being Charles, Fred B., Alec, Harriet, Clara and Lizzie. The father was born in Germany, but came to this country while still a youth, receiving his education in the Pottsville schools. He went into the grocery business when he had completed his education and in 1858 came to Locustdale, where he managed a grocery store for one of the colliery firms until that firm was purchased by a Reading concern. Then, in partnership with Alexander S. Morehead, he purchased the company store and for six years they continued in the management of it. At that time Mr. Morehead left the active business end and his wife took his interest. This partnership continued for three years more and then Mr. Moser purchased the partner's interest, after which he continued to conduct the enterprise under his own name until 1899.

**Moyer, Edward J.**, son of William and Susan (Snvder) Moyer, was born in Wayne township, this county, Nov. 12, 1878. He has one brother, Harry, and two sisters—Clara, wife of Daniel Phillips, of Schuylkill Haven, and Gertrude, wife of Clinton Confehr, of the same place. Edward J. attended the township public schools until

he was sixteen years of age, after which he worked on his father's farm until two years ago when he rented the farm, which he has since time to work. He does general farming and also has a market and truck garden. May 22, 1897, Mr. Moyer was married to Miss Mary Krommes, daughter of Charles Krommes, of Cressona. They have one son, Curtis. Mr. Moyer is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, of Friedensburg, and in his political affiliations is a Republican. The family are members of the Reformed church.

**Muldoon, Harry J.**, a prominent business man of Shenandoah and proprietor of the modern hostelry known as the Hotel Muldoon, was born in Cass township, Schuylkill county, May 1, 1859. He is one of the six children born to Henry and Mary (McHale) Muldoon, the others being Patrick, Edward, Michael, Thomas and Ella. The two last named are deceased, Thomas departing this life in young manhood and Ella when she was thirty years of age. The father was a mine foreman for the greater part of his active life, continuing as such until he lost an arm in an accident. Then he established the Hotel Muldoon, and he continued to be its genial host until his death. The subject of this sketch received his educational discipline in the public schools of Shenandoah. He started out to earn his own living as a clerk in the grocery business, and in 1881 left that occupation to become associated with his father in the management of the Hotel Muldoon. Since his father's demise he has been the sole owner of the property and in a financial way has made an immense success of the business. Politically Mr. Muldoon is a zealous exponent of the principles of the Democratic party and has been influential in the local councils of that organization. During one campaign he served a year as chairman of the county committee and has been elected to several offices. He is at the present time incumbent of the office of borough councilman and has served six years as a member of the school board, one year as school treasurer and six years as county controller. Sept. 8, 1897, Mr. Muldoon married Miss Mary E. Stuck, a native of Shenandoah, and for some years a teacher in the borough schools. Of the six children four are living, namely: Henry, Anna, Edward and Eleanor. John and Mary died in infancy. The family are all communicants of the Roman Catholic church. Mr. Muldoon is associated in a fraternal way with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is past exalted ruler, and with the Shenandoah aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He is recognized as one of Shenandoah's well-to-do citizens, a large part of his wealth being represented in valuable realty. His popularity was well attested when he received, on his first election to the county controllership, the largest vote ever given by Shenandoah citizens to a candidate for office, and at his re-election to the office there were but 500 votes cast against him in the city.

**Mulholland, Patrick J.**—Success is methodical and consecutive and comes only to those valiant souls who are endowed with pluck, perseverance and determination. Among those who, overcoming

many obstacles, have attained to success and honor in connection with the practical activities of life is Patrick J. Mulholland, one of the prominent and influential citizens of Shenandoah. He was born at York Tunnel, South Cass township, Schuylkill county, Pa., March 17, 1860, and is a son of Peter and Mary (Turley) Mulholland, both natives of Ireland, the father having been born in county Armagh and the mother in county Tyrone. Their marriage was solemnized in the Emerald Isle and they had two children at the time of their immigration to the United States, in 1850. Peter Mulholland became a naturalized citizen in 1855, and he continued to reside at York Tunnel, this county, until his death, in 1869. His wife died at the same place, in 1864. During his residence here he was variously employed in connection with the mining industry. The subject of this sketch is the only son, and he has three sisters living, all residents of Pennsylvania. When Patrick J. Mulholland was but three months of age he fell from a bed and suffered a dislocation of the left hip, an injury which caused a permanent lameness. The financial conditions of the family were such that he early began to depend upon his own resources and to assist in the support of the family. He started to earn his own living as a slate-picker at the mines, receiving in compensation for his services the munificent sum of one and one-quarter dollars a week. He labored assiduously and faithfully in various capacities about the mines and with the passing of the years his ambition prompted him to seek to establish himself in an independent business. He had been a total abstainer from intoxicating liquors, and had well learned the habits of frugality and economy, having felt to the full the lash of necessity. Having accumulated a few hundred dollars, he invested the same in a small grocery store at Brownsville, and he conducted the same until 1884, when he engaged in the retail liquor trade in Shenandoah, continuing until 1888 and thereafter having charge of the bar at the Ferguson House until 1889, when he was elected chief burgess, on the Democratic ticket. He was re-elected in 1890 and at the expiration of his second term he located in the city of Philadelphia, where he was employed as a stationary engineer until Apr., 1892, when he returned to Shenandoah, where he has since continued in business. When the law creating the office of controller went into effect Mr. Mulholland was the first man on either side to receive a nomination for that office, although there were eight Democratic candidates. He was defeated in the election, which resulted in a landslide in favor of the Republican party. He has been for years a most active and efficient worker in the ranks of the Democratic party and he wields much influence in political affairs of a local nature. He is the present warden of the Schuylkill county prison, at Pottsville, to which office he was appointed in Jan., 1906. Mr. Mulholland is the pioneer member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in the county, having originally affiliated with Aerie No. 42, in the city of Philadelphia, and having later effected the organization of Aerie No. 103, of Shenandoah, which he represented in the national convention of the order in May, 1901, in the



city of San Francisco. The following estimate of the character and standing of Mr. Mulholland was published in a local new paper of recent date: "In politics Mr. Mulholland is far sighted, shrewd and resourceful. He is an unflinching worker, strong in his friendship and loyal to the last extreme. His word is as good as a bond and nothing is too much trouble for him when the interests of a friend are at stake. These characteristics, together with a strong, magnetic personality, are accountable for the host of loyal followers he has throughout the county." June 10, 1901, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Mulholland to Miss Bridget McMenamin, who was born and reared in this county, and they have two children—Peter, who was born Apr. 1, 1902, and Francis, who was born May 1, 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Mulholland are communicants of the Catholic church.

**Neiswinter, Daniel H.**, a prominent and well known pioneer citizen of Schuylkill county, was born in Eldred township, Nov. 15, 1828. He is a son of Daniel, who was a son of Michael, the founder of the family in America, and one of the earliest pioneers of Schuylkill county. Michael Neiswinter secured 150 acres of wild land, covered with heavy hardwood timber, and this, through hard labor, was gradually prepared for the plow, and finally became a valuable and fertile farm. Daniel Neiswinter, father of the subject of this sketch, lived with his parents until their death and was a hard-working farmer. He was a Democrat and a member of the German Lutheran church. He married Mary Hepler, a representative of another pioneer family in that locality. She was a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Hepler, of Eldred township. Following is a brief record concerning the children of Daniel and Mary Neiswinter: Samuel enlisted in the Union army and never returned; Daniel H. is the subject of this sketch; George died at Mount Carmel, in 1906; Michael is a resident of Mount Carmel; William is a farmer at Pitman, this county; Peter is a stock dealer at Mount Carmel; Elizabeth and Mary are deceased; Kate, wife of Amos Weizel, and Sarah, who married August Weizel, both live in Eldred township, this county; Mary and Susan are deceased. Mr. Neiswinter, of this review, received a limited education in the subscription schools of his boyhood days, and lived at the parental home. He married in 1853 Miss Rebecca Herb, of Eldred township. She was a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Herb. Her father was a distiller, drover, and farmer in Eldred township where the family were early settlers. Mr. and Mrs. Neiswinter had a family of twelve children, and those now living are: Mary is the wife of John Wilkin, of Shamokin, Pa.; Mason is a hotel-keeper at Mantua, Pa.; Charles is at home and works the parental farm; he married Miss Hattie Pfeiffer; Sarah is the wife of John Scymbal, of Shamokin; Hannah married William Hinkle and lives at Gilberton, Pa.; Kate is married to G. Jones, and lives at Gilberton; Francis owns the old homestead; Borte married Joseph Wenn and lives at Shamokin; Aggie, Dannie and Susanna died in childhood. The subject of this article was a hard-working man during his productive years, and took a somewhat active part in public affairs. He has been retired from active labors since 1885. His political af-

filiations have been with the Republican party since its organization. He served seven years as supervisor in Eldred township, and many sessions as a jurymen, and has always been a public-spirited citizen. He has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for thirty-eight years, being a charter member of Lodge No. 822, at Pitman. He and his family adhere to the religious faith of their ancestors, that of the German Lutheran church. Mr. Neiswinter was spent a lifetime in careful reading and observation, thereby adding greatly to the limited opportunities of his early life, and becoming thoroughly well informed. He is well preserved for a man of his years, and enjoys the highest esteem of the community in which his life has been spent.

**Nelsen, Nels**, a florist, was born in Veile, Denmark, May 30, 1857. He is a son of Nels Henriksen and Anna (Clausen) Henriksen. The father was a florist and for many years a member of the town council of Veile. He lived to be eighty-six years of age and his wife died when she was seventy-six. The subject of this sketch received his education in the public schools of Denmark and then took a botanical course in the botanical gardens in Copenhagen. At the age of twenty he entered the Danish army, in which he served three years, rising from the rank of private to that of sergeant. For a year he worked in his native country and then, in 1884, came to the United States, landing on American soil at Perth Amboy, N. J. The first eighteen months after his arrival were spent working at odd jobs and he then obtained employment in connection with the Lehigh Valley Railroad as florist, with headquarters at Delano, Pa. This work furnished him with a livelihood for eight years and in 1893 he came to Tamaqua and engaged in business as a florist. At the first he had but 500 feet of glass, but his persistence and the increase of business have compelled him to enlarge his quarters from time to time until now he has 30,000 feet. He is thoroughly acquainted with each detail of floriculture and his ambition, energy and business ability have made his venture a success. For two terms he was a member of the town council. Oct. 12, 1894, Mr. Nelsen was united in marriage to Miss Sallie Stahler, a native of Schuylkill county, and a daughter of Reuben and Bennetta Stahler. Mr. and Mrs. Nelsen have no children. They are members of the Reformed church and in fraternal matters he is identified with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Odd Fellows, and the Elks.

**Newhard, Irwin C., D. V. S.**, chief of the veterinary department of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, with headquarters at Ashland, was born at Allentown, Pa., March 14, 1872. He is a son of James D. and Elizabeth (Bachman) Newhard, and comes of excellent German stock. His preliminary educational advantages were those of the public schools of his native city and he later attended Muhlenberg college. He studied veterinary surgery in that department of New York university, where he was graduated in 1893. He began the practice of his profession in Harrisburg, Pa., the same year and subsequently became connected with the Philadelphia & Reading Company. For a year he was in Pottsville for the company

and in 1890 he came to Ashland to assume his present responsible position. He has general supervision of the live stock stables and the feed and grain department of the company and each year delivers a course of lectures on the "Care of the Mule" before the company's employes. Nov. 20, 1899, Dr. Newhard was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Price, a daughter of Abram and Julia (Cook) Price, of Harrisburg. The only child of this union, Charles Price, died in childhood. Dr. Newhard and his wife are devout members of the English Lutheran church of Ashland. Politically the doctor is a Republican, but he has never held office. In a professional way he is associated with the Schuylkill Valley Veterinary Medical association, the Pennsylvania State Veterinary Medical association and the alumni association of the university of New York. His fraternal relations are with Ashland Lodge, No. 264, Free and Accepted Masons; Griscom Chapter, No. 219, Royal Arch Masons; Prince of Peace Commandery, No. 39, Knights Templars; Rajah Temple, No. 277, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Reading; and the Royal Arcanum. He is also a charter member of the Ashland lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

**Newman, John M.**, shipping clerk of the E. I. DuPont de Nemours Powder Company, of Tamaqua, was born in Berks county, Pa., Sept. 25, 1850. He is a son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Startzer) Newman. The father was a stone-mason and he died in the early '60s at the age of thirty-three years; his widow is still living, an honored resident of Lebanon, Pa. The subject of this sketch is the third in order of birth of the four children in the family. Henry, for many years a merchant tailor at Steelton, Dauphin county, died at the age of forty-four; Emma is Mrs. John Sheeler, of Lebanon, Pa.; and Annie became the wife of John Leininger, of North Heidelberg, Pa. John M. Newman acquired his scholastic training in the common schools of Berks county and at night schools. When he had completed his education he spent two years as an apprentice in the shoemaker's trade, then for two and a half years was employed in an oil refinery in South Chester, Pa., and the two following years on a farm in Illinois. Since that time, more than a quarter of a century, he has been a dynamite manufacturer, first in Stoutsburg, Pa., then Lebanon, Five Locks, Stony Creek and Tamaqua, at which last place he has been located since 1891. He has the distinction of having been at the trade for a longer continuous period than any other man, having missed but five months in more than twenty-five years. His place of business in Tamaqua is on Pine street, and he is one of the most prominent citizens of the community. For six years he served as school director in Rush township and has often been the recipient of other honors. He is not identified with any political party but exercises his right of franchise as his conscience and judgment dictate. In religious matters Mr. Newman is affiliated with the Reformed church and in fraternal circles is well known, being a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Knights of Pythias, the Junior Mechanics, the Deutsche Gesellschaft, of which he was a

charter member, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a past officer of both the order of Red Men and the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Newman has been twice married. Feb. 14, 1883, he married Miss Emma Beechey, a native of Lebanon and a daughter of the late Levi and Sarah Beechey. The one child of this union, Harry B., married Miss Sarah Clark and has a son Harry. Death annulled this marriage on Nov. 12, 1885, and Apr. 14, 1886, Mr. Newman led to the altar Miss Lydia Garloff, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of Bennival and Sarah Garloff. Mr. Garloff is deceased but his widow is still a resident of Lebanon. The children of Mr. Newman's second marriage are five in number—Paul I., Emma E., Walter T., Laura I., and John C.

**Ney, Daniel R.**, senior partner of the firm of Ney & Brown, of Friedensburg, is a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Roeder) Ney, and was born in Wayne township, near Summit Station, Oct. 17, 1843. He received his early education in the township schools and later attended the McAllisterville Academy, in Juniata county, the Millersville normal school, the Collegiate seminary in Montgomery county, and the Myerstown academy. During the eight years that he was pursuing his education at these schools he was also teaching. At the age of twenty-six, with J. B. Kremer as partner, he went into the mercantile business at Summit Station, where he remained twelve years. While engaged in this business he also taught school for two terms. After leaving Summit Station he bought Roeder's mill, where he carried on the milling business for a year and a half, when he sold to Harrod Klahr, exchanging the mill for a store and again engaging in mercantile business. This was in Shartelsville, Berks county, and he closed out the business there after remaining six months. He then moved to Rock, Schuylkill county, and later to Lebanon, where he again went into mercantile business, remaining for a year and a half. In Strausstown, Berks county, he was partner in the firm of Ritzman & Ney, for one year, selling his share to his partner at the end of that time. In 1887 he went to Buena Vista, Colo., remaining five months and returning to Strausstown in the fall. In the spring of 1888 he removed to Friedensburg and went into partnership with Frank A. Brown, under the firm name of Ney & Brown. This partnership has continued to the present time. On Jan. 19, 1867, Mr. Ney married Mary Brown, daughter of Joseph and Susan (Swartz) Brown, of Wayne township. Three children have been born to them, the oldest, a daughter, dying in infancy. One son and one daughter are living. The son, William W., lives at Harrisburg, and is a railway mail clerk on the Pennsylvania railroad. He was a teacher for five years in Wayne township before entering the mail service. The daughter, Cora Martha, is a graduate of the Keystone state normal school and taught school in Schuylkill Haven, Orwigsburg, Wayne township, and Ellwood, before her marriage to George D. Strubahr, of Pottstown. Mr. Strubahr is a draughtsman for a large construction company of that place. Mr. Ney is a charter member of Farmers' Lodge, No. 649, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Summit



Station, and is a past officer of the same. He has served as deputy district grand master for one year. He is also a member of Camp 204, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, of Friedensburg, and has been secretary of the same for eighteen years. In politics he is a Democrat, and he has been a member of the school board for four years. He is secretary of the Washington Hose Company and has been a director of the South Schuylkill Fire Insurance Company. Mr. Ney is a member of the Lutheran church of Friedensburg, and has been an elder in the same for sixteen years.

**Nice, Walter R.**, deceased, for several years a prominent contractor and builder of Frackville, Pa., and later engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in that city, was born in Hamburg, Berks county, Pa., July 17, 1841, and was a son of Benjamin and Margaret Nice. He was a pioneer citizen of Frackville, was a cabinet-maker by trade and later a carpenter, and for ten years he was actively engaged as a contractor and builder. In 1876 he established the furniture and undertaking business which he successfully conducted until his death, June 4, 1888, at the age of forty-seven years. He was a man of sterling integrity and worth, always displayed a deep interest in matters pertaining to the public welfare and was honored and esteemed by his fellow townsmen. He was a member of the Lutheran church and fraternally was associated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America. After his demise his widow conducted for a period of nine years the business which he had founded, and it was then taken over and has since been most successfully conducted by the estate. June 12, 1862, Mr. Nice married Sarah Adams, a daughter of John and Polly (Becker) Adams, of Berks county, Pa., and they became the parents of seven children, six of whom grew to maturity, as follows: Sarah, who became the wife of Lewis Morgan; Lizzie, wife of Howard Deisher; Curtis, deceased; Marion, wife of Frank Weller; Woodward A., more extended mention of whom follows; and Walter. Woodward A. Nice, undertaker, coal dealer and general contractor of Frackville, Pa., was born in this borough Aug. 15, 1873, and was reared to manhood in the city of his birth, receiving his early education in the public schools. After the death of his father, in 1888, he assisted his mother in conducting the business left by his father until 1897, when he took charge of the undertaking establishment on his own account, in which venture he has been eminently successful, being also a licensed embalmer. In 1905 he entered the general contracting business, and in 1906 became a member of the firm of Grabey & Nice, dealers in coal; all of these ventures are proving successful. In politics he gives allegiance to the Republican party, and he has served one term as a member of the borough council of Frackville. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and the Royal Arcanum. Feb. 27, 1901, he married Sadie Moore, a daughter of Richard and Harriet (Faust) Moore, of Frackville, and they are the parents of a daughter, Wilda.

**Niswenter, William**, is one of the highly esteemed citizens and prominent business men of Shenandoah, and his prosperity stands as the diametrical result of his own efforts, for he early began the battle of life on his own responsibility. He was born in the Mahantango valley, Schuylkill county, Pa., and is a son of Samuel Niswenter, who was a man of sterling character but who was in moderate circumstances in the matter of material prosperity. When the Civil war was precipitated upon a divided country the father of the subject of this sketch entered the service of the Union, though he was compelled to leave his little family ill provided for, their main source of income being the meager pay which he received from the government as a private soldier. He was finally captured by the enemy and was incarcerated in Libby prison, where he died. His family was thus deprived of its only source of revenue, and his widow found that upon her rested a heavy burden of responsibility, which the subject of this sketch aided in uplifting to the extent of his power while yet a mere boy. He initiated his labors when but nine years of age, and, as may well be imagined, his early educational opportunities were most limited, as he aided in the support of his widowed mother and younger brothers. He was but a child at the time when the family established their humble home in Shenandoah, and here he has worked his way to the front and proven his stability of character and his integrity of purpose. That he has retained through the intervening years the implicit confidence and esteem of the community stands as the best voucher for the worth of the man. The most eligible occupation offered to boys at the time in this locality was that of picking slate in the coal breakers, and this vocation was then even less inviting than at the present, as the idea of a steam-heated breaker had not then been conceived, and the work itself lacked the modern facilities. After having been employed for a few years in the capacity noted, Mr. Niswenter was "promoted" to the dignified position of mule driver on the dump. He continued to be identified with the various labors of the collieries until 1885, and by economy had by this time accumulated about five hundred dollars. With this capital he engaged in business on his own account, equipping himself with a one-horse wagon for hauling coal. As time passed he invested his savings in horses and finally he engaged in the livery business. He began operations on a small scale, but through this means laid the foundations for the large and profitable enterprise which he now controls in this line. He has attained to success of no indefinite sort\* and his interests in the town are now of varied and important order. Success thus won merits all of commendation, and Mr. Niswenter is now recognized as one of the substantial business men and alert and progressive citizens of Shenandoah. He has one of the best equipped livery establishments in the county and has other capitalistic interests of important order. He is a member of the directorate of the First National Bank of Shenandoah and of the Citizens' Electric Light Company, as well as of that of the Bloomburg Oil & Gas Company. He is the one interested principal in the Shenandoah Fertilizer Company, and at all times he has stood ready to lend his

aid in the promotion of enterprises tending to augment the industrial and commercial prestige of his town and county. Though essentially and pre-eminently a business man, he is mindful of the higher duties of citizenship and has rendered most effective service as a member of the city council, of which he has been a member consecutively since 1890. He has well overcome the handicap of early years in the matter of education, and by well directed reading and by active association with the practical affairs of life has rounded out his fund of knowledge and become a man of broad general information. Concerning the mother of Mr. Niswenter it may be said that her maiden name was Mary McKinney and that she was of staunch Irish lineage; her husband came of sterling German stock. They became the parents of five sons, of whom the subject of this sketch was the firstborn. The devoted mother survived her husband by many years. Mr. Niswenter is identified with the coal business on a somewhat extensive individual scale. He is the owner of an excellent productive colliery and is also the owner of land which is certain to show good results when developed for coal, besides having one hundred and sixty acres of land which is productive of oil and gas. He is affiliated with Lodge No. 515, Free and Accepted Masons, at Bethlehem. He is one of the five surviving charter members of the historic old Rescue hook and ladder company of Shenandoah. Mr. Niswenter married Miss Hannah Ludwig, who was born in Minersville, this county, and they have two daughters—Gertrude, who is a graduate of the Shenandoah high school and who is now incumbent of the office of clerk of the registered-letter department in the postoffice of her home city, and Adelaide, who is attending the public schools.

**Norton, Rev. Lemuel B.**, is one of the able and honored members of the priesthood of the Catholic church in Schuylkill county, where he holds the pastorate of St. Mary's parish in Coaldale. He is a native son of the old Keystone state of the Union, having been born in the city of Philadelphia, Jan. 31, 1867. He completed a course in La Salle college, a leading church institution of his native city, after which he entered Philadelphia Theological seminary of St. Charles Borromeo, at Overbrook, where he prosecuted his divinity course and was graduated in 1890. He finally entered the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C., in which he received the degree of S. T. B. in 1891. In 1890 Father Norton was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Ryan, in Philadelphia, and he was forthwith assigned to the position of assistant pastor of St. Agatha's church, West Philadelphia, where he remained five years, at the expiration of which, in July, 1896, he was appointed to his present pastorate. His administration of the spiritual and temporal affairs of St. Mary's parish has been most beneficent and fruitful, the church membership having been increased by two hundred persons within his regime and the total membership being now 900. In 1896 he erected the fine parish house, at a cost of three thousand dollars, and the entire church property is free from indebtedness. Father Norton has the affectionate regard of his parishioners and the unqualified confidence and esteem of the entire com-

munity in which he is laboring so zealously and effectively, ever deeply appreciative of his high stewardship.

**Nungesser, William H.**, an enterprising real estate dealer and insurance agent, is a public-spirited and substantial citizen of Ringtown. He was born in Union township, July 4, 1855, and is a son of Martin and Rebecca (Dornbach) Nungesser. His father died when the son was but eighteen years of age, compelling the latter to leave school and go to work to help in the support of the family. His first employment was with a trestle-building gang of railroad employes, and during the winter months, when the severity of the weather made outside labor impossible, he attended school. For six years thereafter he was engaged in pedagogic work and then, in partnership with Francis Rumbel, he engaged in the general merchandise business. After thirteen years the firm was dissolved, Mr. Nungesser receiving an appointment as assessment clerk in the office of the county commissioners. When his term of office had expired he returned to Ringtown and started in his present line of business. He was appointed a justice of the peace in 1898 and this office he still holds. He is affiliated with no political party or organization, exercising his right of franchise as his best judgment directs him. Notwithstanding this, he has been the incumbent of three of the most important of the township offices—those of clerk, assessor and supervisor. His fraternal relations are with Ringtown Lodge, No. 287, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Castle No. 500, Knights of the Golden Eagle. Mr. Nungesser has been twice married. His marriage to Miss Johanna Zimmerman occurred on Apr. 18, 1880. Two sons, Galen W. and Roy C., living at Elizabeth, N. J., and Detroit, Mich., respectively, blessed this union. Mrs. Nungesser's death, on Dec. 30, 1889, annulled the marriage, and on Jan. 1, 1891, Miss Kate Stauffer became Mr. Nungesser's wife. No children have been born to the second marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Nungesser are devout members of the Lutheran church and he was at the head of the committee which had in charge the erection of the new edifice. He also oversaw the building of Odd Fellows hall.

**O'Hare, Bernard V.**, a rising young attorney of Shenandoah, was born at St. Nicholas, Schuylkill county, March 1, 1882, and is a son of Michael D. and Catherine (Higgins) O'Hare, the former a native of New Philadelphia, Pa., and the latter of Ireland. The paternal ancestors were also Irish, as the name indicates. Michael D. O'Hare is an engineer and at the present time is employed in the borough water-works at Brandonville. Of the children of Michael D. and Catherine O'Hare, James is a sales agent for mine explosives; Leander and Henry are engineers; Bernard is the subject of this sketch; May, Arthur, John and Felix are in school. Bernard V. O'Hare was educated in the public schools of Shenandoah, graduating with the high school class of 1901. He then entered the law office of Martin M. Burke as a student, completed his studies, took the examination before the state board of law examiners at Philadelphia, and was admitted in Oct., 1906, to practice in the state and county courts. Although



one of the youngest members of the bar in Schuylkill county, he has won the confidence of his clients, the admiration of his brother attorneys, and the respect of the bench, by his manly and dignified conduct in all the litigations with which he has been connected. Blessed with youth, good health and ambition, it is safe to predict a successful professional career for him in his chosen calling. In politics Mr. O'Hare is a firm and unyielding advocate of the principles of the Democratic party, and he takes a commendable interest in all questions touching the public weal. Educated in the faith of the Roman Catholic church, he affiliates with that religious organization, and also belongs to the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic fraternal society.

**O'Haren, James F.**, traveling salesman for Reese, Parvin & Co., of Philadelphia, with residence in Shenandoah, was born at Tamaqua, Schuylkill county, Apr. 23, 1860. His parents, Thomas and Catherine (Knowles) O'Haren, were natives of Queens county, Ireland, where they were married, soon after which they came to America, settling in Schuylkill county, where they passed the remainder of their lives, the father following his occupation of miner. He died Dec. 31, 1886, at the age of seventy-two years. The mother survived him a number of years and passed to her reward in May, 1899. Their children were Elizabeth, John, Timothy, Margaret, Mary, James, Thomas and Michael, all living except Mary, and all married but Michael. Margaret, Timothy and Michael are at Waterbury, Conn., operating the Pennsylvania merchandise store; John is a fire boss at the Silver Creek colliery and lives in New Philadelphia; and Thomas is associated with the subject of this sketch in business, as appears below. James F. O'Haren received his education in the schools of New Philadelphia and Shenandoah. He began his life's work as a slate-picker in the mines, passing to the positions of breaker boss and outside assistant foreman. He then secured a place as clerk in a grocery in Shenandoah, but left this place to become bookkeeper for the Shenandoah Baking Company. In 1886 he started as a traveling salesman in the employ of Samuel Lees & Co., of Philadelphia, selling produce, and he remained with this firm for five years, after which he entered the employ of B. W. Andrews & Co., wholesale grocers, of the same city. He remained with this concern until the retirement of Mr. Andrews, in 1901, when he accepted his present position. His territory extends from Hazleton to Shamokin and covers all the intermediate towns. Mr. O'Haren is also interested in several business enterprises outside of his regular occupation. He is manager of the Crew-Levick Oil Company, of Philadelphia, for the territory north of Broad mountain in Schuylkill county, his brother Thomas directing the movements of the delivery wagons and superintending sales. He is also a stockholder and director in the Kimber Run Coal & Coke Company, of Bedford county, Pa. Mr. O'Haren is a Democrat in his political views, was for three years a member of the board of school directors in Shenandoah, and is the present treasurer of the school district. He is prominently identified with social and benevolent societies, being president of the Phoenix fire company, the fire depart-

ment pension fund, and the Knights of the Annunciation; a member of Council No. 618, Knights of Columbus; Ashland Lodge, No. 384, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and the Annunciation temperance society; and, with his family, he belongs to the Annunciation Roman Catholic church. Mr. O'Haren has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Martha Lamb, of Shenandoah, who died in May, 1894, leaving one daughter, Katie, now a student in the grammar school and a young lady of more than ordinary accomplishments, few girls of her age being her equal as a performer on the piano. In June, 1896, he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Morris, of Ashland, and to this union have been born four children, John, James, Mary and Joseph. He owns a nice home at No. 109 South White street, and it is no disparagement to the other people of Shenandoah to say that his family is one of the most refined and cultured in the city, or that his home is one of the most hospitable.

**O'Hearn, John J.**, a prosperous and well known business man of Shenandoah, was born at Silver Creek (now the postoffice name of New Philadelphia), Schuylkill county, Pa., Aug. 15, 1867. He is a son of James J. and Mary (Connor) O'Hearn, the father a native of Cork, Ireland, and the mother of Montreal, Canada. The former was born in 1845 and the latter in 1843. They came to Schuylkill county during their early married life and here reared their children—John J., Jeremiah F., Henry, Agnes, Lucy, and Frank. John J. O'Hearn was educated in the public schools of Shenandoah, graduating from the high school in the class of 1887, after which he continued his studies for some time at Villanova college, at Villanova, Pa., and completed a course at Eastman's business college, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He began his business career at the age of twenty, and was employed as a book-keeper at Shenandoah for the succeeding five years. He was a member of the firm known as the Shenandoah Lumber & Feed Co., Ltd., for the next five years, and in 1898 he became the owner of a half interest in the firm of Glenn & O'Hearn, until recently doing business under that firm title. His partner was William H. Glenn, who died July 20, 1906. In 1894 this firm started in the lumber business at Mount Carmel, Pa., and both enterprises are now owned and operated by Mr. O'Hearn. The business is large and prosperous, and includes not only lumber and all kinds of building material, but general contracting, which is an important feature. It gives employment to a large corps of skilled mechanics, while the store and lumber business connected employ several clerks and laborers. It is undoubtedly the largest business of the kind in Shenandoah, if not in Schuylkill county. Since the death of Mr. Glenn, as above stated, Mr. O'Hearn has been the sole owner and manager of the two business enterprises, and also of the contracting features, which, in season, demand much attention. He held the office of borough auditor for three years, and is a director in the Citizens' Electric Light Company. In addition to the business interests previously mentioned, Mr. O'Hearn was one of the promoters of the Price & Glenn Coal Company, in which he owns a one-third interest. This company opened and developed the High

Point colliery, near Mahanoy City, in 1903. His business interests are varied and extensive, the most complicated of which is the management of his mercantile business in Shenandoah. This includes not only lumber and builders' supplies in connection with contracting and building, but a general stock of hardware, paints, oils, wall paper, flour, feed, etc. He was married Apr. 27, 1868, by Rev. H. F. O'Reilly, to Miss Mary E. Whalen, a daughter of Michael J. and Elizabeth (Hurley) Whalen, of Shenandoah. The family are members of Annunciation Roman Catholic church, under the pastorate of Rev. O'Reilly for the last thirty-seven years. Mr. and Mrs. O'Hearn have three children, Marion, born March 15, 1900; Elizabeth, born March 31, 1902; and Catherine, born June 12, 1906.

**Olesinski, Rev. S. M.**, pastor of St. Stanislaus Polish Catholic church of Shenandoah, was born in Russian Poland in 1871. He received his theological training in Austria and came to the United States in 1890, the year of his ordination to the priesthood. His first charge was St. Stanislaus church. This congregation was first organized in 1868, Rev. Father Abramaitis, of the Lithuanian church, being one of the moving spirits in its inception. It has had a number of pastors, among them Rev. Fathers M. Kopytkiewicz, Joseph Lambert, Vincenclaus, Mutulajtis, Mark Januszkiewicz and Joseph Konnrick. Father Olesinski after a year's service as pastor was transferred to Mahanoy City and McAdoo, and in 1903 was recalled to take charge of the St. Stanislaus congregation. Under his pastorate the elegant church which is now the home of the congregation was erected, at a cost of \$25,000. The furnishings and finishings of the structure are handsome and complete and include beautiful Gothic style altars, purchased in Europe and representing an expenditure of \$2,000. The membership comprises some 200 families, all of the Polish nationality. Father Olesinski is popular with his people and is held in high esteem by all classes of the community.

**Orlovsky, Andrew**, proprietor of the Eagle hotel in Coaldale, conducts a well appointed house and receives an appreciative patronage, which is augmented by his personal popularity in a local way and with the traveling public. Andrew Orlovsky was born in Salina, Galician Austria, on Nov. 13, 1866, and is a son of John and Caroline (Lutz) Orlovsky. He was reared on a farm in his native district and had the advantages of the common schools of the locality. At the age of twenty years, in accordance with the exactions of the government, he entered the Austrian army, and thereafter had the valuable educational opportunities afforded in the military school. He served the required four years in the army and then received his honorable discharge, with the rank of sergeant, indicated by the insignia of three stars. In 1890, at the age of twenty-four years, he severed the home ties and came to America. He took up his residence in Clearfield county, Pa., where he was employed in the bituminous coal mines for four years, at the expiration of which he removed to Westmoreland county and entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad, in which connection he was employed four years. In 1898

he took up his residence in Coaldale, Schuylkill county, where he engaged in the hotel business, in which he has since successfully continued. He purchased his present hotel property in 1904 and has modernized and otherwise improved the building. Mr. Orlovsky was made a naturalized citizen in 1897, and is arrayed as a loyal supporter of the principles of the Republican party. He is a communicant of the Polish Roman Catholic church, and is affiliated with St. John's Greek society and St. Peter's society at Lansford, and with the local aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. In Nov., 1897, Mr. Orlovsky was united in marriage to Miss Anna Orlovsky, daughter of Albert and Mary (Galont) Orlovsky, of Salina, Galician Austria, and they have five children—John, Paul, Joseph, Anna and Andrew, Jr.

**Otterbein, Martin**, is one of the honored citizens of the borough of Yorkville and has maintained his home in Schuylkill county for many years. He has been prominently identified with business and civic interests here and is now living practically retired, after having accumulated a competency through his own well directed efforts. Mr. Otterbein was born in Germany, Dec. 2, 1844, and is a son of Henry and Margaretta Otterbein. He was reared on a farm and was afforded the advantages of the excellent schools of his fatherland. He served three years in the German army and took part in the war between Germany, Austria and the Prussian states in 1866. In the following year he immigrated to America and took up his residence in the borough of Yorkville, where he has since maintained his home. His present dwelling was erected by him in that year but has since been enlarged and remodeled and is one of the attractive homes of the town. Having learned the trade of stone mason, Mr. Otterbein followed the same as a vocation until 1892, during the greater part of the time as an independent contractor along various lines. He began his work at the trade in 1875 and in 1880 began contracting, especially in the enterprise of building railroad bridges. His ability and good executive powers gained to him success and prestige and his business career is one of which he may well be proud. In 1893 he engaged in the coal business, in which he continued until 1897, and in the autumn of the following year he purchased a brick yard in Yorkville. He operated the same four years and then sold the plant and business. For the past thirty-one years he has held an interest in a grocery store in Yorkville, and he is also the owner of valuable real estate both in Yorkville and Pottsville. At all times Mr. Otterbein has held himself loyal to the best interests of enlightened citizenship and has done all in his power to further the advancement and wellbeing of his home borough and county. His political allegiance is given unreservedly to the Democratic party, and he served fourteen years as a member of the borough council and three years as chief burgess. He and his family are communicants of the Catholic church. May 17, 1868, Mr. Otterbein was united in marriage to Miss Theresa Barber, of Pottsville, and they have six children—Mary D., Emma, Frank G., Joseph, Frederick and Albert.



**Otto, Aaron H.**, proprietor of the Edgewood Farm in Hegins township, was born September 14, 1840, in the township where his family have lived for three generations. His grandfather, William Otto, came from Berks county when a young man, bought 300 acres of land in Hegins township, and was one of the pioneers of this part of Schuylkill county. He was born the 25th day of May, 1761, was married to Margretta, nee Kessler, who was born on the 5th day of March, 1784, and thirteen children were born to them—Anna, Maria, Christiana, Magdalane, Catherine, Jonathan, Salome, Daniel, David, Peter, Simon, Henry, Gertrude. William Otto followed farming and carpentering and in early days made cabinets. David Otto grew up on his father's farm, which farm he purchased at public sale. He married Catherine Hauberacher, and they became the parents of nine children—Caroline, William, Marie, Lydia, Aaron, Hiram, Isabella, David, Tobias—of whom only two are living; Aaron on the old homestead, and William at No. 529 North Centre Street, Pottsville. David Otto was a Democrat, served on the school board, and belonged to the Reformed church. He died in the year 1874, at the age of fifty-nine years, and his wife died in 1898, aged eighty-four years. Aaron received a common-school education and has always been a farmer on the old homestead. He devotes considerable attention to raising vegetables and small fruits for Donaldson, Tremont and Minersville markets, and is also interested in poultry raising, especially Rhode Island Reds and white Wyandottes. He is a Democrat in his politics, was for two years tax collector and was for seven years treasurer of the school board. He is a member of Star of the Valley Castle, No. 451, Knights of the Golden Eagle, of Hegins; Hegins Grange, No. 1242, Patrons of Husbandry; and Pomona Grange, No. 55, of Pottsville. In 1860 he married Rebecca Bressler, and they have had three children. Rufus R. died at the age of twenty-three years; he fell from a cherry tree and broke his spine and was bedfast for sixteen weeks. He was a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, and the Hegins band. Calvin F. is a rural letter carrier on Route No. 2 from Hegins. Harry E. is a farmer and acts as substitute for his brother on the rural mail route. Both are unmarried and live at home with their parents. Calvin belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, Knights of the Golden Eagle, Hegins and Pomona Granges, and is the leader of the Hegins cornet band. Harry is a member of the Grange and Patriotic Sons of America, and the family belong to the Reformed church at Hegins.

**Otto, Henry H.**, an enterprising furniture dealer, undertaker and embalmer, of Tremont, was born in Helfenstein, Pa., on June 26, 1876, a son of Bodo and Rebecca (Harter) Otto. The father is a retired teamster and miner. During the great Civil war of the '60s he was a member of the Union army as a teamster, having enlisted, in 1861, in Company D of the 48th Pennsylvania infantry. The regiment was in the Army of the Potomac throughout the struggle and participated in all the engagements. Mr. Otto was never wounded, but had many

narrow escapes, once having eight bullets pass through his sleeves and again having a ball pass through his shoe, without injury to his foot. At the second battle of Bull Run he was captured but in the confusion incident to the Confederate victory he managed to effect his escape. He was promoted to the office of sergeant. Since his retirement from active labor he has made his home at Mount Carmel. His wife died in Dec., 1903, at the age of fifty-four years, leaving four children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the youngest. The latter was educated in the public schools of Mount Carmel and when he had completed his course he learned the cabinet-maker's trade. For nine years he was employed by S. H. McConnel, of Mount Carmel, and at the end of that time he came to Tremont and established his present business. His headquarters are finely equipped for his furniture and undertaking business and he controls a large patronage. In Sept., 1903, Mr. Otto married Miss Katie Kehler, daughter of Charles and Sarah (Wetzel) Kehler. Mr. Kehler died in 1895, and his widow is still living, a resident of Mount Carmel. To Mr. and Mrs. Otto have been born two children—Grace Winona and Willard B. Both parents are members of the United Evangelical church and Mr. Otto is secretary of the board of trustees of the same. He is also a past officer of Camp No. 231, of the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, at Mount Carmel. By industry, thrift and enterprise he has made for himself a prominent place in the commercial life of Tremont.

**Ovens, Thomas W.**, the proprietor of the Ovens School, is a native Canadian, having been born at Duntroon, Ontario, on Jan. 8, 1879. He is a son of William J. and Sarah (McAllister) Ovens, both born in Ontario and both now living there, the father operating a fruit farm of considerable size. On the paternal side the family is of Irish extraction and on the mother's comes of fine Scotch ancestry. There were three sons in William J. Ovens' immediate family, the youngest is now dead, and the elder of the two surviving is Archie, who is engaged in the grain business in Everett, Ont. Professor Ovens was reared to young manhood in his native country and received his education in the high and normal schools of Collingwood, graduating at both institutions. He also attended the Ontario business university at Belleville, from which institution he was graduated with honors. After devoting about a year to general office work in the employ of leading Toronto firms Professor Ovens volunteered his services to the Presbyterian church as a home missionary, and after due examination he was accepted and sent into the wilds of New Ontario, to cover a section of wide extent, some of it hitherto little traveled by the foot of white man. After overcoming many difficulties and making many long overland trips by snow-shoe and dog-sled, he succeeded in establishing two churches and several Sunday schools in these remote regions, and all of these are to-day flourishing institutions. Professor Ovens began his pedagogic career as a commercial school instructor in the Wisconsin business college at Sheboygan, Wis., which position he held about three years. At the end of that period he became the founder of the State business college at Sheboy-

gan, and for the following three years was the chief influence in its management. When it was incorporated under the laws of Wisconsin he became president, but withdrew from active participation as a member of the instruction corps. The presidency he afterwards resigned and then came East, where he spent a school year as principal of the commercial department of the Scranton business college. Professor Owens' residence in Pottsville dates from 1905, when he assumed charge of the business college as general manager and principal instructor. After spending a year with the business college he concluded that there was a demand here for an institution that would offer higher training in commercial subjects, and with his characteristic energy and despatch he went to work and founded the Owens school. The curriculum of this school includes courses in English, mathematics and all commercial branches, besides shorthand and typewriting, and a night school is conducted for those who are unable to attend during the day. The average attendance at the school thus far is forty, and two regular teachers put in their whole time instructing, while a third is employed temporarily. The site is a convenient one, at No. 1 South Centre street, in the Mountain City building. The graduates are in demand all over the county and many are also placed in remunerative positions in Reading, Philadelphia and other cities. June 3, 1903, Professor Owens married, at Sheboygan, Wis., Miss Ada E. Verney, a native of Guelph, Ont., and to this union have been born two children—Wilfred and Mildred. The professor is a member of the Presbyterian church, and his wife is a Baptist in her religious affiliations. He is also a member of various professional organizations, including the National Business Teachers' association and the National Bookkeepers' and Accountants' association. Although his residence in Schuylkill county has not been of great length it has been of much influence, and he has become one of the most highly respected of its citizens.

**Owens, William L.**, who is principal of the Bunker Hill school of Pottsville and who is a pioneer educator of this city, was born in Beaufort, South Wales, on May 31, 1846. He is one of the eight children of Evan Owens and the other four survivors are George L., of Reading, Pa.; and John E., of Harrisburg; Jane, the wife of Samuel Stephens, of Reading; and Elizabeth, at home. The maternal grandfather of Professor Owens was a soldier in the English army under the Duke of Wellington and participated in the battle of Waterloo. The father succumbed to miner's asthma, in his fifty-first year, and the mother died at the age of seventy-four. When the professor was but a child his parents immigrated to the United States, the passage taking some six weeks, in a sailing vessel, and the professor's sixth birthday anniversary was passed on the water. His boyhood was spent in the mines at Mount Laffee, where he worked until he was fifteen years of age. An explosion of gas, in which six others were also badly injured, so crippled Mr. Owens as to effectually prevent his further active participation in manual labor. He then determined to become an educator, and at once turned his attention

to that line of work. In June, 1867, he was graduated at the Pottsville high school and in the fall of that year he began teaching in that city. For forty years he has been engaged in pedagogic work in Pottsville, and for thirty years of that time has been identified with the same school, having been principal of its higher department all of that time. Many of the professional men of the city who have risen to positions of public trust and esteem, frankly acknowledge that their success is in large measure due to the high ideals inspired by Professor Owens while they were pupils in his school-room. On Feb. 18, 1874, occurred Professor Owens' marriage to Miss Martha Lee, a native of Pottsville and a daughter of William and Elizabeth Lee, both deceased. Mr. Lee was a mine foreman and at his death left the following named children: George, Ann, Grace, Thomas, William, Martha (Mrs. Owens), Libbie, Samuel, and Amy. Amy is a teacher in the Pottsville schools and Samuel is a teacher of music in St. Clair. All the others are married. The children born to Professor and Mrs. Owens are four in number. Thomas L., the eldest, is married and is engaged as a professional baseball player in Toledo, Ohio; Bessie G. is employed in a piano store in Pottsville; Amy M. is a teacher in the Pottsville schools; and William Lee is a student in the high school, of which all the others are graduates. The family are all members of the First Baptist church of Pottsville and the professor is a member of Miners' Lodge, No. 20, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is past grand. He is a stalwart Republican and is a member of the Central Republican club.

**Palsgrove, Charles B.**, the well known cigar manufacturer of Schuylkill Haven, was born in that borough on Sept. 6, 1846, a son of Nathan and Anna M. (Bowen) Palsgrove. An ancestor, George Palsgrove, came to Philadelphia from Rotterdam in 1732. John J. Palsgrove, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in what is now Montgomery county, Pa., in 1777, and was an American soldier in the war of 1812. Nathan Palsgrove was born in Berks county in 1818, came to Schuylkill county in 1842, and in that year established the cigar manufacturing business, which is now conducted by his grandsons. Charles B. Palsgrove attended the public schools of Schuylkill Haven until he was fifteen years old. He then entered his father's establishment and learned the cigar manufacturing business. In 1863 he enlisted in Co. I, 39th regiment of Pennsylvania volunteer militia, and after 30 days' service was honorably discharged with the regiment. In 1866 he attended the Quaker City business college, graduating in 1867. In the fall of 1868 he entered the office of Charles D. Hipple, then district attorney, and served therein until the spring of 1870, when he took an extended trip to the west. He attended the Keystone state normal school, at Kutztown, for a year and a half. His father died in 1877, whereupon he took charge of the business, which he conducted until 1904, when he sold it to his two sons, Nathan C. and Palgrave E. Oct. 9, 1871, was celebrated his marriage to Miss Eugenia Deitrich, and to this union were born nine children, all of whom, with the exception of the



youngest, Arthur, are still living. Alice E. is the wife of John D. Berger, in the knitting business at Schuylkill Haven; Sarah E. is the wife of Willis J. Lawrence, of Minersville, who is engaged with his father in the dry-goods business; Nathan C. married Miss Ida M. Miller, of Frackville; two sons, Palgrave E. and Henry B., and two daughters, Mary E. and Ada E., are at home; and John W. is a student in business college. The family are all members of the Reformed church of Schuylkill Haven. When the Schuylkill county district of the Knights of Labor was organized Mr. Palsgrove was one of the moving spirits and was the delegate from the district to the national convention held in Minneapolis, Minn., in Oct., 1887. Fraternally he is associated with the Jere Helms Post, No. 26, Grand Army of the Republic, at Schuylkill Haven, and he was commander of the same for ten consecutive years. He is a member of Page Lodge, No. 170, Free and Accepted Masons, at Schuylkill Haven, and is a past master of the same. He at one time belonged to the Odd Fellows—both the subordinate lodge and the encampment—the Knights of Pythias, and the Good Templars, and became a past officer in all of them. He also belonged to Sons of America and was secretary of Camp 47 for one year. Politically Mr. Palsgrove is independent, but in 1878 he was elected, as a Democrat, to represent the fourth district of Schuylkill county in the first biennial session of the legislature under the new constitution. He is a man of excellent judgment in business affairs, kindly, genial in manner, and withal a model citizen.

**Parker, Hiram, Jr.**—The business firm best known under the title of Sparks & Parker represents one of the pioneer industries in Pottsville which has survived the ravages of time. It was established by Jabez Sparks in 1855, for the manufacture of steam boilers, stacks, ventilating fans, the repairing of machinery, etc., and this is the business now owned and conducted by Hiram Parker, Jr. In 1876 William G. Sparks and Hiram Parker became the constituent members of the firm, and they continued as such until the death of Mr. Sparks, in 1898. For a few years following this event, the estate of William G. Sparks was unsettled, and the business was continued under the title of Sparks & Parker. Mr. Parker then came into the sole ownership. This industry during the half century of its existence has afforded profitable employment to hundreds of men, and is one of the few ancient landmarks of Pottsville. The buildings, solid and substantial in their day, show the effects of the passing years. But the interesting life history of Hiram Parker, Jr., is not confined alone to the workshops with which his family has been so long connected. He spent more than twelve years in the United States navy, covering the entire period of the Civil war. His duties led him to nearly every port of the civilized world, and thus he rounded out an experience enjoyed by comparatively few men. He enlisted in 1861 as assistant engineer, and was assigned to duty on the gunboat Kanawha, in the Gulf Squadron, under command of Admirals Farragut and Porter. After a year of active serv-

ice in this capacity he was detailed to take a prize vessel from Mobile bay to New York, and while in the city on this mission, he was examined and promoted, and was then assigned to duty on the gunboat Louisiana, in the North Atlantic Squadron, with headquarters at New Bern, N. C. Just prior to the battle of Fort Fisher Mr. Parker was detailed to the gunboat Tacony, on board of which vessel he completed his Civil war service. He participated in a number of naval battles, notably the bombardment of Fort Fisher, and the second battle at that point, which resulted in the capture of that Confederate stronghold. He was with the blockading squadron off Mobile, and in the historic manœuvres of the Gulf and the lower Mississippi. After the close of the Civil war he was with the South Pacific Squadron for three years, and spent a like period with the South Atlantic Squadron, principally on South American coasts, being first assistant engineer on board the Lancaster. He was acting chief engineer on the Powhattan during the Cuban filibustering troubles following the close of the Civil war. One year was spent on shore duty, thus rounding out a continuous service of twelve years. Hiram Parker, Jr., was born in Pottsville, Oct. 4, 1841. He is a son of Hiram and Sarah P. (Craft) Parker, natives of Massachusetts. His father was born in 1805, and in 1831 he came to Pottsville, where he conducted a merchant tailoring business during the remainder of his active life. He was a Presbyterian, and was a ruling elder in the church for many years. He died in his eighty-third year. His wife was born in 1803, and died at the age of seventy-six years. They became the parents of three sons and two daughters, of whom but two sons are living. The sisters, Mary Elizabeth and Harriet Jane, died in youth, and Charles died in 1905. The living brother of the subject of this sketch is Samuel, who was born in 1838. He is a farmer living at Maryville, Nodaway county, Mo. Mr. Parker was educated in the public schools of Pottsville. He was employed as a clerk in a store for a year or two after leaving school, and then he became an apprentice to the machinist's trade, at the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad shops. His subsequent business career has already been briefly outlined in this article. He has been twice married. In 1871 he wedded Miss Mary E. Sparks, a daughter of his business partner. Three children were born to this union—Dr. Jabez S., a practicing physician in Philadelphia, and Misses Emily Y. and Jessie C., young ladies at home. Mrs. Parker died in 1877, and in September, 1884, her sister, Miss Julia F. Sparks, became the wife of Mr. Parker, and the mother of her sister's children. The family are members of the Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Parker is a ruling elder. He is a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows' fraternities, and a Republican in political affiliations. He has served a number of years as a member of the Pottsville school board, but never sought or held other political offices.

**Patterson, B. F.**, deceased, the late superintendent of the Pottsville schools, was born in Orangeville, Columbia county, Pa., March 12, 1835. He graduated from Lafayette college in the class of 1860,

and then entered Princeton theological seminary, from which he graduated in the class of 1863. He preached for one year in Atsion, N. J., and then came to Pottsville, in 1865, as principal of the high school, a position which he held for two years. April 1, 1867, he was chosen superintendent of the schools, and he held that position continuously until the day of his death, July 9, 1906. The following brief tribute to his memory, appearing in the report of the committee on necrology, as adopted at the close of the Teachers' Institute of 1906, shows the appreciation in which he was held by his fellow laborers in the cause of education: "B. F. Patterson, for nearly forty years the able superintendent of the Pottsville schools, was a man known to every teacher in Schuylkill county, but best understood and best appreciated by those who knew him best. He was a loyal friend, a kind and helpful neighbor, an upright, law-abiding, peace-loving citizen; he loved his home, his friends, his school children, his teachers, his town and his state; with many of the fads and frills which characterized the times he had little sympathy; in the defense of what he believed to be right and just, he would stand as firm as a rock and fall in the thick of the fight, rather than yield a single point. He died in early summer, loved, and revered by his teachers, honored and respected by all who knew him, and now sleeps in the Presbyterian cemetery on the hillside near the laurels, overlooking the town he loved so well. Resolved, That we revere the memory of these, our fallen comrades, cherish their virtues, and emulate their examples for good.—S. A. Thurlow, I. D. Reed, J. W. Cooper, Maude Butts, Committee." Superintendent Patterson was a man of broad views and great intellectual force. He was a thorough organizer, an excellent disciplinarian, and an educator of state-wide reputation. His long continuance at the head of the Pottsville schools placed him in close touch with the educational careers of two generations of young people who have gone out into the world of business, while other generations have succeeded them, in the ever-changing evolutions of time. Professor Patterson was a man of charitable nature and sympathetic heart. For many years he was a member of the board of directors of the Children's Home and the Pottsville benevolent association. He was also a member of the state board of education. He was elected to the office of superintendent of the Pottsville schools without opposition and without competition from outside aspirants, during the many years of his term of service, the place seeming to go to him as by distinctive right and consistency. Mr. Patterson left a wife, two sons and a daughter to mourn the death of a loving, indulgent and honored husband and father. The sons are Frank, of Washington, and Robert, of Mexico. The daughter, Miss Jennie, is with her mother at their temporary home at Easton, Pa.

**Paul, Harry E.**, a marble-cutter, engaged in business at Port Carbon, was born near Landingville, this county, in 1854, a son of Tobias and Susan (Lindemuth) Paul. Until he was thirteen years of age he attended the public schools, and then for a number of years

he worked at anything that offered. When he had passed his eighteenth birthday he determined to become a marble-cutter, and accordingly started in to learn the trade. After he had become a journeyman he worked at the vocation until 1885, and in that year embarked in the business for himself. That he has been successful is evident from his continuance in this line of enterprise, and from the eminent satisfaction of all for whom he has done work. In politics Mr. Paul has been allied with no party or faction, and has cast his vote for the man he has considered best fitted for the office. He himself has been a school director for a good many years, and has been chief burgess. In 1881 was celebrated his marriage to Miss Mary Hoffman, daughter of William and Margaret Hoffman. A son, Harry E., Jr., is the only child of the union. The family are attendants and supporters of the Methodist Episcopal church of Port Carbon. Mr. Paul is well known in fraternal circles, being a member of Camp No. 34, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, of Port Carbon; Lodge No. 27, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and the lodge of the Independent Order of Americans. He has a brother, Horace, and two sisters, Emma and Hannah, living. Throughout the county he is known as a skilled workman and a man of enterprise and integrity.

**Payer, Stephen F.**, proprietor of the largest and most modern general store in McAdoo, was born on July 26, 1867, in Austro-Hungary. He is one of the four children of Joseph and Elizabeth (Krautkremmer) Payer, the others being Annie, now Mrs. Joseph Paumer, a resident of Century, Fla.; Joseph, Jr., living in McAdoo, and Wendelè, formerly a member of the Hungarian army, who holds a position in the service of the government of his native land. The subject of this sketch attended the government schools of the county of Saros, Austro-Hungary, until he was fifteen years of age, and then came to the United States, locating first in McAdoo, in 1882. His first employment was as a slate-picker in the No. 4 breaker of the Lehigh & Wilkes Barre Coal Company, and while there he learned to speak the English language. When he had mastered it sufficiently he accepted a position as clerk in the store of Joseph Matej, of Hazleton, with whom he remained nine months, leaving to accept a similar position in the employ of Michael McGarrity, also of Hazleton. This kept him employed for two years, after which he went to Bayonne, N. J., and for the following five months he worked in a lumber-yard and for the Standard Oil Company. On his return to Hazleton, in 1887, he again found employment with Mr. McGarrity, but after nine months left him to go to Passaic, N. J., to learn the trade of weaver in the woolen mills of that place. This, however, he was compelled to abandon because of poor health, and he started to learn the carpenters' trade. This was in 1888, in which year he returned to Hazleton to become an employe of Williams & Fertig. Upon leaving this firm he entered the employ of Mr. McGarrity for the third time. July 1, 1889, he came to McAdoo and opened a branch store for Martin & Newreth. He had charge of the store for two



years, and then, in September, 1891, he engaged in business in his own name, as a dealer in boots and shoes and men's furnishings. In February, 1904, he added a grocery department, so that to-day his store is one of the most complete as well as one of the largest general merchandise stores in Schuylkill county. Besides his mercantile business, he holds the agency for several foreign steamship lines and for foreign money orders, and is the McAdoo representative of the Springfield (Mass.) Fire & Marine Insurance Company. He also holds a commission as notary public, and in 1903 was made justice of the peace, which office he still retains. In politics he is a stalwart believer in the principles and tenets of the Democratic party, and when McAdoo first became a borough he was for four years one of its councilmen. Oct. 7, 1888, Mr. Payer was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Fuchs, the ceremony occurring at Hazleton. The children of this union are nine in number—Oscar, Felix, Adolph, Olga, Stephen, Jr., Cornell, Gizella, Alfred and Ida—all of whom are living except Cornell, who died at sea. Mrs. Payer's father and mother were Stephen and Elizabeth (Kurtz) Fuchs, who came to this country from Hungary, although the family is of German origin. The Payers are communicants of the Slavish Roman Catholic church. Mr. Payer is a member of the National Slavonian society, the First Slavonian Catholic union, and the Knights of Columbus. He is an excellent type of the progressive, enterprising foreign-born citizen, and is one of the most public-spirited and respected men of the community.

Pepper, Frank J., member of the firm of Thomas Pepper's Sons, wholesale liquor dealers, of Ashland, was born at Mine Hill Gap, Schuylkill county, Jan. 6, 1865, his parents being Thomas and Elizabeth (McDonald) Pepper. (See sketch of Thomas Pepper.) He was reared to manhood in Ashland, and after attending the public schools of that city took a course in the Bryant & Stratton business college of Philadelphia, thus equipping himself for a business career. Upon attaining his majority he became associated with his father in business, and when the latter retired, in 1897, he, with his brothers, Thomas R. and John W., succeeded to the business, which is now conducted under the title above designated. Mr. Pepper is one of the public-spirited men of Ashland, always takes an active interest in all matters pertaining to the advancement of the city's moral and material interests, and is liberal in his support of measures to secure those ends. He is aligned with the Democratic party in his political views, and in religious matters is a member of the St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church. He is also a member of the Holy Name society, the Knights of St. Joseph, and Ashland Lodge, No. 384, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Nov. 25, 1899, Mr. Pepper and Miss Loretta Sweeney were united in marriage. She is a daughter of John and Margaret (Murphy) Sweeney, of Ashland. To this marriage have been born five children, viz: Mary, Elizabeth, Francis, Thomas and Howard. The last named is deceased.

**Pepper, Thomas**, retired, for many years a prosperous and influential merchant of Ashland, was born at Mine Hill Gap, South Cass township, this county, in March, 1842. His parents, Patrick and Marcella (Reilly) Pepper, were natives of County Longford, Ireland, and were married in New York city, about 1836. For a number of years the father was employed in a foundry in New York city, but about 1839 or 1840 he came to the coal regions of Schuylkill county, where he earned his livelihood about the mines for a good many years. The latter part of his life was spent in Ashland, where he died in the fall of 1888, at the age of seventy-five. He was the father of twelve children, ten of whom grew to maturity, the subject of this sketch being the third in order of birth. Of the ten who grew to maturity Francis and Charles are deceased; William and James died in infancy. The others are Ann, now the wife of James Bradley; Michael; John; Mary, now Mrs. Hugh Tye; William; Angelo; and Lizzie. Thomas Pepper was reared at Mine Hill Gap and received his education in the common schools there. At an early age he began work in the mines as a slate-picker, subsequently becoming a driver and later a miner. When he left the mining occupation it was to engage in the bottling of non-intoxicating beverages at Ashland, and in 1872 he embarked in the wholesale liquor business. This he continued to conduct personally until 1899, when he disposed of his interests to his sons, who have since been operating it under the firm name of Thomas Pepper's Sons. In 1863 Mr. Pepper was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth McDonald, a daughter of Peter and Hannah (Patton) McDonald. Mrs. Pepper's parents were natives of Ireland and England, respectively. Eight of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Pepper grew to maturity—Frank, Hannah (Mrs. Patrick Laughlin), Thomas R., Mary (now deceased), John, George, Charles V., and Joseph. The family are all communicants of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church. Mr. Pepper is a Democrat in his political beliefs, and he was county treasurer from 1891 to 1894 and a member of the borough council for two terms. His varied business interests include a directorship in the Citizens' National bank, of Ashland.

**Peters, W. A.**, of the firm of W. A. Peters & Co., of Tamaqua, dealers in dry goods, was born in Lehigh county, Pa., Jan. 28, 1875, a son of W. K. and Katie (Moser) Peters. The mother died in 1895 at the age of fifty-five, but the father is still living, an honored resident of Slatington, Pa., where for many years he was a slate operator. He is president of the Farmers' Union Mutual fire insurance company of Pennsylvania, with office at Breinigsville, Pa., and is an earnest worker in the Heidelberg church. There were seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Peters, of whom one, Edward, resides in Schuylkill county with the subject of this sketch. W. A. Peters acquired his education in the public schools, and after completing his studies there took a special commercial course. He then went into the mercantile business as a clerk and bookkeeper, and after becoming thoroughly acquainted with every detail he opened a

store in Pamaqua. This was in 1868, and since then he has continued most successfully engaged in this line of enterprise. Mr. Peters is unmarried. He is a member of the Reformed church and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Among his friends he is recognized as a genial, hearty fellow, a thorough gentleman, and a man of unusual business sagacity.

**Philips, Edwin F., M. D.**, who for more than thirty-five years has been engaged in the practice of medicine at Tower City, is a native of Schuylkill county, having been born at Minersville, Jan. 31, 1849, a son of Solomon and Leah (Hornberger) Philips, the former born in Lancaster county, Pa., March 5, 1823, and the latter a native of Northumberland county. Solomon Philips was a tinsmith and sheet-iron worker. In his early life he was employed for some years at Canton, Ohio, but in 1847 he located at Minersville, where he has been engaged in business for fifty-five years. He is a Republican and has served for twenty-five years as president of the school board. His wife died in December, 1904. Their children are: Dr. Edwin F.; Calvin B., postmaster at Frackville; Willie, who died at the age of three years; John, station agent for the Lehigh Valley Railroad at Minersville; Charles, station agent for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad at the same place; Cora A., married and living in California; Clement M., a photographer at Minersville; and Harry, dispatcher for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad at Palo Alto, Pa. Dr. Edwin F. Philips attended the home schools and spent one year in Professor William F. Wyers' military academy at West Chester. He then took up the study of medicine with Dr. Oscar M. Robbins, of Minersville, and in 1868, after due preparation, entered Jefferson medical college at Philadelphia, where he was graduated in 1871. Upon completing his course he located in Tower City, where he has since lived and where he has built up a successful practice, standing high with his brother physicians and the general public. Dr. Philips is a member of the state medical association and is examiner for all the leading life-insurance companies doing business in Tower City. He is a Republican in his political affiliations, was a member of the first city council, in which he served for three years, and was for many years on the school board. He was one of the organizers of the Williams Valley Railroad Company, of which he has been treasurer since 1891. He is prominent in Masonic circles, being a member of Swatara Lodge, No. 267, the Royal Arch Chapter, at Minersville, and Pottsville Commandery, No. 41, Knights Templars. He also belongs to Washington Camp, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America. May 28, 1872, was solemnized the marriage of Dr. Philips and Miss Emma, daughter of Thomas and Abigail (Hoffman) Acker, of Port Clinton, where her father was a well-known contractor and builder. To this union have been born five children, three of whom survive. Lulu A. was educated in the state normal school at West Chester and has been a teacher for six years, being now engaged in that profession at Wrightstown; Maude A. also was educated in the same school, taught one year at Harrington, five years at Toms River, N. J., and

for the last two years has been in the schools of Tower City; Ray A. attended the state university for four years, and is now an electrical engineer.

**Phillips, John W.**, cashier of the First National Bank, Mahanoy City, is a native of the borough in which he now lives, and was born on Sept. 30, 1864. His parents, Richard and Mary (Evans) Phillips, were natives of Wales, whence they immigrated to this county during the early history of the regions "beyond the mountain."

**Pilgram, Arthur J.**, a representative lawyer and borough solicitor of Pottsville, is a native of Texas, where he was born Feb. 18, 1851. His parents were John and Elise Pilgram, natives of Cologne, Germany. John Pilgram was educated in his native country, at the University in Bonn, and was an architect by profession. Arthur J. Pilgram was educated at Lafayette college, Easton, Pa., and was graduated with the class of 1872. He was admitted to the bar of Schuylkill county Aug. 23, 1875, and has been in active practice in Pottsville for twenty-six years. He was chosen to the office of borough solicitor in 1899, and has been continued in the same to the present time. He was a candidate for the Republican nomination for judge of the court of common pleas of Schuylkill county in 1907. He is a Republican in political views and is a member of the First Presbyterian church of Pottsville. Mr. Pilgram was married Aug. 7, 1877, to Miss Sarah E., daughter of Daniel and Harriet S. Schertel, of Pottsville.

**Ploppert, Arsenius R.**, one of the representative business men of Shenandoah, was born in Hesse-Cassel, Germany, Jan. 10, 1853, and is a son of Gregory and Mary Catherine Ploppert, who passed their entire lives in Germany, where the father followed the trade of blacksmith, which also became the vocation of his three sons. The subject of this sketch was afforded the advantages of the excellent schools of his native land and as a youth learned the trade of blacksmith, under the direction of his father. In 1871 he immigrated to America. He made his home with relatives in St. Clair, Schuylkill county, until he established a home of his own. He was without financial resources when he came to the United States, and for several years he followed various occupations, bending his energies to the work in hand and showing the energy and good judgment which are so typical of the race from which he sprang. He assisted in building the dam on Broad mountain which supplies water to the city of Pottsville. In 1873 he found employment at Atkins' colliery on Turkey Run, and later he worked at his trade at Wiggins' colliery, where he remained for seven years. When the property changed hands the new company transferred him to Boston Run colliery, and there he followed the blacksmith trade about seven years, at the expiration of which he was placed in charge of the machinery at the Indian Ridge colliery. After being thus employed about seven years he engaged in business for himself, as a huckster, beginning operations with one horse and wagon. He finally opened a small store in Shenandoah and the same was placed in charge of his wife, while he



personally continued to make sales from his wagon. He finally found it possible to open a general grocery and provision store, and he purchased the building which he then made his business headquarters and which he has since remodeled and enlarged, making the same serve both as store and residence. He has built up a large and substantial enterprise and is known as one of the reliable and honorable merchants of Shenandoah. He has been a member of Rescue hook and ladder company since 1876, and has proven a most able member of the fire department. In politics he maintains an independent attitude, and he and his family are communicants of the Catholic church, being identified with the Holy Family parish. Mr. Ploppert's two brothers, Leonard and William, served in the German army during the Franco-Prussian war. Leonard is now operating his father's old blacksmith shop in Germany, and William died in Pottsville, Pa., July 17, 1901; he was born March 31, 1848, and was a hotel-keeper in Pottsville for a number of years prior to his death. The only sister of Mr. Ploppert is a member of the Catholic sisterhood of St. Francis. Her religious name is Sister Wilhelmina, and she is now teaching in the parochial school of Holy Trinity church at Columbia, Lancaster county. Within the first year after coming to America Mr. Ploppert saved enough money to pay the passage of his brother and sister to the United States, and for some time the three lived together in Shenandoah. Aug. 21, 1877, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Ploppert to Miss Annie Weweler, who was born at Ashland, Schuylkill county, a daughter of Joseph and Annie C. (Fallbrick) Weweler, both of whom were born and reared in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Ploppert became the parents of seven children—Catherine, Joseph, Caroline, John, William, Arsenius, and Leo. Caroline and John died in childhood. The other children all remain at the parental home, and Joseph, William and Arsenius are employed in connection with their father's business.

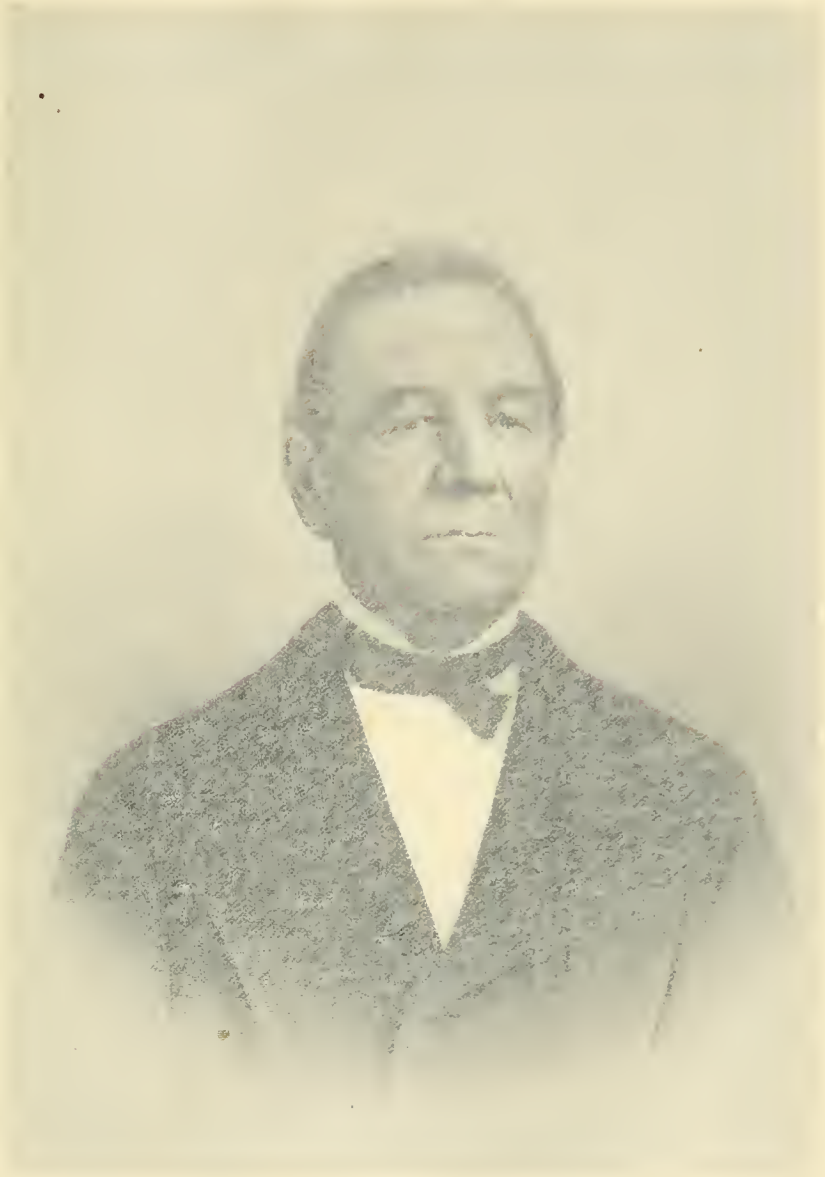
Portz, Frederick, Sr., who has rendered efficient service as a member of the board of county poor directors of Schuylkill county, is a well-known business man of Pottsville. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, Dec. 13, 1841. He immigrated to America, and located in Pottsville, Pa., March 12, 1867. His parents and family remained in their native country, where his mother died in 1878, and his father in 1905, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. A brother, whose name was Valentine, died in Bavaria the same year of the father's death. A sister, named Henrietta, is living at the old family home. Mr. Portz was married in Pottsville, in 1871, to Miss Lucinda Clare, who was born in this town in 1851. They became the parents of seven children: Frederick, the eldest, has been a salesman and foreman in Bright's hardware store in Pottsville for seventeen years; George is employed in his father's business; Valentine and Eddie died within the same week; Katherine became the wife of Howard Menweiler, who was killed in a railroad accident in 1905, and they had two children, Carl and Catherine; another daughter, Mrs. Frederick Bernet, resides in Mahanoy City, where her husband is a mer-

chant; Harry C. is a student in civil engineering, with the Philadelphia & Reading company, for the last four years. Frederick Portz, Sr., was employed as foreman of the fermenting department of Yuengling's brewery for fourteen years. He engaged in the liquor business in 1881, and has continued at the same stand, No. 122 North Center street, until the present. In 1902 he was the Democratic candidate for the office of director of the poor and was elected to fill a vacancy for one year. He was re-elected in 1903 for a three years' term. During the autumn of 1906 he accepted a nomination for the same office at the hands of the "Lincoln party," but was defeated at the polls, as were all the party's candidates in the county. Mr. Portz is a member of Hayden Lodge, No. 44, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a past grand. He is also a member of the Humane fire company. He and his family are members of the German Lutheran church.

**Powers, Rev. James F., D. D.**—This distinguished divine has been a resident of Pottsville for more than twenty-two years, and so closely have his life and character been linked with the history of Trinity Episcopal church that neither is complete without mention of the other. Dr. Powers came to Pottsville in 1885, from the Church of the Advent, Philadelphia, which he had served as rector during the preceding twelve years. He was then in the full vigor of mature manhood, and entered at once heartily upon the arduous work to which he had been called. Trinity church, with its attendant missions and large congregation, required unremitting labor upon the part of its rector, and Dr. Powers was ambitious beyond his strength. After a successful rectorate of eighteen years, disabled by rheumatism, which so crippled him as to render it impossible for him to discharge the full duties of his office, he resigned as rector, and was made rector emeritus, in charge of the pulpit, which position he has held for more than five years, preaching every Sunday though unable to get in and out of the pulpit without help. Dr. Powers was born in Springfield, Vt., Nov. 28, 1836. He comes of an old New England family whose founder, Walter Powers, came to this country in 1654. His grandfather, Asahel Powers, served three years as a soldier in the army which fought for American independence. His father saw service in the war of 1812. Dr. Powers is a son of William B. and Sally Eveleth (Belknap) Powers. His mother dying before he was three years old, he found a home among relatives and friends until, at the age of thirteen, he was thrown upon his own resources. His earliest ambition was to gain a college education. This ambition, by hard work, many privations and the kindly help of friends, he was able to realize. Pursuing his preparatory studies at Phillips Exeter academy and the Lewiston Falls academy, he graduated from Tufts college in 1861; from this institution, in addition to the degrees in course, he received the honorary degree of *Sacrae Theologiae Doctor*. The Pennsylvania military academy conferred upon him the degree of *Doctor of Divinity*. He was ordained to the ministry of the Universalist church in 1863, and became pastor of a church in Cambridge,

Mass. Later he had charge of the old First Parish church, Malden. In both places he met with marked success. Finding himself not in perfect harmony with his ecclesiastical surroundings, he entered the Episcopal church, was made deacon by Bishop Clark in 1872, and ordained priest in 1873. His first charge was St. James, Woonsocket, R. I. From here he was called to the Church of the Advent, Philadelphia, of which he was rector nearly twelve years. From Advent he came to Trinity. For seven years Dr. Powers was archdeacon of Reading, when he declined a re-election; for fifteen years he represented the diocese of Central Pennsylvania as deputy to the general convention of the church. He has been twice married. His first wife, who was Miss Annie S. Greene, of Boston, died in 1874, after a married life of twelve years, leaving no children. In 1886 he was married to Miss Ethel Wolfe, of Philadelphia. This union was blessed with three children—Frank Ethelwulf, James Eveleth, and Eleanor Louise. Notwithstanding his badly crippled condition, which makes it impossible for him to get about without help, Dr. Powers claims that his general health was never better; his mental vigor is unimpaired, and his pulpit ministrations—though he must sit in preaching—have lost nothing in effectiveness. Dr. Powers has the respect, the confidence, the sympathy and the best wishes of not only his own congregation, but also of the entire community. "He is a logical and forceful speaker, of dignified bearing, yet affable and agreeable in his manner; he possesses those qualities of head and heart which draw to him a large circle of warm friends, and is possessed of an energetic and sympathetic nature which makes for God and righteousness."

**Prevost, John**, deceased, for many years a resident of Schuylkill county, was born near Phoenixville, Pa., about the year 1788. His parents came from France, settling in Canada, but later removed to Pennsylvania, locating near Phoenixville, Chester county, where he was born. As a young man he learned the trade of saddler, and about 1828 he removed to Minersville, where he passed the remainder of his life, most of the time engaged in the hotel business. For many years he held the office of city treasurer, and he was also postmaster for a considerable period. His death occurred in 1863, at the age of seventy-five years. Some of the old settlers of Minersville still remember him as a man of influence in local affairs, and of great force of character. While living at Phoenixville he married Miss Mary Jones, and to this union were born eight children, two of whom—Etta and Susanna—died at the ages of twenty and five years, respectively. The other children were: 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., who was born on Oct. 1, 1831, married William Spencer, on Nov. 3, 1853 (see sketch of William Spencer); Elizabeth, who married Dr. L. J. Hale, lived in Minersville for some time after her marriage and then removed









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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.

**Pribula, Michael**, dealer in general merchandise at Shenandoah, is a native of the Austro-Hungarian empire, having been born in the city of Kashau, Sept. 22, 1863. In 1881 he came to America, located at Shenandoah and found employment as a slate-picker, at a salary of five dollars a week. From this position he passed to outside work about the mines, where he continued until March, 1887, when he opened a saloon, which was the beginning of his present successful establishment. From that time his progress has been steadily upward. Beginning on a small scale, he has increased his stock year by year until he now carries a complete line of groceries, provisions, clothing for working men, dry goods, notions, etc. He owns the building in which his store is located, and which also contains dwelling rooms and a saloon. In addition to this building and his stock of goods, he owns some valuable property at Berwick, Pa., all of which has been accumulated by his industry, sound business judgment and skillful management. He is connected with a number of financial institutions of the county, being a stockholder in the Merchants' National bank and the Shenandoah Trust Company, of Shenandoah. He is also a stockholder in the Shenandoah Electric Light, Heat and Power Company, the People's Electric Heat and Power Company of Mahanoy City, and a bondholder in the Schuylkill Railway Company and the Home Brewing Company, of Shenandoah; he has also invested in other railway bonds. Mr. Pribula is a Democrat in his political convictions and takes an active interest in promoting the cause of his party. He and his family are members of St. Stephen's Catholic church, which is attached to the First Catholic Slavonian union, with a membership of 45,000 people. In connection with his church work Mr. Pribula is identified with several beneficial societies, notably St. Stephen's, St. John the Baptist, and St. Demeter, a Greek society. Of the first two societies he is president, and he is likewise trustee and treasurer of St. Stephen's church. In 1884 he married Miss Lizzie Kmetz, a native of the same locality as himself, and they have three sons and three daughters living and four children deceased. Those living are: Michael, who married Miss Mary Sabol, of Shamokin, Pa., a native of Austria, and who is employed in his father's store; Mary, wife of Szilard Hosza; and Elizabeth, William, Frank and Susie, all living at home and attending school.

**Price, David John, M. D.**, a prominent Homeopathic physician and surgeon at Shenandoah, was born at Ashland, this county, Jan. 17, 1874. His parents were John J. and Ann (Reese) Price, the former of whom was a native of Wales, where he was born in May, 1850. He came to America in young manhood, locating first at Lansford and then in Ashland. When he came to Shenandoah it was to operate for John B. Price a branch store, which he subsequently purchased and conducted under his own name for thirty years. The doctor is the only child born to his father's first marriage, and after



the mother's death the father married Miss Sarah Ann Parry, who bore to him four children, of whom there is but one survivor. The subject of this sketch received his preparatory education in the schools of Ashland and Shenandoah, graduating at the high school in the latter place in the class of 1893. In the fall of the same year he matriculated at the Hahnemann medical college of Philadelphia, having previously read for some time under the tuition of Dr. J. S. Kistler. In May, 1897, he was granted the degree of Doctor of Medicine by that institution and in the fall of the year returned to Shenandoah to engage in the practice of his profession. He has built up a large and lucrative practice and has established an excellent reputation for himself among the members of his profession. Dr. Price is a member of the Hahnemann college alumni association and of the county and state medical associations. In his religious adherency he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is a staunch Republican in his political views, although he has never aspired to office. Aug. 22, 1906, he married Harriet Wasley Jones, daughter of John R. and Martha Jones, of Shenandoah. Her father was born in Wales and her mother in Schuylkill county, Pa. In a fraternal way he is prominent in the Royal Arcanum, being examiner and state deputy grand regent, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being the past noble grand, also one of the trustees of John W. Stokes Lodge, No. 515, of Shenandoah. The doctor is also a member of the county board of United States pension examiners, the office being located in Pottsville.

Price, William J., is a popular and well known business man of Shenandoah, where he conducts a well appointed hotel, at the corner of Coal and Main streets. He was born in Ringtown, this county, Aug. 28, 1864, and is a son of William J. and Lydia Price. His father was likewise born in Pennsylvania and was of Welsh descent. He loyally tendered his services in defense of the Union when the Civil war was inaugurated, becoming a member of the 48th Pennsylvania volunteer infantry. He was killed in the battle of Cold Harbor, June 3, 1864. Of his two children the subject of this sketch is the younger, having been born three months after the death of the father. The widowed mother later became the wife of Amos Hauser, of Ringtown. Of the second marriage one son was born, Oliver Hauser, who is now a resident of Ringtown. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hauser continued to reside in Ringtown until their death. Mr. Price's sister is the wife of William H. Reinbold, of Allentown, Pa. The subject of this review was reared to the sturdy discipline of the farm and was afforded the advantages of the public schools of Ringtown. He remained at home until he had attained the age of twenty years, and it may consistently be said that he reveres the memory of his step-father, who was as solicitous and indulgent as could have been an own father. Mr. Price followed various occupations prior to engaging in the hotel business, in which he has met with gratifying success. Price's hotel has accommodations for twenty-five boarders, and at the time of this writing the house is being enlarged and

otherwise improved (June, 1907). In politics Mr. Price is independent and is affiliated with the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America and with the local camp of Sons of Veterans. He and his family hold the faith of the Lutheran church. Dec. 23, 1883, Mr. Price was united in marriage to Miss Sydney E. Singley, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Benninger) Singley, both natives of Pennsylvania. The father was engaged in the work of the blacksmith trade as a young man and for twenty-eight years he conducted a hotel at Slabtown, this county. He is now living retired at Nuremberg, this county, his wife having died in 1900. They became the parents of one son and eight daughters—Sarah (deceased), Catherine, Miranda, Emma, Lucy, Sydney Elizabeth, Alice, Minerva, and Christian. Mr. and Mrs. Price have two children. Daisy May is now the wife of James Davis, who conducts the livery business in connection with the Price hotel, and they have one daughter, Dorothy Elizabeth. Harvey Alexander, the younger of the children, is a student in the state normal school at Kutztown.

**Purcell, James C.**, a native of Cass township, Schuylkill county, Pa., was born Dec. 30, 1844. He is the eldest son of Patrick and Mary Purcell, early settlers of the county, who established a home in the Heckscherville valley as early as 1840. They were natives of County Kilkenny, Ireland. The father was a miner by occupation. He died in July, 1873, at the age of sixty years. The mother died at the age of seventy-six. Of a family of eleven children born to these parents, but four are now living. The others are Martin E., who is a mine foreman for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company at Bear Valley colliery, near Shamokin; Mrs. Joanna Lynch, who resides with her husband and family at Elmira, N. Y.; and Mrs. Margaret Brennan, who lives at Scranton, Pa. The subject of this article has spent the greater portion of his life in educational work. His early opportunities were not the best, but by close application and hard study he acquired a good common school education, which was supplemented by attendance at a night school for several years and finally by a course at the state normal school at Kutztown. He began teaching in 1864, and filled the position of principal of the East Ward schools in Mahanoy City for six years, earning and justly meriting the reputation of a first-class educator and disciplinarian. At this time the schools "north of the mountain" were not under close supervision by the county superintendent, owing to the difficulty of reaching them, and because of a multiplicity of other work in connection with the office. Teachers in the country and mining districts were often as tardy in attendance as some of their pupils, and it appears that time was sometimes charged when school was not in session. To obviate this, and other irregularities, the county superintendent, by virtue of law, selected a superintendent for the district then embraced within Mahanoy township, including the present boroughs of Gilberton and Frackville. The school board of Mahanoy township, who had the appointing power, was composed of three Democrats and three Republicans, hence it was barred from

political preferences. At the request of the school directors of Mahanoy township the county superintendent was empowered, as per resolutions of the school board, to select a competent teacher as district superintendent for the schools of the said township. As there were several teachers in the township closely connected to the majority of the directors it was deemed prudent to have the district superintendent selected from the teachers outside of the township of Mahanoy. Jesse Newlin, who was the county superintendent of the schools of Schuylkill county, recommended Mr. Purcell as competent and well qualified to fill the position of district superintendent of the schools of Mahanoy township, and Mr. Purcell was accordingly confirmed by the board of directors. The school district of the township at the close of the term for several years prior to the appointment of a district superintendent was in debt, but at the close of the first and subsequent years of Mr. Purcell's supervision there was each year a nice balance in the school district treasury. The schools throughout the township made steady and rapid progress, so much so that the good work was highly commended by the county superintendent, Jesse Newlin. The "Molly Maguires" were in active operation during this time, and in traveling over his district Mr. Purcell frequently came in contact with some of the band. In fact, on one or two occasions he was in closer relations with them than he thought conducive to bodily safety or peace of mind. He also witnessed some of the depredations of this lawless band while he was a resident of Shenandoah, engaged in teaching there and at Gilberton, where he was employed for seven years, after leaving the office of district superintendent. Mr. Purcell has always been an advocate of higher qualifications in teachers, and correspondingly higher emoluments for services rendered. During the summer vacations for two or three years after retiring from the superintendency he conducted normal schools at Frackville and Gilberton, thus affording teachers at those points the advantages of necessary professional training at their own homes. Mr. Purcell was borough superintendent of schools at Shenandoah for three years, and was employed as principal of the schools of Gilberton in the spring of 1881, at which time he decided to accept the nomination on the Democratic ticket for the office of register of wills and clerk of the orphans' court, a position to which he was elected at the general election of 1881. After serving three years in this position he was appointed by Judge Pershing to do some special work in several of the county offices, and about three years passed ere this work was entirely completed. He served one term as a member of the Shenandoah school board during the period of his teaching at Gilberton, these being the only offices to which he has since aspired. In the year 1891 he was offered a position as teacher of the Boys' Catholic high school of Philadelphia, by the superintendent of schools, Rev. Dr. Fisher, on the recommendation of Rev. John J. Hickey, at one time a pupil of his. This position he was compelled to decline because of circumstances beyond his control. The subject of this article has been twice married, first on Feb. 22, 1873, to Miss Sarah

Mohan, daughter of Charles and Aresta (Reed) Mohan. Four sons were born to this union, of whom two died in infancy and two are living, Charles A., at home, and Joseph V. The last named is a salesman by occupation. He is a young man of liberal education and fine business qualifications. He is a graduate of the Pottsville high school, attended Georgetown (D. C.) college, and was three years a student at the University of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Purcell died March 1, 1882. Nov. 23, 1893, Mr. Purcell was united in marriage with Miss Mary F. McConnell, of Pottsville. Five sons have been born to this union: Alphonsus Carpenter, James A., George Vincent, William Stratton, and Francis Clare. The family are members of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic church. Mr. Purcell has been engaged in the life insurance business since 1890. At present he is the representative of the Manhattan Life, and the Fidelity Casualty Company. He has been successful as a business man, and is entitled to great credit for his achievements in life, particularly on account of the pluck and determination displayed in his efforts for self-education under adverse circumstances. His record in this respect is a worthy object-lesson to the struggling youth under like conditions.

**Radziewicz, Charles**, proprietor of the Eagle hotel at Shenandoah, was born in Russian Poland, July 25, 1852. In 1871 he came to America and for three years he was employed in the iron works at Pittsburg, puddling and rolling. He then removed to Mahanoy City, where he worked in the mines until 1885, when he established a general store on South Main street, Shenandoah. Subsequently he removed to East Center street, where his store was burned June 1, 1895, and in the fire he lost everything, even to the clothing of himself and family. The fire occurred on Saturday and by the following Tuesday his creditors sent him, without his order or solicitation, a large stock of goods and the business was immediately reopened. In August, 1895, he bought the Eagle hotel property and before the close of the year he retired from the mercantile business entirely. The hotel is a three-story brick building, with twenty rooms, is well equipped with modern appliances, and is doing a good business. In connection he has a fine bar, which also enjoys a liberal patronage. Mr. Radziewicz is a member of the societies of St. Paul, St. John the Baptist, and the Guards of St. Casimir the Prince, in the last named of which he holds the office of major, and with his family he belongs to St. George's Lithuanian Roman Catholic church. He is a Republican in his party affiliations, but can hardly be termed an active politician. On Oct. 18, 1879, he was married to Miss Dora Karziewski, a native of Poland, who came with her parents to Mahanoy Plane in her childhood. There were eleven children: Annie, Joseph, Mary, Edward, Regina, Pauline, Julia and Lercadia are living, and Casimir, Amelia and Johnnie are dead. The eldest son is employed in the department of mines at the state capital. The other children live at home with their parents.

**Ramonat, Simon A.**, is one of the influential and honored citizens of Lithuanian birth residing in the borough of Shenandoah, where he



is now incumbent of the office of justice of the peace. In the determination of questions of public policy, municipalities as well as nations occasionally undergo revolutions in politics. In the election which brought Mr. Ramonat to his present office the borough of Shenandoah passed through a political contest of a magnitude assuming the proportions of a hotly contested national campaign, so far as local interest was concerned. Mr. Ramonat was made the standard-bearer of the Citizens' ticket for the office of justice of the peace. The contest was between the "ins" and the "outs" for the control of the borough offices, and the battle of ballots was fought strictly along this line. Charges and counter-charges were made with prodigal liberality, and the contending forces were arrayed, "polled" and fitted for the fray weeks before the final test. On election day every available rig in the town was called into service at fabulous prices. But the opposing forces, though intensely active and alert, were generally orderly and law-abiding. The "outs" won the day and captured municipal control of the borough. It is not within the province of this work to decide the questions in controversy, or to do more than simply to mention the matter as an occurrence in which the subject of this sketch was one of the principal actors. That Mr. Ramonat was nominated and elected in recognition of his special fitness and eligibility for the place is abundantly shown by the newspaper comments upon his high character as a citizen and successful business man. But his election also gives recognition to a large class of foreign-born citizens who readily adapt themselves to conditions existing in America and promptly conform to the customs of well ordered citizenship. Their industry, frugality and intelligence soon place them in positions of independence and definite prosperity. Mr. Ramonat was born in Lithuania, Russia, Sept. 30, 1860, and is a son of Adam and Martha Ramonat, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in Lithuania. The paternal grandfather was of German birth and was a Lutheran in his religious faith. Adam Ramonat died when the subject of this sketch was but three years of age, and his widow still resides in Lithuania. Of the seven children the only one in America is he whose name initiates this article, the others having remained in their native land. Mr. Ramonat attended the schools of Lithuania until he had attained the age of fifteen years, when he severed the home ties and valiantly set forth, alone and without financial reinforcement, to seek home and fortune in the United States. He came at once to Schuylkill county, Pa., and took up his residence in Shenandoah, where he has since maintained his home and where he has won substantial success and made for himself an enviable reputation. For the first two years he was employed about the mines and in the meanwhile he put forth every effort to familiarize himself with the English language. He then showed his ambition and appreciation by entering the Shenandoah business college, in which he completed a thorough course and was graduated in 1895. After leaving school he was employed as driver of a delivery wagon for a grocery for one year, and was then promoted to a clerkship in the

store. In 1897 he entered the employ of the great meat-packing house of Armour & Co., of Chicago, and he has been a salesman for this company in this section of Pennsylvania since that year. In 1904 he was the candidate of the Democratic party of the county for representative in the state legislature. He polled the full vote of his party but met overthrow in the avalanche of votes which gave Roosevelt about half a million majority in the state. Mr. Ramonat still retains his position with Armour & Co., but is giving a most careful and able administration of the office of justice of the peace. He has been notary of the public since 1905, and also has the agency for a number of standard fire and life insurance companies. It may be inferred that he is a busy man, but he is well fortified in capacity for details and in marked energy and administrative ability, so that nothing is neglected that demands his attention. He has been a close and appreciative student and reader all his mature life and has surrounded himself with the best of standard literature. He is master of six languages, in each of which he is able to read, write and converse. He serves as a medium of communication between the local Lithuanian people and their relatives and friends in the mother country, and his countrymen place inviolate confidence in him, coming to him for advice and instruction. He is a stanch advocate of the principles and policies of the Democratic party and he and his family are communicants of the Lithuanian Catholic church in Shenandoah. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Society of St. John the Baptist, and the Phoenix Fire Company. In 1895 Mr. Ramonat was united in marriage to Miss Margaret McCuskey, who was born and reared in Shenandoah, and they have two children—Harold and Evelyn.

**Ramsay, William Potts.**—This well known attorney at Mahanoy City was born at Bloomsburg, Columbia county, Pa., Dec. 24, 1852. He is a son of John Ramsay, a native of Coatesville, Chester county, and Mary A. (Downing) Ramsay, who was born in Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county. Mr. Ramsay received a liberal education and chose the legal profession as his life work. He was admitted to practice in the Schuylkill county courts in October, 1881, and has been in continuous practice here since. He has been successful as a lawyer and sustains a high standing among his colleagues at the Schuylkill county bar. Mr. Ramsay has always affiliated with the Republican party and has taken an active interest in the supremacy of his party's principles. He has never aspired to public office, but has devoted his time and talents to his professional work. He has been twice married, first to Miss Bess Day Ramsay, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Day) Ramsay, of Chester county, Pa. She died in 1887, leaving two children, Kenneth and Malcolm. The elder son died in January, 1907. He was a bright and promising young man, and his untimely death was greatly deplored. The other son born to this union is a student in civil engineering, and, incidentally, is assisting his father in the details of office work. The second marriage of Mr. Ramsay occurred in 1889, when Mrs. Jessie E. Haas became his wife.

She is a daughter of James L. and Harriet G. (Hansell) Rowley. The only child born to this union is Miss Jessie. The family are Presbyterians in religious views. Mr. Ramsay is a member of Mahanoy City Lodge, No. 695, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

**Raush, James**, deceased, was a son of Abraham and Mary (Long) Raush, and was born in Maiden Creek township, Berks county, Pa., Sept. 12, 1837. His paternal grandfather, who was born in Hesse, Germany, came to the United States about the year 1790, and located in what is now known as Maiden Creek township, Berks county. He was a farmer after he came to this country, and was a very influential man in the vicinity where he lived. His son Abraham was born in the old homestead, in Berks county, in 1811, and died in the same township, in 1848. He also was a farmer by occupation. He had eight children, four sons and four daughters. After his death his wife and children removed to Auburn, Schuylkill county, where Mrs. Raush died in 1884, at the age of sixty-five years. James Raush, the subject of this sketch, was twelve years old when his mother and the family moved to Auburn. He attended the public schools and passed his boyhood in Auburn. In 1862 he became a brakeman on the Schuylkill & Susquehanna railroad, now the Philadelphia & Reading. He was later promoted to the position of engineer and continued as such until 1877, when he became owner and proprietor of the St. Elmo hotel in Auburn, which he conducted until 1888. In connection with the hotel he kept a feed store, coal yard and grocery store. He continued in the latter business after selling the hotel. He was married in 1860, and had twelve children. Those living are Peter, Munroe, Caroline, Katherine, David, Laura, Lillie, Enoch, and Annie. James Raush died Jan. 13, 1904. In 1897 he was appointed postmaster, which position he held until his death. Enoch, his youngest son, is now acting postmaster and has charge of all his father's former business. He was educated in the Auburn schools and at the age of eighteen became associated with his father in the feed and coal business. He married Elizabeth Long, daughter of Jeremiah and Amanda (Boyer) Long, of Auburn, on Feb. 23, 1902. To this union one daughter, Katherine, has been born. Enoch Raush has been borough auditor, and was elected to the position by the Republican party, with which he is affiliated. He has also served as judge of elections at different times. The family belongs to the Reformed church.

**Reber, Henry Albert**, is one of the prominent business men of the younger generation in his native borough of Schuylkill Haven, where he was born Nov. 27, 1874, and where he is one of the stockholders of Meck & Company, manufacturers of underwear. He is one of the executive officers of the concern and gives the major part of his attention to its affairs. Mr. Reber is a son of George Washington and Anetta (Achabach) Reber, both of whom were likewise born in Schuylkill county—the former in South Manheim township, in 1834, and the latter in Wayne township, in 1836. The father served as a member of a Pennsylvania regiment in the Civil war, taking part in many engagements and living up to the full tension of the great con-

flict through which the Union was perpetuated. He was wounded while in the service but continued with his regiment until the close of the war, when he received his honorable discharge. He and his wife are now deceased. His principal vocation in life was that of boat-builder. Henry Albert Reber, the immediate subject of this review, was educated in the public schools of his native town and has here maintained his home from the time of his birth. Here also he has risen to success and prestige as an enterprising business man and loyal and patriotic citizen. He is a staunch supporter of the beneficent principles and policies of the Prohibition party and has been an active worker in its cause. He served one term as chairman of the county board of executive officers, held the office of county treasurer for four terms, and in 1904 he was a presidential elector on the Prohibition ticket of the state. At the inception of the Spanish-American war Mr. Reber showed his patriotism and loyalty by enlisting as a private in Company F, 4th Pennsylvania volunteer infantry, on April 28, 1898, and he received his honorable discharge at the close of the war. His command was held in reserve and was not called into action in the field. Mr. Reber is identified with the Young Men's Christian Association, the Sons of Temperance, and the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, and in 1905-6 he was president of the Schuylkill county Christian Endeavor union. Both he and his wife are devoted and zealous members of the Reformed church. July 12, 1900, Mr. Reber was united in marriage to Miss Emma Irene Fry, daughter of Valentine and Amelia (Liebensberger) Fry, of Schuylkill Haven, and the children of the union are John William, Paul Valentine, and June Sarah.

**Reed, Elmer P.**, son of Henry R. and Sarah (Heffner) Reed, was born at Reedsville, Wayne township, on Jan. 6, 1874. He attended the public schools until he was sixteen years of age, after which he went to work in the Lawrence & Brown colliery, at Frackville, this county, being thus employed for two years. He then returned to the farm of his grandfather, for whom he worked until the death of his grandfather, a year later. Henry R. Reed, the father of the subject of this sketch, then purchased the farm from the estate and Elmer continued to be associated with his father in its operation until 1899, when he moved to Auburn, Pa. At this place he was employed in firing the boilers for the Delaware Seamless Tube Company for three years. In 1902 he returned to Wayne township, where he first rented and then, in 1906, bought the old family homestead of the Reed family, where he now resides. The estate is the one on which the family first located and has been in the family for many years. Mr. Reed was married, Aug. 26, 1893, to Miss Carrie Reed, daughter of Franklin T. Reed, of Wayne township. To this union have been born three children: Guy S., Edna A. (deceased), and Marion L. Mr. Reed is a member of the local organization of the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America at Friedensburg; of the Masonic fraternity, at Cressona, and is also a Granger. In politics he is a Republican, and he has been inspector of elections several times. The family be-



longs to the United Evangelical church of Reedsville, Wayne township. Mr. Reed has three sisters living—Katie, wife of Nathan Fahl, of Reading; Ellen A., wife of Jeremiah Mengle, of Rock, Schuylkill county, and Ida, wife of Oliver Moyer, of Western Port, Md.

**Reed, Irvin A.**, prosecuting attorney of Schuylkill county, was born on a farm in Wayne township, this county and was educated in the public schools and at Kutztown normal school. He was graduated from the last named institution in the class of 1894. He engaged in teaching in his native township for three years and was principal of the Ellwood (now Outwood) schools for a like period. He studied law in the office of the late Nicholas Heblich, Esq., and was admitted to the bar in January, 1899. He was a delegate to the Democratic state convention at Erie, in 1902. Mr. Reed was elected to the state legislature in 1902, and he was the unanimous choice of his party convention as the nominee for the office of district attorney in 1905. In November of the same year he was elected, and is now serving the second year of his term.

**Reed, Jacob D.**, who is successfully engaged in the knitting business in Schuylkill Haven, was born in Wayne township, this county, on May 9, 1857, a son of Elias and Christiana (Deitert) Reed. His education was a limited one, his opportunities being limited to some of the courses afforded by the common schools of the county. For the first nineteen years of his life he lived under the parental roof, working on his father's farm. About 1876 he came to Schuylkill Haven and entered the employ of William Becker to learn the shoemakers' trade. He continued in this vocation for eighteen years and then, in 1895, he formed a partnership with John A. Bowen in the knitting business. In 1900 a third partner, Moses Leininger, was taken into the firm, and later in the same year Mr. Bowen retired, disposing of his interest to Messrs. Leininger and Reed, who have since been at the head of the concern, which has been paying good dividends and has become one of the leading industries of the borough. Jan. 8, 1885, Mr. Reed was united in marriage to Miss Emma E. Wommer, a daughter of Jacob Wommer, of Wayne township. To this union two sons, Ivan W. and Willis E., have been born. The Reeds are all workers in the United Evangelical church, of which they are most devout members. In politics Mr. Reed is a Republican. Some idea of the high regard in which he is held by his fellow-citizens and neighbors may be judged from the fact that he is now serving his fifteenth successive year in the office of assessor.

**Reed, John H.**, of Roedersville, Washington township, Schuylkill county, is a son of Elias and Christiana (Deitert) Reed, and was born Dec. 2, 1855. His father was born in Wayne township, and followed farming all his life; he died in 1880 at the age of fifty-four years. The mother is still living on the old homestead in Wayne township. John, the subject of this sketch, is the second son of a family of four sons and six daughters. Wallace, the oldest son, died at the age of four years, and Emma, the oldest daughter, died when she was about six years old. Those who attained maturity are John H., Jacob D.,

Annie R., Mary E., Elizabeth A., George C., Sallie G., and Susan P. Annie is the wife of A. D. Super, of Wayne township; Mary married Louis Stahler, and died June 3, 1895; Elizabeth is the widow of Francis M. Luckenbill, of Wayne township; Sallie is married to Howard S. Mengle, of Wayne township; Susan is the wife of Howard D. Becker, also of Wayne township, formerly of Brunswick township, this county. John H. was educated in the Wayne township schools. At the age of fifteen years he left school to help his father on the farm, and he again attended school for a short time when he was twenty years of age. May 24, 1877, when he was twenty-two, he was married to Miss Alice Berger, daughter of Henry Berger, of Schuylkill Haven, and he continued working for wages on his father's farm for two years thereafter. He then rented a farm from his uncle for two years, after which he rented one in Cressona for four years. At the expiration of his lease he bought the farm on which he now resides. This was in 1888, and the farm has been his home ever since, with the exception of one year which he spent in Schuylkill Haven. Mr. and Mrs. Reed have had five children, four of whom are living. Charles, the oldest son, died in infancy. Those living are: Irene M., wife of Charles E. Brown, of Washington township; Della L., wife of Irvin Strouthour, of Pine Grove, formerly of Washington township; and Anna C. and George E., both living at home. Mr. Reed is a charter member of Camp No. 264, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America. In politics he is a Republican, and although repeatedly urged to run for office he has always declined. The family are members of the United Evangelical church and attend the church at Friedensburg. Mr. Reed has been superintendent of the Sunday school for six years, and was also steward of the church for some time. Mr. Reed is an enthusiastic farmer, finding great pleasure in the tilling of the soil, and believing that both he and his farm belong to God. He is a conscientious and God-fearing man, and lives his life according to the Golden Rule, doing good to others and living for service and believing that the talents that God has given him are to be used for the upbuilding of righteousness. His life has been one of varied experiences, with its seasons of loss and of prosperity, but through all he has maintained the even tenor of his way, believing that steady devotion to one line of business is more likely to result in advancement than if a man's energy is dissipated in half a dozen different enterprises.

**Reed, Thomas M.**, justice of the peace at Frackville, was born at Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, May 14, 1862, his parents, Obadiah and Catherine (Bensinger) Reed, both being natives of that county. The paternal grandfather of Thomas M. Reed was a farmer and wheelwright of West Brunswick township, and the maternal grandfather was a shoemaker at Orwigsburg. Obadiah Reed learned the trade of pattern-maker in his youth and followed that occupation for many years in Schuylkill county, living for more than half a century at Port Carbon. The last five years of his life were spent at Allen-

town, Pa., where he died March 31, 1907, aged ninety-four years. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: Francis, who was killed at the battle of Shelbyville, Tenn., June 27, 1863; Eli, Mary, and Emily, now deceased; Charles W., David A. and Thomas M., still living. Thomas M. Reed was reared in his native county and received his education in the public schools. Selecting the tailor's trade for a vocation, he graduated in Mitchell's cutting school in 1882, and in 1886 established himself as a merchant tailor and furnisher in Frackville, also handling sewing machines in connection with his business. His skill as a cutter soon brought him a good trade and he continued in this line of activity until 1898, when he was elected justice of the peace, which office he still holds. He is still interested in the tailoring and furnishing concern that he established. Mr. Reed is a Republican in his political views, and was elected to his office as candidate of that party, having previously served one term as a member of the Frackville council. He was a member and secretary of the board of health from the time of its organization until he was elected justice of the peace. He was one of the founders of the Broad Mountain building and loan association, of which he was president for several terms, and of which he has held the office of secretary since 1898. In religious matters he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a member of District Lodge, No. 823, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Frackville; Frackville Council, No. 828, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and Frackville council, No. 1656, Royal Arcanum. On Jan. 4, 1887, Mr. Reed was united in marriage to Miss Edith L., daughter of Samuel and Adeline (Robinson) Baynton, of Pottsville, and to this union have been born four children—Catherine, Adeline, Frances and Thomas N.

**Reese, Frank C.**, is the son of the late John Reese, who was prominent as a division superintendent of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, as a mine superintendent, as an opponent of the "Mollie Maguire" movement, and in the social and business affairs of the county. He and his wife, who in maidenhood was Flower Codrington, were natives of Wales, whence they came to America about 1863, and established their first home at Wadesville, in this county. John Reese soon became prominent in mining and railroad circles, and attained to positions of responsibility when the "Molly Maguires" were in their ascendancy. He was soon spotted as a man who should be removed, and numerous attempts were made to carry out their nefarious schemes. At one time three men were detailed from among "the faithful" to kill him, but he was warned and escaped. He was fired at on four different occasions, and his clothing pierced with bullets, but he escaped personal injuries and was finally killed by an explosion of gas in Kehley Run colliery, in July, 1880. Two other mine superintendents lost their lives at the same time. The house of John Reese was made the headquarters for the law-abiding citizens of the 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. Frank C. Reese, of this sketch, then a lad

in knee-breches, rendered valiant service in the capacity of messenger boy, warning people of threatened disaster, and communicating with the officers of the law. His close association with the dangers of the time, at a period in his life when deep impressions are made, renders him to-day one of the best authorities on Mollie Maguireism in Schuylkill county. His mother contracted a second marriage and now lives in Shenandoah. Frank C. Reese was born at Wadesville, Schuylkill county, Pa., on Feb. 11, 1865. He attended the common schools of his native locality, but his educational career was much abbreviated by the untimely death of his father. Being but fifteen years old and the eldest of six small children, he nobly shouldered the responsibilities of providing for them and his widowed mother. He secured employment about the coal-breaker, and in time saved the means of paying for an eight months' course in Dickinson seminary, at Williamsport. After 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, and served as clerk at various collieries operated by this company. The people of Shenandoah, where he then lived, also recognized his ability and faithfulness, and he was honored with numerous borough offices, including those of assessor and auditor. 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. He was appointed deputy county controller, under Benjamin Severn, in 1894, and served until 1896, in which year he was elected register of wills and clerk of the orphans' court. He terminated his service in that office Jan. 1, 1901. Since retiring from official life Mr. Reese has turned his attention to the promotion of business enterprises, in which he has had a varied and successful career. Being quick in discernment, ready in the application of means to ends, well and favorably known as a man of ability and integrity, business often comes to him without solicitation, and he is "on the ground floor" in almost every proposed enterprise which is to be launched. As an evidence of the vast amount of business with which he has been prominently associated within a few years, it is only necessary to cite the following: He was secretary of the Shenandoah Water and Gas Company; president of the Kehley Run Ice Company; president and secretary of the Shenandoah Powder Company; president of the Black Diamond Powder Company, of Scranton; manager and secretary of the Pottsville Ice and Cold Storage Company; manager and secretary of the Snow Shoe Lumber Company; manager of the D. Duffy & Co. Timber and Lumber Company; president and manager of the G. A. Bitting & Co. Mining and Prop Timber Company; manager of the Reese & Brumm Lumber, Building and Supply Company, limited; and secretary and manager of the Anthracite Lumber Company of Minersville. He was one of the promoters and owners of the Penn Tobacco Company, of Wilkes Barre, and was one



of the owners of the daily and weekly Local, a newspaper at Ashland. But while the foregoing has reference principally to business enterprises which were organized and put into successful operation and then sold out, Mr. Reese has also a long list of enterprises still in progress, and is backed by boundless capital in the furtherance of many business ventures of which the public knows nothing. He stands in close relations with the heads of large and wealthy corporations in distant cities and states, and his business sagacity and versatility are everywhere recognized. Frank C. Reese was married in 1886 to Miss Lizzie Girton, a daughter of John and Martha Girton, of Shenandoah. Both parents are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Reese became the parents of eight children, only three of whom are living. These are Mabel, born Jan. 3, 1891; John F., born Oct. 13, 1892; and Frank C., Jr., born Sept. 26, 1900. The deceased children were Blanche, Hazel, Sadie, Ruth and Margaret, all of whom died in childhood, the eldest being but eight years old. Mr. Reese is a Republican in political views and a firm adherent to the doctrines of his party. He has always taken an active part in local politics, and is a recognized leader in Republican councils. He is a Methodist in religious sentiments. Mr. Reese is a member of John W. Stokes Lodge, No. 515, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in Shenandoah, in which he is a past grand. He also passed the principal official stations in the Shenandoah encampment, a higher branch of the same fraternity; the local encampment is now disbanded. He is a member of Washington Camp, No. 112, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, at the same place, and served several years as secretary of the camp. In Pottsville he is a member of Lodge No. 207, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Manufacturers' commercial club, and also the West End Hose Company and the Commercial Club of Pottsville.

**Reeser, E. R.**, a leading plumber and tinsmith of Tamaqua, was born in Berks county, Pa., Dec. 10, 1863, a son of Benjamin and Mary (Moser) Reeser. The father was a stone and brick mason in the later years of his life, although he had formerly been an hotel-keeper and a butcher. He died July 4, 1891, in his sixty-sixth year, and his wife died July 3, 1896, at the age of sixty-three. Seven of the nine children born to them are still living, two of them in this county. The subject of this sketch received his education in the schools of Tamaqua, after which he learned the trade of tinsmith and plumber. For fifteen years he was in the employment of the late E. J. Fry, and then was made superintendent of the water department of Tamaqua. In 1903, after twelve years' service in that capacity, he resigned, and for a year thereafter operated a pipe-scraping device which he himself had invented. When the Hudson Contracting Company of New Jersey purchased that business he embarked in the plumbing and tinning industry. His patronage has increased from time to time until now he does work all over the county, big jobs as well as smaller ones. In the fall of 1906 he laid the pipe of a new line of the Citizens' Gas Company, and at the present time has several other large contracts

on hand. July 22, 1889, Mr. Reeser married Miss Sallie Adams, a daughter of Solomon and Cordelia (Hendricks) Adams, residents on a truck farm in Walker township. Mr. Adams has the finest plum orchard in Schuylkill county, and is one of the most prosperous truck gardeners in the vicinity. The eleven children of his family are Rebecca, widow of Peter Lowall, of Allentown; George W., a moulder living in this county; James M., a farmer living in Walker township; Sallie, now Mrs. Reeser; Harry, a miller of Tamaqua; Alfred, on a farm in Walker township; Edward, unmarried, at home; Isabel, wife of Ira T. Andy, of Allentown; John, at home; and Charles and William, deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Reeser have been born three children—William, a student; Edwin Franklin; and an unnamed infant who died soon after birth. Mr. Reeser himself is the youngest of nine children. His brothers and sisters are Albert, a confectioner of Allentown; Sarah, wife of O. A. Hunsicker, a farmer in the western part of the state; Kate, wife of Joseph Gilbert, a contractor and builder of Lehigh, Pa.; Samuel, a farmer of Walker township; Isabella, deceased, was Mrs. Henry Endy, of Allentown; and Frank, Mary and Charles, deceased. Mr. Reeser is identified with no secret order, but both he and his wife are devout members of and earnest workers in the Reformed church. For the past fifteen years he has been prominent in the state militia, the first five years as a private, five years as a sergeant and for the past five years as second lieutenant of Company B, 8th infantry regiment of the Pennsylvania National Guard.

**Reeves, William**, assistant postmaster of Shenandoah, was born in Mahanoy township, on June 22, 1870, a son of Thomas and Jeanette (Morris) Reeves. The parents are natives of South Wales, where their marriage was celebrated. The father first came to the United States on a prospecting trip and then returned to his native land for his wife. His second arrival in this country was on the day that President Lincoln was assassinated. He located at Mahanoy City and engaged in mining, moving thence to Jackson's Patch, to do the same sort of labor. There he remained until his death, which occurred March 17, 1873. The mother is now living in Shenandoah with her son Henry. Of the five children born to the parents three are living. John, the eldest, was a miner living in Shenandoah, and he died in Sept., 1893, leaving a wife and two children; Henry is assistant mine foreman at the Turkey Run colliery; Thomas is employed in the same mine; and a daughter died in infancy. The subject of this sketch, who was the fourth child in order of birth, received his educational advantages in the schools of his native township. His early life was spent about the mines, chiefly as a slate-picker. Then for a time he was a mail-carrier and subsequently assistant shipper at the Knickerbocker colliery. He left the Knickerbocker concern to become shipper at the Shenandoah City colliery, and later held the same position, combined with that of telegraph operator, at West Shenandoah. Feb. 14, 1898, he was appointed assistant postmaster, under Daniel W. Bedea, at Shenandoah, and was reappointed to the same position on April 3, 1902. Nov. 30, 1893, Mr. Reeves married Miss

Elizabeth A. Hughes, a native of North Wales, and to this union have been born the following children: John Burton, Charles Wesley, and William Hughes. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Reeves is a member of the boards of trustees and stewards. Fraternally he is connected with Shenandoah Lodge, No. 511, Free and Accepted Masons; Shenandoah Lodge, No. 1377, Royal Arcanum; Major William H. Jennings Council, No. 307, Junior Order of United American Mechanics; and is a charter member of Washington Camp, No. 183, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America. Politically he is a Republican, but has never aspired to political office.

**Reick, Robert A.**, a prominent member of the Schuylkill county bar, with office and residence at Frackville, is a native of the county, having been born at Gordon, on Aug. 9, 1877, and is of German and French extraction. He is a son of Christopher C. and Ella J. (Towns) Reick, the former a native of Württemberg, Germany, and the latter of Danville, Pa. The paternal grandfather was among the early settlers of Cressona, Schuylkill county, where he was employed for a number of years by the Mine Hill & Schuylkill Haven Railroad, now a part of the Philadelphia & Reading system. He was with this company up to his death, and his remains rest in the Spring Garden cemetery at Cressona. Christopher C. Reick came from Württemberg with his parents and is now the superintendent of the Mahanoy planes for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, a position he has held since 1899. Prior to that time he was superintendent of the Gordon planes for several years, but these are now abandoned. Robert A. Reick is one of three sons born to Christopher C. and Ella J. Reick. Harry L. is a druggist at Mauch Chunk and J. Heilner is a druggist in Philadelphia. Robert A. Reick availed himself of the advantages of the schools of his native borough and graduated at the Dickinson seminary, of Williamsport, in the class of 1893. He then entered the law office of William A. Marr, additional judge of the Schuylkill county courts, as a student, and on Jan. 2, 1899, was admitted to practice in the courts of the county. June 3, 1902, he was admitted to the supreme court. Mr. Reick located at Frackville on Feb. 1, 1899, and has since been engaged in the practice of his profession at that place, where he has built up a representative clientage. Since March 4, 1899, he has held the position of solicitor for the boroughs of Frackville and Gordon. Politically he is a Democrat, and in 1900 he was the secretary of the county committee of that party. He is a member of District Lodge, No. 823, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Frackville, of which he is a past grand; belongs to Mahanoy City Lodge, No. 605, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; is a past regent of Frackville Council, No. 1656, Royal Arcanum; and is a member of Frackville Council, No. 828, Junior Order of American Mechanics, and of Washington Camp, No. 62, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America. Sept. 3, 1902, Mr. Reick was united in marriage to Miss Myrtle, daughter of George and Laura (Christian) Bauchman, of Frackville.

**Reilly, James B.**—This well known attorney and politician is a native of West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, where he was born Aug. 12, 1845. He is a son of Bernard and Margaret Reilly, natives of Ireland. His father was born in Westmeath county in 1821 and came to America in 1842, locating in Schuylkill county, Pa., where he died in 1889. He resided in Pottsville from 1850 until his death, and spent his business career as a railroad contractor. In this he was engaged in a number of important undertakings, being employed by the Canada & Atlantic, the Schuylkill & Susquehanna, and the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad companies. James B. Reilly was educated in the Pottsville high school and by careful, systematic reading and study throughout his lifetime. He began the study of law under the tutorship of Hon. F. W. Hughes, and was admitted to practice before the Schuylkill county bar Jan. 11, 1869. From that day until the present he has devoted himself assiduously to his profession, and has acquired a large and lucrative practice in the courts of his own and adjoining counties, as well as in the state and United States supreme courts. His first political office of prominence was that of district attorney, to which he was elected by the people of Schuylkill county in 1871. Upon retiring from this office, after a service of three years, he was made the Democratic standard bearer for congressional honors, and was elected in 1874 to a seat in the forty-fourth congress. Two years later he was re-elected to the forty-fifth congress, and at the expiration of his term he resumed the practice of law at Pottsville. In 1888 he was elected to the fifty-first congress and was re-elected to the fifty-first and fifty-second congresses, serving until March 4, 1905. His service in the national house of representatives covers a period of ten years out of twenty—a most distinguished honor when the uncertainties of Schuylkill county politics are considered. During these many years of service Mr. Reilly was ever active and vigilant in the interests of his constituency and the supremacy of Democratic principles. He was a member of several important committees, among which may be mentioned the Pacific Railroad committee, the select committee on the Columbian exposition, and the committee on mines and mining. He was one of the framers of the bill granting pensions to soldiers' widows, and was the author of that feature of a bill which relates to the preferred claims of workingmen in the case of bankrupts. Mr. Reilly's congressional career was a feature of his life work to which both he and his posterity can refer with just pride. He has been a prominent figure in Schuylkill county politics for many years, and has served his party in various positions of a purely honorary nature. He was a delegate to the national convention which nominated General W. S. Hancock for the presidency, and has served as chairman of state conventions, etc. Mr. Reilly is interested in a number of business enterprises in Pottsville, being a member of the board of directors of the Schuylkill Real Estate, Title, Insurance & Trust Company, and is also a member of the Pottsville board of trade. James B. Reilly was married in 1868 to Miss Mary A., daughter of Owen Hoey, a native of Ireland, who has spent his manhood years as a



resident of Pottsville. Frank N., the eldest son born to Mr. and Mrs. Reilly, is a prominent architect in Pottsville. J. B. Reilly is a man of strong intellectual force, an independent thinker, and a logical reasoner, but is exceedingly tolerant of the opinions and convictions of others. He is a Roman Catholic in religious affiliations. He was appointed United States marshal for the eastern district of Pennsylvania during the second term of President Cleveland, and established his offices in the Federal building in Philadelphia, but retained his law offices in Pottsville. He now gives his undivided attention to his extensive law practice.

**Reinbold, Samuel A.**, a dealer in timber, oil and scrap-iron, was born in Lebanon county on Oct. 6, 1873, a son of Benjamin F. and Catherine (Wolfe) Reinbold. The father in early life was a millwright and while employed as such invented a flour bolt which came into great demand. In later life he was employed in the building of coal breakers and while engaged in that work he received injuries which resulted in his death, on Feb. 23, 1903, within a month of the sixtieth anniversary of his birth. For many years he was a school director and he was always an influential factor in the Lutheran church. His widow is living at Green Point, Lebanon county, at the age of fifty-eight. Of their sixteen children ten survive, and only one, William Henry, justice of the peace at Tremont, besides the subject of this sketch, resides in this county. Samuel A. Reinbold received a limited education in the public schools. When a lad of five years, in company with David Hummel and Harry Wolfe, a cousin, he was riding behind a spirited team, when the rig was struck by a railroad train. Wolfe was instantly killed and Hummel died from the effects of his injuries. Mr. Reinbold had his left arm broken in four places and his left leg fractured in three different places, besides other injuries, of the head and body. Three physicians despaired of his life, but owing to the watchful care of Dr. L. A. Shirk, of Lickdale, his life was saved, although he was crippled in his left arm for life. When he had completed his common school labors he learned telegraphy, and for seven years was the operator for the Philadelphia & Reading railroad at Cold Spring in Lebanon county. While there he was also postmaster under the McKinley and Roosevelt administrations. The station was discontinued by the railroad company and Mr. Reinbold came to Pine Grove and embarked in his present business. He has done exceedingly well in a pecuniary way, notwithstanding the fact that he has had to fight trust influences at every turn. On Dec. 31, 1898, Mr. Reinbold was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude M. Gates, of Lebanon City, Pa., a daughter of Franklin P. and Ada (Boughter) Gates. Mr. Gates is deceased, but his widow is living, a resident of Dunbar, Fayette county. One child, Parthenia Vinetta by name, has blessed this union. Both Mr. and Mrs. Reinbold are members of the Lutheran church and Mr. Reinbold is identified with the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America and the Royal Arcanum, in the latter of which he is sentinel. He is also a member of the Philadelphia & Reading relief association. In his political beliefs he upholds the tenets

of the Democratic party. By hard work and perseverance he has risen to a position of affluence and influence in the community. He is now serving his second term as a member of the school board.

**Reinhart, George**, proprietor of Reinhart's hotel—formerly the Lion hotel, corner of Tenth and Market streets, Pottsville, was born in the house where he now resides, June 10, 1856. His parents, George and Agnes (Klitsch) Reinhart, were both natives of Hesse-Cassel, Germany. They came to America in 1848 and settled at Pottsville, where the father followed his trade of shoemaker for about fifteen years, in the meantime founding the Lion hotel, which he conducted in connection with his other business. After giving up the shoe shop he continued to conduct the hotel until his death, in 1871, at the age of forty-eight years. The widow and a son Anthony carried on the hotel for several years, or until 1898, when it passed by purchase into the hands of its present proprietor. George and Agnes Reinhart had eleven children, five of whom grew to maturity, viz: Catherine, Anthony, Mary, George and Samuel A. George Reinhart, the son, received a limited education in the public schools of his native city. Upon leaving school he learned the blacksmith's trade, at which he worked for five years, and thereafter he was employed in the Pottsville brewery for twenty-four years. In 1898 he bought the hotel property, as above noted, remodeled and refurnished the house, and has since conducted it under the name of Reinhart's hotel. Mr. Reinhart is a Democrat in political views, but has never been a seeker for office. He is a member of the German Mechanics' benefit society, and Aerie No. 134, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and with his family belongs to St. John's Roman Catholic church. June 6, 1882, he was united in marriage to Miss Barbara Reitzel, whose parents, Henry and Barbara (Memmel) Reitzel, were natives of Germany and pioneers of Yorkville. Her father died April 7, 1870, from the effects of a burn received in the Pottsville mines. Mr. and Mrs. Reinhart have five children—Mary, Frederick, William, Catherine and Margaret.

**Reinhold, Eli Spayd**, a scion of one of the old and honored families of the Keystone state, has attained to distinction in educational and business affairs and has long been known as one of the representative citizens of Schuylkill county. He is a man of high scholarship and his influence has proven potent for good along the various directions in which he has exerted the same. Mr. Reinhold was born in Reinholdsville, Lancaster county, Pa., Jan. 14, 1847, and is a son of Jacob B. and Catherine (Spayd) Reinhold, both likewise natives of Lancaster county, where the former was born Oct. 10, 1810, and the latter in Nov., 1816. The original American progenitors of the Reinhold family came hither from Germany in 1728, being of the noted family of German philosophers of that name who were the early exponents of the Kantian philosophy. One of the two brothers who came to America in the year noted settled in Lancaster county, Pa., and his son Christoff served in the war of the Revolution, in two different regiments of the Pennsylvania Line, as is clearly and authentically indicated in the work entitled "Pennsylvania in the Revolution."

Six of the family were valiant soldiers of the Union in the Civil war and all save one of this number were commissioned officers. In the Seventeenth Pennsylvania cavalry were Major Reuben Reinhold, Lieutenant Uriah R. Reinhold, and Captain M. R. Reinhold, the last named of whom was killed at the head of his troopers in the Shenandoah valley, under General Sheridan. Eli S. Reinhold, to whom this sketch is dedicated, secured his early educational discipline in private schools and classical academies, and supplemented the same by courses of study in the Pennsylvania State normal school and in the Eastman business college, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He devoted seven years to effective school work and gained a high reputation in pedagogic circles. He taught three terms in Lancaster county, was for one year an instructor in a private school in the city of Philadelphia, and thereafter became principal of the high school at Mahanoy City, Schuylkill county, where his work was most highly appreciated. Here also he was chosen superintendent of the public schools of the borough of Mahanoy City, retaining this incumbency two years. In 1871 Mr. Reinhold entered the banking business, to which he continued to devote his attention for thirty-five years, with distinctive success. In 1889 he organized the Union National bank of Mahanoy City, of which he served as cashier until 1906, when he resigned the office. He made this one of the most successful and substantial of the banking institutions of the state. In the midst of the exactions and responsibilities of an essentially busy life Mr. Reinhold gave his leisure to literature and science. He gathered a most valuable collection of mineral specimens, which he recently presented to Bucknell university, in memory of his deceased and only son, who was graduated in that institution, and this gift constitutes what is known as "The Milton C. Reinhold Collection." Mr. Reinhold purposes to devote his remaining years to congenial pursuits. In 1907, he was tendered the office of registrar and librarian of the Crozer theological seminary, at Upland, Pa., and has accepted the same.

He has broadened his mental ken by extensive and appreciative travel, having crossed the Atlantic eight times and having visited Asia, Africa, and all European countries except Austria. He is familiar with the German and French languages and has friends and correspondents in a number of European countries. In politics Mr. Reinhold is a Republican with independent views, and he has been active in the work of the party. He has been a delegate to the state Republican convention on a number of occasions, was for several years a member of the borough council, of which he was president one year; for a quarter of a century he held the office of clerk of the council. He has the distinction of being the second oldest living past-master of Mahanoy City Lodge, No. 357, Free and Accepted Masons, and was its treasurer until his removal from the town. Mr. Reinhold has been a member of the Baptist church since Feb. 4, 1866, and has been a vigorous and zealous factor in various departments of church work. For two years he was statistical secretary of the Pennsylvania state Sunday-school association. April 10, 1866, was solemnized the mar-

riage of Mr. Reinhold to Miss Louise J. Compton, of Philadelphia, a daughter of Daniel and Clarissa (Owen) Compton, of Newport, N. J., and the only child of this union was Milton Compton Reinhold, who was born March 8, 1867, and whose death occurred March 1, 1894. He was a graduate of the classical department of Bucknell university and became a successful member of the bar of Schuylkill county, where he was engaged in the practice of his profession at the time of his death. He served several years as a commissioned officer of the 8th regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard, with which he did duty during the Homestead strike campaign. He was a young man of sterling attributes and distinctive ability, honored by all who knew him, and his early death cut short a career full of promise.

**Rentschler, Henry D., M. D.**, a leading physician of Ringtown, was born in Berks county, on May 5, 1841, a son of Jacob and Sarah (Diehl) Rentschler. He acquired his preliminary training in the public schools of his native county and in the Washington Hall academy, at Trappe, Montgomery county. After a period of study in the office of Dr. D. Schoener he matriculated, in 1861, in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania and in 1864 was graduated at that institution with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He immediately began the practice of his profession at Ringtown and since that time has made that borough his home. He is a general practitioner and has a practice which extends into the surrounding boroughs. In the fall of 1869 the doctor was united in marriage to Miss Emeline Rumbel of Ringtown, a daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Seltzer) Rumbel. She is the only daughter of a family of three, her brothers being William H. and Trenton W. To Dr. and Mrs. Rentschler have been born eight children. Ada Letta, the eldest, completed a course in the Keystone state normal school at Kutztown and subsequently studied music in a seminary at Hagerstown. She married Dr. George R. Shenk, a practicing physician of Reading, and has three children—Katherine F., Florence E. and Frederic. Maurice married Miss Sadie Rumbel, daughter of Francis Rumbel, of Ringtown. He did not finish at the University of Pennsylvania, but is now in business at Ringtown. Walter received his early educational advantages in the Bloomsburg normal academy and in 1892 matriculated in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania. In 1896 he was given his degree and has since that time been practicing with his father. His wife, by whom he has three children—George Hughes, Henry D. and Emily—was Miss Edna Hughes, daughter of George Hughes, of Clearfield, Pa. Sadie M. graduated at the Bloomsburg state normal and became a popular teacher in Ringtown. She died Feb. 7, 1907. Harry J. is a machinist employed in the hosiery mills at Ringtown. Robert F. is a graduate of the Keystone state normal school. He taught for a few terms and then, after a course in a commercial college at Reading, he accepted the position he now holds, with the Brooks Foundry & Steel Company, of Birdsboro. Elizabeth M. graduated in the musical department of the Bloomsburg normal school and is now engaged in musical instruction in Ring-



town, Guy H. also is a graduate of the Bloomsburg institution and is a teacher by profession. The family are all members of the Lutheran church. The doctor himself is a staunch Democrat in his political views and as the candidate of that party he was at one time elected to the office of coroner. For twenty-eight successive years he has been a member of the school board. His business interests are not confined to his professional labors, as he is vice-president of the First National bank of Ringtown and is a director in the Merchants' National bank at Shenandoah. Dr. Rentschler is well known in fraternal circles, having attained to the degree of Knight Templar in the Masonic order, besides which he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the Ringtown Lodge, No. 287. He is also prominent in the county and state medical associations and his name in connection with any enterprise is a synonym for energetic action and honesty.

**Rentz, Rev. William F., A. M.,** a minister of the gospel of the Lutheran faith and the much respected pastor of the English Evangelical Lutheran church of Pottsville, is a native of Lycoming county, Pa., and was born on Sept. 22, 1851. He is a son of Peter S. and Lydia (Buck) Rentz, both natives of Lycoming county, where the father was a farmer until his death, which occurred in 1873, at the age of sixty-three years. The mother lived to be seventy-five years old. The family consisted of six sons and two daughters, of whom the daughters and four of the sons besides the subject of this sketch survive. They are Harry, John, Ermin, Pierce, Mary and Emma, all married and all living in Lycoming county except Ermin, who is a physician in Forest City, Ore.; Pierce, who is in Emporium, Pa., where with another party he owns a foundry and machine shop, and Emma (Mrs. Hess), who lives in Tioga, Philadelphia, Pa. Rev. Mr. Rentz, after receiving a preliminary education in the public schools, entered Dickinson seminary, at Williamsport, where he was graduated in 1872. Four years later he was graduated in Pennsylvania college, at Gettysburg. He then matriculated in the theological seminary of the same institution, and when he had completed the full course of four years he was given the degree of Master of Arts, in 1880. In the fall of the same year he received ordination as a minister of the gospel in the general synod of the Lutheran church. His ministerial career was begun as pastor of the church at New Chester, Adams county, where he remained for some two and a half years, leaving there in the fall of 1883 to take the Lionville pastorate, in Chester county. In the spring of 1888 he became home missionary of the Lutheran church at Atchison, Kan., and he rendered distinguished service in that capacity for nine years. At the end of that period he removed to Port Arthur, Tex., where for a year and a half he was engaged in ministerial labors, establishing a church and overseeing the erection of an edifice for the congregation. Rev. Mr. Rentz's Pottsville charge dates from the fall of 1898, when, in answer to a unanimous call from the congregation, he assumed the duties of pastor. The Pottsville Evangelical Lutheran church was established in 1851, although prior to that time there had been a movement on foot to divide the German Lutheran congrega-

tion, which alternated with the German Reformed congregation in holding services in a block house, where on week days a school was kept. The separation was not, however, fully consummated until 1851, since which year the English church has had a steady and successful career. The congregation today comprises some seven hundred members, one of the largest Protestant churches, and the enrollment in the Sunday school in all departments amounts to nine hundred children, undoubtedly the largest of its kind in Pottsville. Since its organization the church has been served by twelve pastors, some of whom remained but a short time while others served periods of ten years or more. Rev. Mr. Rentz is now beginning his ninth year and is a man born to lead in good works. His missionary spirit meets with the full approval of his people and his advanced ideas upon the questions which are absorbing the public interests easily place him in the ranks of the brainiest and most intellectual citizens. His treatment of the temperance question is fair, conservative and thorough, and wins for both him and the cause many strong friends. He carries his views on this question into his political career and is a strong exponent of the tenets of the Prohibition party. Sept. 30, 1880, was solemnized Mr. Rentz's marriage to Miss Sue C. Snavely, a native of Lebanon, and a daughter of George S. Snavely, who for many years was a coal dealer. Three children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Rentz. George, the eldest, is now a student at Princeton university, N. J. He is a graduate of the Pottsville high school and Pennsylvania college, and for three years was engaged in pedagogic work, the last two of them as principal of the Mifflinburg schools. Miss M. Helen is a graduate of the Pottsville high school and the Maryland college for women at Lutherville, Md. In June, 1906, she completed the course in kindergarten instruction in Temple college, Philadelphia, where she is now teaching. The youngest child, Marie Elizabeth, is a student in the Pottsville high school in the class of 1907. Mr. Rentz has been president of the Sabbath school association of Schuylkill county since 1902, and at the present time is a director of the Children's Home at Pottsville and of the Tressler's Orphans' home at Loysville, Pa., the latter institution conducted under the auspices of the Lutheran church. Fraternally he is identified with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Modern Woodmen of America.

**Ressler, George W., M. D.**, a leading physician and surgeon of Ashland, was born in Hegins township, this county, Sept. 22, 1863, a son of George and Sally (Geist) Ressler. Both parents were born in Northumberland county, where both the grandfathers, Samuel Ressler and Peter Geist, were engaged in agricultural pursuits. Samuel Ressler married a Miss Kehler and the wife of Peter Geist was formerly Miss Gratzner. The parents' marriage was celebrated in Northumberland county about 1845 and soon thereafter they removed to Hegins township, this county. The father was a tanner by vocation and for sixteen years conducted a tannery in Hegins township. When he retired from that trade he engaged in farming and continued at it for the remainder of his life. He died in 1889, leaving a family

of ten children. Dr. Joel G. and Emanuel, twins, were the first born, the former of whom is deceased; and the others are John; Mary, wife of Jacob Fisher; Eliza, wife of William King; Kate, wife of Rev. Oliver Schaeffer; Sarah, Mrs. John F. Long; James; George W.; and Anna, now Mrs. Ambrose Mauris. The subject of this sketch received his early education in the common schools of Hegins township and finished his preparatory work by a course in the Lockhaven normal school. He began the study of medicine in 1881 in the office of his brother, Dr. Joel G. Ressler, at Valley View, and in 1884, after completing the course of study afforded by the Jefferson medical college, of Philadelphia, he was graduated at that institution, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He began his professional practice in his native township and was most successfully engaged in it there for a period of eight years. In 1892 he located in Ashland, where he has since been practicing with marked success. May 15, 1884, Dr. Ressler was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Tobias, a daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Troutman) Tobias, of Hegins township. To this union has been born one child, a daughter, Esther J. The family are all members of the Reformed faith and worship at the Zion church of that denomination in Ashland. In his political views the doctor is an exponent of the principles of Democracy, but has never held nor aspired to office. Professionally he is identified with the Schuylkill county, the state and the American medical associations.

**Ressler, John**, a well known farmer in Hegins township, was born there Sept. 26, 1848. His parents, George and Sarah (Giest) Ressler, were both born in Northumberland county, Pa. In 1844 they came to Schuylkill county, settling first at Valley View, where the father operated a tannery for about thirteen years, but in 1857 he bought a farm of 106 acres in Hegins township. At that time it was but slightly improved and had only log buildings upon it, but by hard work he improved the place and brought it up to the reputation of being one of the best farms in the neighborhood. George Ressler was a Democrat of the old school, a member of the Reformed church, and was a popular and influential citizen in his day. He died in 1889 and his wife in 1895. They had the following children: Emanuel and John, living in Hegins township; Mary, who married Jacob Fisher, of Lancaster, Pa.; Eliza, wife of William B. King, of Dauphin county; Kate, who married O. F. Shafer, of Foreston, Ill.; Sarah, now the widow of J. Long, and a resident of Hegins; James, who lives at DuBois, Clearfield county, Pa.; George W., a physician at Ashland; and Annie, who married A. W. Maurer, of Hegins township. John Ressler received a common school education, and has followed agricultural pursuits all his life. He now carries on a general farming business and is one of the well to do citizens in the community where he lives. Like his father before him he is a Democrat in his political affiliations and a member of the Reformed church. He has held the office of tax collector and auditor, and was school director for many years. He has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Catherine Artz, and to this union were born

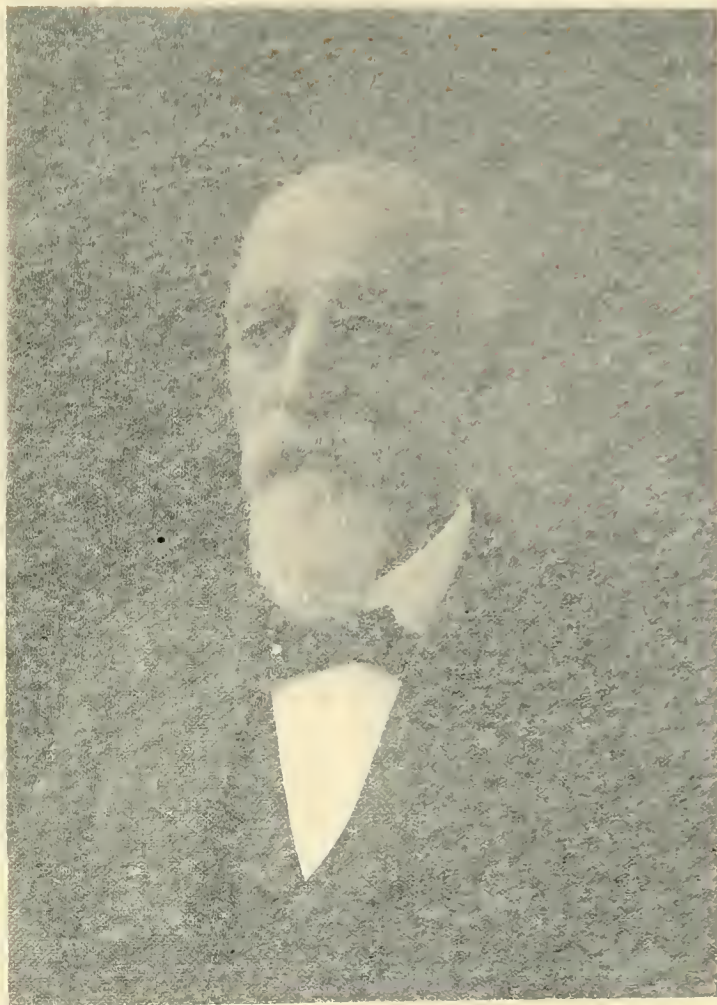
seven children, viz.: A. C., who married Cora Geist and is now farming on the old homestead; Kate, now the wife of J. D. Dinger, of Ashland; Jennie, the wife of G. D. Kuntz, of Hegins, Pa.; Nora, wife of Harper Williard, of Philadelphia; George, at home; Mary, who lives in Philadelphia, and Sarah, at home. The mother of these children died in Jan., 1898, and the father married Mrs. J. Huntsinger, of Hubley township.

**Rich, Henry J.**, a well known merchant and prominent business man of Pottsville, is a native of the borough in which he now lives, and was born on May 9, 1843. He is the second born of the seven children of the late Job Rich, of Pottsville. His father was one of the pioneers in the coal business and was a resident of Pottsville for fifty-eight years. He was a native of South Wales, born Sept. 10, 1812. With his father's family, Job Rich located in Pottsville in 1836, and a year later the father, whose name was Isaac Rich, and his son Job began coal operations at Wadesville, this county. In 1842 they began the development of the York Farm coal property, this being operated by Job Rich until 1881, when he sold out his interests, and he devoted his time thereafter to the care and management of his varied real estate interests. Isaac Rich, the founder of this family in Schuylkill county, was a practical miner, well versed in the development of the coal industry. He died in Pottsville in 1848, at the age of seventy-six years. By his marriage with Charlotte Tillott he had a family of five children, who lived to years of maturity, namely: George, Job, Isaac, Jane and Jonas. George, in company with Charles M. Miller, doing business under the firm title of Miller & Rich, was an extensive coal operator in the county. Job Rich, the father of the subject of this article, was a man of limited opportunities in early life, but he took advantage of such opportunities as were afforded during his subsequent career as a very active and successful business man. To use his own language he was "educated by the circumstances of life." He was a man of exemplary life and character, was a consistent and active member of the Methodist Episcopal church from 1836 until his death, and held all the official positions in the government of the church. He died Feb. 13, 1894. His wife was Dorothy Affleck, a native of Scotland, born May 6, 1813. They were married in Pottsville by Rev. William Cooper, in May, 1841, and became the parents of seven children, the eldest of whom is Isaac B.; Henry J., of this sketch, was the second born; Mary F. is the widow of George W. Simmons; Isabella A. is the wife of Thomas A. Jones; John W. is a farmer; Charlotte A. is unmarried and living at the old homestead; and J. Newton. All are residents of Pottsville. Isaac B. was a soldier during the Civil war, and participated in a number of engagements, with the 129th Pennsylvania, in the Army of the Potomac. Henry J. Rich was educated in the public schools of Pottsville and began his business life in mercantile pursuits. He was employed as a salesman in the hardware business of J. C. Bright & Co., subsequently engaging in business on his own account. He is now interested as principal owner and man-



ager in three fine groceries in Pottsville. He is a public spirited citizen, interested in the growth and prosperity of his native town, and contributes freely of his means and time to that end. He is an active member of the recently organized civic society and business men's association in Pottsville, which, acting in conjunction with the board of trade, has in view the establishment of industrial enterprises, and the promotion of entertainments, etc. Mr. Rich was married on Oct. 17, 1867, to Miss Harriet F., daughter of George and Elizabeth (Spencer) Heaton, natives of Yorkshire, England, but later residents of Pottsville, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Rich have two sons, Norman H., of Pottsville, and Howard R., of Reading, Pa. Mr. Rich is a Republican in his political affiliations, though imbibing the independent political spirit so prevalent in Pennsylvania during the past two or three years. He has never been an office-seeker, but has accepted the office of school director, as a duty devolving upon all good citizens. He served as a very active member of the building committee during the construction of the magnificent Garfield school building, decidedly the handsomest structure of the kind in Schuylkill county. Other school houses were erected, enlarged, or extensively repaired during Mr. Rich's term of six years, from 1880, and the school park, on Center street, was transformed from a cemetery to a beautiful spot for the comfort and entertainment of the living. Mr. Rich is very justly proud of his record as a member of the Pottsville school board, a thankless, unrequited office, except for the consciousness of duty well performed. The family are Episcopalians in religious views. Mr. Rich is not identified with any secret societies, but is an interested member of the Schuylkill county historical society.

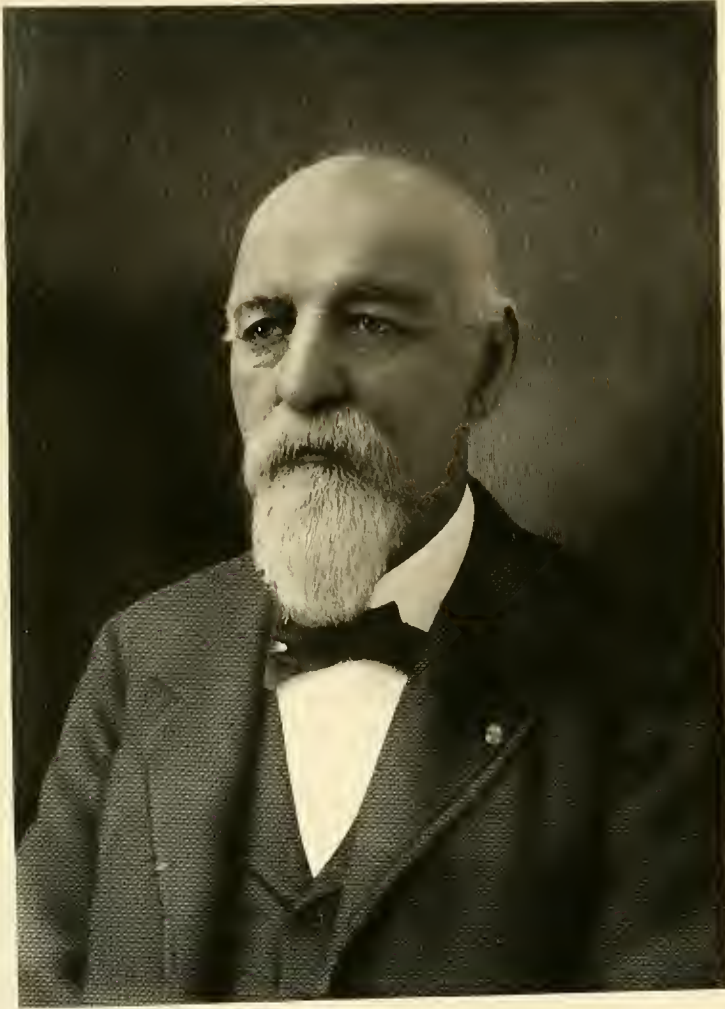
**Rickert, Col. Thomas H.**, deceased, who is well remembered by the people of Pottsville as a progressive and public spirited man, was a descendant of two of the oldest families of Schuylkill county. His grandfather, Richard Rickert, was a native of Bucks county, Pa., but came in his youth to Schuylkill, locating near Orwigsburg, where he was engaged in farming, mining and various other occupations until his death, in 1857, at the age of eighty-five years. He was a man of intelligence and stability of character and although the greater part of his education was acquired in the stern school of experience, he was considered a well informed man on most of the topics of the day. In politics he was an old-line Whig, taking an active interest in the welfare of his party. Religiously he was one of the founders of the Evangelical association, and as long as he lived was zealous and aggressive in the conduct of its affairs. He married a Miss Gilbert, and to the union were born three sons and three daughters. One of these sons was George Rickert, who was born at Orwigsburg in Nov., 1810. At the age of fourteen years he engaged in mining on his own account, at Minersville, hauling his coal by team to Mount Carbon, where it was shipped by the Philadelphia & Schuylkill canal to Philadelphia. Subsequently he became a successful coal operator at Minersville, New Philadelphia and other points, continuing in this line of activity until 1872, when he retired,



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agent to build the grove near Danville. He is a patriot, opposed to war, interested in the growth and permanence of the nation, peace, and maintenance peace of the union and true to that end. He is an active member of the recently organized river, ocean and western commission at Pittsburgh, which, acting in conjunction with the board of trade, had as yet the establishment of industrial universities, and the promotion of manufactures, etc. Mr. Rich was married in 1867, to Miss Harriet L., daughter of George and Fanny (Agnes) Deane, natives of Yorkshire, England, but later residents of Fortville, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Rich have two sons, Norman H., of Danville, and Edward R., of Bladensburg, Pa. Mr. Rich is a Republican in his political affiliations, though holding the independent position, and is president of Pennsylvania during the past two or three years. He has never been in official office, but has accepted the office of school director, as a man desiring to do all good citizens. He served as a very active member in the building committee during the construction of the magnificent new school building, decidedly the finest school structure at the time in Allegheny county. Other school houses were erected subsequently, all constructed, designed during Mr. Rich's term of office, from 1880, and the school parks on Centre Street, and throughout the city, and country, as a beautiful spot for the country and the city. The school is very well planned, and the building is a fine specimen of the present school house, a beautiful, commodious office, and a fine specimen of the present school house well planned. The family are Presbyterians, are religious, and the family is well educated and are well educated, and are well educated.

Richert, Col. Thomas H., formerly was a well known leader by the people of Harrisburg as a progressive and public spirited man, was a descendant of two of the oldest families of Schuylkill county. His grandfather, Edward Richert, was a native of Bucks county, Pa., his case in his youth to Schuylkill county near Orangeburg, where he had engaged in farming, mining and various other occupations until his death in 1857, at the age of nearly fifty years. He was a man of intelligence and substantial character, and although his greater part of his education was acquired in the state school of Harrisburg, he was considered a well informed man by most of the leaders of the day. In politics he was an ardent Whig, taking an active interest in the welfare of the people. Religiously he was one of the members of the Evangelical association, and as long as he lived was active and aggressive in the conduct of its affairs. He married in 1830, and to the union were born three sons and two daughters. One of these sons was George Richert, who was born in 1831, and in 1848, at the age of fourteen years he engaged in working on his own account, at Harrisburg, having his office at No. 100 North Second Street, where it was occupied by the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad to Philadelphia. Subsequently he became a member of the firm of Messrs. The Philadelphia and Erie Railroad, and in 1872, when he retired,



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and lived in Pottsville until 1891. He then removed to Philadelphia, where he passed the remainder of his life. He was a Republican in his political affiliations, was an active member of the Evangelical church, in which he held many important positions, and was noted for his benevolence and public spirit. He married Miss Amelia Hammer, a member of what at that time was one of the most prominent families in the county, and she died in July, 1890, at the age of seventy-eight years. They became the parents of five children, all of whom grew to maturity. Elizabeth is now Mrs. Linder, of Orwigsburg; John R. lives in Reading, Pa.; Emma is a Mrs. Bohannon, of Philadelphia; George L. is in Virginia; and Thomas H. is the subject of this sketch. Col. Thomas H. Rickert was born near Schuylkill Haven, North Manheim township, Schuylkill county, Apr. 8, 1834. He was educated in the public schools and started in life in the coal business, first with his father and later on his own account. To this business he added, 1881, that of railroad contractor, in which he was eminently successful. He assisted in the construction of the Buffalo extension of the Lehigh Valley, the Cumberland Valley, the Schuylkill Valley, the Pennsylvania, and the Philadelphia & Reading railroads. At the commencement of the Civil war he enlisted and was made quartermaster of the 7th Pennsylvania cavalry. Later he served as quartermaster of the different divisions and corps of the Army of the Cumberland until the close of the contest, being mustered out of service at the close of the war. With his command he participated in practically all the engagements of the Army of the Cumberland, among which were Stone's River, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Missionary Ridge, and the battles of the Atlanta campaign, after which he returned to Tennessee with Gen. Thomas and was in the fights at Franklin and Nashville. Upon his return home he resumed his business as a coal operator and became a director in the Safe Deposit bank and the Edison Illuminating Company. In personal appearance Colonel Rickert was a man of commanding presence, handsome in both form and feature, and was endowed with an energy that few men possess. Genial in his disposition, he made friends among all classes of people, and these friends remained loyal to him through all time. He was noted for his public spirit, his benevolence, and his fraternal feeling for his old comrades in arms, having been a member of the Loyal Legion, Gowen Post, No. 23, Grand Army of the Republic, and Encampment No. 19, Union Veteran Legion. Although a stanch Republican in his political convictions, he was not an office-seeker, but was always willing and ready to do what he could to win a victory for his party. Sept. 23, 1856, Col. Thomas H. Rickert and Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Van Dusen, of Pottsville, were united in marriage. This union was blessed with five children, two of whom are now living. Anna T. is the wife of Dr. T. W. Swalm, of Pottsville, and G. Van Dusen Rickert married Miss Allie, daughter of George K. McMurtrie, of Belvidere, N. J. Col. Thomas H. Rickert passed into the Great Beyond

on Nov. 10, 1899, and his death was sincerely mourned by many people.

Riland, **Albanus S.**, is a son of Samuel B. and Sarah (Schoch) Riland. His paternal grandparents were Andrew and Phoebe (Barkheart) Riland, descendants of Lord Riland, of London, England. His maternal grandparents were Jacob and Rachel (Edleman) Schoch. Samuel B. Riland, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in 1795, in Berks county, and his wife was born in what was then called Robinhood, Philadelphia county, now Philadelphia, also in the latter part of the eighteenth century. She died Sept. 15, 1825. Two children were born to Samuel and Sarah Riland—Albanus, the subject of this review, and Arabella, who became the wife of Charles Kreeker, of Friedensburg, both being now deceased. After the death of his first wife, Samuel B. Riland married Elizabeth Mullin, and to this union were born three sons and three daughters, viz.: Samuel B., Jr.; Peter; Charles; Mary, who married Thomas Morgan, of Montgomery county, later of Schuylkill county; Catherine, who married Daniel Kemmerling, of Schuylkill Haven; and Sarah, who married Daniel Snyder, of Schuylkill county. Albanus S. Riland married Anna Nunemaker, daughter of John Nunemaker, of Wayne township, on May 16, 1850, and to them were born three sons and one daughter: John N., Daniel S. (deceased), William H. and Mary E. (deceased). Mrs. Riland's paternal grandfather was Jacob Nunemaker, who came from Germany, and her maternal grandfather was Peter Smith, born in Berks county. Albanus S. Riland was born Dec. 22, 1824, at Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia county, and moved to Norristown with his parents, and to Schuylkill county, settling in Wayne township in 1838. He has been a member of the Friedensburg church for fifty-eight years, and has been superintendent of the Sunday school for fifty-four consecutive years, still holding that office at the age of eighty-two years. His son, William H., was educated in the Lebanon Valley college, and from the age of twenty-two years has been occupied on his farm, where he is now located. He is the agent for several firms dealing in agricultural implements and fertilizers. In politics he is Republican, and has served as delegate to several conventions. He is a member of the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, and the Knights of Malta, and the family belongs to the United Brethren church. Nov. 22, 1878, he married Emma, daughter of John and Mary (Steib) Straub, of Wayne township. Both Mr. and Mrs. Straub are natives of Germany. To William H. Riland and his wife have been born four sons and two daughters, all of whom are living, viz.: Albanus S., Aug. 18, 1880; John G., Dec. 20, 1881; Harry E., May 5, 1883; Robert S., Oct. 5, 1885; Anna M., May 14, 1889, and Dora R., April 20, 1893. Albanus S. is a teacher in the high school at Shoemakersville and is a graduate of the Millersville state normal school; John G. is also a graduate of the Millersville normal, and is a teacher at Auburn; Harry E. is employed at Buffalo, N. Y.; Robert S. is a machinist at Reading; Anna M. and Dora R. are at home.

**Riland, Charles**, son of Samuel B. and Elizabeth (Mullin) Riland, was born Dec. 19, 1845. He attended the public schools until the age of eighteen years. He enlisted in the 16th Pennsylvania cavalry, Troop A, in the latter part of the Civil war, and served under General Sheridan. At the close of the war he returned home, where he and his brother worked their father's farm for a year, after which Charles went on his brother's farm, remaining three years. Sept. 5, 1868, Mr. Riland was married to Sarah Ann Dish, of Wayne township, and after his marriage he continued to work with his brother until the spring of 1870, when he moved to his father's farm, in Washington township, remaining there for four years. The next move was to Cressona, where he remained only six months, after which he moved to the small farm where he at present resides. This is a farm of thirty-five acres, and is devoted to general market gardening. In addition to this, the place, known as Sunnyside farm, has become a resort famous throughout all the country for its chicken and waffle suppers. Mrs. Riland, who has a great reputation as a fine cook, takes full charge of the chicken suppers served at the farm. The guests are the best people of the country and as many as 422 persons have been served in one month. The total number of guests for 1905 was 1,955, which is in itself a sufficient commentary on the meals served. The guest book shows a wide range of patrons, from England on the east to California on the west. Mr. and Mrs. Riland have four children, three sons and one daughter, all of whom are living—Samuel B., Anna Lorinia (married to Harry Straut, of Wayne township), Isaac M., and Harry W. Mr. Riland is a member of the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, the Junior Order of the United American Mechanics at Friedensburg, the Grange at Friedensburg, and Jere. Helm Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Schuylkill Haven. In politics he is a Republican and he has been township assessor for nine years. His family are members of the Evangelical church of Friedensburg.

**Riley, John David, M. D.**—This popular and well known physician of Mahanoy City, was born at Mahanoy Plane, Schuylkill county, Pa., March 28, 1867. His parents were John and Matilda (Ferguson) Riley, both natives of Pottsville. His father was born in 1837, and died at Shenandoah, at the age of forty years. The mother lives at the family home in Shenandoah. John Riley and his partner, William Thickens, established the first store at Mahanoy Plane, and Mr. Riley, who was a machinist and engineer, erected and started the first pair of engines at Bear Ridge colliery, which was the first colliery opened in that locality. John Riley lost his health in the army during the Civil war, and was an invalid during most of the time following his discharge; his untimely death was undoubtedly the result of disabilities incurred in the service. He was a member of Company L, 3d Pennsylvania cavalry, and served with the Army of the Potomac for a period of three years. Dr. John D. Riley was educated in the public schools of Shenandoah. His professional education was acquired in the medical department of



the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with honors. He has been in successful practice at Mahanoy City during most of his career, and stands high in the medical profession of Schuylkill county. He is a member of the Schuylkill county medical society, the Pennsylvania state medical society, and the American medical association. He was married Sept. 11, 1895, to Miss Elizabeth Thompson, a daughter of David and Alice (Timmons) Thompson, of Thompsonville, Schuylkill county, prominent early settlers of that locality. Dr. and Mrs. Riley have an interesting family of three children—Matilda, John and Alice. The family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church, and the doctor is independent in his political preferences.

**Roads, George MacCabe**, attorney at law, of Pottsville, Pa., was born at Tamaqua, Schuylkill county, Pa., Oct. 7, 1857, a son of Jacob Oliver and Mary Mackey Roads, the former of whom was born in Berks county, Pa., and the latter at Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county. Mr. Roads traces his ancestry to the colonial era of our country. His forebears gave valiant service in the Continental army. Col. Jonathan Jones, a maternal ancestor, was commissioned a colonel by the Continental congress, and fought and won distinction under Arnold in his wonderful march against Quebec, through the wilderness of Maine. His plantation near Germantown, Philadelphia, was used by the Continental army under General Washington as a part of its camp when it was stationed in and about Philadelphia, and the crops and improvements on the farm were rendered valueless by the occupation of the army. For this loss Colonel Jones never asked or received any compensation from the government. Later generations of the family were prominent in the early history of the state, a maternal grandfather, John Roseberry, having been an eminent attorney at the Schuylkill county bar. He was a member of the legislature, was commissioned deputy attorney general in 1819, and was a major of the Pennsylvania militia in 1814. The father of Mr. Roads was one of the most prominent coal operators of Schuylkill county, wherein he conducted mining operations for forty years, and was also one of the oldest Knights Templars in central Pennsylvania at the time of his death, which occurred in 1902, at which time he was eighty-six years of age. George MacCabe Roads, the immediate subject of this review, received his academic education in the Pottsville high school, after which he took up the study of law in the office of the late Hon. Lin. Bartholomew. He was admitted to practice in July, 1880, and has been successful in this line of endeavor in all that the word implies. While he may properly be termed a corporation lawyer, he has a general clientele, and a diversified business, though he principally appears on the civil side of the common pleas court, and in equity. A staunch supporter of the Republican party, he is, however, an outspoken advocate of party independence in the selection of the judiciary, and in local affairs also he exercises the right of independent judgment. He is a member of the Pennsylvania state bar association, and of the Schuylkill county bar associa-

tion. June 22, 1882, Mr. Roads was united in marriage to Miss Maud E., a daughter of Col. Z. P. Boyer, of Pottsville, Pa., and to them have been born four children, three of whom are living: Catharine B., George M., and Prall B. Roads.

**Roeder, Elias R.**, is a son of Joseph and Sarah (Reber) Roeder. The family line for five generations back is as follows: Herman Anton and Christian Roeder; Conrad Roeder, born May 13, 1757, in North Driedorf-Nafau, Diellenburg, Germany; Kasper Roeder, born Aug. 3, 1788; Joseph and Sarah (Reber) Roeder; Elias R. Roeder. The last, Elias R., was born at Roeders, Schuylkill county, March 3, 1861. His father, who was a stone-mason by trade, but also followed farming, died in 1904. Elias was educated in the schools of his birthplace, and at the age of eighteen went to work on his father's farm, remaining there until 1886, when he went into the general mercantile business at Summit Station, where he has continued in the same up to the present time. Apr. 26, 1884, Mr. Roeder married Caroline Reber, daughter of Daniel Reber, of South Manheim township. Four of the children born to them—two sons and two daughters—are living, viz.: Herbert; Mabel, married to Casper Roeder, of Summit Station; and Joseph D. and Edna, at home. In politics Mr. Roeder is a Democrat. The members of the family belong to the Lutheran church of Summit Station. Mr. Roeder was agent for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company for fifteen years and has been postmaster for nineteen years. Mr. Roeder has in his possession an interesting historical relic in the shape of a copy of *Freiheits Presse*, a German paper published in Orwigsburg, on Nov. 10, 1826, by Grim & Thomas.

**Rogers, Jerome Bonaparte, M. D.**, a regular practicing physician and surgeon of Pottsville, is a native of Jersey City, N. J., where he was born Oct. 20, 1876. His father, Jerome Bonaparte Rogers, was born at Tom's River, N. J., and his mother, whose maiden name was Mary Allen, was a native of Jersey City. The mother died in 1877, and as the father spent his life on the ocean, Dr. Rogers has been separated from his immediate family during most of his lifetime. His father was a captain in the United States navy, commencing with the Civil war, and continuing in service until retired by the age limit. He died in the year 1900. Two of the father's brothers were officers in the Union navy, their names being Alfred and Henry C. Rogers. The evidence of the honorable service of Paul Potter in the Revolutionary war is unquestioned, and this distinction has been transmitted to his posterity, his daughter, Mrs. Samuel (Potter) Rogers, being the paternal grandmother of Dr. Rogers of this sketch. She was a member of the New Jersey chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, her number being three hundred and eighty-five. Dr. Rogers is the only one of his family remaining in the east. He has one brother, two full sisters and a half-sister living on the Pacific coast. These are J. Raymond Rogers, Aline Rogers and Lulu S. Rogers, of Portland, Ore., and the half-sister, Mrs. D. C. Griswold, of Redmond, Washington. Other relatives are scattered through the

middle west, the Hon. Samuel R. Van Sant, ex-Governor of Minnesota, being an uncle of the Rogers family just mentioned. Dr. J. B. Rogers was educated at Pennington seminary, in his native state, and professionally educated at Jefferson medical college in Philadelphia, being graduated from this institution with the class of 1904. He located in Pottsville soon after completing his college course, and has established a good general practice. He served one year as resident physician at the Pottsville hospital. Dr. Rogers is a member of the Schuylkill county medical society and of the American medical association; also of the Phi Alpha Sigma medical fraternity. He is a Republican in political affiliations, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church in Pottsville.

**Romberger, John G.**, proprietor of the Valley View roller mills, was born at Curtin, Dauphin county, Pa., Aug. 10, 1877. His father, whose name was also John G., was a native of that place, and his mother, whose maiden name was Anna Clark, was born near Hebe, Northumberland county. The father was a farmer by vocation and passed the latter part of his life at Fishville, where he died in 1887. His widow is now living at Berksburg, Dauphin county. They had thirteen children, of whom nine are yet living. Emma is at Fishville; David is in California; George is a farmer in Hegins township, Schuylkill county; John G. is the subject of this sketch; Jennie, Sallie, Charles, Ellen and Hannah live at Sunbury, Pa. John G. Romberger attended the common schools in his early boyhood and at the age of ten years he began working on the farm. He continued in this occupation for several years and then started in to learn the miller's trade at Boyer's mill. After two years there he came to Valley View, where he worked about a year for H. H. Shrope & Bro. At the end of that time he bought the mill property and sixty acres of land, thirty-five of which were under cultivation. The mill is a substantial brick building, with a capacity of twenty-five barrels a day, and equipped with modern machinery throughout. His brands of flour are the "Miner's Favorite," and "Latest Up to Date." He keeps two teams constantly employed in delivering flour, selling his product at Tower City, Tremont, Gratz, and other near-by towns, and also ships considerable quantities from Good Spring. The principal crop on his farm is wheat, and he devotes some attention to feeding hogs and raising poultry, white Leghorn chickens being his specialty. His father was a Democrat and a member of the Lutheran church, but in politics he himself votes independently and in religious matters affiliates with the United Brethren church. March 26, 1896, Mr. Romberger married a daughter of Paul Wolfgang, of Valley View, and they have six children: Paul, Vernon, Arlin, Ellen, Charles and Hannah.

**Roth, Charles F.**, a prosperous general merchant of Ringtown, was born at Whitehaven, Pa., in 1862. He is one of two children of Charles and Eliza (Benseuter) Roth, the other being a sister, Ida, now Mrs. Watson Baker, of Kelley Cross-roads, Union county. Both parents had children by previous marriages. The father's first wife

was a Miss Yost and the children were Elizabeth, Mary, Henry, John and William. The mother was formerly Mrs. Brown and her children were George, Emma and Mary. The subject of this sketch attended the public schools of Whitehaven and did not leave the parental roof until he was twenty-six years of age, working meantime on the farm with his father. His first employment away from home was in the grocery business in Union county. In 1893 he came to Ringtown and opened a general merchandise store, which he has continued most successfully since that time. Since his coming his patronage has increased and he has added to his stock proportionately, keeping his place of business the most modern in the borough. In 1888, at New Mahoning, Carbon county, was celebrated Mr. Roth's marriage to Miss Ella K. Arner, daughter of Henry and Harriet Arner. Mrs. Roth is one of seven children, the others being Nettie J., Emma, Jefferson, William, Joseph and Brinton. Mr. and Mrs. Roth have one child, William Ernest. The mother and son are members of the Reformed church, and the father is a Baptist. Fraternally Mr. Roth is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America. His political affiliations are with no particular party in local affairs, and he exercises his right of franchise as his conscience and judgment dictate. In national affairs his sympathies are with the Republican party, and he generally votes for the party candidates who are to have a hand in the framing of measures of large import.

**Rumbel, Francis**, a prominent citizen of Ringtown and a merchant whose name in connection with a project or enterprise is synonymous of square dealing and modern ideas, was born in Union township, this county, in 1851. He is one of the seven children of Henry and Elizabeth (Singley) Rumbel and is a descendant of a line of Pennsylvania pioneers. The paternal grandparents, Henry and Salome (Andrews) Rumbel, were residents of New Ringgold, and the maternal grandparents, Lawrence and Catherine (Geahart) Singley, were born in Berks and Columbia counties, respectively. The subject of this sketch attended school until he was eighteen years of age and then put in his time for three years on his father's farm. The year he attained his majority he started business in Ringtown by opening a tinsmith shop and employing a man to teach him the trade. Subsequently he added other branches to his place of business, until it contained grocery, hardware and boot and shoe departments. A portion of these interests he has since disposed to other parties, and he oversees the management of the remainder himself. In 1873 was solemnized Mr. Rumbel's marriage to Miss Violetta Lebenberg, daughter of David and Rebecca (Dornbach) Lebenburg. To Mr. and Mrs. Rumbel have been born two children—a son and a daughter. The son, Ralph Monroe, is an electrical engineer by vocation and is general foreman of the works of the Western Electric Company of Chicago, and the daughter, Sadie Rebecca, is the wife of Maurice F. Rentschler of Ringtown. The family are of the Luth-



cran faith and the parents are communicants of St. John's church of that denomination in Ringtown. Mr. Rumbel is identified with no political party or organization, and has never held or aspired to public office. He was one of the organizers and a charter member of Lodge No. 287 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Personally he is a man of clean, wholesome habits, fine carriage and a genial, courteous manner that makes him many friends.

**Rumbel, William H.**, a prosperous fruit grower and the owner of the largest orchard in the Catawissa valley, was born Jan. 20, 1854, at Ringtown. He is one of three children of Daniel and Sarah M. (Seltzer) Rumbel, the others being Trenton W. and Emma, the latter of whom is now the wife of Dr. H. D. Rentschler, of Ringtown. The public schools of his native borough, which he attended until he was seventeen years of age, afforded all the specific educational advantages Mr. Rumbel ever received. His first occupation was as a helper on a farm, and then for four years he rented and worked a place. At the expiration of that time he had accumulated sufficient savings to purchase the farm which he now owns and manages. The place contains the largest and one of the most productive orchards in the Catawissa valley, and the fruit is renowned throughout the region. In Oct. 1873, Mr. Rumbel married Miss Louisa Sides, one of the nine children of Samuel and Maria (Bernard) Sides. The names of the others are John B., Samuel B., Daniel K., Benjamin, Barbara, Sarah, Delilah and Maria. Barbara is Mrs. Jonas Watson, of Kansas City; Sarah is Mrs. George Hastings, of Lancaster City; Delilah is Mrs. Elim Glouner, of Lancaster county; and Maria is Mrs. Harry Maurer, of Lancaster county. To Mr. and Mrs. Rumbel have been born twelve children—Valeria, Gertrude, Grace, Anna, Clara, Winifred, Esther, Philip, Warren, Carrie, Earl and Beatrice. Of these Gertrude, Earl and Winifred are deceased. The family are all members of the Lutheran church of Ringtown. In political matters Mr. Rumbel is a Republican, but, aside from service at two different elections as an inspector, he has never held political or public office. Fraternally he is identified with Camp No. 265 of the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, at Ringtown. He is a man of fine physique, excellent carriage and withal is a most exemplary citizen.

**Russell, H. B. C.**, an officer in the Pennsylvania state militia and general foreman of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad shops at Tamaqua, was born in Schuylkill county, Dec. 6, 1873. He is a son of James and Emma (Bishop) Russell, both native Pennsylvanians and among the early residents of Tamaqua. The father was employed by the Philadelphia & Reading railroad the greater part of his active life, and was a quiet, unassuming citizen. His death occurred Aug. 20, 1904, when he had reached his sixty-fifth year. The mother survives him, making her home in Tamaqua. The subject of this sketch is the eldest of the seven children in the family. Ida May is the wife of John Enterline, a traveling salesman whose home is in Tamaqua; Blanche lives with her mother; Earl is a printer and superintendent of the Tamaqua Recorder; James H. is fireman on a

passenger locomotive on the Philadelphia & Reading; Rolson King is in the shops with his brother; and Anna, the youngest, is a member of the high school class of 1907. Captain H. B. C. Russell, subject of this sketch, attended the public schools of Tamaqua and after he had completed the courses offered there he went into the railroad shops and served an apprenticeship as a molder. When he had mastered that trade he worked at it for a few years and then became an apprentice to the machinist's trade. With the exception of the time he was serving his country in the Spanish-American war he has been continuously employed in that line for more than eighteen years. His selection to the position of foreman of the shops came on March 8, 1905. He has general charge of the 165 men employed, planning and assigning their work. On Sept. 12, 1889, Captain Russell enlisted in the Pennsylvania National Guard as a private. His connection with the Tamaqua company continued through several years, and in 1898, when President McKinley's call for volunteers came, he went out as first sergeant with Company B of the 8th Pennsylvania infantry. The regiment was mustered into the service at Mount Gretna, and went from there to Falls Church, Va., near Washington, D. C. After four months of camp life there the organization was sent to Harrisburg. While at the latter place Sergeant Russell was appointed first lieutenant by Governor Hastings. The following six months were spent at Augusta, Ga., where the promotion to captain came to the subject of this sketch from Governor Stone. Shortly afterward the company was discharged and came home. When the captain left for the front his friends feared that he would fail to pass the physical examination, as he weighed but 109 pounds and was not in very vigorous health. Outdoor life was apparently just what was needed, however, as it made a new man of him. When he returned he weighed 210 pounds, and to-day he is in the prime of a vigorous, healthy manhood. On Christmas day, 1898, his company presented him with a handsome sword and belt, as a token of the esteem in which he was held. June 28, 1905, Captain Russell married Miss Cinnie Kantner, a native of Tamaqua, and a daughter of Wesley and Sophia Kantner. Mrs. Russell's father is deceased, but her mother is still a resident of Tamaqua. The captain and his wife are both devout communicants of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Russell is a member of the Blue Lodge of the Masonic order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has held all the chairs and is now a trustee of the cemetery and hall; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Sons of America, the order of Rebekahs, and the hose company of Tamaqua. In politics he is a stanch believer in the principles of the Republican party, and he has a number of times been a delegate to state and county conventions. Personally the captain is a man of fine physique, soldierly bearing and courteous manner—an ideal soldier and polished gentleman.

**Rynkiewicz, Walter W.**, the proficient secretary of the Home brewing company of Shenandoah, is a native of Russian Poland,

where he first saw the light of day on May 8, 1870. When a child he came to Shenandoah with his parents, and since that time he has known no other home. His educational advantages were those of the public schools of his home borough, and the first work he did for a livelihood was as a clerk. When he had served a year in that capacity he embarked in the meat business under his own name. This he continued most successfully until 1900, the year of the incorporation of the Home brewing company, in which he had become financially interested as a stockholder and a director. At the first meeting of the stockholders of the new corporation, Mr. Rynkiewicz was made the secretary of the company, and at each annual meeting since that time he has been re-elected to the position. Politically he has Democratic leanings, especially in regard to national affairs, but the exercise of his right of franchise in local elections is influenced only by his own judgment. The only elective office he has ever held is that of justice of the peace, of which he was the incumbent for one term. In 1897 Mr. Rynkiewicz married Miss Agnes Kubilus, a native of Shenandoah, but of Polish parentage. To this union there has been born one child, Helen, who is now an attendant of the public schools. Mr. Rynkiewicz is a son of Felix and Dominica Rynkiewicz, both natives of Poland. The father died on March 10, 1904, leaving, beside his widow, a family of six children. These in order of birth are Frank, Walter W., Bertha, Henry, Ella and Felix. The two oldest are married and the others make their home with their mother in Shenandoah.

**Ryon, George W.**—The subject of this biographical review, Col. 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 in Schuylkill county from 1862 until 1872, and represented the county in the state legislature. He was also extensively interested in coal operations, being a member of the firm doing business under the title of John Anderson & Co. He was married in 1856 to Miss Charlotte A. Wolfe, and of their three children the subject of this sketch is the eldest, the others being John P. Ryon, of Pottsville, and Mrs. Florence R. Patterson. Judge James Ryon was a brother of Hon. John W. Ryon, a well-known lawyer and politician in Pottsville. Both were natives of Tioga county, Pennsylvania, but spent the active years of their lives in this county. Their American genealogy is traceable beyond the period of the Revolutionary war, and two of their ancestors served as soldiers in that strife for national independence, one of them having been a quartermaster under Washington. Hon. James Ryon was born at Lawrenceville, Tioga county, in Oct. 1831. His wife was a native of York, Pa. She died in Jan., 1868, and her husband's death occurred just two years later. George W. Ryon, the subject of this article, was born in Columbia, Lancaster county, Pa., March 24, 1862. He was educated in the Pottsville high school and at Lafayette college, in which last named institution he was graduated with the class of 1884, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Three years later the

degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him. Colonel Ryon was admitted to practice before the bar of Schuylkill county in 1887, and has since been engaged in the active work of his profession. He is devoted to the law, and ignores the allurements of office and the uncertainties of politics. Colonel Ryon has been prominently associated with the National Guard of Pennsylvania, having enlisted as a private in Company H, of the 8th regiment, in 1887. By various promotions he became lieutenant-colonel and assistant commissary-general on the staff of the commander-in-chief, Governor Robert E. Pattison. He retired from the service at the expiration of his term, in 1895. Colonel Ryon was married Oct. 9, 1888, to Miss Mary Bruner, a daughter of Dr. William and Jane (Woodworth) Bruner, of San Francisco. Four children have been born to this union, the eldest of whom is James Bruner, born July 23, 1889; George Wolfe was born June 18, 1892; Walter Greenland was born July 5, 1894; and John Woodworth was born Sept. 20, 1901. Mr. Ryon is a Democrat in political views. He is a member of the First Presbyterian church in Pottsville. He is not affiliated with any social or beneficial fraternities except the Order of Heptasophs. He is an active member of the Schuylkill county historical society.

**Sabold, William H., Sr.**—The subject of this sketch, has been in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company for more than forty years, a record in railroading which is seldom equalled, and a standing recommendation as to faithfulness and efficiency. Mr. Sabold entered the employ of this company during the Civil war, and served in various capacities until in 1883, when he was promoted to his present position, that of yard-master of the extensive yards at Palo Alto. Mr. Sabold served about a year in the army during the Civil war, as a member of Company H, 175th Pennsylvania infantry, under command of Colonel S. A. Dyer and Captain Steele. He was born at Pottstown, Montgomery county, Pa., Oct. 5, 1840, and his parents, John and Mary (Schick) Sabold, were also natives of the same county. They are both deceased. Mr. Sabold was reared and educated in Pottstown, Pa., where he was married in 1862, choosing for his life companion Miss Annie Favinger, a daughter of Charles and Lydia (Mauger) Favinger, of Pottstown. Six children were born to this union, the eldest of whom, Sallie, died in 1864; William H., Jr., resides in Palo Alto; Anne Liddle died Sept. 5, 1906; Harvey is a resident of Pottsville; Mrs. Mary Berger resides in Palo Alto, and Miss Bertha is still under the parental roof. Mr. Sabold is a Republican in political views, and the family are members of the Lutheran church. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The parents of his wife, like his own, are both deceased. The family resides at No. 404 West Bacon street, Palo Alto, and is well and favorably known throughout a large circle of acquaintances in Schuylkill county.

**Sallade, J. Frank**, a practical marble worker and proprietor of an establishment at 1401 West Market street, Pottsville, was born in Berks county on July 25, 1866, the second in order of birth of the



ten children born to William H. and Elizabeth (Gery) Sallade. The family is of Huguenot extraction and the father was a teacher and a marble-cutter. The other members of the family are Alfred, Louisa, Mary, Jerome, Sarah Jane, Annie, Henry, Ira and Stella. Of these Henry and Jerome are deceased; Alfred is a carpenter in Lehigh county; Ira is a cigar manufacturer in Montgomery county, in which three of the sisters live, the other two residing in Berks county. All are married with the exception of Stella. The subject of this sketch remained at home until he had reached his majority, attending the public schools and learning his vocation from his father. When he had become a master of the stone-cutter's trade he hired out at different places as a journeyman, in the course of his labors entering the employ of Richard Collins, of Pottsville. There he remained for a period of fifteen years, at the end of which time, in September, 1903, he established himself in the business and has been measurably successful. He employs one journeyman and does all kinds of stone and granite cutting, including monumental and building work. On Dec. 27, 1902, Mr. Sallade married Miss Helen L. DeTurk, of DeTurksville, and a daughter of Samuel G. DeTurk, who was one of the county commissioners at the time of the building of the new court house. To Mr. and Mrs. Sallade have been born two children, Amy Evelyn, now twelve years old, and Roy Edgar, eight years of age. Both parents are members of the German Lutheran church, in which faith the children are being reared. Mr. Sallade is a proficient musician, playing several different instruments, and since January, 1889, has been clarinet player in the Third Brigade band of the Pennsylvania National Guard. During the season of theatrical engagements he is often employed at the different houses in Pottsville as a member of the orchestras. His ability in this line has been of much practical value to him as it has meant his attendance with musical organizations at inaugurations of president and governors, National Guard encampments, etc. Politically Mr. Sallade is absolutely independent, exercising his right of franchise as he pleases. Fraternally he is identified with Lily of the Valley Lodge, No. 281, and Franklin Encampment, No. 4, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Washington camp, No. 36, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America. He is a skilled and capable workman, of rare business sense, and withal an exemplary type of citizen.

**Sanner, Fred W.,** one of the most influential members of the commercial life of Tremont and a prominent citizen of that borough, was born in Minersville, Pa., Sept. 8, 1870, a son of the late Rev. Daniel and Elizabeth (Helenthal) Sanner, both natives of Germany. The parents immigrated to this country in 1855, coming direct to Schuylkill county, where the father obtained employment in the mines. In his spare moments he devoted his time to preparing for the Lutheran ministry, under the Rev. Mr. Hinterleitner, of Pottsville, and for thirty-seven years after he had completed his studies he was a minister of the gospel, thirty-two years of the time being spent as pastor of the Lutheran congregation at Tremont. In 1891

he left the ministry to become the cashier of the private bank of Mr. John Wernitz, of Pine Grove, and remained the incumbent of that position until Dec. 19, 1897, the day of his death. His widow, now in her seventieth year, is still hearty and robust and an honored resident of Tremont. There were eight children in the family. The eldest, a coal operator, was drowned in the south. Annie is the wife of Lewis Ebener of Tremont, and Josephine is the wife of Rev. Dr. Nicum, pastor of the Lutheran church at Rochester, N. Y. He is also a prominent member of the faculty of the Wagner Memorial college. Louise is Mrs. John Michel, of Tremont, and Alvena is the wife of Mr. W. C. Hack, of Shamokin. Mr. Hack is a very prominent hardware merchant and is interested in business with Mr. Sanner. He is also president of the Tremont National bank. The subject of this sketch is the sixth member of the family in order of birth. He attended the schools of Schuylkill county and then for five years was employed as a clerk in the hardware store of his brother-in-law, Mr. Hack, in Tremont. From there he removed to Tamaqua and for another period of five years was a salesman for E. J. Fry. The following six years he spent as a salesman for Seligman & Co., of Tamaqua, and then he returned to Tremont, where he and his brother, E. D. Sanner, bought the hardware store of W. C. Hack. Since Dec. 29, 1903, Mr. Sanner has been the sole proprietor of the Tremont store. In July, 1906, he opened a branch store in Minersville and operates it through a resident manager, Mr. R. A. Neifert. He does a jobbing business largely and has salesmen on the road from both houses. His employes number twenty-six men and his patronage is by no means limited to a small area. Aside from his hardware business he has a rather extensive trade in steam heating and plumbing. He is also a director of the Tremont National bank, president of the board of school directors, president of the Business Men's association, and a member of the board of health. On Sept. 25, 1895, Mr. Sanner married Miss Anna Kleckner, a daughter of Nathaniel and Louise Kleckner, formerly of Tamaqua. The mother is deceased, but the father is living and makes his home with his daughter in Tremont. To Mr. and Mrs. Sanner have been born two children—Elizabeth Louise and Harold Linn. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sanner are devout communicants of the Lutheran church.

**Santee, George O. O., M. D.,** of Schuylkill Haven, resident physician of the Schuylkill county almshouse and secretary of the county medical society, was born at Petersville in Northampton county on Nov. 6, 1875, and is one of four children of James M. and Diana (Kuntz) Santee, the others being Herbert J., Anna M. and Arta L. The father is a prominent miller and represented his district in the lower house of the state legislature during the recent session. In early life the doctor attended the public schools of his native borough, and subsequently took a course in the Keystone state normal school at Kutztown. Then for three years he was engaged in pedagogic work before entering the Jefferson medical college of Philadelphia, where he took a three years' course and was gradu-

ated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. In September, 1897, he began his practice at Cressona, and continued in his private professional work until January, 1906, when he received the appointment of resident physician of the Schuylkill county almshouse, and at the present time is serving in that capacity. In politics he is a Republican, but has never served in any official position. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic order and the Royal Arcanum. In July, 1893, Dr. Santee married Rosa Kleppinger, daughter of Frank Kleppinger, of Northampton county, and to this union have been born two sons and a daughter: Russell S., Sterling G. and Annie M., all living. The family are all members of the Reformed church of Cressona, and the father is a member of the county historical society. He is also prominently identified with the state and American medical societies. He is a man who has come to the front through his enterprise and ability.

**Saterlee, Britton W.**, assistant trainmaster for the Philadelphia & Reading railroad at Cressona, was born Sept. 4, 1864, at Karthaus, Clearfield county, Pa., a son of Britton W. and Lucy (Fenderson) Saterlee. The paternal grandparents were Edward N. and Lucy (Falkner) Saterlee, the former a native of northeast New York, and the latter of northern Pennsylvania. The maternal grandparents were John and Lucy (Clemens) Fenderson, the former born in Bangor, Maine, and the latter in Massachusetts. Mrs. Fenderson was a first cousin of Edward Everett, the historian. Britton W. Saterlee, Sr., enlisted in March, 1864, in Company L, of the 7th Pennsylvania cavalry and the following month succumbed to typhoid fever. After his death his widow became the wife of John C. East, who was a member of the 146th Virginia Confederate infantry in the Civil war, but who took the oath of allegiance prior to the cessation of hostilities. By this marriage she was the mother of three sons and as many daughters—Martha M., Mildred E. (deceased), John L., William T., Carrie S. and James E. The subject of this sketch attended the public schools of New York state from 1869 to 1875 and the soldiers' orphans' school at White Hill, Cumberland county, from 1875 to 1880. His first employment was as a mechanic with the Lycoming Rubber Company of Williamsport, where he remained for a period of eight years. For one year he was with the Perkins & Miller Lumber Company, of Westlake, La., and then in 1890 he accepted a position as clerk for the Philadelphia & Reading railroad at Williamsport. In 1893 he was made freight agent at Shippensburg and six years later was promoted to the position of assistant trainmaster at Palo Alto. The next year he went to Allentown in the same capacity and in 1903 was assigned to his present position at Cressona. On Sept. 10, 1882, Mr. Saterlee married Miss Eda L. Managan, a daughter of Thomas and Harriet (Bixby) Managan, of Tioga. Nine children blessed this union, five of whom survive. Arletta, the eldest, is the wife of William H. Hansford, of Philadelphia, but formerly of Richmond, Va. The others are Harriet L., Ida M., Gerald B. and Eda Hilma. The family are all members of the First Presbyterian

church of Pottsville. Mr. Saterlee is a member of Cressona Lodge, No. 426, Free and Accepted Masons, and of Pottsville Council, No. 965, Royal Arcanum. In his political views he is absolutely independent of any party or organization. Although his residence in Cressona has been of comparatively short duration, he has come to be one of the most respected citizens of the community.

**Sauerbrey, William A.**, outside superintendent for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company, with headquarters at Ashland, is a son of Frederick and Minnie F. Sauerbrey, and a native of Germany, having been born at Hanover on Aug. 14, 1846. He came with his parents to the United States in 1854, before his eighth birthday, and located in Pottsville, where the father found employment as a miner. Less than a year after his arrival the father was killed by an explosion of gas in the mine. The widowed mother still survives and on Feb. 25, 1907, celebrated her 103d birthday. Of the six children in the family there are but three survivors, the two daughters—Mrs. Joseph Reighter, of Hazleton, and Mrs. Rebecca Kerschner, of Mahanoy City—and the youngest son, the subject of this memoir. The deceased members were Frederick, Charles and Ernest. The mother's eyesight and hearing have become somewhat impaired, but otherwise she is remarkably well preserved in mind and body. The death of his father made it necessary for William to go to work while still a boy and shortly after that sad event he entered the employ of a mining company as a slate picker. Mining has been his life work and he has worked through all the grades until he became outside foreman for the St. Nicholas Company at St. Nicholas. On leaving that company he accepted a similar position with the Philadelphia & Reading concern at St. Nicholas, and for twenty-three years, until Feb. 19, 1904, he continued in that capacity. Then he was promoted to his present responsible position and removed to Ashland and has filled that position since with capability and thoroughness. On Jan. 24, 1866, Mr. Sauerbrey married Miss Mary Beck, of St. Nicholas, a daughter of John and Margaret (Schultz) Beck, natives of Saxony, Germany. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Sauerbrey were nine in number, viz.: Emma J., the wife of Ivan Welhaf; Mary M., who married Andrew Bradbury, and is now deceased; Minnie L., now Mrs. George Mathias; William J.; Kate M., now Mrs. William Coombe; Charles F.; Chester; Harry and Rhoda, wife of Edgar Maschal. The family are all communicants of the English Lutheran church. In politics the father is an exponent of Republican principles, but has never held office. Fraternally he is associated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Royal Arcanum, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

**Scanlan, William J., M. D.**, of Shenandoah, Pa., was born in Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, Oct. 20, 1869, and is a son of Michael C. and Isabella (McManagle) Scanlan, the former of whom was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1825, and the latter in the State of Pennsylvania in 1827. Michael C. Scanlan was an active worker in the



ranks of the Republican party and in 1881 held the office of sheriff of Schuylkill county. His wife, Isabella McManagle, was one of the first female passengers who rode over the famous switchback railroad at Mauch Chunk. Dr. Wm. J. Scanlan received his elementary education in the public schools of Girardville, Pa., and later attended the Kutztown normal school, where he graduated in 1891. After his graduation from the normal school, he engaged in the pedagogic profession for five years, when, having decided to make the medical profession his life work, he entered the Medico-Chirurgical college of Philadelphia in 1896 and received his well earned degree of Doctor of Medicine from that famous institution in 1899. After his graduation he located in Shenandoah for the practice of his profession and is rapidly forging to the front rank among the physicians of that city. Dr. Scanlan is a Republican in politics, is a communicant of the Roman Catholic church and is also a member of its attending organizations, the Knights of Columbus and Knights of Annunciation. He is also a member of the Ramblers social club and the Shenandoah medical society.

**Schaeffer, Rev. Isaac M.**, pastor of Zion's Reformed church at Ashland, Pa., was born near Lyon Station, Berks county, Pa., May 31, 1867. Four generations of this family have been represented in Berks and Schuylkill counties, the founder of the family in America having been George Schaeffer, a native of Rotterdam, Germany, who came in 1750, and settled in Oley township, Berks county. He was a lieutenant in the Revolutionary war, fought in the battles of Trenton and Princeton, was at the capture of the Hessians, by Washington, and died in 1792. His son, Philip Schaeffer, paternal great-grandfather of Rev. Isaac M., succeeded to the pioneer homestead, and spent his life in Berks county, engaged in farming. Rev. Isaac M. Schaeffer is a son of Daniel B. and Lydia (Merkel) Schaeffer, natives of Richmond township, Berks county, the former born on Jan. 13, 1830, and the latter on Jan. 2, 1842. Daniel B. Schaeffer is a son of Isaac and Rachel (Peters) Schaeffer, who spent their lives on a farm in Berks county, and Isaac was a son of Philip, thus completing the American genealogy. The parents of Rev. Mr. Schaeffer are both living on the old home-stead near Lyon Station. Rev. Isaac M. Schaeffer received his elementary education in the public schools, and prepared for college at the Kutztown normal school. He entered the sophomore class of Franklin and Marshall college in 1886 and was graduated with second honors in the class of 1889. He was graduated at the theological seminary at Lancaster, Pa., in 1892, and on June 10, of that year, entered upon his pastoral duties at Zion's Reformed church in Ashland. He was married on Sept. 27, 1893 to Miss Margaret E. Berstler, of Lancaster county, Pa., a daughter of Evan and Catherine Amelia (Dague) Berstler. Two children have been born to this union, Marion Naomi and Harold Daniel. The church of which Rev. Mr. Schaeffer has had pastoral charge for the last fifteen years, is one of the religious land-marks in Ashland. Three church buildings have stood upon the site; the first was erected

and dedicated in September, 1858. Rev. Rudolph Duenger, D. D., was the first pastor, and to his untiring energy and devotion to the cause is due the success which crowned the efforts of this struggling congregation after many years of discouragements. He remained with the church for thirty-five years, and his resignation was reluctantly accepted on April 20, 1891, he being then eighty-three years old. The second church building was erected under Father Duenger's pastorate, and was dedicated on Feb. 10, 1883. It was later enlarged and improved, and served the purposes of the congregation until replaced, in 1901, by the present handsome edifice, remodeled and rebuilt from the old structure, at a cost of \$12,000. At a congregational meeting held on Dec. 31, 1892, Father Duenger was elected pastor emeritus, at a salary of \$200 per annum, and this generous action was reiterated each succeeding year until his death, on March 16, 1902, when he had passed the ninety-fourth milestone in his eventful career. The organization is in a very prosperous condition, and steadily growing in numerical strength, the present membership being over 1,100. This church enjoys the rare distinction of having had but two settled pastorates during its entire history of fifty years.

**Schaeffer, John M.**, is one of the representative business men and influential and honored citizens of Shenandoah, with whose material and civic upbuilding he has been prominently identified. He is further entitled to recognition in his history by reason of the fact that he is a native of the old Keystone state, where his entire life has been passed. Mr. Schaeffer was born at Jeansville, Luzerne county, Pa., Dec. 2, 1852, a son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Billman) Schaeffer, both of whom were born in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, and were residents of Tamaqua, this county, at the time of their death, the father having passed away in 1889 and the mother in 1892. Isaac Schaeffer was a blacksmith by trade and vocation, and removed from Jeansville to Tamaqua in 1865. In the family were three sons and one daughter: William enlisted for service in defense of the Union in the Civil war, becoming a member of the 10th New Jersey volunteer infantry, and died while in the service; Jacob died in 1880 in Tamaqua; Emma is Mrs. Albertson, a widow, and resides at Lansford, Carbon county; and John M. is the youngest of the children. The subject of this review was reared to maturity in Tamaqua, where he duly availed himself of the advantages of the public schools and served a thorough apprenticeship at the harness-maker's trade. In 1874 he opened a harness shop at Mahanoy Plane, this county, and continued in business there for three years, when he moved to Shenandoah, where he has since been actively identified with the same line of enterprise, in connection with which he has attained to distinctive prominence and success. He has a large and well equipped establishment, gives employment to three men, and in connection with his manufacturing department carries full lines of harness, saddlery, turf supplies, trunks, suit-cases, satchels, etc. He owns the building in which his store is located, at 108 North Main street, and the substantial and attractive structure also constitutes

his residence. Mr. Schaeffer gives a loyal and unswerving allegiance to the Republican party and is one of the leaders in its local ranks. He is an active worker in the party cause, has served as chairman of the board of county commissioners and as a member of the city council, from the third ward, of which latter office he has been the incumbent since 1902. He is a member of the Lutheran church and his wife and daughter hold membership in the Reformed church. In 1873 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Schaeffer to Miss Ella Mayer, a native of Columbia county, Pa., and a daughter of Moses and Catherine Mayer. Mr. and Mrs. Schaeffer have one child, Annie, now superintendent of the telephone office in Shenandoah and one of the popular young ladies of the city.

**Schalck, Adolph W.**, was born Jan. 16, 1845 in Wiesbaden, Germany. He acquired his primary education in the public schools of his native city, and continued his German studies, so that he is today a fluent German speaker and versed in German literature. Coming to America when only nine years old with his father, the late George Schalek, they at once settled in Pottsville, which has been the home of the family ever since. The father was well known as a gunsmith, and was himself a celebrated marksman. He was also a mechanical genius, and for many years a highly esteemed citizen of Pottsville. Young Schalek on his arrival in Pottsville was at once sent to the public schools, and having learned some English in his native country, he made rapid progress, graduating with honors in 1859 in the high school, then in the old Bunker Hill school-house. He then visited the Pottsville academy (now the Henry C. Russell homestead) to further pursue his studies. He wished to become a mechanic like his father and after leaving the academy worked for a year in his father's shop, but it becoming apparent that he had not inherited the father's mechanical skill and genius, and that his apprenticeship was not a success, the father himself advised him to look for some other occupation. In 1860 and 1861 he was engaged in Philadelphia as a salesman and clerk in a wholesale china and glass importing house, but as the prospects for advancement and future independence were poor, and as he became ambitious for a professional career, he returned to Pottsville. He then became a reporter on the "Schuylkill Democrat," at that time the German Democratic organ of Schuylkill county, where he also learned the rudiments of the printers' art. He thus early became interested in politics and public affairs and acquainted with public men. His first political experience was in the campaign of 1862, when the late Franklin B. Gowen, (subsequently president of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, and Coal and Iron Companies) was elected district attorney of Schuylkill county. Mr. Schalek having thus become acquainted with Mr. Gowen, accepted a clerkship in his office after the latter's election, and for six years was closely associated with Mr. Gowen, first as a law student and clerk and later, after his own admission to the bar on March 16, 1866, as his principal assistant. When Mr. Gowen left



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Pottsville in 1868 to open a law office in Philadelphia, Mr. Schalek was put in charge of the Pottsville office, having associated with him the late George De B. Keim, an old personal friend of Mr. Gowen, who later succeeded him as president of the Reading Company. In 1870 Mr. Schalek voluntarily severed his associations with these gentlemen in order to establish an independent practice and to open an office for himself, which he successfully did, soon ranking among the foremost members of the junior bar of that period, and acquiring a large and varied practice in the courts of Schuylkill county. Since that time he has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession and is recognized as one of the best read and best equipped all-around lawyers at the Schuylkill county bar, being noted for his industry and research and for his perseverance, zeal and fidelity to the cause of his clients. Following his early training and instincts, he, like so many other young lawyers, soon became active in politics and public affairs. He has been for many years prominent as a public speaker and as one of the leaders and campaign managers of his party, serving also as county chairman a number of times, his first chairmanship being in the Centennial year, when Governor Tilden of New York swept the county for president. He was chairman in Governor Pattison's second campaign, when the county gave him a rousing majority, and also in other generally successful campaigns. During these years he also served his party (when not as chairman) in various other capacities, at personal sacrifices and without recompense. He has always been a firm believer in the principles of Jeffersonian and Jacksonian Democracy and a patriot, but never a narrow-minded or hide-bound partisan. In 1877 he was elected district attorney of the county, serving from 1878 to 1881, during the termination of the Mollie Maguire troubles, which was one of the most trying periods in the history of Schuylkill or any other county. He also served as county solicitor for a number of years, and is at present serving in that capacity. In his long professional and public career he has always been known as the foe of corruption and graft in municipal and political affairs, and at various times has been prominent in investigations and exposures of grafters and boodlers. Mr. Schalek also saw some strenuous military service during the Civil war. By reason of his youth and for want of a robust constitution, he was rejected when he sought to enlist in the early part of the war, yet he actively participated in the campaigns of 1862 and 1863, in the 6th and 27th Pennsylvania regiments, whose duty was to drive the Confederates out of Pennsylvania and back across the Potomac. He is an active Grand Army man, and for over twenty-seven years has been the quarter-master of Gowen Post, No. 23, Grand Army of the Republic, of Pottsville. He is interested in other patriotic movements and is well known as a public spirited citizen. He was raised in the Lutheran church; for forty years he has been a member of the church council of the Trinity Lutheran church of Pottsville, and was for many years the superintendent of its Sunday school, in which he is still a teacher. He is, however, most liberal and tolerant, recognizing and



espousing the rights of all other religious denominations to the fullest exercise and enjoyment of their religious liberties. Mr. Schalek married Emma R. Haeseler, daughter of the late Dr. Charles Haeseler, who was the pioneer homeopathic physician of Schuylkill county, for many years in active practice here, and whose son, the late Dr. Charles H. Haeseler (Mr. Schalek's brother-in-law), was for many years recognized as one of the ablest and most eminent physicians of the county. They have but one child, Miss Louise G. Schalek, who is at home, an efficient helpmate to her father.

**Scheibelhut, Leonard C.**, is one of the leading general merchants of Yorkville, which place has been his residence during all of his comparatively short but exceedingly active business career. He was born there on Nov. 3, 1869, a son of Clemens and Christiana (Neidert) Scheibelhut, both of whom were born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany. The father was among the pioneer miners of Schuylkill county, built a home in Yorkville and lived there until 1878, when he removed to Raven Run to assist in the opening of the mine of William Heaton. Later he removed to Shenandoah and from there to Tremont, where he was killed while sinking a slope at Kalmia in 1882. He left a family of five children, viz: Mary, wife of Joseph Stock; John; Monica, wife of Frank Hock; Leonard C. and Catherine. Leonard C. Scheibelhut, the immediate subject of this review, was reared in Schuylkill county, and at the tender age of eight years started an independent career as a slate-picker in the employ of William Heaton at Raven Run. At the age of sixteen he entered the mines and followed that occupation until 1892, when he embarked in the mercantile business at Yorkville. He has since given his entire attention to that line of endeavor, and in the pursuit of trade has met with a degree of success commensurate to his honest and painstaking efforts. Mr. Scheibelhut was married on Sept. 23, 1895, to Catherine, daughter of Isaac and Catherine (Yost) Haupthy, of Yorkville, and to this union have been born five children: Clemens, Paul, Anthony, Laura and Albert. The family are members of the Roman Catholic church of St. John the Baptist at Pottsville. Mr. Scheibelhut is a member of the Yorkville Fire Company, No. 1; has served as treasurer of the Yorkville school board until the consolidation of the borough of Pottsville and Yorkville when he resigned in favor of the Pottsville treasurer; was president of the Yorkville common council two terms. In company with his brother John he operated a colliery on Sharp mountain for five years, from 1896 to 1901. Politically he gives an unswerving allegiance to the time-honored principles of the Democratic party, but has never appeared in the rôle of an office-seeker, and the honors that have been given him have come unsolicited on his part.

**Schilbe, J. A.**, one of the more prominent citizens of Tamaqua and a carpenter and contractor by vocation, was born in Tamaqua on Oct. 23, 1858, his parents being Christian and Sophia (Webber) Schilbe, both natives of Germany, but married in this state. The father was a miner who came to the United States in 1847 and settled





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in Tamaqua, where for practically the rest of his life he was outside foreman on the benches for the Little Schuylkill Company. Both parents are deceased. The father's death having occurred on April 13, 1889. Of their five children there are living, George, the eldest, a miner, died at the age of thirty-six years; William, deceased, was the husband of Dora Maab; George is married to George's daughter; and William, a miner, married Catherine and is the father of five children. The subject of this sketch, George, completed the course in the Tamaqua high school, and then, as an individual, came as a student to Philadelphia, where he learned the art of cabinet and joiner work in the "Hoff" establishment, after which he was in partnership with George & Maab. It was there he came in contact with the famous Tamaqua mine. Under his own administration he was elected foreman for a time as pre-master, filling the office for one term. In 1891, R. Boyer, upon leaving the office, in 1892, after the inauguration of President Harrison, he started in the lumber business on a small scale. For nine years he was a partner in the business, but a while later that he has conducted a business of his own, now employing twenty-two men and has erected many of the more modern dwellings and buildings, among them the Lutheran church and the J. F. McGinty residence. Besides his lumber yard he owns and operates a planing mill of goodly proportions. He is also one of the directors of the First National bank and the incumbent of the office of treasurer of the school board. On Oct. 13, 1891, Mr. Schilbe was united in marriage to Miss Anna Wetteran, daughter of Jacob and Christina Wetteran of Tamaqua. Both her parents are deceased. Mrs. Schilbe had two sisters and a brother. Mother is Mrs. John Greasing, and Catherine is Mrs. Henry Becker, both living in Tamaqua. The brother, a twin of Mrs. Schilbe, died at the age of twenty-nine years. To Mr. and Mrs. Schilbe have been born four children. Erma Anna and George Albert, the first two born, died at the ages of three and six months respectively. The two sons living are Clement, aged twelve, and Herbert, aged seven years. In religious matters Mr. Schilbe is a member of the German Lutheran church and is also prominent in the same. He has reached the thirty-second degree of Masonry, is a Knight Templar and since he was twenty-two years of age has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Since 1894 he has been treasurer of the Tamaqua Lodge and has several times been a delegate to the Grand Lodge. He also claims membership in the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, and is a past master in four of the orders. Throughout the county he is recognized as a man of business sagacity and of the most scrupulous honesty and integrity.

Schirmer, John C. F., M. D., deceased, for many years a local physician and surgeon of Schuylkill county, was born at Easton, Pa., March 4, 1827, a son of John C. and Elizabeth (Gibson) Schirmer. His father was born in Saxony, Germany, about 1802, came to the United States in 1821 and settled in the Delaware river near Easton, Southampton county. He was a farmer by vocation but





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in Tamaqua, where for practically the rest of his life he was outside foreman on the breakers for the Little Schuylkill Company. Both parents are deceased, the father's death having occurred on April 13, 1889. Of their five children three are living. George, the eldest, a miner, died at the age of fifty-six; John William, deceased, was the husband of Dora Raab; Sophia is Mrs. George Schmauch; and William, a miner, married Catherine Raab, and is the father of five children. The subject of this sketch, the youngest of the family, completed the course in the Tamaqua public schools, and began his industrial career as a slate-picker. He then learned the trade of cabinet and pattern making at Bishoff's establishment, after which he was for eight years with Carter & Allen and was then for two years with the Tamaqua Manufacturing Company. Under the first administration of Grover Cleveland he served for a time as postmaster, filling out the unexpired term of Dr. R. Boyer. Upon leaving the office, in June, 1889, after the inauguration of President Harrison, he started in the lumber business on a small scale. For nine years he was a partner of Henry Becker, but aside from that he has conducted a business of his own. He now employs twenty-two men and has erected many of the more modern dwellings and buildings, among them the Lutheran church and the J. F. McGinty residence. Besides his lumber yard he owns and operates a planing mill of goodly proportions. He is also one of the directors of the First National bank and the incumbent of the office of treasurer of the school board. On Oct. 13, 1891, Mr. Schilbe was united in marriage to Miss Anna Wetterau, daughter of Jacob and Christina Wetterau of Tamaqua. Both her parents are deceased. Mrs. Schilbe had two sisters and a brother. Martha is Mrs. John Greasing, and Catherine is Mrs. Henry Becker, both living in Tamaqua. The brother, a twin of Mrs. Schilbe, died in 1896 at the age of twenty-nine years. To Mr. and Mrs. Schilbe have been born four children. Erna Anna and George Albert, the first and last born, died at the ages of three and six months respectively; the two sons living are Clement, aged twelve, and Herbert Lawrence, aged seven years. In religious matters Mr. Schilbe is identified with the German Lutheran church and is also prominent in fraternal circles. He has reached the thirty-second degree of Masonry, is also a Knight Templar and since he was twenty-two years of age has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Since 1894 he has been treasurer of the Tamaqua Lodge and has several times been a delegate to the Grand Lodge. He also claims membership in the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, and is a past officer in four of the orders. Throughout the county he is recognized as a man of business sagacity, of the most scrupulous honesty and sterling worth.

**Schirner, John C. F., M. D.**, deceased, for many years a leading physician and surgeon of Schuylkill county, was born at Easton, Pa., March 4, 1827, a son of John G. and Elizabeth (Johnson) Schirner. The father was born in Saxony, Germany, about 1802, came to the United States in 1821 and located on the Delaware river near Easton, Northampton county. He was a tailor by vocation, but

most of his life was engaged in the mercantile business. His death occurred in 1870, ten years after his wife's demise. The doctor was the youngest of the three children in the family. Maria M. is the widow of Aaron Serfass and Rosanna C. was the wife of C. M. Weygandt. After a due preliminary training in the schools of Easton the subject of this sketch matriculated in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania and in March, 1850, was graduated at that institution with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Immediately after graduation he located in Tamaqua and from that time until his death on Sept. 7, 1894, he was continuously engaged in his professional practice. He acquired a wide reputation for surgical skill and was often called by other physicians to assist when surgery was necessary. A man of high ideals, kindly, sensitive nature and sympathetic touch, he was almost the ideal physician. On June 11, 1848, Dr. Schirner married Miss Anna M. Seip, daughter of William and Anna M. Seip of Bucks county, Pa. Mr. Seip was a tinsmith and plumber all his life. Of his seven children two, besides Mrs. Schirner, are living. They are Miss Margaret, a resident of Bucks county, and Quintus, now in Missouri. The deceased members are Frances, Sarah, Catherine and Elizabeth. Dr. Schirner and his wife had eight children, two of whom died in infancy. Ella, the eldest, married Roscoe Reich and is the mother of four children—Mabel, Evelin, Herbert and Charles Owen. William Gibson married a Miss Clark and has two children—Ida and Asa Frederick. Charles C. was united in marriage to Miss Anna Alsbach and they have four children—Clarence, Clifford, Guy and J. Charles F. Anna Louise is at home. Elwood, deceased, was a doctor of dental science. His wife was Miss Theo. Knowler, and they had one child, Helen. Edith is the wife of William H. Williams, a chief train despatcher, and they have one child, Emily Schirner. The death of Dr. Schirner was not only a loss to a large circle of friends, but to the whole community.

**Schmicker, Anthony**, director of the poor of Schuylkill county, the cordial, genial host of the modern hostelry in Shenandoah known as the "Hotel Franey," was born in Germany on Sept. 11, 1864, and is the eldest of the seven children born to William and Wilhelmina (Hotta) Schmicker, who came to Ashland in 1867. The father was a representative of different breweries in Shenandoah and vicinity, and remained in the employ of the last one for more than twenty years. His death occurred on Feb. 18, 1903. The mother is still living, a resident of Shenandoah, where the family has been located for some thirty-seven years. Of the children Lizzie is employed as a seamstress at the almshouse in this county; William is in Reading; Wilhelmina is a Sister of Christian Charity at St. Louis; and Katherine, Frank and Joseph are variously employed in Shenandoah. The subject of this sketch was still an infant when his parents removed to this country and all his educational advantages were acquired in the public schools of Schuylkill county. After the completion of his school work he was variously employed in Shenandoah until November, 1902, when as the successful candidate of the Democratic party







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he was elected to the office of director of the poor. He recently purchased the Hotel Jersey and is now conducting it in a manner eminently satisfactory to the public at large. The hotel is finely equipped and appointed throughout, having been refurnished and refitted when Mr. Schmicker assumed the control and has all the modern conveniences of steam heat, electric light, hot and cold water, etc. The dining room is especially handsome in its furnishings, and is frescoed with great artistic taste. By occupying all part of the establishment, the hotel is now one of the best in the county. On Oct. 1, 1887, Mr. Schmicker was united in the bonds of holy wedlock to Miss Mary McHale, a daughter of Walter and Mary McHale. Mr. and Mrs. Schmicker are both natives of Ireland. Their marriage in the Emerald Isle, and the American birth of one of their children, who is located at Minersville, where the father was for many years engaged in business, the mother being born in 1864 and the father now makes his home in Minersville with two of his children, Patrick and Anna. Mrs. Schmicker is one of nine children born to her parents, whose names were John, Patrick, Richard, Walter, James, Delia, Anna and Kate, the last named of whom died in infancy. To Mr. and Mrs. Schmicker have been born eight children, five of whom are living. They are William, Joseph, Anna, Madeline and John and the deceased members were Mary, John and an unnamed infant. The family are all communicants of the Roman Catholic faith, though the father is a member of the Holy Family congregation, a German speaking organization, and the mother of the Church of the Annunciation, where services are conducted in English. Mrs. Schmicker is prominent in the Ladies' Aid society of her church and her husband is a member of all the societies conducted under church supervision. The eldest son of the family is a talented musician, is studying the piano, and although but eighteen years of age is able, smart and ambitious. Probably no man in the county is better known or more popular than Anthony Schmicker.

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product of the concern must not only be the equal but the superior of that of outside concerns which had a strong foothold in Shenandoah. That this end has been achieved is evidenced by the fact that many of the rivals have been supplanted altogether and others have found their patronage greatly decreased. The man to whose energy and effort so much of the success of the company is due is Mr. Schmidt. He was born at Treverton, Northumberland county, in 1858, a son of Philip and Anna Marie (Schissler) Schmidt, both native Germans, who in 1860 removed to Ashland, and after five years there to Girardville. At the end of three years another change was made and the paternal home was established in Shenandoah. While still in his boyhood Mr. Schmidt went to work in a coal breaker and for eighteen years was employed in different capacities about the mines. At the age of twenty-six he embarked in the hotel business and at the same time accepted a position as distributing agent for the Lauer Brewing Company of Reading, continuing to serve with this company until he became established in his own business in 1900. In 1880 Mr. Schmidt married Miss Catherine Bender, a native of Germany, who came to the United States with her parents when she was but eleven years of age. To this union have been born these children—Mary, wife of Charles Knapp of Yatesville; Elizabeth, Catherine, Christian, J., Agnes, Annie, Helena and William. The family are all members of the Catholic church and devout and regular attendants. Politically Mr. Schmidt is an active worker in behalf of the Democratic party and as the candidate of that party has been elected to the offices of borough councilman, tax receiver and member of the board of health, and in the latter position he is now serving his tenth year. He is a member of certain social organizations recognized by the creed of his church and of the Rescue Hook and Ladder Company. His own experiences in his struggle for existence in earlier days have made of him a valuable friend to the working man. Personally he is unassuming and unobtrusive and is classed as one of the most progressive and influential citizens of Shenandoah.

**Schmidt, William J.**—The Mount Carbon brewery is one of the substantial industries of Pottsville, as well as a typical representative of the results of industry, coupled with good judgment and business sagacity. In 1872, G. Lorenz Schmidt, then a young man of twenty-seven, emigrated from his native land, Bavaria, Germany, and located in Reading, Pa., where for five years he was in the employ of Lauer & Co., brewers. In 1877 he leased from Mr. Lauer what was then known as the "Orchard Brewery," now extinct, and operated that until 1887. In the meantime, having decided to enlarge the sphere of his efforts, he constructed, in 1880, the valuable property now known as the Mount Carbon brewery. Such portions of the old Orchard plant as could be made available in the construction of the new, were removed to the site and utilized in the new structure. This property was put in operation in May, 1887, and was conducted successfully by the founder until his death, on Aug. 20, 1893. G. Lorenz Schmidt came to America without means, and the valuable property

which he acquired within the space of twenty-one years, was wholly the result of his own unaided efforts. Since the death of Mr. Schmidt, the business has been operated very successfully by his sons, under the title of the Lorenz Schmidt estate. The brewery is located on Center and Main streets, Mount Carbon. The principal structure is a handsome brick building 135 feet front, by a depth of 40 feet. The brewery, proper, is four stories high, while the ice house, storage rooms, stables, office and residence are ample, and in some cases, elaborate structures. The plant throughout, is equipped with the most modern and improved appliances for the purposes designed. Of eight children born to G. Lorenz and Theresia (Peters) Schmidt, three are living, namely: William J., G. Lorenz, and Frederick E. The sons are employed in the business of the extensive estate, as manager, foremen, salesmen, etc. The father of this family was a soldier during the Franco-Prussian war. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and of the German Lutheran church; was a good citizen, a kind and indulgent husband and father, whose untimely death was greatly deplored.

**Schoen, Jacob B.**, senior member of the firm of Schoen Bros., cigar manufacturers of Pottsville, was born at Trevorton, Northumberland county, Pa., Jan. 25, 1860, a son of Adam and Annie Maria Elizabeth (Burnhardt) Schoen. The father was born in Rhine Palz, Byron, Germany, Aug. 5, 1833, and the mother was born in the same vicinity, Nov. 26, 1835. They came to America in 1853, and were married in this county in 1855, locating at Middleport, Schuylkill county, Pa. The Schoen family is descended from pure German stock, their ancestors for many generations back having been natives of the "Rhine Country," near the boundary between Alsace Lorraine, (then a province of France) and the German possessions. The paternal grandfather, Henry Schoen, and his wife, whose maiden name was Burnhardt, were natives of the same locality in Germany, and sprang from wealthy and influential families, both of which were identified with the farming interests. The grandfather Schoen was a man of stalwart frame, brave and fearless nature, and was a soldier in the regular army of Germany, enlisting in the cavalry in 1799. He was a superb horseman and a favorite with the king. His father was a member of the German aristocracy, and a man of wealth. During the Napoleonic wars he exchanged an acre of land for a loaf of bread. He was impoverished by his country's wars and died poor. In 1853 he came to America and died at Wilkes Barre at the age of seventy-five years. His wife died in a New York city hospital the day after her arrival in America. Her maiden name was Catherine Engle. The maternal grandparents of Jacob B. Schoen were Philip and Elizabeth (Graff) Burnhardt, who were born, and spent their lives in Germany. The grandfather was a man of great intelligence, was the legal adviser of his neighbors and a valued and useful citizen among them. He was a wealthy farmer, and a fancy linen weaver. Adam Schoen and his consort were the parents of a numerous family, of whom Charlotte, now Mrs. Christ Schultz of

Silver creek, is the eldest; Adam died at the age of two years; Jacob B. and Philip, constituting the firm of Schoen Bros., were the next in order of birth; Amelia is the widow of Jacob Burch, late of Pottsville, and Magdalene is the wife of Miles K. Staller, an expert penman, of Mount Carmel. The present extensive business firm of Schoen Bros. was originated in November, 1894, when Philip Schoen commenced the manufacture of cigars. The beginning was on a limited scale, occupying one room in the William Burnham building at Port Carbon, and employing but one assistant. The business proved prosperous from the first, and his brother Jacob B., the subject of this sketch, was taken in as a partner during this incipient stage. In January, 1901, Philip started a factory at Hinkletown, Lancaster county, and developed a fine business which was merged with the firm of Schoen Bros. in 1902, and the business was enlarged to a considerable extent. This is under the direct supervision of Jacob. Both he and Philip travel constantly in the interest of outside trade. Many thousands of cigars are thus distributed to buyers in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia, and as far west and south as Arkansas. The manufacturing department gives constant employment to a large force of men, employed at the present time. Mr. Schoen has been a salesman of exceptional ability and has represented one of the largest cigar manufactures in Philadelphia. On Nov. 19, 1892, he married Miss Olive E. Olewine, then of Philadelphia but a native of Pottsville, and they are the parents of five children, namely: Elva, Edith, Isabel, Margaret and Richard. Mr. Schoen is an active worker in the ranks of the Republican party and has held the office of councilman in Pottsville for two terms and a like position in Port Carbon. He is a member of the Central Republican club and of the Masonic fraternity, while his religious affiliation is given to the Presbyterian church. Mr. Schoen is a splendid business man and owns considerable real estate in Pottsville, in which community he has the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens.

**Schoen, Philip**, a member of the extensive business firm of Schoen Bros., of Pottsville, is a native of Schuylkill county, having been born at Locust Dale, Sept. 27, 1861. The parental home was transferred to Pottsville in that year and he attended school, first under the tuition of Miss Measey, in the old Kopitach building, and later was transferred to the watchful care of Prof. Johnson at Bunker Hill. At the age of fourteen he left school and engaged in driving team for his father, who was then engaged in general teaming and transfer business. Two years later he was entrusted with the care and driving of a heavy team in the service of Stein & Trough, and in 1878 he was in the employ of the C. M. Atkins Company at the Pioneer furnace, No. 2, engaged in "snapping cinders." In 1879 he was weighmaster at Port Carbon for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company, and the following year was in the employ of W. H. Shuman, a South Center street merchant. Philip Schoen was then variously employed until November, 1894, when he began the manufacture of cigars on a limited scale. During the incipient stage of this business his brother, Jacob B., was

taken in as a partner. The firm was successful from the start and has grown until at the present time it is an important industry in the city of Pottsville. As an evidence of the success of this business enterprise, it may be stated in this connection that the subject has recently purchased a farm of thirty-seven acres, known as the property of the late Dr. George W. Brown. Half of this land has been platted in town lots and constitutes what is known as Schoen's addition to Port Carbon. (For further information in regard to the firm of Schoen Bros. and for the ancestry of Philip Schoen see the sketch of Jacob B. Schoen appearing in this volume.) Philip Schoen was married on Oct. 31, 1889, to Miss Annie S., daughter of Jeremiah Kline, a contracting painter of Schuylkill Haven. The only child born to this union is a daughter, Laureta, born Feb. 1, 1891. Mr. Schoen is a Republican in political views, and takes an active interest in the success of his party principles. He was a member of the monumental association at Port Carbon which erected the handsome monument to the memory of the soldiers of the Civil war. He is a progressive and public spirited citizen, and an active and successful business man.

**Schoener, George M.**, proprietor of a popular cafe in Shenandoah and member of the city school board, was born at Pottsville, Pa., June 6, 1862, his parents being Richard J. and Adelia (Griesmerr) Schoener, both natives of Pennsylvania, but of German ancestry. They are now living in Philadelphia. The father and four of his brothers served in the Union army during the Civil war. The children of Richard J. and Adelia Schoener were Harry, who died in childhood; Carrie, now Mrs. Silverman and lives in Philadelphia; and George M., whose name heads this sketch. George M. Schoener was educated in the public schools of St. Clair, where he lived with his grandfather, Richard Dennis Schoener, and at the age of sixteen years he began life as a stage driver for his uncle, A. J. Schoener, on the line running from Shenandoah to Frackville. He continued in that occupation for about ten years, when the aggressions of the Pennsylvania railroad made the business unprofitable and the line was discontinued. He then embarked in the restaurant business in Shenandoah and continued in that until he started his present place of business in 1906. Mr. Schoener is a pronounced Republican in his political views, always takes an active part in campaigns, in 1905 was a candidate for county commissioner, and the following year was elected a member of the school board. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and affiliates with the Presbyterian church. In all his societies he is deservedly popular because of his generous nature and genial disposition. Mrs. George M. Schoener was Miss Lena Gross, daughter of Charles Gross, a representative member of one of the oldest and most respected families in Schuylkill county. The only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Schoener—a son named Harry—died in early childhood.

**Schraedley, George R.**, bookkeeper for the well known firm of Sparks & Parker, was born in Trevorton, Northumberland county, Pa., Dec. 9, 1879, a son of Isaac N. and Matilda Pauline (Reick) Schraed-



ley. The father is a native of Schuylkill county, having been born at Silver Creek, where he has been in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company as a clerk and accountant for more than thirty years. The mother was born at Trevorton. Both parents are living, their home being at Silver Creek. They have a family of four sons and two daughters, of whom Frederick William, the eldest, married Miss Annie Shupe, and is supply clerk at Silver Creek colliery. Their only child is Miss Violet. George R., the subject of this sketch, was the second in order of birth; Ada May is at home; John Andrew is a brakeman for the Philadelphia & Reading railway and lives at St. Clair; Guy Elmer and Catherine Frances are at home. George R. Schraedley was educated in the public schools of Ashland, and completed a business course at Williamsport commercial college, being graduated with the class of 1900. He was bookkeeper for the Wyland Manufacturing Company at Williamsport for one and a half years, and occupied a similar position for a like period with the Dark Water Coal Company. He then accepted a more lucrative position in the employ of the Jersey Central Railroad Company, but his wife's health being delicate he was obliged to return to the mountains and took up his residence at Port Carbon, where he has since resided. In November, 1905, he accepted his present position with Hiram Parker, whose sketch appears in this volume. Mr. Schraedley was married on Feb. 17, 1903, to Miss Amelia Runkle, a native of Mahanoy City, Schuylkill county, and a daughter of George W. and Jennette S. (Rebelheimer) Runkle. Her father is a carpenter and contractor in Mahanoy City. Mrs. Schraedley is the only daughter and eldest child in a family of six, her brothers being Earle Edwin, John Raymond, Daniel Rebelheimer, Willard and Alonzo Phaeon, all at home. Edwin is a carpenter, employed with his father, and John R. is a clerk in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company. Mr. and Mrs. Schraedley have one son, George Isaac, born Sept. 23, 1904. They are members of Saint Paul Lutheran church, in Port Carbon. Mr. Schraedley is a Republican in political sentiments, but has never aspired to public office.

**Schrink, Gustavus C.**, postmaster at Pottsville, and a prominent resident of the place since 1879, is a native of Newark, N. J., where he was born May 1, 1856, a son of Rev. Christian and Julia (Hoff) Schrink, natives, respectively, of Würtemberg and Alsace Lorraine in southwestern Germany. Mr. Schrink was educated in the public schools of his native city, but by far the greater part of his education was acquired in the more practical school of experience. At the age of eleven years he became an apprentice to the printer's trade in the office of a German newspaper published in Newark. While quite young Mr. Schrink became infatuated with the theatrical stage and appeared for some time in the role of a German comedian, but parental counsel dissuaded him from this and he became a traveling salesman in the hardware trade. His association with actors and his natural inclination toward the stage, however, had led him to the acquirement of some of the accomplishments of that profession. He became

an excellent singer and a talented musician, while he is also quite noted, locally, as a writer of poetry. While in the discharge of his duties as a traveling salesman, he was sent to Pottsville to establish a branch store for his employer, Mr. E. G. Ford. This he did in 1880, was soon advanced to the position of general manager and because of his business ability was made a partner under the firm title of G. C. Schrink & Co. The partnership was dissolved two years later by the withdrawal of Mr. Ford, and Mr. Schrink continued to conduct the business successfully until 1899, when it was sold out, Mr. Schrink being then commissioned as postmaster at Pottsville. President McKinley's choice in this was approved four years later by Mr. Schrink's reappointment to the office by President Roosevelt. The subject of this sketch has always been an active, working Republican, and has wielded a strong influence in shaping the policies of his party. Perhaps no man in Schuylkill county has a wider acquaintance, or is more favorably known among influential politicians throughout the state than G. C. Schrink. His jolly, companionable temperament brings him in close touch with the people, while his high standing as a citizen and politician renders his acquaintance desirable on grounds of policy. Mr. Schrink was elected to the legislature in 1895 and served four years as a member of that body, being accorded honorable positions at the head of some important committees. He was assistant sergeant-at-arms in the Republican national conventions of 1900 and 1904 and witnessed the nominations of the two great champions of human rights, McKinley and Roosevelt. He has always taken an active interest in local affairs, bearing his share of the honors of municipal and school offices. After a service of twelve years on the school board, he resigned that office when appointed postmaster. During his residence in New Jersey, he served four years as a sergeant in Company F, 1st New Jersey state militia. He was married on May 24, 1887, to Miss Sarah Kimmel, a daughter of Jacob and Anna (Bigler) Kimmel, of Harrisburg. Her mother was a sister of the late Gov. William Bigler. Mr. and Mrs. Schrink are members of Trinity Reformed church. They have no children. Mr. Schrink has always taken an active interest in social organizations, charitable institutions and athletic sports; was one of the promoters of the Pottsville hospital; has been a liberal contributor to that beneficent institution and to the Pottsville Benevolent Association; served as a member of the board of control, and also as a member of the Third Brigade band, but accumulating business interests compelled his resignation from active membership in these. He continues active affiliations in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Improved Order of Red Men, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Knights of the Golden Eagle, Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Heptasophs, the Humane Fire Company; is secretary of the Pottsville gun club, a member of the Pennsylvania club of Washington, D. C., and a member of the Pottsville Liederkranz. In his home life Mr. Schrink is a happy medium between the social and the convivial. His hospitality is only bounded by the limits of the market, and the social characteristics of the fam-

ily are such as to impress the visitor that his stay is altogether too brief. He has fitted up a basement room at his residence, which he designates as his "den," in which he entertains his friends. This is truly a work of art. The walls are adorned with portraits and biographies of every prominent politician in the state and nation. He has steel portraits and brief biographies of every president from Washington to Roosevelt, and a complete political history of the United States, this department being especially complete with reference to the state of Pennsylvania. Relics from all nations are to be found here and the vari-colored electric lights which surround the room show off the interior to the best possible advantage. Mr. Schrink's "den" is really "a thing of beauty and a joy forever." His wireless telephone is an innovation in the mechanical world which only the genius of Europe could produce. It is one of the many handsome parlor adornments. The "old court house chair" reposes snugly in a conspicuous corner in the "den," and should not be ignored by the curious visitor. Last but not least comes the suggestion that the nine barrels of native wine are not without merit!

**Schuettler, Leonard**, a well known merchant tailor of Pottsville, was born in the province of Wurtemberg, Germany, Sept. 22, 1870. He served an apprenticeship to the tailor's trade in his native town of Wachbach, and came to America when a lad of sixteen and a half years. His parents, Conrad and Margaret (Moser) Schuettler, natives of Wurtemberg, remained in their native country until 1890, when they came to America, and are now living in Pottsville, the father retired from active business. They have a family of five sons and two daughters living, viz.: Charles, George, Frederick, Leonard, August, Catherine and Mary, all married and engaged in life's struggles on their own account. The brothers are mostly engaged in mechanical pursuits and all reside in Pottsville except Frederick, whose home is in Reading. Mr. Schuettler received a good common school education in his native land, which was supplemented by a thorough course in English at a night school in Philadelphia, being employed in that city during his first five years in America. He was married there on Aug. 6, 1892, to Miss Pauline Kloefer, who was born in Wurtemberg and came alone to America in 1889. She is a daughter of Carl and Caroline Kloefer, natives of Germany, where they both ended their days. Mr. Schuettler brought his family to Pottsville in 1893, and established his present business at No. 222 North Center street, which is also the family residence. He employs four workmen in his business and has a well established reputation as a first-class tailor. Himself and wife are members of the German Lutheran church, in which he is one of the deacons. He is secretary of Hayden Lodge, No. 44, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he has been an active member for the last ten years. He is also a member of the Liederkranz, a popular German musical society, and is a first tenor singer. Mr. Schuettler is a Republican on national issues and independent in local politics. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Schuettler

includes the following named children: Charles, Mary, Emil and Margaret. The three first named are in school.

**Schultz, J. W., M. D.**, a leading physician and president of the board of health of Tremont, was born in Schuylkill county on March 18, 1873, a son of J. H. and Emma (Ziebach) Schultz, both born in Pennsylvania of German parents, and now residents of Tremont. The doctor is the eldest of their four children. The others are: Stella S., at home; Anna L., a teacher of music; and Clarence F., manager of the Pennsylvania Telephone Company at Harrisburg. After completing the courses offered in the common schools of Tremont Dr. Schultz found employment as a clerk in a drug store. His ambition was to become a physician and this work was a stepping stone. During the three years he remained in the position he did reading in a medical line under Dr. R. H. Hess, of Tremont, and when he had accumulated sufficient money matriculated at the Medico-Chirurgical college of Philadelphia. In 1895 that institution granted to him the degree of Doctor of Medicine and he returned to Tremont to engage in practice. From year to year this practice has grown until now it covers a large territory and occupies his entire time. By successful work and strict attention to duty he has attained to a position of eminence among the physicians of the county. He is a broad and varied reader and has thus kept in touch with the trend of thought of the great leaders of the profession and his ideas are the most modern. When the 800th district was created on Jan. 1, 1906, he was appointed local state registrar. His fellow citizens of Tremont have shown their appreciation of his ability and skill by placing him at the head of the board of health, where he has more than fulfilled every expectation. On Oct. 3, 1905, Dr. Schultz married Miss Eva Zimmerman, of Sunbury, Pa. They have no children. Mrs. Schultz is a communicant of the Episcopal church. The doctor is a member of the Schuylkill county medical association, but is identified with no secret societies.

**Schum, Albert D.**, a well known contractor and builder of Pottsville, was born in that city on Jan. 18, 1849, his parents being Daniel and Mary A. (Erdman) Schum, both natives of Berks county, Pa., though the mother came to Pottsville when she was but four years old and there lived until her death on March 15, 1905, in the eighty-first year of her age. Her father, John Erdman, was one of the pioneers of Schuylkill county, locating there in 1828, and spent most of his life in Pottsville, where he followed his trade of boat builder, though he owned a fine farm in Hegins township. Daniel Schum was a carpenter by trade. He came to Pottsville in 1839 and worked as a journeyman until 1870, when he succeeded to the business of his brother Jonathan, and continued in the business as a contractor and builder until his death on March 6, 1893, in his seventy-third year. Five children of Daniel and Mary A. Schum grew to maturity, viz.: Frank, Albert D., John, Benjamin A. and Katie A. Frank and John died after reaching manhood. Albert D. Schum was reared and educated in Pottsville, where he learned the carpenters' trade with his uncle Jonathan, beginning in 1865. Upon the death of his uncle in



1870 he continued with his father until the latter's death in 1893, when he inherited the business, which he still successfully conducts. Thus, for nearly half a century, the Schums have been engaged in the building trade, and many of the handsome residences in and about Pottsville were erected by them. Mr. Schum is a firm believer in the principles advocated by the Republican party, though he is not what could be called an active political worker. He is a member of Girard Lodge, No. 53, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Camp No. 14, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America; and Mountain Castle, Knights of the Golden Eagle, in which order he is the present district grand chief. He married, in 1871, Miss Lizzie, daughter of John K. and Sarah (Seitzinger) Fernsler, of Pottsville. Three of the children born to this marriage are living, viz.: Daniel A., Maude M. and John K. Maude is now the wife of William Vogel.

**Schwalm, Alfred A.**, justice of the peace of Hegins and a market gardener on a small scale, is a son of William and Sarah (Diebert) Schwalm. At the time of his birth, May 23, 1857, his parents were occupying a portion of the grist mill which the father owned in Hubley township, their house not having been completed. The father was a native of Hubley township and the mother of Orwigsburg. For some years the father was proprietor of what is known as Hoffman's mill, in Hubley township, and subsequently he and his brother Peter operated the Hartman mill, now owned and operated by E. M. Stiely. The Hoffman mill is a landmark in Schuylkill county, having been erected in the early days of its history. The subject of this sketch acquired an early preliminary educational training in the public schools of Hubley, and then matriculated at the Shippensburg normal school. After leaving that institution and receiving a certificate as a teacher he engaged in pedagogic work and was at it for nineteen years, all of the time in Hegins. In 1885 he was elected justice of the peace and at successive elections since that time he has been re-elected to the office. When he retired from his work as a teacher he purchased a tract of 26 acres of land just outside of the corporation limits and here he has since been farming in a small way, more for recreation than remuneration. Sixteen of the 26 acres are under cultivation, mostly in garden stuffs and fruits. In 1877 Mr. Schwalm was united in marriage to Miss Alvaretta Fisher and four children are the result of this union. Leonora, the eldest, is the widow of Alfred A. Otto, her husband having died in April, 1905; Sarah Louise, a graduate of the Keystone state normal school at Kutztown, is now engaged in teaching; John DeWitt is an operator for the Philadelphia & Reading railroad; and Anna A., the youngest, is at home attending school. The family are all members of and workers in the Reformed church of Hegins, of which Mr. Schwalm is an elder and secretary. Fraternally he is prominent throughout the county, being a member of Lodge No. 720, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Camp No. 145, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America; the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and Grange No. 1,242, of the Patrons of Husbandry. In all these organizations he is either a past officer or

the incumbent of some official position at the present time. His political relations are strongly Democratic, and as the successful candidate of that party he has held the office of township clerk. Mr. Schwalm is a public-spirited citizen, popular with his fellows and a sagacious business man.

**Schwalm, Joseph W.**, a prosperous merchant, whose general store is one of the largest in Pine Grove, was born in Schuylkill county on Nov. 22, 1870, a son of William and Sarah (Diebert) Schwalm, both natives of the Keystone state. The father was for many years a miller, and when he retired from that work he took to farming, which he still follows in a small way, although he is seventy-five years of age. His wife died in the spring of 1904 at the age of sixty-eight. There were six children in the family. Alfred A. is a justice of the peace at Hegins and is a farmer; Oliver died in infancy; Charles A. succumbed to typhoid fever at the age of twenty-one years; Mary, the wife of Samuel Buffington, died in July, 1902, at the age of thirty-seven years; and Jackson M. is a farmer near Valley View. The subject of this sketch is the youngest. He received a common school education and after the completion of his scholastic labors he spent his time on his father's farm until he was sixteen years of age. Then for three years he taught school in the winter and did farm work in the summer months. When he was twenty years of age he removed to Pine Grove and became employed as a clerk, remaining in that capacity until 1895. In April of that year he embarked in the general merchandise business for himself and has been most successfully conducting it since. Two years after starting in business he purchased the property on which the store is located, as well as the dwelling and the lot adjoining. The patronage of the store has increased from year to year until now Mr. Schwalm employs three clerks and in the busy seasons even requires more help. He has by careful management been able to keep his industry going through the hard times occasioned by strikes and lay-offs, and his industry, perseverance and honesty have made for him a high place among the leading merchants of the town. In July, 1889, Mr. Schwalm married Miss Lizzie Saltzer, of Schuylkill county, a daughter of the late Henry C. and Ellen (Kemble) Saltzer. After Mr. Saltzer's death his widow became the wife of Edward Aungst, and is living in Pine Grove. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Schwalm has been blessed with seven children, viz.: Allen Quay and Alvin Clay (twins), Harry William, Guy Joseph, Stanford Saltzer, an unnamed son (deceased), and Esther Elizabeth. The parents are both devout communicants of and earnest workers in the United Brethren church, and the father is treasurer of its Sunday school. He is also prominently identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Independent Order of America, and the Improved Order of Red Men. Mr. Schwalm takes an active interest in local politics and in 1898 was elected to the borough council on the Democratic ticket. In his second year of service he was president of that body and it was during his term that the paved roads movement was

introduced and about half a square mile paved as an experiment. In 1901 he was reelected for a term of three years and continued president of the council, while the paving of Main street was kept up each year. During his administration the borough also paid off a certain amount of its indebtedness each year, and at the end of his term Mr. Schwalm was nominated for a third time, but declined, owing to the press of his personal business affairs.

**Schwalm, Morris S.**, a well known farmer of Hegins township, was born on Oct. 27, 1869, a short distance west of Valley View, Pa. His parents, Emanuel and Maria (Coleman) Schwalm, were both born in Hubley township, where the father followed farming in his early life. He was for thirteen years an assistant in the survey of Schuylkill county, then for nine years managed a farm for Preston Miller in Hegins township, and was for three years engaged in the merchandise business at Locustdale. He has always taken an active interest in politics as a Republican; was tax collector for six years; served three terms as constable, and for the last seven years has been postmaster at Hegins. He is a member of the Reformed church. Emanuel and Maria Schwalm had eight children, of whom four are now living. Alice B. is the wife of A. B. Kehler, of Locustdale; Morris S. is the subject of this sketch; Charles is foreman in a chair factory at Sheboygan, Wis.; and Clara is the wife of J. T. Hardy, of Ontario, N. Y. Morris S. Schwalm attended the home schools until he was fifteen years of age, when he learned the trade of butcher and followed that occupation for twenty years at Locustdale and Barry, Pa. On April 28, 1905, he bought the farm known as the Fred Ebert place in Hegins township, built a new nine-room house, in which he now lives, and has since that time devoted his attention to farming. He has 75 acres of good land, well improved, and is regarded as one of the progressive farmers of the township. Although he does a general farming business, he makes a specialty of raising Poland China and Chester White hogs and Rhode Island Red chickens. Mr. Schwalm is an ardent Republican in his political views. In 1902 he was the candidate of his party for the state legislature, but was defeated in the election. While living at Barry he joined Camp No. 441, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, and he is a charter member of Hegins Camp, No. 145, of that order. Mr. Schwalm has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Laura Young, of Ashland. To this union were born four children—Marie, Lauretta, Gertrude and Alverona. Mrs. Schwalm died in March, 1899, and in June, 1901, he married Miss Carrie Billman, a teacher of Barry. Mr. Schwalm was tax collector of Barry township for six years, and with his wife belongs to the Lutheran church. He began life with small capital, but by industry and good management he has achieved success.

**Schwalm, Peter**, a retired farmer of Reiner City, was born in Hubley township, Schuylkill county, Aug. 21, 1836, a son of Frederick and Catherine (Stein) Schwalm, both natives of Schuylkill county. The paternal grandparents, John and Tillie Schwalm, came from Ger-

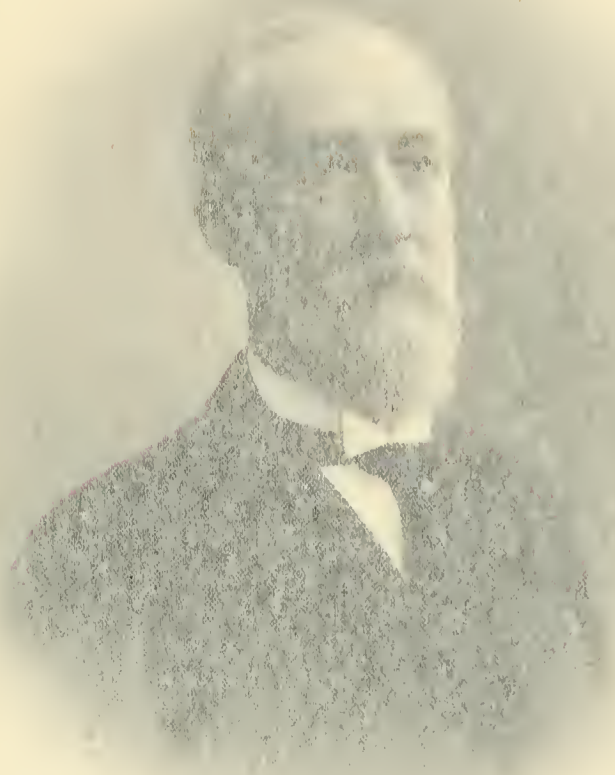
many and were among the pioneers of Hubley township. Frederick Schwalm was a farmer all his life and a member of the German Reformed church. He and his first wife had thirteen children, of whom six are now living. William is a retired farmer and lives at Valley View; Emanuel is the postmaster at Hegins; Daniel is a farmer in Hubley township; Peter is the subject of this sketch; a twin sister of his, Catherine, lives in Indiana; and Louisa lives in Illinois. After the death of Catherine Schwalm the father married Sarah Sufing. She died without issue, and he married Harriet Dieter, by whom he had three children. Otilia and Elizabeth are deceased and Jackson lives in Hegins township. Peter Schwalm was educated in the subscription and public schools, his father being a director of the first free school in the township, and lived at home until he was twenty-five years of age, when he took charge of his brother Samuel's farm for a year and a half while the latter was in the army, where he served for three years and one month during the Civil war. Peter then bought the Schrob grist mill, which he operated for several years, when he sold out and came to Porter township, where he had purchased 129 acres of land in the spring of 1866, paying \$5,500 for it, though it was only partially cleared and had old buildings on it. Some parts of the farm were so wild and overgrown with underbrush that the foxes came close to the farm house in broad daylight and carried off the chickens. Peter trapped thirty foxes during the first few years. This farm he improved and put in good condition, living there until 1895, when he built his present residence at Reiner City, his son, George M., taking charge of the old home farm. He also owned another farm in Hegins township, which is now owned by his son Ellsworth. Mr. Schwalm is an unswerving Republican in his political opinions; has served on the school board, as tax assessor and tax collector, and belongs to the Reformed church at Orwin. On April 23, 1861, he married Miss Maria Schrob, born Oct. 29, 1843, in Hegins township, her parents, John and Elizabeth (Holdemann) Schrob, having been among the early settlers in that part of the county and both died there. They were members of the Lutheran church and of their six children four grew to maturity. Jacob died at the age of sixty-five years; Amos lives at Valley View, Schuylkill county, and Catherine lives in Kansas. To Mr. and Mrs. Schwalm have been born seven children: Elizabeth, now deceased, married Alfred Hand and had two children, Harry and Ira W. Harry died in infancy and Ira married Elizabeth Jobe and has one son, Elbert. Ellsworth is a farmer in Hegins township as already mentioned; he married Jane Kessler and his children are Elmer, Ralph, Ruth, Beulah, Effie and Lloyd. One son, Claude, died in infancy. Elmer married Gertrude Stutzman and has one daughter, Eva. George, who runs the old home farm, married Agnes Haertter, and his children are Lottie, Lillie, Corine and Elma. Albert T. has for eighteen years been a teacher in Porter township. William O., a retired merchant at Tower City, married Annie Bixler, and his children are twin sons, Ira and Ray, and one daughter, Merle. Mary E. married Thomas Moser, a teacher



of Porter township, and their children are Irma, Clair, Lyle, Glenn, Ruth and Paul. John P. is a hardware merchant at Remerton. He married Catherine Lebo and has two children—Beatrice and Harold.

**Schwenk, John P.**, formerly foreman of the storage yards of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company at Schuylkill Haven, was born in that borough on Dec. 6, 1858, a son of Jacob R. and Mary A. (Krebs) Schwenk. He was an attendant of the town schools until he reached his eighteenth year, driving mules on the canal tow-path during his vacations. For a time after leaving school he worked on the canal landings loading boats, etc., and continued in that occupation until March, 1882, when he became a clerk in the office of the coal clerk at Mine Hill crossing and remained there for more than six years. In August, 1888, he went to work in Weber Bros.' shoe factory, but did not remain there long, leaving in January of the following year to accept a position in the shops of the Philadelphia & Reading Company as car repairer. On June 10, 1890, he was appointed to the responsible position of foreman of the Schuylkill Haven storage yards, but resigned that position on Feb. 28, 1907, since which time he has been employed in the bleachery of the Union knitting mills as receiving and shipping clerk. On May 25, 1878, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Schwenk and Miss Kate C. Pilueger, daughter of Emanuel B. and Amanda (Feger) Pilueger, of Schuylkill Haven. Two children were born to this union, a son and a daughter, both of whom died in infancy. Mr. Schwenk is a member of Webster Council, No. 23, Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He is an intensely religious man and one who carries out the precepts of the Golden Rule and the Ten Commandments in his daily life. Both he and his wife are members of and earnest, devout workers in the United Evangelical church. For the past twenty-three years he has been superintendent of the Sunday school, and for fifteen years has been a member of the board of trustees. Besides these offices he is choir master and assistant leader of the prayer meeting class.

**Seibert, David H.**, president of the Pennsylvania National bank of Pottsville, Pa., is a native of Indianapolis, Ind., where he was born on April 28, 1830. He is a son of Philip and Catherine (Hummel) Seibert, the former a native of Chambersburg, and the latter of Harrisburg, Pa. The early life of Mr. Seibert was spent in the Keystone state, which has also been his home since about the close of the Civil war. He enlisted in 1862 as a private in Company A, 126th Pennsylvania infantry, and served about one year. In recognition of his business qualifications, he was appointed chief clerk in the quartermaster's department in the department of the Susquehanna, and later occupied a similar position with the post quartermaster at Philadelphia. His clerical position relieved Mr. Seibert of the menial services of the camp and field, yet he filled an important post, as essential to the well-being of the armies as that of carrying a gun or "policing" the camp. The young soldier was especially fortunate that he possessed the necessary ability to perform such services. Mr. Seibert was educated at Chambersburg academy. On Jan. 14, 1873, he entered



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the employ of the Pennsylvania National bank in Pottsville and served eighteen years in the position of teller. Following this long period of apprenticeship his advancement was rapid until he reached the highest honors within the gift of the corporation. He was promoted to assistant cashier on Jan. 20, 1891, and three months later was elected cashier, a position which he held for almost ten years. On March 19, 1901, Mr. Seibert was chosen president of the institution which he had served so long and faithfully, and this is the position he still holds. It is needless to give the people of Schuylkill county any introduction to the Pennsylvania National bank, as it is one of the few monetary institutions in Pottsville which has stood the test of years and passed through the financial panics of four decades with an unsullied record. It was opened for business on Sept. 18, 1866, with a capital stock of \$100,000. The capital was doubled in 1875, and the institution has been growing in popular favor with all the passing years. Mr. Seibert was married on March 15, 1865, to Miss Ellen E., daughter of John S. C. and Charlotte E. (Lewis) Martin, of Reading, Pa. The only living child of Mr. and Mrs. Seibert is Dr. Albert A. Seibert, of Pottsville, a specialist on diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. He married Miss S. Elizabeth, daughter of Gen. Henry L. Cake, of Tan-aqua. They have no living children. The subject of this article is a Republican in political views, but has neither sought nor held political office. The family are Presbyterians in religious affiliations, and Mr. Seibert belongs to the Masonic, Odd Fellows and Grand Army of the Republic fraternities.

**Selgrade, John J., Jr.**, an enterprising insurance man of Girardville, is a son of John and Mary (Rutton) Selgrade, and was born in the borough where he now lives on July 21, 1872. He is one of a family of five sons and two daughters, the other members being Jacob, Roman, Joseph, Harry, Mary and Barbara. After completing his work in the public schools the subject of this sketch at the age of twelve years found employment as a breaker boy. Labor of some kind around the mines and collieries furnished him a livelihood until 1896, when he left the work to embark in the insurance business. The field offered a larger opportunity for the exercise of his inherent ability and his success shows plainly his fitness for the position. On July 26, 1899, Mr. Selgrade was united in marriage to Miss Mary Sheran, daughter of Michael and Katherine (McGuire) Sheran. The Sherans were both born in County Mayo, Ireland, and came to the United States early in the decade between 1870 and 1880. To Mr. and Mrs. Selgrade have been born four daughters, Marguerite, Mary, Helen and Anna. The family are all communicants of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church and Mr. Selgrade is a member and secretary of St. Joseph's Catholic Legion. In politics he is a staunch believer in the principles of the Democratic party, and as the candidate of that political organization he has three times been elected to the office of auditor. At the present time he is the representative of the Prudential Life Insurance Company of Newark, N. J., and is one of the oldest solicitors in point of service. He comes of a family of pioneers and

patriots on the maternal side, having had three uncles in the army of the United States both during and after the Civil war. One uncle, Armour Rutton, was killed in the last day of fighting in the Wilderness; another, Roman, was a member of the company sent out to assist General Custer and arrived at the Little Big Horn just too late to be of service to that distinguished leader and his gallant band. Ferdinand Rutton, the mother's youngest brother, is now living in Philadelphia, but for fifteen years was a soldier in the regular army. Mr. Selgrade is a man of fine business capacity, excellent judgment and genial, hearty manner which makes him a host of friends.

**Seltzer, Henry H.**, the genial register and clerk of the orphans' court, is a representative of one of the pioneer families of Schuylkill county. He is the youngest son and ninth child in a family of twelve children born to Conrad and Dorothea Seltzer. One member of this family died in childhood and eleven are now living. Conrad Seltzer and his wife were both natives of Germany, but were married in Schuylkill county, Pa., Dec. 10, 1830, whither Mr. Seltzer had immigrated in 1832, a portion of his father's family accompanying him at that time. Conrad Seltzer was among the pioneers in the butchering business in Pottsville and Minersville, and established a large and profitable business as a dealer in live stock—the nucleus of the present Seltzer Packing Company, operated by his sons. He served one term as county treasurer, being elected in 1864 by the Democratic party, with which he affiliated. He was an active and conscientious member of the German Lutheran church, in which he held the positions of elder and trustee for many years, and his wife, who in maidenhood was Dorothea E. Roehrig, was a consistent Christian woman and a devoted wife and mother. Conrad Seltzer was a worthy example of the results which may be achieved by industry, economy and intelligent effort. He began his business career in America in a very humble manner, occupying a small log house at Fishbach, a suburb of Pottsville, where the Seltzer packing house is now located. This, one of the largest industries of its kind in eastern Pennsylvania, is the outgrowth of his business sagacity, augmented by that of his posterity. He died in Pottsville, Sept. 2, 1890. Following are the names of the children of Conrad and Dorothea Seltzer: William H. and Albert W. are engaged in the meat packing business and proprietors of the Seltzer Packing Company; Amelia is the widow of Dr. R. F. Krebs, late of Reading; Charles E. is a harness dealer in Pottsville; Josephine became the wife of C. R. Kear and resides at Minersville, in this county; John C. is manager of Swift & Co.'s business at Reading; G. Fred is in the plumbing business in Pottsville; Edward is engaged in farming and fruit growing at Shelton, Maryland; Clara is the wife of F. P. Mortimer, a prominent merchant in Pottsville; Henry H., of this sketch, was the next in order of birth, and Bertha E. completes the family circle. She is the wife of Frederick E. Zerbey, superintendent of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, with home at Wilkes Barre. Henry H. Seltzer was born in Norwegian township, Schuylkill county, Dec. 1, 1863; was educated in the public schools

of Pottsville, and was employed with his brothers in the packing business for some thirteen years. He learned the brewing business with the firm of D. G. Yuengling & Son, and was employed by this firm as brewer of ale at their establishment in Harlem, N. Y., for six years. He was deputy sheriff of Schuylkill county in 1904-05, and was elected to his present position from that office at the general election of 1905. He took possession of his office on Jan. 1, 1906, and has surrounded himself with a corps of capable and obliging deputies and clerks. He is a Democrat in political affiliations, and a recognized leader in the councils of his party. Besides the offices mentioned, he has served as a member of the borough council and school board. On Aug. 11, 1886, Mr. Seltzer married Miss Carrie E., daughter of Edward and Susan (Wagner) Nagle, of Pottsville. His wife's family, like his own, is one prominently identified with the history of Pottsville. Mr. and Mrs. Seltzer are without children, but their domestic lives are happy and congenial. The subject of this article sustains relations with a number of fraternal societies, the most prominent among which are Camp No. 14, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, of Pottsville; Lodge No. 207, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Aerie No. 134, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Humane Fire Company.

**Seltzer Irvin A.**, for many years a prominent and distinguished teacher of Schuylkill county, was born in Ringtown, where he now resides, on Dec. 20, 1866, and is one of five sons born to Benjamin and Barbara (Breisch) Seltzer. The others are Arlen F., Harper A., Richard R. and Emerson B. The subject of this sketch has been an educator the better part of his life. In 1885 he began teaching in Ringtown in the ungraded school. Four years later he was graduated at the Keystone state normal school at Kutztown and spent the school year of 1889-1890 as principal of the Milford, Pike county, schools. In 1890 he returned to Ringtown and was elected principal of the high school. For fifteen years he was the incumbent of the position, resigning during the term ending in June, 1905. He attended the normal school at Valparaiso, Ind., for a time, taking a scientific course in that institution, and in 1905, after successfully passing the examinations given at the Bloomsburg state normal school, he was granted a teacher's certificate in the new normal course. Since his resignation as principal of the high school he has relinquished all pedagogic work and confined himself to market gardening. He owns a farm of 108 acres just outside of Ringtown, beautifully located at the base of a mountain. It was formerly a portion of the old Dresher place and contains within its boundaries the famous Dresher spring. On Sept. 27, 1902, Mr. Seltzer married Miss Anna S. Dresher, a daughter of Samuel and Anna (Lindermuth) Dresher. She is one of thirteen children, all of whom are living, the others being Peter, Boyd, George, Henry, Charles, David, Mahala, Elizabeth, Nima, Emma, Fannie and Ida. The Seltzers worship at the Ringtown Lutheran church. Mr. Seltzer's name in connection with any educational project in the bor-



ough or county is ample proof that such enterprise is for the good of the community.

**Seltzer, J. Walter, D. D. S.**, a popular dentist of Pottsville, is a son of William H. and Anna B. (Thumm) Seltzer, both natives of Schuylkill county, where the Seltzer family has been prominent in business and social life since early pioneer days. Conrad Seltzer, the paternal grandfather of the subject of this article, was a native of Marburg, Hessen, Germany, born Sept. 17, 1817, and came to Pottsville with a portion of his parental family in 1832. He established the extensive stock and packing business now operated by his sons, William H. and A. W. Seltzer, the former being the father of Dr. J. Walter, of this sketch. Conrad Seltzer began his business career in America with limited means, and occupied a small log house at Fishbach, near the site of the eastern steel mill, but later developed through his industry and efficient management the packing company, which is to-day one of the leading industries of the kind in the county. His first venture in business was as proprietor of a meat market, which was located opposite the Exchange hotel, on Center street. He was in the same business at Minersville for several years, but in 1858 retired to his farm known as the "Bull's Head," and there continued as a general breeder of and dealer in stock until he retired in 1880. This was the nucleus of the extensive packing business and trade in stock since developed and maintained by the sons. Conrad Seltzer was married on Dec. 10, 1830, to Dorothy E. Roehrig. They had a family of twelve children, eleven of whom lived to years of maturity. Mr. Seltzer served one term as county treasurer, elected as a Democrat in 1804. He was a zealous member of the German Lutheran church, in which he held numerous offices. His death occurred in Pottsville, Sept. 2, 1890. Dr. J. W. Seltzer was born in Pottsville, July 8, 1878, and his elementary education was acquired in the public schools of his native town. He chose dental surgery as his life profession; was graduated at the Philadelphia dental college in the class of 1902; engaged in practice in Philadelphia for about a year, going thence to Mahanoy City, Schuylkill county, for two years and a half; and in September, 1905, he opened his present offices in Pottsville, making his home with his parents. Dr. Seltzer is a young man of excellent professional qualifications and has been successful beyond his most sanguine hopes. He is a member of Pottsville Lodge, No. 207, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Xi, Psi, Phi, college fraternity. In political views he supports the principles of the Republican party and his religious affiliations are with the German Lutheran church.

**Seltzer, Prof. Livingston**, the popular and efficient county superintendent of schools in Schuylkill county, is descended from Revolutionary stock and traces his ancestry in the county to the earliest settlers of McKeanburg. His maternal grandfather, Baltzer Bock, served under Washington in the Revolutionary war, and participated in a number of battles under that renowned chieftain, notably that of Trenton, which resulted in the capture of the Hessians, who there con-

fronted Washington's army. The paternal great-great-grandfather of Livingston Seltzer, also a Revolutionary soldier, was taken prisoner by the British, confined in their prison pen on Long Island, where he died from exposure and starvation and his ashes still repose near the scene of his cruel death. Baltzer Bock, mention of whom may be found in the historical volume, founded the first English-speaking school in Schuylkill county, this school being opened in 1794 at McKeansburg. He donated land for educational and religious purposes, the church which his beneficence founded being opened for religious worship a few years later than the school. Prof. Livingston Seltzer was born in New Ringgold, Schuylkill county, March 20, 1862, a son of William W. and Hannah M. Seltzer, both natives of Schuylkill county, the former born at Patterson in 1831, and the latter at McKeansburg in 1835. William W. Seltzer was a soldier in the Civil war, serving about two years as a member of Company K, 48th Pennsylvania infantry, when he was honorably discharged by reason of disability incurred in service, being at the time of his discharge a corporal of his company. Professor Seltzer received his elementary education in the public schools of McKeansburg and then entered upon a course of normal training at the state normal school at Kutztown, where he graduated as president of the class of 1887. He was employed as a teacher in Rush township for one year after his graduation, when he accepted a more lucrative position at Tower City, and continued there for two years, when he was elected to the principalship of the Palo Alto schools. This position he held for fifteen years or until elected to the county superintendency in May, 1905. Mr. Seltzer's practical experience in all grades of the teaching profession amply qualifies him for the arduous duties of this important office and his peculiar adaptability to the work is recognized by all. He prefers to stand aloof from party differences in political matters and this characteristic in his nature enables him to judge impartially of the merits of all who come before him in an official capacity, with the result that the examination paper under such an official must stand upon its own merits, a condition which does not exist in all cases. Mr. Seltzer has been twice married, his first wife having been Miss Kate E., daughter of the late George and Hannah Gangloff. This union was blessed with a son and daughter, Raymond Livingston and Hilda Edith, popular young people just budding into years of maturity, and both about to graduate from the Kutztown state normal school. Mrs. Seltzer died in 1895 and three years later the professor was married to Mrs. Vienna Kershner, his present companion. Professor Seltzer is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, being a past master of Pulaski Lodge, No. 216; a member of Mountain City Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Constantine Commandery, Knights Templars. He also belongs to the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America and Sons of Veterans.

**Sembach, John**, a retired miner and one of the substantial citizens of Tamaqua, was born in Alsace, France, Aug. 6, 1842. His parents were George and Mary (Yerk) Sembach, both natives of

France, where the father was a laborer. In 1806 they came to the United States and the father and youngest son obtained employment as slate pickers at the No. 10 colliery of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company and did some gardening as well. The father died in 1803 at the age of seventy-three and his wife passed away three years later at the age of seventy-one. They were both earnest and conscientious members of the Lutheran church. Of their twelve children but six are now living and but one besides the subject of this memoir, Jacob, a teamster of Tamaqua, is in this county. John Sembach came to the United States in 1857 with neighbors and friends, locating first in Troy, N. Y., where he remained for a number of years, working on a farm most of the time. He then purchased a farm in Maryland and sent for his father and mother, but they were not satisfied with agricultural life and he brought them to Tamaqua in August, 1866. He obtained employment first as a laborer about the mines, but subsequently was made a miner and continued at that labor until he retired in 1900. He has always taken a lively interest in public affairs and for a year was a member of the town council. On April 11, 1868, Mr. Sembach married Miss Salome M. Lercher, who came to the United States from the same region in France where he was born. Five of their children are living. Albert George is a bartender in Philadelphia; John married Miss Helen Samuels, of Catauqua, and is a teamster in Tamaqua; William married Miss Lizzie Smouth and is a barber; Sallie is the wife of John Mellens, a carpenter in the Reading shops, and the mother of three sons, John W., and Harry and Ellsworth (twins); and Fred is a plumber in Tamaqua. The deceased members are George, who died young; Charles was killed while employed on the railroad, and left a widow, formerly Martha Lindeman, and two children, Elizabeth and Charlotte; Mary was but thirteen months old when she passed away; Jacob died at the age of seventeen years; and Hannah, who died in her third year, and Martin at the age of six months, passed away within eleven days of each other. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sembach are members of the Lutheran church, in which for fifteen years Mr. Sembach was a deacon. In politics he is a Republican and fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He is one of the most respected citizens of the community.

**Sheafer, Peter W.**—The annals of Schuylkill county present the names of many men prominently identified with the development of the region, particularly in the coal industry, but no name is more thoroughly endeared to the hearts of the people than that of P. W. Sheafer. He was a man broad enough to embrace the whole scope of human intelligence with reference to those things which engaged his life-time energies, and the results of his labors are of incalculable value to the generations which are to succeed him. Peter W. Sheafer was born in Halifax, Dauphin county, Pa., March 31, 1819. He was the son of Henry Sheafer, a prominent pioneer of Dauphin county, who was president of the Lykens Valley Railroad Company; developed and superintended the



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Lykens Valley coal mines at Wiconisco, and in 1834 introduced anthracite coal into the Susquehanna markets. Peter W. Sheaffer was educated in the schools of his native locality, and this preliminary training was supplemented by a thorough course at Oxford academy, New York. His early associations with his father's business had much to do in shaping his future life-work, and it was in the real battle of life that he finished his education in the full measure of years allotted to man. While but a youth, Mr. Sheaffer became interested in the geological formation of the coal measures in the Lykens Valley, with which he was familiar, and this led to further investigations, and ultimately to his being chosen as a member of the first geological survey of Pennsylvania. In 1836 Professor Rogers selected this youth of seventeen as a member of his corps, and he was assigned to duty with Professor Whelpley, during the years 1837 and 1838, in surveying and mapping the southern and middle anthracite coal fields. At this time was worked out the complex structure of these main basins, showing their canoe-like shapes, their combination of steep and gentle dips, and the general conformation of the coal measures with such a degree of accuracy that the second geological survey, thirty to fifty years later, simply elaborated their work. Mr. Sheaffer resigned his position in 1839, to again assist his father, with whom he remained until 1848, when he moved to Pottsville as a surveyor and engineer, first assisting and then succeeding Samuel B. Fisher. From this time until the end of his life, Mr. Sheaffer's services were in universal demand by the land owners and coal operators in the Schuylkill, Mahanoy, and Beaver Meadow districts. His reports, of which there are hundreds, cover almost every tract in these regions. Mr. Sheaffer in coöperation with William Parker Foulke and other gentlemen of Philadelphia, succeeded in obtaining a state appropriation, in 1851, to complete the work of the first geological survey, and thereby gave to the world the admirable work of Professor Rogers. With the resumption of this work, in 1851, Mr. Sheaffer took charge of the underground portion of it, and connected every working mine with the accurate surface survey conducted by others of the corps. Professor Lesley said of Mr. Sheaffer: "He was the geologist of the survey in 1851, par excellence, knowing more of the field than the rest of us combined." There were a number of men engaged on this survey who have attained eminence in their profession. Mr. Sheaffer laid out the towns of Ashland, Girardville, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Mount Carmel, Gilberton, Mahanoy Plane and others of the prosperous towns and villages of Schuylkill and adjoining counties. He located the first mines in the Shenandoah and Mahanoy valleys, and lived to see that part of the county grow from a wilderness to a populous and prosperous community, and the coal production from nothing to millions of tons. His untiring energies were devoted to the development of the coal fields in the anthracite regions, and his familiarity with the geological formations led to his services being sought in other local-



ities. Mr. Sheaffer was employed in the examination of coal lands, and in the development of mines all over the United States and Canada. His reports cover 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 to investigate the economical production of anthracite, of which commission he was a member at his death. He was frequently called to give expert testimony on coal and coal lands, one of the latest occasions of this kind being in the celebrated Coxe-Lehigh Valley case, before the Interstate commerce commission. During the active years of his life, Mr. Sheaffer compiled many maps and tables of the coal trade, this accumulation of valuable statistical matter being sufficient to fill many volumes of rare scientific literature. One of his works was the historical map of Pennsylvania, published in 1875, by the historical society of Pennsylvania. This production shows patient research, and wonderful aptitude for statistical details. The Encyclopedia Britannica was indebted to Mr. Sheaffer for an exhaustive article on coal, published in the American supplement to that work. He also delivered addresses before various scientific societies, and read papers before the American association for the advancement of science, of which organization he was an honored member. He was also a member of many other societies of a literary and scientific character, among which may be mentioned the American philosophical society, the Academy of natural sciences, of Philadelphia, the historical society of Pennsylvania, and the American institute of mining engineers. In local affairs Mr. Sheaffer took an active interest, and was foremost in the promotion of educational, religious and charitable interests. He was a member of the Pottsville board of education for a number of years, during which time he was instrumental in establishing the high school. He was one of the original members of the Pottsville benevolent association, organized in 1877, and its kindred charitable institution, the children's home. He was one of the originators of the Pottsville Athenæum, and was the president of this literary society for several years. Many valuable books were donated to this institution from his private library. Mr. Sheaffer was largely interested in various enterprises for the employment of the people, and took a prominent part in the development of Pottsville. His political affiliations were always with the Republican party, in the success of which he manifested great interest. He was one of the presidential electors during the campaign of 1884. The only public office which he ever accepted, except as previously mentioned, was the honorary position of United States assay commissioner, to which he was appointed in 1879. Mr. Sheaffer was married in 1848 to Miss Harriet N. Whitcomb of Springfield, Vt. Three sons and one daughter survive him. The subject of this article continued an active business career throughout his entire lifetime, never relaxing his energies until stricken

with the fatal illness which carried him away on March 26, 1891. He died at Brown's Mills-in-the-Pines, N. J., whither he had gone to recuperate failing health. Mr. Sheaffer was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, but his philanthropy was not bounded by church creed, and he contributed of his means to the support of religious enterprises of whatever name or doctrine.

**Shearer, Robert C.**, business manager of the Chronicle Publishing Company of Pottsville, was born in that borough on March 18, 1874, a son of James R. and Rachel (Dewald) Shearer. The father, a native of Milton, Pa., was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war and after the cessation of hostilities was engaged as a contractor and builder until his death, in 1888. The mother was born in Reading and prior to her marriage was a school teacher in the Pottsville schools. Her demise occurred in June, 1902. The subject of this sketch is the second child of his father's second marriage, the first having died in infancy. He has a half-sister, Mrs. H. E. Wyckoff of Ridley Park, Delaware county. He attended the common schools of his native city, but did not go farther than the grammar grades, leaving school to go into the job printing office of an uncle, Robert D. Colborn. When he had mastered the printer's trade he went to Philadelphia and worked for a time, but upon his return he purchased his uncle's interest. Previous to his return, however, he canvassed for nearly a year in the interest of Johnson's Universal Cyclopædia. In 1901 Mr. Shearer disposed of his interest in the job printing plant to the Chronicle Publishing Company and entered the employ of that concern as a solicitor. In that capacity he remained three years and then in May, 1905, Mr. Charles Meyers purchased the plant and Mr. Shearer was placed at the head of the business department, the position he now holds. On Aug. 17, 1899, Mr. Shearer married Miss Amy C. Bassett, a native of Pottsville. The first child born to this union, a son named William died in infancy. A second child, Emily Rachel, is still living. In religious matters Mr. Shearer is identified with the Baptist church and his wife is a communicant of the Episcopal faith. Politically he is a Republican and the only secret order to which he belongs is the Improved Order of Heptasophs. He is recognized as a leading business man and is a prominent factor in the commercial life of the city.

**Sheidy, Phaon E.**, captain of Company G, 4th Pennsylvania infantry, borough treasurer, furniture dealer and undertaker of Pine Grove, was born on Nov. 22, 1874, in the township where he now resides. He is the son of Daniel and Allamina (Seidel) Sheidy, both born in Berks county, Pa., where for the earlier part of his life the father was a farmer. For a score of years he was proprietor of the Hotel Pennsylvania, during which time he was a member of the borough council. The mother is now sixty-nine years of age and she and her husband, who retired from active business life some years ago, make their home in Pine Grove. Their six children are Elha, the widow of James R. Merkle of Lebanon; Linnie V., living in Pine

Grove; Mary A., proprietress of a department store in Pine Grove; Anna M., a saleswoman in the same store; Carrie E., wife of George W. Boyer, a lumberman; and Phaon E., the subject of this memoir. The captain received his preliminary education in the public schools of Pine Grove, rounding out his scholastic training with a course in the Westchester state normal school and another in the Eastman business college. His first employment after leaving school was as a traveling salesman for a Philadelphia firm dealing in ladies' and misses' manufactured clothing. In this work he continued for two years and then returned to Pine Grove to enter the store conducted by his sister Mary. After four years, in Feb., 1904, he became the manager of the Hotel Pennsylvania and has been most successfully conducting it since. In April, 1906, he purchased the furniture and undertaking business of the late P. F. Seidel and has been managing it since that time in connection with his other business. About six years ago he was elected borough treasurer and is still the incumbent of the office. When the call came for volunteers for the Spanish-American war, Mr. Sheidy went out from Pine Grove as a private. The organization to which he belonged, Company G, 4th Pennsylvania infantry, was mustered into the service of the United States on April 10, 1898, and in July he was made a corporal. After the company was mustered out and again became a part of the National Guard of the state he received, in March, 1899, a promotion to the rank of first lieutenant and in June, 1904, was made the captain of Company G. While in the service of the United States the regiment was sent to Porto Rico and was drawn up in line of battle before Guama when the news of the cessation of hostilities was brought. Many times during the past few years the company has been called upon to suppress labor riots. In a religious way the captain is connected with the Evangelical church and he stands high in Masonic circles, being a member of Pine Grove Lodge, No. 409; Tremont Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Hermit Commandery, No. 24, Knights Templars, of Lebanon; Williamsport Consistory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and Rajah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Reading. He is also identified with the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Junior Order of American Mechanics and the Army and Navy club of New York city.

**Shepherd, Watson, F.**, a prominent and well known attorney in Pottsville, was born in Buckingham township, Bucks county, Pa., Dec. 28, 1844. The family name has long been established in Bucks county. Joseph Shepherd, the grandfather of the subject having been a native of Plumstead township, a pioneer farmer, who died in middle life. His son, Cornelius Shepherd, the father of the subject of this article, married Jane Fell, a daughter of Eli and Rachel (Bradshaw) Fell, of Bucks county, and this union was blessed by a family of six sons and five daughters. Cornelius Shepherd was a thrifty farmer and a man who took an active interest in local politics. He was generally in sympathy with any measure to enhance the public welfare of the community and his philanthropy was shown in his acceptance of the office of director



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of the poor at a time when a cholera epidemic prevailed in the county. Both the Shepherd and Fell families are of Quaker lineage. Eli Fell was of a large family, some of whom attained prominence in public life. Watson F. Shepherd of this sketch is the youngest of seven children who lived to years of maturity. He early evinced a strong propensity for study and as a boy attended the public school, known as the "Friendship" school, in his native township. He was then sent by his father to New Britain seminary, where he prepared himself for a teacher. After attending one session at the seminary he taught in the public schools of his native county for two and one-half years, when he entered Tuscarora academy, from which he graduated in 1865. He then entered upon the study of his chosen profession under Hon. Henry P. Ross of Doylestown, a leading lawyer of the county and state, and who served as judge of the courts of Bucks and Montgomery counties. Mr. Shepherd was admitted to practice in Bucks county in September, 1867, but having an ambition to go to a new field, he came to Schuylkill county and opened an office at the beginning of the following year. Here his legal talents were at once recognized, his advancement as a successful lawyer at the Schuylkill county bar was very rapid and he went at once to the front rank. He early manifested an interest in politics and was soon recognized as a leader in the councils of Democracy. For fifteen years he served as solicitor for the county alms-house and filled other minor offices, but was never an office seeker in the sense in which that term is generally understood until in 1886 he became a standard bearer of the Democratic party for the office of representative in Congress, and while he and his friends made a gallant fight they went down in the defeat of the party. A fusion of Republicans and Greenbackers strengthened the former to the point of success, although Mr. Shepherd polled more votes than any other candidate on the Democratic ticket. In 1906 he was again nominated by his party for the same position, but after an animated canvas of several months the election resulted in the choice of the Republican candidate. Mr. Shepherd has been frequently a member of the executive committee of his party and of the state organization. He is a member of Camp No. 14, Patriotic Order Sons of America of Pottsville, and he and his family belong to the first Presbyterian church.

**Shepp, Daniel**, deceased, for many years a leading figure in the commercial life of Schuylkill county and resident of Tamaqua, was born in Reading, Pa., March 26, 1830, a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Zacharias) Shepp, of German lineage. His paternal grandfather, Conrad Shepp, was born in 1773 in the Fatherland and left Frankfort-on-Main to locate in Reading, where he purchased a farm on the outskirts of North Reading. His wife was a Miss Khlos and they had a family of six children, five daughters and a son. The son, Daniel, Sr., was born on Feb. 2, 1802, and was reared on the farm, inheriting the place upon his father's death, in 1837. Politically he was a stanch Democrat and in re-



ligious matters was a member and for many years an elder in the Reformed church. His wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Daniel Zacharias, was born Sept. 30, 1800. Their children were Susannah, Elizabeth, Samuel, Rebecca, Daniel, John and Jacob. Daniel, the subject of this sketch, was reared on the old homestead and received his educational training in the common schools and the Unionville academy in Chester county, Pa. In 1851, with twenty other men from Reading and vicinity, he started for the gold fields of California via the Isthmus of Panama. For seventeen months he was successfully engaged in mining and in 1852 returned to Schuylkill county with \$5,000 to his credit. On Nov. 1, of that year he accepted a position as bookkeeper for W. H. Climer & Co., operating the Mount Laurel furnace, and stayed with that firm for sixteen months. In March, 1854, he came to Tamaqua and in partnership with A. W. Kaufman and Daniel Baum built the stone flour mill, known as the Tamaqua steam mills and operated under the firm name of Daniel Shepp & Co. After two years Adam Aulthouse, Mr. Shepp's brother-in-law, obtained possession by purchase of the Baum and Kaufman stock in the concern and until 1861 the industry was conducted under the firm name of Shepp & Aulthouse. In that year Henry F. Stidfole bought out Mr. Aulthouse's interest and for six years the firm was Shepp & Stidfole. From 1867 the concern went under the name of Daniel Shepp & Co., although from 1867 to 1891 Joseph B. Hirsh held the stock originally owned by Stidfole. In the latter year by purchase the entire stock of the company came into the hands of the Shepp family, Daniel Shepp having the management of it until his retirement from active business life. He was widely interested in mining, having large interests in different sections of the anthracite region. On March 1, 1869, in company with Conrad Graeber and John Kempel, he purchased the lease of the Locust Gap colliery in Northumberland county, and for five years, under the name of Graeber & Shepp, worked this property. In 1874, Kempel sold out to J. B. Hirsh, John Graham and Simon Stein and the company under the same name continued the operation of the mine for another five years. In December, 1882, Mr. Shepp became associated with Joseph Mitchell in the operation of the East Lehigh colliery, near Tamaqua, and continued his connection until his death, the firm being known as Mitchell & Shepp. In 1886 a firm known by the name of Daniel Shepp & Co., consisting of Mr. Shepp and Hiezekiah Haldeman engaged in shipping coal in Carbon county and in the same year Mr. Shepp opened up one of the largest veins of coal in the anthracite region. Its width varies from 125 to 150 feet, and its product was sold to the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company. In 1896 Mr. Shepp purchased Haldeman's interest and operated the mines under the firm name of W. H. and E. M. B. Shepp. He was the sole owner of a tract of 16,000 acres of timber land near Lock Haven, and in 1887, in order to furnish means for the development and exploitation of the land, he built ten miles of

railroad to connect it with the Erie railroad. He had also 4,000 acres in Lycoming county, and was for a time president of the Blue Mountain Manufacturing Company, which controls 13,000 acres of land in Schuylkill county. When the Edison Illuminating and Power company of Tamaqua was incorporated in 1885 he was made its president, having been one of five organizers and incorporators. For more than a score of years he was president of the Tamaqua Banking and Trust Company, and was prominent as one of its organizers. In politics Mr. Shepp was a Democrat and as such served in the borough council for a period of twenty-eight years, twenty-four of which he was the executive head of that body. Always deeply interested in religious work he was an active and zealous member of Trinity Reformed church from the time of its inception and for thirty-six years was superintendent of its Sunday school. Probably in the fraternal circles of the state and county Mr. Shepp was as well known as anywhere else. In the Masonic fraternity he was a past master of the Tamaqua Lodge, No. 238; was at one time the high priest of Tamaqua Chapter, No. 178, Royal Arch Masons, and was a past eminent commander of Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 31, Knights Templars. He was also identified with Ringgold Lodge, No. 318, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he was a past grand, and for thirty years was treasurer of Scott Encampment, No. 132. On Oct. 14, 1857, Mr. Shepp married Miss Mary Isabella Boyer, daughter of Joshua and Susannah Boyer, and to this union were born seven children. Mary, the eldest, is the wife of Dr. P. N. K. Schwenk. Sketches of William H., Daniel F. B. and Joseph H., the second, fifth and sixth in order of birth, appear elsewhere in this volume. The others are: Anna L., Edward M. B. and Rosa B. Mr. Shepp's demise occurred on Feb. 4, 1901, and his taking off was not only a grievous loss to his family and a large circle of friends but to the whole community.

**Shepp, Daniel F. B.**, cashier of the First National bank of Tamaqua, and a director in the same institution, was born at Tamaqua on May 16, 1875. An outline of his family history can be found in the sketch of his father, Daniel Shepp, elsewhere in this volume. After a duc preliminary course in the common schools of Tamaqua, the subject of this sketch was graduated at the Tamaqua high school and then matriculated at the Selwyn Hall military academy. Upon the completion of his course there he entered Lehigh university and in 1898 received a certificate of graduation and the degree of Civil Engineer. Before commencement, however, he enlisted as a private in Company B, 8th Pennsylvania infantry to serve during the Spanish-American war, but before he was mustered out has risen to the rank of corporal. The regiment was encamped in Virginia in the early part of the campaign, but was later at Augusta, Ga. Mr. Shepp's brother, Edward M. B., who went into the Spanish-American war as a corporal is now a captain in the state militia. Daniel F. B. Shepp, when his company was mustered out, entered the employ of the Lehigh Coal and

Navigation Company as a civil engineer. At the close of six years' service with that corporation he returned to Tamaqua and accepted his present position as cashier of the First National bank. On Sept. 14, 1904, Mr. Shepp married Miss Ellen Carter Calloway, of Tamaqua, a daughter of William and Ellen (Carter) Calloway. Mr. Calloway, whose death occurred in December, 1905, was for many years president of the First National bank. His uncle was a prominent associate of Daniel Boone in the latter's Kentucky career. Mrs. Calloway, who is still an honored resident of Tamaqua, was born in England and came to this country while still very young. Her family was a large one whose name is closely allied with that of other pioneers in the coal industry of Schuylkill county. Mr. and Mrs. Shepp have one child—William Calloway. Both parents are members of the Episcopal church and Mr. Shepp is one of the vestrymen.

**Shepp, Joseph H.**, clerk in the office of the Wabash Milling Company, was born in Tamaqua on Feb. 17, 1881, a son of Daniel and Mary Louise (Boyer) Shepp and the youngest of the four boys. The others are William H., at the head of the Wabash Milling Company, of whom a sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; Capt. Edward M. B., a promoter and capitalist prominent throughout the state; and Daniel F. B., a graduate of Lehigh university as a civil and mining engineer, and now cashier of the Tamaqua First National bank. Joseph H. Shepp received a due preliminary training in the schools of Tamaqua and subsequently in the Wyoming seminary of Kingston, preparing for college at the latter institution. Instead of taking a collegiate course, however, he entered the employ of the Corn Exchange National bank of Philadelphia. He remained there three years, until the death of his father, in 1903, when he returned to Tamaqua and accepted his present position. Mr. Shepp is a member of the Reformed church of Tamaqua, of which his father was one of the prime movers and organizers. Fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Tamaqua Camp, 62, Sons of Veterans. For three years he was a corporal in a company of the state militia, but the only service he saw was when his organization was called upon to maintain order during labor troubles. Politically he is an earnest believer in the principles of Jeffersonian Democracy, was the candidate of his party for the office of legislator from the Third Schuylkill county district in the fall of 1906 and is now editor of the Evening Recorder. He is a young man of fine physique, excellent habits and good, sound business sense and his host of friends predict for him a brilliant future.

**Shepp, William H.**, president of the Wabash Milling Company of Tamaqua, was born in that city on Feb. 21, 1866. He is a son of Daniel and Mary L. (Boyer) Shepp, the former of whom is deceased. After a due preliminary training in the public schools of his native town he matriculated at the Heidelberg university of Tiffin, Ohio, and in 1887 was graduated at that institution. In

1889 he graduated in the theological department of Ursinus college, Collegeville, Pa., and engaged in active work of the ministry for five years in Ohio and Delaware as a Presbyterian missionary. On account of failing health he returned to Tamaqua and engaged in business. In March, 1894, he purchased a third interest in the Shepp-Hirsh milling industry and since that time has been identified with the flour and feed business. The firm was incorporated under the corporate title of the Wabash Milling Company on July 7, 1899, and is the largest wholesale and retail flour and feed establishment in this section of the state. Mr. Shepp is secretary and treasurer of the Blue Mountain Manufacturing Company, located in Berks and Schuylkill counties. This concern is capitalized at \$100,000, and owns 12,000 acres of timber land. He is also one of the administrators of the estate of the late Daniel Shepp, who died on Feb. 4, 1901. For two years before the father's death, on account of his father's physical disability, William H. had entire control of the large estate. On Oct 8, 1889, Mr. Shepp married Miss Louise Fink, a native of Hamburg, Pa., and a daughter of Jacob and Matilda (Heinley) Fink, deceased. Three children have blessed this union, viz.: Harold L., Hazel M. and Parma A. Both Mr. and Mrs. Shepp are members of the Presbyterian church, in which Mr. Shepp is one of the trustees. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Improved Order of Red Men, and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

**Sherman, A. B., M. D.,** deceased.—After a life well and honorably spent, Dr. A. B. Sherman, one of the oldest if not the oldest practicing physician of his time in Schuylkill county, died at his residence in Mahanoy City, Dec. 10, 1906, in his seventy-eighth year. His death brought deep sorrow to the hearts of a very large circle of friends and acquaintances, and many of his patients mourn the loss of his invaluable services. He was one of the pioneer physicians of the county, and enjoyed a very extensive practice in his profession covering a period of forty-eight years, during which time he followed his life's work in Montrose, Susquehanna county, though the greater part of which was spent in Schuylkill county. He was a man of great force of character, public-spirited, strong in his convictions and fearless in standing by them, and performed many humane acts and valuable services for his fellow man without the hope, desire or expectation of gain. He numbered among his friends many of the leading men in the county, both of the past and present, and, while never having held public elective office, was unusually honored in many and arduous capacities. The duties and services of which he performed with signal ability. Most of his professional life was spent in Girardville and the results of his labors there stand as a monument of honor to him. He was the president of the Girard saving fund association during its early and prosperous days; served as deputy coroner for fifteen years including the strenuous events of Molly Maguire times; for a like period of time he served as out-door physician to the board of poor directors and in that capacity aided many in distress. He



was a charter member of the Schuylkill county medical society, took great interest in its deliberations and in the advancement of his profession, always seeking to promote it to a higher plane of perfection. The latter part of his busy and honorable career was lived in Mahanoy City, where he served as a member of the school board, of which he was president and later treasurer. He was president of the United States pension examining board for several years; a director of the Citizens' National bank of Ashland for many years; and was a member of the Masonic, Odd Fellows and Patriotic Order Sons of America fraternities. Dr. Sherman was a man of rugged physique, commanding presence and kindly countenance; of fine traits of character, highly respectable, a man of honor in all things, and of eminent ability in his chosen profession; of kindly, fatherly and sympathetic disposition with the sick, and untiring and unyielding in his efforts to heal. He left to survive him a widow and two sons who deeply mourn the loss of a loving, devoted and cherished husband and a kind and indulgent father. The sons are A. C. Sherman, a prominent young attorney of Mahanoy City, and Dr. Harry U. Sherman of Easton, Pa., both of whom are well known and highly respected citizens. The interment of the earthly remains of the deeply mourned and lamented Dr. A. B. Sherman occurred at Pottsville, in the Charles Baber cemetery, on Dec. 14, 1906. Rev. T. Maxwell Morrison of the First Presbyterian church, of which he was a member, assisted by Rev. H. A. Keyser of Grace Reformed church, officiating.

**Shifferstine, E. E., M. D.**, was born in Tamaqua, Schuylkill county, Pa., Oct. 1, 1874. His parents, Henry D., and Mary A. (Swoyer) Shifferstine, were natives of Lehigh county, but have spent most of their lives in Tamaqua. The father came to that place as a boy of seventeen, and began working for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, being employed in the motive department of that corporation for about thirty-two years. He has been retired from active business during the last eighteen years and he and his wife are living at Tamaqua. Dr. E. E. Shifferstine is the only living child of these parents. But two children were born into the family and the other one died in infancy. The subject of this article has had excellent educational opportunities, which he has made an effort to turn to his advantage. After being graduated from the Tamaqua high school in the class of 1891 he accepted a position in a drug store for about eighteen months, when he began his preliminary work in the study of medicine. He had as preceptors two or three well known men in Weissport, Mauch Chunk and Tamaqua and was well prepared for entrance upon his collegiate studies. He was graduated at the University of Pennsylvania in June, 1899, and following his graduation he was employed in the State hospital for injured persons, at Fountain Springs, this county, for over four years, the last eighteen months being spent as assistant to the general superintendent. He spent eight months abroad, visiting and studying in the hospitals of Berlin and Munich, Germany. In June, 1905, the doctor estab-





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lished himself in general practice at Tamaqua. His previous experience as a hospital surgeon in the same locality, served as a favorable introduction to the people and the doctor at once began a successful professional career. He is an active worker in the various medical societies within his reach, being a member of the Schuylkill county medical society, Lehigh medical association, Pennsylvania state medical society, American medical association, and was secretary of the Anglo-American medical association of Berlin, Germany. In the fraternal associations the doctor is a member of the various Masonic bodies, has attained to the thirty-second degree and has passed all the collateral degrees in that time honored organization. Besides this, he is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Patriotic Order Sons of America in Tamaqua. He is a Republican in his political affiliations.

**Shindel, Charles Shoener**, a prominent citizen of Tamaqua, Pa., and its present postmaster, was born in that city April 29, 1867, a son of Conrad Fry and Mary Louise Shindel. He dates his ancestry back to the early colonial period of our country, his forebears having immigrated to this country in an early day. On the maternal side representatives of the family took part in the Revolutionary war and four great-uncles named Gore, were killed in the Wyoming massacre. Charles S. Shindel received his education at Wyoming seminary at Kingstown, Pa., since which time he has continually been identified with the business interests of the city of his birth. He was formerly engaged in the insurance business, is at this writing president of the Tamaqua Manufacturing Company, and is also serving this second term as postmaster, which is evidence of the esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens and a mark of approval of the business-like methods with which he has conducted that important office. He is a staunch supporter of the principals and policies for which the Republican party stands sponsor and is an active worker in the ranks of that party, having been honored by being elected chief burgess of his city for two terms prior to his appointment as postmaster. In a fraternal and social way, he is a member of Tamaqua Lodge No. 592, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the Scranton, Mohegan and Tamaqua clubs. Religiously he and his family are members of the Lutheran church. On Feb. 11, 1896, Mr. Shindel led to the altar, Miss Rosabel Shepp, a daughter of Daniel and Mary I. (Boger) Shepp of Tamaqua, and to this union have been born two children, Mary Louise and Isabel Dunham aged respectfully ten and seven years. Mr. Shindel takes a great interest in matters pertaining to agriculture, spends a great deal of his leisure time in that basic industry and manages a small farm for his mother, the same being located at Barnesville, Pa., where the family lived for years prior to the death of the father.

**Shoemaker, William H.**, a universally esteemed pioneer of Schuylkill county, was born in Pottsville on Oct. 17, 1832, a son of Marshall G. and Rebecca (Welliver) Shoemaker. The Shoe-

maker family has been prominently identified with the history of Pennsylvania and the United States for more than one hundred and fifty years. Jacob Shoemaker, the paternal great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in New Jersey in 1700 and served in the Continental army throughout the Revolutionary war. He was a man of fine education, both in the English and German languages, and lived to the ripe old age of eighty-nine years. He was buried with military honors on July 4, 1840, at Bloomsburg, Pa., and was one of the last of the Revolutionary war veterans of that locality. Andrew G. Shoemaker, a son of Jacob, married Catherine Girton and to them was born a son, Marshall G., in 1811, while they were residents of Columbia county. The latter, with the exception of two years (1832-34) spent in Pottsville, remained in his native county until 1865, engaged in mercantile pursuits. He then removed to Shenandoah and embarked in the same line of business, in which he continued until his death, in 1881, in his seventy-first year. His wife died two years later at the age of seventy-six. The maternal grandfather of William H. Shoemaker was Jacob Welliver, born in New Jersey and left an orphan at the age of fourteen. While still a youth he removed to Columbia county and settled on the Black run. There he continued to reside until the Wyoming massacre of July 3, 1778, drove all the settlers of the vicinity to Harrisburg. From there Mr. Welliver went to Philadelphia and became a member of the Continental army, in which he served until the close of the Revolution. He received no pay for his services as he was not regularly enrolled, and at the cessation of hostilities returned to his farm on the Black run, where he died in 1842 at the age of eighty-nine years. William H. Shoemaker, immediate subject of this sketch, received his educational advantages in the common schools and in Bradley's select school in Bloomsburg. When he had completed his scholastic work he became a clerk in his father's store and the postoffice at Buckhorn. He remained with his father in that capacity, with the exception of fourteen months when he was engaged in teaching, until 1857, in which year he was made a member of the firm and the name changed to M. G. & W. H. Shoemaker. After the father's removal to Shenandoah in 1865 he conducted the business at Buckhorn alone for twelve years and, although he was a Democrat, he was appointed postmaster by President Lincoln to succeed his parent, who had served twenty-five years in the position. Upon his removal to Shenandoah in 1877 he relinquished the office, having been re-appointed to it by Johnson, Grant and Hayes. In the spring of 1883 Mr. Shoemaker was elected justice of the peace and was re-elected to the office at each successive election until 1905. For a number of years, also, he was a member of the borough council and was president of that body from 1879 to 1883. He is a stalwart exponent of the principles of the Democratic party and has always taken an active and influential part in the political campaigns. His elevation to public office has always been as the candidate of that party, and he has filled every position with

credit to himself and honor to his constituents. Beside the offices he has held since a resident of Shenandoah he was township auditor of Buckhorn from 1854 to 1877. Mr. Shoemaker in December, 1857, married Miss Effie Farley, a daughter of the late Peter John Farley, of Stark county, Ohio, and to this union were born two sons. Edward, the elder, is a graduate of the Dickinson law college and is now a practicing attorney of Shenandoah. He married Myrtle Sands, of Bloomsburg, Pa., and makes his home in Shenandoah. Sanford W., who has been employed as a clerk for a number of years, is at the present time a formidable candidate for the office of justice of the peace. His wife was formerly Miss Maizie Liddell, a daughter of Alexander Liddell of Mahanoy City. He resides with his family in Baltimore, Md. The Shoemakers are all members of the Methodist Episcopal church and the father has been for more than forty years a member of the Masonic fraternity, being identified with Washington Lodge, No. 265, of Bloomsburg. Mr. Shoemaker's popularity with his fellow citizens may be easily judged when it is known that his retention in elective office as a candidate of the Democratic party was in a district which is normally largely Republican.

**Shugars, Hiram**, is not only an estimable citizen of Pottsville, but his occupation—that of tin-roofing, spouting, and repairing with heating work a specialty—makes him one of the most useful and necessary adjuncts to the thriving city in which he has his residence. Mr. Shugars was born at Catawissa, Columbia county, Pa., June 6, 1845, and is descended on both the paternal and maternal sides from pioneer families of Pennsylvania. His parents were Jacob and Mary (Hartzel) Shugars, both of whom were natives of Columbia county, where they resided during life, the father dying at the age of seventy-two and the mother at the advanced age of eighty-seven. The father followed farming as his life's vocation. As stated above both families were of pioneer stock in Columbia county, the maternal grandfather dying there at the extreme old age of ninety-three years. The subject of this review was reared in Columbia county and received his educational training in the public schools. In his preparation for a business career he served an apprenticeship of three years at the roofing business in Washingtonville, Montour county, after which he worked as a journeyman for twenty years, ten years of that time having been spent in Pottsville, where he located in 1875. In 1879 he embarked in business for himself along the lines specified in the introductory sentence of this review, and he has since successfully conducted the same, until now he has an establishment which is universally recognized as an important center of industry in the city of Pottsville. Mr. Shugars was married on July 4, 1873, selecting as his helpmate Euphemia Blee, of Jerseytown, Montour county, and to this union one son was born—William B., who is the manager of the Rettig brewery at Pottsville. William B. Shugars married Martha Potts, and he and his wife are the parents of two children, M. Elizabeth and Kathryn L. Hiram Shugars



is a member of the English Lutheran church at Pottsville, and his political predilections are marked by a strong adherence to the principles of the Democratic party.

**Shugars, William B.**, the efficient and popular manager of the Rettig Brewing Company, of Pottsville, is a scion of families founded in America in the colonial era, and the name which he bears has long been linked with the annals of the old Keystone state, of which he is a native son. Mr. Shugars was born at Washingtonville, Montour county, Pa., May 19, 1873, a son of Hiram and Euphemia Shugars, the former of whom was born in Columbia county, Pa., June 6, 1845, and the latter in Montour county, Nov. 9, 1847. One of the great-great-grandfathers in the paternal line served as a post rider in the Continental ranks during the war of the Revolution. The original American ancestors in the maternal line came to this country in 1740. William B. Shugars was a child at the time of his parents' removal to Pottsville, and in this city he was reared to maturity, receiving good educational advantages. He is an expert accountant, has been identified with the executive affairs of the Rettig Brewing Company since 1890, and is now manager of its office and business. In politics he is independent and his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. In a fraternal way he is a popular member of Pottsville Lodge, No. 207, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a young man who stands high in local business and social circles and his pleasant home is notable for its gracious hospitality. On Sept. 12, 1901, Mr. Shugars was united in marriage to Miss Martha W. Potts, daughter of Charles P. and Sally (St. Clair) Potts, of Pottsville, and this union has granted three children—Margaret Elizabeth, Marshall B. (deceased), and Kathryn Louise.

**Shumway, Jay Garrison**, editor and publisher of "The Call" at Schuylkill Haven, was born at Goshen, Cape May county, N. J., Oct. 20, 1869. He is descended from a long line of New England ancestry, his great-grandfather, Amasa Shumway, having been born in Vermont in 1788. About 1820 he removed to Mexico, Oswego county, N. Y., where he died in 1855. He was a farmer by occupation, and a strict follower of the religious doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal church. He married Hannah Spencer, an English woman, by whom he had a family of nine children, one of whom, Orsman Otway Shumway, was the paternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch. He was born at Mexico, N. Y., in 1825, and at the age of twenty years removed to Fulton in the same county, where he opened a book and stationery store which he conducted successfully for a number of years, when he was burned out. He then accepted the principalship of Faley seminary, holding that position for six years. He served as police justice for a number of years when, in 1867, he removed to Vineland, N. J., and again engaged in the book and stationery business, in which he continued until his death, in 1871. He was prominent in political affairs, and was twice the Republican nominee for the

office of state senator, but the district being strongly Democratic, he went down with the defeat of his party. For many years he was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was twice married, his first wife, who in maidenhood was Lydia Snyder, was the mother of Channing Shumway, father of the subject of this article. He was born in Fulton, N. Y., Aug. 21, 1844. Channing Shumway was the only child born to this union who lived to years of maturity. The father's union with Amanda Baldwin was also blessed with one son, Otway Shumway, now a resident of Oswego, N. Y. Channing Shumway was married on Dec. 20, 1868, to Miss Deborah, daughter of William F. Garrison, one of the most prominent ship-builders of Cape May county, N. J., and a son of William Garrison, a pioneer ship-builder of the New Jersey peninsula. Jay G. is the only surviving child born to this union, his brother, Otway H. having died on Nov. 5, 1896, and his mother, Deborah (Garrison) Shumway, died Feb. 10, 1874, at the age of twenty-eight years. On Feb. 9, 1876, Channing Shumway married Miss Ella J. Whitfield, of Pottsville, a daughter of Joseph Whitfield, a native of England, who was born near Liverpool in 1807, came to the United States in 1824, and settled in Pottsville in 1831. Here he conducted a dry-goods business for forty-six years, or until his death. He was class-mate of Edward Everett, Judge Story, Longfellow and others who achieved national greatness. Three children were born to the father's second marriage, Jessie W., Lucia D. and Channing R. The father of J. G. Shumway spent his early years after his graduation from Faley seminary as a clerk in the postoffice at Fulton, N. Y. He enlisted in 1863 as a member of Company A, 24th New York cavalry and served under that intrepid commander, Gen. Phil. Sheridan. His regiment was in the second division of Sheridan's cavalry corps, which was detached for service with the Army of the Potomac, while the remainder of the corps was maneuvering in the Shenandoah Valley. Beginning with the Wilderness campaign, Mr. Shumway participated in all the battles and skirmishes of the Army of the Potomac, and a number of raids into the enemy's country, up to and including the capitulation at Appomattox. He received a painful wound in the battle of June 19, 1864, in front of Petersburg, and was honorably discharged in June, 1865. Returning from the army, Mr. Shumway was employed in the postoffice at Washington, D. C., for one year, resigning that position to accept one in the employ of Joseph Fayal, of Jefferson county, N. Y. He was in the grocery business in New Jersey for three or four years and was a general agent for the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Company, leaving that position in 1870, to come to Pottsville, where he spent five years in the book and stationery business. In 1875, he was manager of the Pottsville Evening Chronicle; became treasurer and general manager of the Standard Publishing Company, when that corporation absorbed the Chronicle, publishing the Chronicle as a daily, and the Standard as a weekly, until Dec. 30, 1899, when he sold his interests and re-

moved to Philadelphia. He has since held a lucrative position in the accounting department of a large mercantile establishment. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity in Pottsville, has attained to the Knights Templars degree, and is also a member of Gowen Post, No. 23, Grand Army of the Republic, in Pottsville. Jay Garrison Shumway, the subject of this review, was educated in the Pottsville public schools. He learned the printing business in youth, and on Dec. 1, 1880, entered the employ of the Standard Publishing Company as a job printer. After about a year in this position, he accepted the offer of Alfred M. Slocum of Philadelphia, and held the position of pressman in that city for about one year. He then returned to the "Standard," and assumed charge of the job press room until April, 1880, when he became a reporter on the paper, and was finally promoted to the editorship, a position which he held from November, 1892, to Jan. 1, 1900, when the paper was sold. He served in various positions following this, principally with the International Correspondence Schools, until Nov. 11th, 1901, when he took charge of the "Call," which he now owns and publishes. It is a six-column folio, published weekly; is independent in politics and under its present management is a spicy and readable exponent of the local news. The plant is well equipped for the large patronage in job work and commercial printing which it receives. Mr. Shumway was married on Oct. 18, 1890, to Miss Mary M., daughter of William O. and Sarah (Burries) Davies. Her father was born in Chester, England, Feb. 27, 1847, came to America in 1862 and soon became prominently identified with the mercantile department of the Lehigh Valley Coal and Navigation Company. He was superintendent of two or more stores at different places, and his headquarters were frequently transferred. He was a member of the engineering corps which established the Saint Paul & Duluth railroad, later becoming freight accountant, paymaster and traveling auditor of that road, until he resigned in 1883 to become superintendent of the Southwest Virginia Improvement Company, with headquarters at Pocahontas, Va. He resumed mercantile pursuits in 1885, when he accepted the superintendency of two company stores at Snow Shoe, Pa., remaining there until 1889, when he moved to Wilkes Barre, and assumed the management of a commission house. In 1892 he came to Pottsville as general agent, and traveling accountant for the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, a position which he held at the time of his death, on Nov. 18, 1902. Mr. Davies was a Mason, and a member of the Odd Fellows. He was married at Mauch Chunk, Pa., to Sarah Burries on Aug. 19, 1872, and they had nine children, the eldest of whom is Mrs. Jay G. Shumway. Mr. and Mrs. Shumway have two children, Jay Davies, born July 4, 1900, and William Garrison, born Oct. 27, 1905. Mr. Shumway and wife are members of Saint Matthews Lutheran church in Schuylkill Haven.

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mining and became one of the pioneer operators in this part of the great anthracite district. In 1861 he sank the first shaft and built the first breaker in the Mahanoy valley, and this mine is now known as the North Mahanoy colliery, owned by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company. Prior to opening this property Mr. Silliman had been a resident of Pottsville, and had become convinced that abundant coal deposits were waiting development in the Mahanoy valley. His convictions in this regard led him to exploit his ideas by personal effort and investment and he secured from Biddle, Troutman & Dundas, of Philadelphia, a large tract of land in this locality. At that time the nearest coal operations were at Girardville, ten miles distant from the point where he established his colliery. On Jan. 14, 1862, the first shipment of coal was made from this new breaker, and this is to be recorded as the initial shipment within a radius of eight miles of the present Mahanoy City. Mr. Silliman's name gave title to the colliery, which at that time had a capacity for producing 100,000 tons of coal annually, with about 350 individuals represented on the pay roll. After operating this colliery for about eight years Mr. Silliman and his father disposed of their interest in the mine to the Crane Iron Company, of Catasauqua. It may be stated incidentally that the father was sheriff of Berks county as early as 1832. Soon after the sale of the mine a strike occurred among its operatives and the breaker was burned. The Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company shortly afterward secured control of the property, and to-day it is one of the largest and most profitably operated collieries in the region. After retiring from the enterprise noted, Mr. Silliman built an iron furnace at New Ringgold, but the undertaking was not a financial success owing to a general depression in the iron market at that time. He then turned his attention to the soft coal fields and became the operator of an extensive mine at Houtzdale, Clearfield county, where he was again a pioneer in developing the coal field, as he had previously been at Mahanoy City. He later acquired a tract of 1,600 acres of valuable coal land near Sheppton, Schuylkill county. Apart from this intimate connection with the early developments of the coal industry in this section, Mr. Silliman contributed in a splendid and generous way to the upbuilding of Mahanoy City, which continued to be his home until his death, which occurred on May 1, 1904. In 1864 he effected the organization of the First National bank of Mahanoy City, and thereafter he regularly attended the meetings of its directorate until within a few months prior to his demise. He was elected president of the bank in 1866 and filled this important executive office thereafter until he was called from the scene of life's endeavors. He was the organizer of the Mahanoy City Water Company, which supplies the city and also many collieries with water, and was president of the company from its inception until his death. He was also president and one of the incorporators of the Mahanoy City Electric Light, Heat and Power Company and the Mahanoy City Gas Company, and was a charter member of the Humane Hose Company. In 1875 Mr. Silliman organized the Silliman Guards, and the organi-

zation is now perpetuated as Company E, 8th regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard. Even these brief statements indicate the diversity of Mr. Silliman's interests, and show the broad-minded attributes of the man. He did not hedge himself in with the narrow lines of individual business aggrandizement, but found pleasure in the forwarding of enterprises for the general good and was a man unostentatious and kindly, easy of approach, generous and tolerant. His influence and helpfulness permeated the life and being of his home city and county and his capitalistic support did much to bring about the magnificent development of this section. Honesty and integrity dwelt with him as constant guests and he commanded the respect and confidence of all classes of people. In 1858 Mr. Silliman was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Keller, whose death occurred in 1894. They became the parents of four children: Ellen, now the wife of George H. Jackson, of Philadelphia; Edward, James and Charles, who remain residents of Mahanoy City. Mr. Silliman was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and his political allegiance was given to the Republican party.

**Silliman, Edward S.**, president of the First National bank and also of the City Water Company of Mahanoy City, was born Nov. 4, 1865, a son of Edward S. and Sarah (Keller) Silliman, both representatives of pioneer families in eastern Pennsylvania. His paternal grandfather, James Silliman, was elected sheriff of Berks county, Pa., in 1832. The subject of this sketch was born and educated in Mahanoy City and he has been a resident of his native borough during most of his life. He is prominently identified with the business and social affairs of Mahanoy City, with which the family name has long been associated. Mr. Silliman is a Republican in his political views, and affiliates with the Protestant Episcopal church. He is a member of the Union Republican club of Philadelphia, the Young Men's Republican club of Mahanoy City, and the Central Republican club of Pottsville. Of the fraternal societies he holds membership in the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks in Mahanoy City. Mr. Silliman was married on Dec. 7, 1905, to Miss Mabel S. Beck, a daughter of William and Matilda (Strauch) Beck, of Schuylkill county. Mr. and Mrs. Silliman are the happy parents of a little daughter, Miss Mary B., born in September, 1906.

**Silliman, H. I.**, editor of the Tamaqua Evening Courier, was born at Mahanoy Plane, Schuylkill county, Pa., Dec. 15, 1876, a son of John H. "Sillyman," the youngest son of John Sillyman, who was the eldest of four brothers prominent in the development of the timber and mining interests in the county in early days. These were James, Thomas, Samuel and John Sillyman, who came to Pottsville in 1820 as contractors in the building of the turnpike between Reading and Sunbury. After completing this work, they turned their attention to the timber business for a time, and later engaged extensively in mining operations. The mines on the "America Tract" at Pottsville were opened and operated by the Sillyman brothers, as was also the Bear Ridge tract, in the Schuylkill valley. Later they worked the

collieries at Crow Hollow, St. Clair, Middleport, Patterson, Tuscarora and Mahanoy City. They were all married and reared large families, some of whom retain the original spelling of the name, while others have substituted "i" for "y," and, whether right or wrong, the name is also found written "Selliman." The family was intensely loyal to the national government during the Civil war, each family contributing to the volunteer service, one of whom, James L. Silliman, was one of the "First Defenders," and died soon after being discharged from the three months' service in 1861. He was the first Civil war soldier buried in the Pottsville cemetery. The subject of this sketch has spent all of his mature years in journalism and other literary work. He was educated at the Tamaqua high school and at the age of sixteen began his newspaper career. For the last eight years he has been one of the editors of the Tamaqua Evening Courier, and in addition to this work contributes to the columns of other newspapers and magazines, having been the regular correspondent of the New York Sun from the southern coal fields during the last seven years. Mr. Silliman is active and influential in the business affairs of Tamaqua; is prominently identified with various lodges and social organizations; is a member and secretary of Tamaqua Lodge, No. 59, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; is also treasurer of the Elks' home, and is a member and secretary of the board of trustees of the Panther Creek Valley hospital association. John H. Silliman, father of the subject of this article, was for many years trainmaster on the Shamokin division of the Reading railroad, with headquarters at Mahanoy Plane. Later he was transferred to Tamaqua, subsequently going south and engaging in the contracting business. In 1889 he returned to Mahanoy Plane and resumed the duties of his former position there.

**Sillyman, Conard B.**, an insurance agent of prominence, whose place of business is at 122 West Mahantongo street, Pottsville, was born at St. Clair on July 13, 1871. He is a son of Conard B. and Mary E. (Van Horn) Sillyman, both natives of Schuylkill county, and on the father's side is a descendant of a long line of Schuylkill county pioneers. The father was in his earlier life engaged in mining, but abandoned it to enter the insurance business, in which he continued until his death, in 1892, at the age of fifty-three years. The mother and the four children are still living. The eldest child, J. Hiram, is engaged in the insurance business in Cleveland, O.; James S. is a salesman in Pittsburg; and the daughter, Mrs. E. S. Layson, resides in New York. The subject of this sketch is the youngest of the four. He attended the public schools of Pottsville and when he had completed his education he began his business career in his father's office. There he continued to work until the father's death, when he assumed the management of the whole establishment. The business includes three branches—life, fire and accident insurance—and from year to year has increased in volumes until it now ranks among the largest agencies as regards the amount and the number of policies issued. In politics he is independent, but is generally ranked with the Repub-

licans. He has never aspired to nor held office or any official position. In 1900 Mr. Sillyman married Miss Minnie B. Heebner, of Port Carbon, a daughter of Henry R. Heebner, a general merchant of that place. They have no children. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sillyman are members of and earnest workers in the First Presbyterian church of Pottsville, and Mr. Sillyman is recognized as one of the most public spirited and enterprising of Pottsville's citizens.

**Simonds, Prof. Benjamin S.**, principal of grammar school No. 1, of Pottsville, and an educator known all over the county, was born at Hartland, Vt., July 2, 1865, the eldest of a family of four children born to Benjamin S. and Mary Jeannette (Kean) Simonds, the former born in New Hampshire and the latter in Vermont. The father was engaged in the lumber business all his active life until his death, which occurred in October, 1902. The mother died in 1877. The other members of the family are William, who is in the lumber business in Woodstock, N. H.; Mary is the wife of A. H. McLean, also in the lumber business at Lincoln, N. H.; and Robert is a prominent member of the bar at St. Johnsbury, Vt. Professor Simonds received his preliminary educational opportunities at the McIndoe academy, where he prepared for college. In the fall of 1884 he entered Dartmouth college in the classical course, graduated there in 1888, and after three years more of work was given the degree of Master of Arts. His pedagogic career was begun the same year that he entered college and he was engaged in teaching all the time he was in the institution. Immediately after receiving his master's degree he was offered a position as professor of mathematics in the Bradford county institute of Starke, Fla., which he accepted and held for a year. When he returned north to spend his vacation he was elected assistant in the Pottsville high school and assumed the charge that fall. He continued in the position until 1906, when the board of school directors selected him to take charge of grammar school No. 1, at the head of a teaching force of three instructors. In 1896, at Ludlow, Mass., Professor Simonds married Miss Marion J. Quick, a native of Massachusetts. Mrs. Simonds is a graduate of an academy at Plainfield, Conn., and of Mt. Holyoke college in the class of 1891. Just prior to her marriage she was engaged as a teacher in a private school of Pottsville. To Mr. and Mrs. Simonds have been born three children—Carlton N., Robert T. and Marion B. The family are members of the Presbyterian church and the father is identified with a number of insurance and beneficial societies. He is a past grand of Miners' Lodge, No. 20, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of Franklin Encampment, No. 4. He also claims membership in the American academy of sciences, the Midwinter educational club, the Schuylkill county educational association, and the board of trade of Pottsville. Of the two last named organizations he is the secretary. Professor Simonds is very prominent in all professional and social affairs of the community, and is recognized as a man of broad culture and fine intellectual capacity.



**Skweir, Andrew**, a merchant of McAdoo and postmaster of the borough, was born in Austria in June, 1857, one of eight children born to Finko and Anna (Daulnak) Skweir. A brother, Albert, who lives in Ohio, is the only other member of the family in the United States. Another brother, Nicholas, and five sisters, Anna, Mary, Paulina, Fannie and Eva, are all living in Austria. The subject of this sketch attended the common schools of his native country until he was fifteen years of age and then for five years worked on his father's farm. At the age of twenty-three he came to the United States and located in Jeansville, Pa., where he obtained a position as hoisting and pump engineer. After eight years in that place he removed to Hazleton and engaged in the wholesale liquor and grocery business. Two years later he came to McAdoo, which was then a settlement with but few inhabitants, erected a building and engaged in the grocery and hardware business, which he has since been most successfully conducting. For some time now he has held the office of postmaster. In 1887 was solemnized Mr. Skweir's marriage to Eva Yankowicz, of Jeansville, a daughter of George and Mary Yankowicz. She has three brothers and a sister, viz.: Andrew, Wasiel, John and Julia. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Skweir are ten in number, viz.: Antonio (I), (deceased); Anna, John, Antonio (II), Michael, Mary, Paulina (deceased), Andrew (deceased), Julia and Helen. The family are all communicants of the Greek Catholic church of McAdoo. In politics Mr. Skweir is an ardent believer in the tenets of the Republican party, and as the candidate of that party was twice elected to terms, a period of six years, in the borough council. He is also a prominent member of the Citizens' club of McAdoo.

**Slater, Harry P.**, a real estate dealer and proprietor of the Centennial hall at Pottsville, was born in that city Aug. 29, 1844. His parents, George W. and Anna S. (McCartney) Slater, were both natives of Pennsylvania, the father of Union county and the mother of Germantown, their families having been among the pioneers in those sections of the state. George W. Slater located in Pottsville in the early '40s, and engaged in the grocery business and mining. In 1863 he purchased the town hall, which had been erected in 1840, and conducted it as a place of amusement until it was destroyed by fire in 1876. The structure was immediately rebuilt in more modern style from the first story up and he continued to operate it until his death, when it passed into the possession of his son. The mother also is deceased. Harry P. Slater was educated in the schools of his native city and in early life learned the printer's trade. During the Civil war he served for nearly four years as a marine in the United States navy, serving under Porter, Dahlgren, Farragut and other illustrious commanders. In 1868 he went west and spent several years in Denver, Col., and Helena, Mont. He then returned to Pottsville, which city he has ever since considered his home, though he worked for some time in the government printing office at Washington, and was also employed in the treasury department. He is a staunch Republican in his political affiliations and takes a keen interest in all questions

pertaining to the public welfare. He is a member of George G. Meade Post, No. 6, Army and Navy Veterans, of Pottsville. He married Miss Clara K., daughter of Frederick Speacht, of Pottsville. Her grandfather, who settled at Pottsville in 1831, served under Napoleon and was at the burning of Moscow. Mr. Slater is regarded as one of the wide-awake, public-spirited men of Pottsville, always ready to do his part to further any movement for the advancement of the material interests of the city, while his judgment as to values of realty is second to none in the county.

**Slattery, Daniel I.**, is the senior member of the firm of Slattery Bros., at Tuscarora, the fame of which general merchandise establishment is by no means confined to the limits of the village in which it is located, but extends throughout all of the surrounding country from which it draws a gratifying patronage. Mr. Slattery was born in Tuscarora, Aug. 31, 1869, a son of John J. and Alice (Kelly) Slattery, the former a native of Canada, and the latter of New Philadelphia, Schuylkill county. The father migrated to the United States in the early '60s and settled in Port Carbon, where he followed the business of boating on the Schuylkill canal for a number of years. In 1864 he located at Tuscarora and engaged in the general mercantile business, which occupation he followed until his death in March, 1895. He left a family of seven children, viz.: Margaret, wife of James Kenna; George, deceased; John J.; Daniel I.; Thomas F.; James B. and Dennis J. Daniel I. Slattery, to whom this review is more particularly dedicated, was reared in Tuscarora and received his educational training in the public schools of that place. At the early age of twelve years he secured employment as a slate picker and began his independent career. Later he worked in the mines for seven years and then entered his father's store, where he was employed until the time of the parent's death. He and his brother, Thomas F., then succeeded to the business and have since conducted the same under the firm name of Slattery Bros. They have the oldest as well as the leading mercantile establishment in the village of Tuscarora, and the sons are well maintaining the reputation so firmly fixed by their honored father in the matter of upright and honest dealing. Daniel I. Slattery is a member of St. Jerome's church at Tamaqua, and fraternally he has membership in Tamaqua Lodge, No. 591, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Lodge of Foresters at Tuscarora. Aside from his mercantile business he is interested as a stockholder and operator of the Bell colliery, located in Schuylkill township, and the Slattery Bros. are proprietors of the Port Carbon colliery, located in East Norwegian township. In politics Mr. Slattery is a Democrat and during the past twelve years has filled the position of justice of the peace.

**Smith, Albert**, a resident of Yorkville, who holds the position of section foreman on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, was born in Pottsville, Schuylkill county, June 4, 1846, a son of Albert and Magdalena (Siegel) Smith, the former born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and the latter in the province of Alsace-Lorraine,

which was then under French dominion. The father came to America about 1840 and located in Yorkville, Schuylkill county, Pa., where he became identified with the coal-mining industry. He later engaged in farming and for many years was in the employ of the Mine Hill Railroad Company as foreman. He died in his forty-ninth year and his wife survived him by a number of years. Of their nine children seven grew to maturity. The names of the children are here entered in order of their birth: Elizabeth, Albert, Henry, Andrew, Margaret, John, Kate, Joseph, and Bernard. Elizabeth, Andrew, Margaret, John, Kate and Joseph are now deceased. The subject of this sketch was reared to manhood in Schuylkill county and received limited educational advantages in his youth, as he early assumed the practical responsibilities of life. In 1856 he entered the employ of the Mine Hill Railroad Company as water boy, and since 1864 he has been continuously in the service of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company. Since 1870 he has held his present position as foreman and has resided in Yorkville during the long intervening period. In politics he is independent and he and his wife are communicants of St. Joseph's Catholic church in their home town. He is a member of the Philadelphia & Reading relief association. A letter which Mr. Smith received from Rufus Wilder, of Cressona, former superintendent of the Mine Hill Railroad, dated Jan. 31, 1900, contains statements which are worthy of reproduction in this sketch: "I remember your father, Albert Smith, who was section foreman of the Mine Hill railroad from West Wood to Germantown. I also remember you as a very good little boy for the repair force on that section. I am glad to hear that you are still employed by the company. It shows you have always been a faithful employe, as your father was before you. A half century has passed since you entered the service of the company, and I trust that in that time you have earned and received deserved promotion." On May 28, 1871, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Christ, daughter of George and Margaret (Rice) Christ, of West Wood, and they have seven children—Eliza, Albert, Jr., George, Margaret, Edward, Charles and William. Eliza is now the wife of Howell Quinn.

**Smith, Daniel H.**, a merchant and dealer in farm implements at Haas, Pa., was born in Eldred township, Schuylkill county, Oct. 9, 1850, a son of John S. and Judith (Herb) Smith, the father being a mechanic in Haas during all of his mature years. He was a master at his trade of blacksmithing and was able to design and make anything within the sphere of his business. The paternal grandfather of Daniel H. Smith was also named John Smith and was among the pioneer carpenters and boat builders of Pottsville. He located in Eldred township in an early day and both he and his son John S. were identified with the development of that township, contributing their share toward its material growth and prosperity. They owned farms which they tilled in connection with their mechanical work. John S. Smith was a Republican in political preferences, and a member of the Church of God. Daniel H. Smith is the eldest of ten chil-

dren born to his parents, the others being Charles, of Ashland, Pa.; William, in Eldred township; Felix, deceased; John, a farmer in Eldred township; Mary, of Mount Carmel; Catherine, deceased; Lizzie, of Tower City, Pa.; Sarah, wife of William Beisel of Shamokin, Pa., and Lewis, deceased. The subject of this sketch was educated in the public schools and at the age of nineteen started on his business career independent of home counsels or restrictions. He married Miss Susanna Derr, of Fountain Springs, Pa., and they have four children living, the youngest of the family, John, having died at the age of four years. The eldest is Emma, now the wife of James Knerr, of Eldred township; Jane is married to E. W. Brosius, also of Eldred township; Cyrus, a blacksmith by occupation, married Clara Hepler and resides at his parental home; Dirzah became the wife of William Treon and resides at Locust Dale, Pa. Mr. Smith served an apprenticeship to the blacksmith's trade during his youth, and worked at that business for thirty-four years. He owns a farm which he conducts in connection with his mercantile business at Haas. This includes a full line of staple and fancy groceries, drugs, confectionery, tobacco and cigars, farm implements, etc. He has been assessor of Eldred township for fifteen years; served twelve years as a member of the township school board; has been local agent of the North Western Mutual Fire Insurance Company for twenty years; and has been postmaster at Haas for twenty-one years. He is a man thoroughly well read, and a leader in the councils of Republicanism. His friends are legion, and his acquaintance extends to the remotest corners of the county.

**Smith, Francis H.**, a representative dairyman of the borough of Yorkville, is a native of Schuylkill county and a member of one of its honored families. He was born in the family home on the site of the present academy of music in the city of Pottsville, Nov. 7, 1842, a son of William C. and Diana (Cake) Smith, the former born in the city of Philadelphia and the latter in Pottsville. The maternal grandfather, Levi Cake, was a scion of one of the pioneer families of Pennsylvania, of which he was a native, and he himself was one of the early settlers of Pottsville. He was a boat and ship builder by trade and assisted in the building of many of the boats that plied the canal between Pottsville and Philadelphia in the early days. He continued to reside in Pottsville until his death. William C. Smith settled in Pottsville in 1840. He was a machinist by trade and upon coming to Pottsville entered the employ of Wren Bros., who then conducted what was known as the Eagle foundry. Three years later he became superintendent of the machine shops of Haywood & Snyder and later held the same position with the firm of Snyder & Millens, with whom he remained until 1855, when he formed a partnership with Benjamin Pomeroy and son, under the name of Pomeroy, Smith & Pomeroy, in the same line of business. The partnership was dissolved three years later and Mr. Smith thereafter conducted a machine shop of his own until 1861, when he engaged in the coal business at Hekscherville, this county, operating the East and West Pine Knot



collieries until 1864. In 1866 he removed to Shamokin, Northumberland county, where he successfully operated the Lancaster colliery until the time of his death, which occurred on Nov. 20, 1890, at the age of seventy-seven years. He left a competency to his widow and children. Of the five children the subject of this sketch was the first born, Emma, now deceased, was the wife of Jacob R. Kiser, who was associated with her father in the coal business; Ralph H. is deceased; Warren M. went to Australia in 1886 and died there; and Burton B. is engaged in the hardware business in Shamokin. Francis H. Smith was reared to maturity in Pottsville, in whose common schools he received his early educational discipline, learned the machinist trade under the able direction of his honored father, and was identified with the work of his trade for twenty-one years. He was in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company for twenty-one years, having previously been superintendent of the Monmouth Vein Consolidated Coal Company, at Locust Gap, Northumberland county, from 1864 to 1868. For the past decade he has successfully conducted a dairy farm at Yorkville, where he has a finely improved property and controls a large and appreciative patronage. Mr. Smith was a leal and loyal soldier of the Union in the Civil war, having enlisted on Aug. 18, 1862, in Company B, 126th Pennsylvania volunteer infantry, with which he took part in numerous engagements, the more important of which were the battles of Antietam, Kearneysville, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. He received his honorable discharge at Harrisburg, Pa., May 18, 1863. In his political adherence Mr. Smith is found arrayed as a stalwart supporter of the principles of the Republican party. He is affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic and both he and his wife are members of the English Lutheran church. Dec. 29, 1864, recorded the marriage of Mr. Smith to Miss Caroline Heller, daughter of Henry and Magdalene (Byle) Heller, of Mount Carbon, this county, and of their four children only one is living—Calantha, who is the wife of Frank J. Cavanaugh, a successful railroad contractor.

**Smith, William Frank**, who conducts a modern and well-equipped general store in Nuremberg, was born in Nescopeck, Luzerne county, Pa., May 10, 1860, a son of Albert and Sarah Jane (Raber) Smith. He attended the public schools of his native township, rounding out his educational preparation by a course in the Orangeville academy and subsequently attended the Bloomsburg normal school. During his attendance he was also engaged in pedagogic work, this arrangement continuing for eight years. On Oct. 11, 1893, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Ida May Readler, daughter of Philip and Lydia (Hess) Readler, of Luzerne county, by the Rev. W. D. Donat, pastor of the Wapwallopen charge, Pa. In 1896, in partnership with William M. Kershner, he opened a general store under the firm name of Kershner & Smith. In January, 1901, the partnership was dissolved, Mr. Kershner resigning and being succeeded by Mr. John C. Weiss. The concern was managed under the firm name of Smith & Weiss until September, 1904, when Mr. Weiss withdrew and Mr.

Smith undertook the entire responsibility. That he has made a success of his venture is evident by the increase of patronage from year to year and the continual enlargement of the capacity of the store. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of and active workers in the Emanuel Reformed church of Nuremberg, and he is identified with the Nuremberg Lodge, No. 1075, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a past officer in the same. He is a man of good business capacity, absolute integrity and well-merited respectability.

**Smoll, Rev. Edwin H.**, the eloquent and popular pastor of Christ Evangelical Lutheran church at Schuylkill Haven, is a native of Philadelphia, where he was born April 2, 1861, a son of Rev. B. S. Smoll, a native of Upper Hanover, Montgomery county, Pa. The father was a Lutheran minister, in which laudable work his life has been spent, and his grandfather, Peter Smoll, was a soldier during the Revolutionary war. Peter Smoll's wife, though not bearing arms, contributed her share of service to the cause of national independence, as she accompanied her husband in his perilous work and assisted in every way possible to render his burdens lighter. The hand of this noble woman soothed the pains of the sick and wounded and tenderly cared for the dying. She was of Irish birth, devoted to her young husband and the cause which he served, and no sacrifice was too great for her to make for the benefit of either. Rev. Edwin H. Smoll received his elementary education in the schools of Pennsburg, Montgomery county, Pa., and on June 25, 1882, was graduated at the Muhlenberg (Lutheran) college of Allentown, Pa., after which he completed the course in theology at the Lutheran seminary on Franklin street, Philadelphia. He was ordained to the ministry of the Lutheran church at Allentown on June 2, 1885, and in August of the same year was called to the Millersville parish in Lancaster county. There he served three congregations until Nov. 7, 1886, when he was called to his present charge. This embraces three churches, with the central congregation at Schuylkill Haven. Christ church is a strong and prosperous organization, embracing on its roll of membership many of the leading citizens of the borough. A handsome new church edifice has been erected within the years 1905-1906, and it is one of the principal church buildings in the town. In addition to this, Mr. Smoll has pastoral charge of the congregations at St. Paul's church, in South Manheim township, and St. John's church at Friedensburg. These are all very old organizations, established in early pioneer days, and are under the control of the general council of the Lutheran organization in the United States. Mr. Smoll was married on Oct. 2, 1889, to Miss Mada A., daughter of Charles F. and Ellen (Laubenstine) Weaver, of Cressona, Pa. Their only child, a daughter named Ruth Irene, was born March 22, 1892, and is now a diligent student in the high school. Mr. Smoll is independent in his political views, holding aloof from party ties and obligations. He votes for men rather than measures, and regards the political machinery of the country as too much under the domination of so-called "party leaders."

**Snyder, A. J.**, proprietor of a bottling establishment in Tamaqua, was born in Schuylkill county on Sept. 4, 1857, a son of Michael and Salome Snyder. The mother was born in this county and the father in Northumberland county. He was a millwright by trade, but the latter part of his active life was spent in farming in Schuylkill county. He died in 1887 at the age of sixty years and his wife passed away a year later at the age of fifty-nine. Several of the minor political offices were filled by the father and he was for many years an officer in the Lutheran church. The subject of this sketch is the fourth in order of birth of the twelve children in the family, of whom ten survive. Amanda is Mrs. William Lemke, of Tower City; John H. is an invalid; James W. is a railroad man with headquarters in Harrisburg; Aaron L. met his death in an accident on the railroad in 1887; Amos F. resides on the old homestead in Barry township, this county; Simon P. is a mill owner of Barry township; Michael F. is a farmer in the same township; Mary is married; Sarah is the wife of Charles Okenhouse, a farmer living near Tower City; another sister is Mrs. Schwalm, of Gowen City, Pa.; and the other child died in infancy. A. J. Snyder attended the public schools in his native township and spent the first few years of his life after the completion of his scholastic training on his father's farm. From the farm he went to Taylorsville, where he was actively engaged in the hotel business for four years and for four more conducted a saloon. From Ashland he removed to Tamaqua and embarked in the bottling business. For fourteen years now (1907) he has been most successfully conducting this business and is now regarded as one of the most substantial business men of Tamaqua. He is now serving his second term as member of the school board, for three years, under Dr. D. S. Marshall, he was deputy coroner, and also served as deputy under Dr. C. A. Bleiler, of Frackville. On May 27, 1882, Mr. Snyder married Miss Christina Billman, born in the township of Barry on Jan. 5, 1856, and a daughter of C. M. and Christina Billman. Mrs. Snyder died on May 2, 1900, leaving besides the bereaved husband five children. Lizzie Ann is the wife of Albert Weidner, of Carbondale, and the mother of a son, Albert Jackson; Martha E. is now serving her fourth year as a teacher in the Tamaqua schools; and the others are Verna S., Edna Florence and Andrew Charles. The family are communicants of the Lutheran church and the father is fraternally identified with the Royal Arcanum and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

**Snyder, Amos Franklin**, a substantial farmer and dealer in farm implements, was born in Barry township, Schuylkill county, July 18, 1861, a son of Michael and Salome (Schrope) Snyder, the former of whom was born in Northumberland county, and the latter in Hegins township, Schuylkill county. The subject of this sketch attended township and district schools until he was eighteen years of age and then started to earn a livelihood by following agricultural pursuits. Subsequently, in 1886, he began a jobbing business in farm implements as a matter of diversion rather than business, but at the present time







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it has grown such dimensions as to absorb a large part of the time. He does considerable market trading besides, and is a successful farmer, delivering his produce to dealers in private and public markets. On Feb. 22, 1885, Mr. Mayden married Miss Josephine L. Child, daughter of Abraham and Mary Child, of Litchfield, Conn., and six children—three sons and three daughters—have blessed this union. The children are Charles N., Le Roy, Raymond F., Mary, Josephine and William. The family numbers are 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010, 1011, 1012, 1013, 1014, 1015, 1016, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1020, 1021, 1022, 1023, 1024, 1025, 1026, 1027, 1028, 1029, 1030, 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036, 1037, 1038, 1039, 1040, 1041, 1042, 1043, 1044, 1045, 1046, 1047, 1048, 1049, 1050, 1051, 1052, 1053, 1054, 1055, 1056, 1057, 1058, 1059, 1060, 1061, 1062, 1063, 1064, 1065, 1066, 1067, 1068, 1069, 1070, 1071, 1072, 1073, 1074, 1075, 1076, 1077, 1078, 1079, 1080, 1081, 1082, 1083, 1084, 1085, 1086, 1087, 1088, 1089, 1090, 1091, 1092, 1093, 1094, 1095, 1096, 1097, 1098, 1099, 1100, 1101, 1102, 1103, 1104, 1105, 1106, 1107, 1108, 1109, 1110, 1111, 1112, 1113, 1114, 1115, 1116, 1117, 1118, 1119, 1120, 1121, 1122, 1123, 1124, 1125, 1126, 1127, 1128, 1129, 1130, 1131, 1132, 1133, 1134, 1135, 1136, 1137, 1138, 1139, 1140, 1141, 1142, 1143, 1144, 1145, 1146, 1147, 1148, 1149, 1150, 1151, 1152, 1153, 1154, 1155, 1156, 1157, 1158, 1159, 1160, 1161, 1162, 1163, 1164, 1165, 1166, 1167, 1168, 1169, 1170, 1171, 1172, 1173, 1174, 1175, 1176, 1177, 1178, 1179, 1180, 1181, 1182, 1183, 1184, 1185, 1186, 1187, 1188, 1189, 1190, 1191, 1192, 1193, 1194, 1195, 1196, 1197, 1198, 1199, 1200, 1201, 1202, 1203, 1204, 1205, 1206, 1207, 1208, 1209, 1210, 1211, 1212, 1213, 1214, 1215, 1216, 1217, 1218, 1219, 1220, 1221, 1222, 1223, 1224, 1225, 1226, 1227, 1228, 1229, 1230, 1231, 1232, 1233, 1234, 1235, 1236, 1237, 1238, 1239, 1240, 1241, 1242, 1243, 1244, 1245, 1246, 1247, 1248, 1249, 1250, 1251, 1252, 1253, 1254, 1255, 1256, 1257, 1258, 1259, 1260, 1261, 1262, 1263, 1264, 1265, 1266, 1267, 1268, 1269, 1270, 1271, 1272, 1273, 1274, 1275, 1276, 1277, 1278, 1279, 1280, 1281, 1282, 1283, 1284, 1285, 1286, 1287, 1288, 1289, 1290, 1291, 1292, 1293, 1294, 1295, 1296, 1297, 1298, 1299, 1300, 1301, 1302, 1303, 1304, 1305, 1306, 1307, 1308, 1309, 1310, 1311, 1312, 1313, 1314, 1315, 1316, 1317, 1318, 1319, 1320, 1321, 1322, 1323, 1324, 1325, 1326, 1327, 1328, 1329, 1330, 1331, 1332, 1333, 1334, 1335, 1336, 1337, 1338, 1339, 1340, 1341, 1342, 1343, 1344, 1345, 1346, 1347, 1348, 1349, 1350, 1351, 1352, 1353, 1354, 1355, 1356, 1357, 1358, 1359, 1360, 1361, 1362, 1363, 1364, 1365, 1366, 1367, 1368, 1369, 1370, 1371, 1372, 1373, 1374, 1375, 1376, 1377, 1378, 1379, 1380, 1381, 1382, 1383, 1384, 1385, 1386, 1387, 1388, 1389, 1390, 1391, 1392, 1393, 1394, 1395, 1396, 1397, 1398, 1399, 1400, 1401, 1402, 1403, 1404, 1405, 1406, 1407, 1408, 1409, 1410, 1411, 1412, 1413, 1414, 1415, 1416, 1417, 1418, 1419, 1420, 1421, 1422, 1423, 1424, 1425, 1426, 1427, 1428, 1429, 1430, 1431, 1432, 1433, 1434, 1435, 1436, 1437, 1438, 1439, 1440, 1441, 1442, 1443, 1444, 1445, 1446, 1447, 1448, 1449, 1450, 1451, 1452, 1453, 1454, 1455, 1456, 1457, 1458, 1459, 1460, 1461, 1462, 1463, 1464, 1465, 1466, 1467, 1468, 1469, 1470, 1471, 1472, 1473, 1474, 1475, 1476, 1477, 1478, 1479, 1480, 1481, 1482, 1483, 1484, 1485, 1486, 1487, 1488, 1489, 1490, 1491, 1492, 1493, 1494, 1495, 1496, 1497, 1498, 1499, 1500, 1501, 1502, 1503, 1504, 1505, 1506, 1507, 1508, 1509, 1510, 1511, 1512, 1513, 1514, 1515, 1516, 1517, 1518, 1519, 1520, 1521, 1522, 1523, 1524, 1525, 1526, 1527, 1528, 1529, 1530, 1531, 1532, 1533, 1534, 1535, 1536, 1537, 1538, 1539, 1540, 1541, 1542, 1543, 1544, 1545, 1546, 1547, 1548, 1549, 1550, 1551, 1552, 1553, 1554, 1555, 1556, 1557, 1558, 1559, 1560, 1561, 1562, 1563, 1564, 1565, 1566, 1567, 1568, 1569, 1570, 1571, 1572, 1573, 1574, 1575, 1576, 1577, 1578, 1579, 1580, 1581, 1582, 1583, 1584, 1585, 1586, 1587, 1588, 1589, 1590, 1591, 1592, 1593, 1594, 1595, 1596, 1597, 1598, 1599, 1600, 1601, 1602, 1603, 1604, 1605, 1606, 1607, 1608, 1609, 1610, 1611, 1612, 1613, 1614, 1615, 1616, 1617, 1618, 1619, 1620, 1621, 1622, 1623, 1624, 1625, 1626, 1627, 1628, 1629, 1630, 1631, 1632, 1633, 1634, 1635, 1636, 1637, 1638, 1639, 1640, 1641, 1642, 1643, 1644, 1645, 1646, 1647, 1648, 1649, 1650, 1651, 1652, 1653, 1654, 1655, 1656, 1657, 1658, 1659, 1660, 1661, 1662,

He has been elected school director. Prater is also one of the members with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has been active in the lodge since he joined it.

Prater is a gentleman, enterprising, active and cheerful.

Snyder, Charles A., attorney-at-law, of Pottsville is a native of the same State, having been born at Pottsville, April 16, 1807. His father, William Herb Snyder, was born in Schuylkill county, Oct. 6, 1844. His mother's maiden name was Leah Hoeffler Brua, was born in Germany. The grandparents on both sides were among the early settlers in the hocken region of Berks county, and were members in the formation of the Lutheran church in America, one of the first churches being a delegate to the first Lutheran convention held in 1809. He also participants in the Indian and colonial wars during the Revolution, while the family has been represented in all the subsequent wars in which the United States have been involved. William H. Snyder served throughout the war of 1812 as captain of the 18th and 172nd Pennsylvania volunteer infantry. He received his education in the public schools and afterward took in the common law. Upon his admission to the bar he began practice in Pottsville, where he has ever since continued, and where he has a representative clientele. He is a Republican in his political affiliations and takes an active interest in all public questions, especially those affecting the public school. He has served as clerk of the district court, assessor, comptroller and for many years as justice of the peace. He entered the fourth district of the State Bar Association in 1886. In religious matters, his family are members of the Lutheran church, and in social circles Mr. Snyder is connected with the Odd Fellows, Red Cross, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and the Protective Order Sons of America. On March 1, 1891, Mr. Snyder was married to George W. Snyder, daughter of Charles D. and Ellen (Hoffman) Snyder, of Berks county. Her father was a prominent educator and lawyer in Pottsville, Pa. Mr. and



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it has grown to such dimensions as to absorb a large part of his time. He does considerable market gardening besides his general farming, delivering his produce to dealers and private customers in Barry. On Feb. 22, 1885, Mr. Snyder married Miss Abbie Erdman, daughter of Abraham and Mary (Troutman) Erdman, and six children—three sons and as many daughters—have blessed this union. They are: Charles N., Leon E., Raymond F., Mamie I., Grace V. and Elsie A. The family are all members of and devout workers in the Lutheran church of Barry. For six years Mr. Snyder was superintendent of its Sunday school until about two years ago, when the church organized a branch school and he was given charge of it. In politics he is a leader in the local councils of the Democratic party and as the candidate of that political organization has been honored with election to the offices of assessor and school director. Fraternally he was at one time associated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, but of late years has not been actively identified with any secret organization. He is a public-spirited, Christian gentleman, enterprising, active and enthusiastic.

**Snyder, Charles A.**, a well known attorney of Pottsville, is a native of the Keystone state, having been born at Pillow, Dauphin county, April 16, 1867. His father, William Herb Snyder, was born in Schuylkill county, Oct. 6, 1844, and his mother, whose maiden name was Leah Hoeffer Brua, was born at Pillow, Dec. 23, 1843. The grandparents on both sides were among the early settlers of the Tulpehocken region of Berks county, and were prominent in the formation of the Lutheran church in America, one of the ancestors, Peter Brua, being a delegate to the first Lutheran synod. The ancestors were also participants in the Indian and colonial wars and the war of the Revolution, while the family has been represented in all the subsequent wars in which the United States have been involved. William H. Snyder served throughout the war of the Rebellion in the 108th and 172nd Pennsylvania volunteer infantry. Charles A. Snyder was educated in the public schools and afterward took up the study of law. Upon his admission to the bar he began practice in Pottsville, where he has ever since continued, and where he has a representative clientage. He is a Republican in his political affiliations and takes an active interest in all public questions, particularly those affecting the public schools. He has served as city solicitor, deputy district attorney, comptroller, and for three terms, from 1903 to 1907, represented the Fourth district of Schuylkill county in the state legislature. In religious matters, his family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church, and in fraternal circles Mr. Snyder belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and the Protective Order Sons of America. On May 21, 1891, Mr. Snyder was united in marriage to Miss Laura, daughter of Charles D. and Ellen (Hoffman) Arters, of Churchtown, Lancaster county. Her father was long and favorably known as one of the most prominent educators of Schuylkill county, where he came in the early '70s. Mr. and



Mrs. Snyder have two children: Ruth, born Oct. 9, 1892, and Droz Emma, born April 12, 1900.

**Snyder, Simon P.**, now operating a mill near Barry, is a son of Michael and Salome (Schrope) Snyder, and was born in the township where he now resides, May 29, 1866. He attended the public schools of his native township until he was sixteen years of age and then for a number of years assisted his father in the management of the farm. When he started business for himself he embarked in the mill industry and has followed no other line. He is also known as a maker of excellent cider, which has attained quite a reputation for its purity, and is a manufacturer of picket fencing. On July 15, 1888, Mr. Snyder married Miss Emma Schucker, a daughter of John Schucker, and to this union have been born fourteen children. Of these but four survive—Harry A., Maudie S., H. Lottie and Mary Ethel. The family are all earnest and conscientious members of the Lutheran church of Barry, of which Mr. Snyder has for many years been one of the deacons. In politics he is a Democrat of the old school and has been the recipient of many official honors at the hands of his party, among them those of supervisor, tax collector and auditor. For many years he was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, but of recent years has been inactive. He still claims active membership, however, in Barry Camp, No. 441, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America. Mr. Snyder comes of a fine line of pioneer Pennsylvanians, his father having been born in Northumberland county and his mother in Hegins township of Schuylkill county. His paternal grandfather, John Snyder, was a man of prominence in his day, and his maternal grandfather, Andrew Schrope, married a member of the Crawford family, famous in the annals of Keystone state history.

**Spayd, Prof. H. H.**, a well known educator in Schuylkill county, is a native of Myerstown, Lebanon county, Pa., where he was born on Oct. 26, 1845. At the dawn of young manhood he left his studies to enter the service of his country and served three years as a member of Company C, 140th Pennsylvania volunteer infantry. He participated in many of the hard-fought battles with the Army of the Potomac, among which may be enumerated Pollock's Mills, Fredricksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Laurel Hill, North Anna, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Todd's Tavern, Totopotomoy, Six Mile House, Boydton Road, Petersburg (battle and siege) and the two battles of Hatcher's Run. The campaign from the Wilderness to Petersburg was one continuous battle when the soldier at the front was never out of range of the enemy's bullets. It must also be remembered that every battle was preceded by skirmishing as an initiative measure and that there were often hot skirmishes which were not immediately followed by general engagements. These were equally as disastrous to the men engaged and usually involved greater physical exertion than the battle-front. Mr. Spayd was thrice wounded during his term of service. He received a serious wound at the battle of Gettysburg and was left on the field, which subsequently fell into the enemy's hands. Being unable to walk, he was allowed to be retaken

by his friends and was cared for by them in hospitals at Gettysburg, Baltimore, Md., and Germantown, Pa., until he was sent to the front in December, 1863, after being nearly six months under treatment. In May, 1864, began the very active campaign which terminated at Appomattox and the subject of this article participated in the stirring events of the time. He received two slight wounds during the battles of the Wilderness campaign and while besieging Petersburg took part in the battle at Weldon railroad in an effort to cut the enemy's source of supplies. He was discharged as color-bearer of his regiment. Mr. Spayd returned to his parental home at the close of the war and resumed his educational work so summarily interrupted. His educational opportunities were of the best and after completing the work of the public schools of Myerstown and the Academy at the same place he took courses at the Millersville state normal school, the Palatinate college at Myerstown and at the Elmira, N. Y., business college. He engaged in teaching at the age of nineteen and this has been practically his life work. His first teaching was in Lebanon county, but subsequently he secured a position on the teaching force of Rush township, Schuylkill county. In 1871 he was elected principal of the Minersville grammar school, to accept which he retired from the principalship of the Llewellyn schools where he had been employed during the preceding two years. For thirty-five years Professor Spayd has been identified with the Minersville schools in the capacity of an instructor or superintendent. In 1883 he was chosen to the position of superintendent, which he has since occupied. He is thoroughly identified with educational interests in the state, being a life-member of the state teachers' association; a member of the national educational association; one of the councillors of the American institute of civics; a member of the National geographic society; the American association for the advancement of science; the history teachers' association of the Middle States and Maryland; and a charter member of the Schuylkill county historical association. In Grand Army circles he has held nearly all positions in the gift of the local post, as well as appointments on the staff of the department and national commanders. For a number of years he served as inspector-at-large for Schuylkill county. Professor Spayd has always been an active worker in local institutes, and a wise and helpful counsellor in the administration of educational affairs in Schuylkill county. He is popular among all classes of people and the many young people who have gone out into the world of business from his careful training are his best friends. His scholarly attainments and exemplary life entitle him to all the honors bestowed upon him. H. H. Spayd is a son of John and Catherine (Haak) Spayd and is descended from German ancestors, though several generations removed. His paternal grandfather, George Spayd, was born in Ephrata, Lancaster county, Pa., but located in Lebanon county about the year 1826. He was a farmer by occupation and a German Baptist in religious affiliations. He died in the vicinity of Myerstown about 1875. His wife, who in maidenhood was a Miss Conrad, became the mother of eight children,

one of whom, John Spayd, was the father of the subject of this sketch. John Spayd was born at Ephrata, Lancaster county, Pa., in 1819. He married a daughter of William Haak of Myerstown, by whom he had a family of ten children. He was a farmer during the active years of his life, took active and intelligent interest in public affairs, and was one of the organizers of the Republican party. His death occurred at Schaefferstown in 1891, his wife surviving him for a number of years. Professor Spayd married Miss Sarah, a daughter of David D. and Sarah Donaberger, of Myerstown. They have no children, but reared and educated a nephew, A. B. Warner, who is now engaged in business on his own account. Professor Spayd is an independent Republican in his political views and has taken an active interest in the supremacy of party principles, though never an office seeker. He is opposed to dishonest politics on the same principle that he opposes dishonesty in private affairs and if the disruption of the party is necessary to purge it of corruption and "graft," he accepts the alternative. In religious affiliations, he has been a life-long adherent to the doctrines of the Baptist church, and has been a zealous worker in the cause of Christianity. In the Baptist church of Minersville he has been ever active as a working Christian and has cheerfully borne the burdens and honors of official positions. The Sunday school has also engaged his attention, both as a teacher and superintendent.

**Speacht, Jacob F.**, of Pottsville, is a prominent contractor in all kinds of concrete work and controls a large and important business in this section of the state, and is a scion of one of the honored pioneer families of Schuylkill county, which has been his home from the time of his birth. He is a son of John and Barbara (Gottshall) Speacht, both of whom were likewise born and reared in Schuylkill county. The paternal grandparents of Mr. Speacht were Gottlieb and Lena (Wagner) Speacht, who immigrated to America from the historic old city of Strasburg, now the capital of the German province of Alsace-Lorraine but at that time a part of France. Gottlieb Speacht had served for six years in the French army under the great Napoleon. His immigration to America took place in 1830 and he located in Pottsville, where he engaged in the work of his trade—that of gunsmith—and also did an extensive business in the manufacture of copper utensils for the pioneers of this section. Both he and his wife continued residents of the county until their death, honored by all who knew them. The maternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch was a native of Germany and he also was one of the sterling pioneers of Schuylkill county, where he assisted in the early development of the coal mines. John Speacht was born and reared in Pottsville and for an average lifetime was here employed as a night watchman, having been in the employ of one concern for thirty-seven years and of another for sixteen years. He is now living retired and he and his wife have a pleasant home on West Market street, Pottsville, in which house they have resided for almost a half century. The children of this honored couple are: William, John, Charles, George,







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Jacob F., Emma, Emma and Robert. Only Emma is now the wife of Harry Leupold. The subject of this sketch is indebted to the public schools of Pottsville for his educational training and he remained at the academy until he had attained to the age of twenty-seven years, but in the meantime he had been engaged in the pursuit of his bookkeeping and had secured a position in the township and gave his attention to the management of the same. The closing of this year he still owned property well improved and under a fine cultivation. In the fall of 1887 he returned to Pottsville where he has since resided. He is a general contractor in all kinds of construction work and has built up a large and profitable business. He is a member of the Iron and Steel Trades Union in the Pottsville branch and takes an active interest in the progress and general welfare of the same. He is an independent thinker and is not subject to dictation. He and his wife are members of the German Lutheran church. His wife was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Schaeffer, daughter of William of Elizabeth Schaeffer, Pottsville, Pa. They have no children.

Spencer, George, deceased, for many years an operator of Minersville, Pa. was born in England in 1806, where he was reared to manhood. He was a son of George and Hannah (Hearst) Spencer. In 1828, at the age of twenty-two years, he immigrated to America and located in Schuylkill county where he followed the vocation of a miner, having held the position of mine boss in the America mines near Pottsville. In the early '30s he began mining operations on his own account and followed this branch of industry until his death, which occurred on Jan. 4, 1887. He was the owner of the Harper colliery which he was operating at the time of his death. He was a pioneer in the coal business in Schuylkill county where he opened and operated a number of mines and in the coal industry, and was considered one of the foremost men of the county. He was a man of unblemished character and of the highest rank in the community. Among his contributions pertaining to the welfare of his community were the following: He was one of the founders of the Williams county, Pa. Schuylkill county, where he was engaged in the mines at Pottsville. In partnership with others he operated a colliery at Beaver Creek, Pa. where they were the first to be removed to Pottsville in order to secure better conditions from the county which he was interested in. He then turned to Minersville where he owned the Peach Orchard colliery and later the Oak Hill colliery in the same township. He then leased the Harper colliery at Minersville. He was an active member and a devoted worker in the Episcopal church, and his family was originally from England coming to America on the ship "Elizabeth" of that name.



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Jacob F., Emma, Henry and Robert. The only daughter is now the wife of Harry Boughey. The subject of this sketch is indebted to the public schools of Pottsville for his early educational training and he remained at the parental home until he had attained to the age of twenty-seven years, having in the meanwhile been engaged in various pursuits. In 1900 he purchased a farm in South Manheim township and gave his attention to the management of the place for the ensuing three years; he still owns the property, which is well improved and under effective cultivation. In 1904 Mr. Speacht returned to Pottsville, where he established himself as a general contractor in all kinds of concrete work. He has built up a large business, gives employment to a large number of men in the busy season, and utilizes from eight to ten teams. He takes a loyal interest in all that concerns the progress and general welfare of the community and in political matters he is independent of partisan dictation. He and his wife are members of the German Lutheran church. Jan. 22, 1898, Mr. Speacht was united in marriage to Miss Cora Werner, daughter of Daniel Werner, of Elizabethville, Dauphin county, Pa. They have no children.

**Spencer, George**, deceased, for many years a prominent coal operator of Minersville, Pa., was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1806, where he was reared to manhood. He was a son of George and Hannah (Hearst) Spencer. In 1828, at the age of twenty-two years, he immigrated to America and located in Schuylkill county, where he followed the vocation of mining for a number of years, having held the position of mine boss at the old North America mines near Pottsville. In the early '30s, he began mining operations on his own account and followed this line of endeavor until his accidental death, which occurred on Jan. 4, 1862, due to a gas explosion at the Harper colliery which he was operating at that time. Mr. Spencer was a pioneer in the anthracite industry in the Schuylkill region, where he opened and operated a number of the most productive mines, and by thrift and industry, amassed a comfortable fortune. He was a man of unflinching integrity and always to be found in the foremost ranks on all questions pertaining to the welfare of his community. Among his numerous coal operations was the old Spohn vein, where the Williams colliery now stands at Fishbach. In 1837 he located in Minersville, Schuylkill county, where he became interested in the mines at Wadesville; later in partnership with others he operated a colliery at Beaver Meadow and opened a new colliery in Carbon county, Pa., where they founded the village of Jeansville. In 1850 he removed to Jersey City in order to take charge of the coal shipments from the mines in which he was interested, but in 1853 returned to Minersville where he opened the Peach Orchard colliery and later the Oak Hill colliery in South Cass township. He then leased the Harper colliery at Minersville where he lost his life. Mr. Spencer was an earnest member and supporter of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics was originally an old time Whig, becoming a Republican on the organization of that party. He married



Mary, a daughter of John and Mary Williams and they became the parents of the following children: William, deceased, a review of whose life will be found on other pages of this volume; 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, late of Mahanoy City; and Mary, deceased, who was the wife of Wm. Taylor, manager of the stores of the Forest Improvement Company at Heckshersville and Forestville, Schuylkill county.

**Spencer, William**, deceased, for many years identified with the coal mining industry of Pennsylvania, was born in Norwegian township, Schuylkill county, about 1830. His father, George Spencer, a sketch of whom appears in this volume, was a pioneer coal operator of Schuylkill county, conducting collieries at Duncanville, in the Black valley, and about Minersville. William Spencer received an academic education and upon leaving school became associated with his father in mining operations, acting as superintendent of the collieries at Oak Hill, and later at Buck Mountain, near Hazleton, Pa. In 1849, when the discovery of gold in California drew hundreds of young men in that direction, he left Pennsylvania for the new El Dorado, making the long, tedious voyage around Cape Horn to San Francisco. He did not remain long in California, and after his return to the east he conducted coal yards at Paterson, N. J., in connection with his father's mining interests in Schuylkill county. When the war broke out he enlisted in the 5th Pennsylvania volunteer infantry, under Col. Benjamin C. Christ, for the three months' service. The regiment was on camp duty most of that time at Harrisburg, Washington, D. C., and Alexandria, Va., and was never actually engaged with the enemy. The 5th was mustered out on July 25, 1861, and Mr. Spencer immediately re-enlisted in a Pennsylvania cavalry regiment, where he rose to the rank of major and served with distinction until the close of the war. After peace was restored he became superintendent and general manager of the Buck Mountain colliery and company store near Hazleton, Luzerne county. His early training and long experience in mining and handling coal made him a practical expert in that line, especially in the anthracite field, where most of his active career had been passed. About 1881 or 1882, he became associated with Andrew Robertson, of Pottsville, in the development of the bituminous coal fields of West Virginia. Their mines in that state were located near Vivian, McDowell county, where his death occurred on Dec. 13, 1904. He had gone there to look after his extensive interests, contracted pneumonia, and died after a short illness, the event causing deep and widespread sorrow in Minersville, where he had resided for many years. Mr. Spencer was one of the most public-spirited citizens of Minersville, and was always foremost in every movement for the upbuilding of the city and its institutions. He was one of the organizers of the Minersville Electric Light Company; a director in the Minersville Water Company; and was connected with the First National bank. Through the exercise of good judgment



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*William Spencer*





and his superb business acumen, he amassed a considerable fortune, every dollar of which he gained by upright methods. On Nov. 3, 1853, Mr. Spencer married Miss Amelia J. Prevost, a daughter of John Prevost, a brief biography of whom will be found in this volume, and she alone survived him, their one child having preceded the father to the Great Beyond. Mr. Spencer's remains were brought to Minersville, and were followed to their last resting place by a large concourse of friends. He has gone from the scene of his earthly endeavors, but he left his impress indelibly stamped upon the industries and institutions of Schuylkill county, and his influence will doubtless be felt for years to come.

**Sperbeck, Rev. Henry C.**, until Nov. 1, 1906, the pastor of the Presbyterian church at Port Carbon, was born in Hadley, Mass., Nov. 21, 1871, a son of William H. and Mary (Saphore) Sperbeck, and one of their five children, the others being William, Edwin, Daniel and Lillian. After due preliminary discipline in the common and high schools of his native town, Rev. Mr. Sperbeck matriculated at New Windsor college, New Windsor, Md., and after a full course of four years he was graduated with honors. He then entered the theological seminary of Princeton university and after a three years' course was ordained a minister of the gospel of the Presbyterian faith. His assignment to the Port Carbon pastorate came in the fall of 1904 and he preached his first sermon in that city on Nov. 7. The Presbyterian church of Port Carbon was built in 1834 and the first pastor was Rev. Sylvanus Haight, who served for two years. In 1836 Rev. W. M. Sellars, a German Reformed minister, assumed charge, and he was followed by Rev. Robert McCartee of New York state. During the nine years from 1841 to 1850 several different pastors were in charge and in the latter year Rev. T. H. Wardlaw took the charge. He was followed in turn by Rev. A. M. Lowry and Rev. Silas A. Davenport, the latter serving from 1853 to 1877; from 1878 to 1882 Henry S. Bell was the pastor, and from the latter year to 1886 A. A. Murphy was the minister. Rev. Mr. McAskie, who succeeded Mr. Murphy, resigned in 1890 and his place was taken by Rev. Henry Tolson. Mr. Tolson's term ended in 1893 and from Jan. 25, 1894 until the April before Mr. Sperbeck assumed the charge, the pastor was Rev. James Boal. Since the erection of the church in 1834 there have been in it one hundred and fifty-six baptisms and sixty-two weddings. During Mr. Sperbeck's incumbency of the pastorate the church was in a most flourishing condition. The size of the congregation increased and numerous repairs were made on both the church and the parsonage. In 1900 Mr. Sperbeck married Anna N. Null, a daughter of George F. and Louisa (Ecoff) Null of Wilmington, Del. Two children, Miriam and Warren, have blessed this union. On Nov. 1, 1906, Mr. Sperbeck accepted a call to the pastorate of the Watsontown Presbyterian church. His going was a loss not only to the congregation to which in two years he had become endeared and respected, but to the community as a whole.

Hosts of friends in Port Carbon predict for him a great future in his ministerial work.

**Spiese, Franklin P.**, a merchant of Tamaqua and prominent throughout Schuylkill county as a financier and capitalist, was born in East Coventry township, Chester county, Pa., Jan. 20, 1855, a son of Jacob and Hannah (Moser) Spiese. He comes of good German stock, and his ancestors were among the pioneers of Chester county. The paternal grandfather, George Spiese, was born in Württemberg, Germany, but early in life immigrated to the United States and in 1780 located in Chester county, where he entered a tract of land under the homestead law. There he spent the remainder of his days and his remains lie buried in Shenkel's cemetery near by. It was upon this tract of land that Jacob Spiese was born in 1800. When he grew to manhood he learned the trade of miller, and although he was engaged in that vocation for a number of years he turned his attention in later life to agricultural pursuits. Politically he was a staunch believer in the principles of Jeffersonian Democracy and in a religious way was intensely interested in the work of the Reformed church. His death occurred in 1868. His wife, Hannah Moser, was born at Douglassville, Berks county, Pa., in 1800, and died in Chester county in 1870. Her father was John Moser, a descendant of one of the pioneer families of Douglassville. By her marriage to Jacob Spiese she became the mother of nine children, five sons and four daughters. Franklin P. Spiese, the subject of this sketch, although born in East Coventry township, was reared in North Coventry township, whither his father removed when the son was but a year old. His early surroundings were those of farm life and his educational training was acquired in the Franklin school, of North Coventry township. On Jan. 4, 1872, he left the parental roof and started out to make his fortune. His first employment was under his brother as a clerk in the office of the Catawissa railroad at Tamaqua. After four months of service there ill health compelled his resignation and he entered the carpenter's trade as an apprentice, serving a full term of four years. On March 8, 1877, he embarked in the wholesale and retail shoe and leather business at Tamaqua, being associated at first with William H. Beyel, under the firm name of W. H. Beyel & Co. This partnership had continued but two weeks when Mr. Spiese purchased Mr. Beyel's interest in the business and for the two years following conducted it alone. In 1879, Henry A. Spiese became associated with him, the firm name being F. P. Spiese & Co. The brothers were together until May 24, 1883, when Henry A. retired, leaving Mr. Spiese to conduct the business without assistance until April 1, 1885. On that date William R. Jones purchased an interest in the firm, the name of which remained the same, and continued to hold it until Dec., 1900, when he withdrew. Since that time Mr. Spiese has conducted the business alone. He has not devoted himself solely to the mercantile business, but has extended his interests in many other directions and his influence has been felt in the greater part of the growing industries of the town and county. On July 8, 1885, a



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charter was granted by the State of Pennsylvania to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, of which he had been the chief organizer and has been secretary and manager from the time of its inception. In 1887 the Tamaqua board of trade was organized, the subject of this sketch being active in bringing about its organization. In connection with four of his associates—Daniel Shepp, Henry A. Weldy, Dr. C. B. Dreher, and Samuel Brode—he built the first mill building in the borough of Tamaqua, for the purpose of manufacturing hosiery and employing female labor. This building was leased to the Tamaqua knitting mills, of which Mr. Spiese became a large stockholder, but due to mismanagement on the part of the contractors the business proved to be a failure and the money invested an entire loss. But nevertheless the board of trade proved to be of considerable benefit to the business and industrial interests of the borough of Tamaqua and the surrounding community, and the mill thus established was followed by others, until at the present time there is an absolute scarcity of labor to operate the establishments of this character which are now located in this town. In 1891 he was one of the incorporators who took out a charter for the Tamaqua & Lansford Street Railway Company, was also its first president and continued in that capacity through its rather stormy career until the road was finally built, when in 1898 he retired from the office and was succeeded by Mr. Lewis A. Riley, of The Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, which had seventy-five per cent of the stock. Mr. Spiese continued, however, as a director until the street railway company, the Edison Electric Illuminating and The Citizens Gas Light Companies of Tamaqua; the Edison Electric Illuminating, the Anthracite Electric Light and Power, and Union Traction Companies of Pottsville; and other lighting companies, were merged and consolidated, through the J. G. White & Co., Inc., into the Eastern Pennsylvania Railways Company, of which he was elected one of the first directors, having been a director of each of the consolidated companies from their inception. In 1894 he purchased a controlling interest in the Citizens Gas Light Company of Tamaqua, became its secretary, treasurer and manager and continued in that office until July 1, 1906, when as above stated it was taken over by the consolidation. In 1894 he and several associates purchased a considerable body of land east of Tamaqua, and organized the Tamaqua Land and Improvement Company in 1897, since which time he has been secretary of the organization. This corporation was instrumental in materially aiding in the development and extension of the residence district of the borough of Tamaqua. He was also one of the original stockholders and a director of the Cumberland Valley Telephone, the American Subway and The Schuylkill Subway Companies, all of which were affiliated with the United Telephone and Telegraph Company, and he is at present one of the original subscribers to the stock of the American Union Telephone Company, which succeeds to the business of the above named. For many years a director of The Tamaqua Banking and Trust Company, and at the next election for officers following the death of

Daniel Shepp, he succeeded to the presidency and continued in that position until the concern was changed from a state to a national bank in 1904, when he became president of the new institution thus organized, and has remained its president since that time. This bank enjoys the confidence of the people of the town and county in which it is located and is regarded as one of the strongest and most conservative institutions in the state. About 1902 he became interested in the organization of a company known as The National Metallurgical Company for the development of a mine and the operation of a copper smelter at Matchuala, in the Republic of Mexico, and he also has mining interests in Colorado. In 1906 in connection with Judge W. A. Marr, Alexander Scott, H. S. Albright, George C. Deifenferfer, Dr. C. B. Dreher and others, he organized The Scott Lumber Company, which purchased a large timber tract in Marlborough county, S. C., and is now operating large mills at Marlborough and Bennettsville, S. C. They also acquired by purchase the Bennettsville and Cheraw railroad, which is in operation and they are further building an extension of fourteen miles to develop the agricultural resources and handle the lumber and other freight in that section. In the former corporation he is a director and secretary and of the latter a director. In 1906 he became interested in the development of the resources on the island of Haiti and upon the organization of the United Haiti Corporation was elected a director and vice-president of the company, the intention of this company being to build railroads and develop the mining and agricultural resources of the island. He has been for many years a member of the American institute of electrical engineers, having secured his admission to that society by reason of his connection with and management of the electrical industry, having been in charge of the construction and development of the Tamaqua company for upwards of twenty years. In political matters Mr. Spiese for many years was a power in the Democratic party of the state, but when William J. Bryan was nominated and the free silver issue became the strong feature of the party's platform in 1896 he resigned his membership in the state central committee and supported William McKinley for president. Since that year he has been allied with no political party or body, and exercises his right of suffrage as his conscience and judgment dictate. He has served as a member of the school board of his town, was its treasurer for a number of years and is a life member of the school directors association of Schuylkill county. In fraternal circles he is widely known. On Oct. 28, 1873, he joined Camp No. 57, Patriotic Order Sons of America, and in 1875 he became a member of Schuylkill Commandery No. 1, located at Schuylkill Haven. At Milton, in 1877, he was unanimously elected state vice-president of the order, at Pittsburg in 1890 was made president, and was re-elected to the office at the annual gathering at Gettysburg. He had the distinct honor of being the first man to be re-elected to that office. His service as president entitles him to a life membership in the state camp, and a voice and vote in that body as long as he continues his membership

in the order. In 1897 he was elected to the responsible office of treasurer of the national camp and has continued in that office until the present time. He is also a member of the national executive committee consisting of five officers and having jurisdiction over this rapidly growing order in the entire United States. In the Masonic fraternity he has membership in Tamaqua Lodge, No. 238, Tamaqua Chapter, No. 177, Royal Arch Masons, the Williamsport Consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, thirty-second degree and Rajah Temple of Reading, of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, being a life member of the latter organization. He is a life member of Tamaqua Lodge, No. 592, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a trustee for the bondholders of the club-house recently erected. In 1895 he was elected a director of the centennial and memorial association of Valley Forge, Pa., and upon the death of Freeland G. Hobson was elected treasurer of the organization. He was one of the organizers and the first president of the Citizens' Fire Company of Tamaqua; was the first president of the Tamaqua board of health when it was organized, and has served a second term in that body. In religious affairs Mr. Spiese is affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church. On Aug. 28, 1880 he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Bowden, a daughter of William Bowden, who was one of the early mine operators of Tamaqua, having come to this country from England. A daughter, Edna, who died in November, 1887, was the only child to bless this union.

**Spotts, John O.**, division manager of the United Telephone and Telegraph Company, was born in Northumberland county, Pa., March 18, 1861, a son of Henry and Mary (Bingaman) Spotts, also natives of Northumberland county. They spent their lives mostly in the hotel business. In 1863 they moved to New Pittsburg, Wayne county, Ohio, and remained there in hotel keeping until the spring of 1872, when they returned to Snyder county, Pa., and remained there until the early '80s, when they removed to Shamokin Dam. The mother died in 1876, at McKee's Half-Falls in Snyder county, and the father remarried in 1878. In 1886 he removed to Georgetown, where he is now living, retired from business. There were five children born to the father's first marriage, and four to the second. Of the former Fietta was the eldest. She is the wife of Dr. Kerschner, a physician in Georgetown; Clarence is an engineer in the same place; Leon is employed by the United Telephone and Telegraph Company; Philip is a railroad employe at Sunbury; and John O. of this sketch completes the family circle, except that one child not included in the number mentioned, died in infancy. John O. Spotts was educated in the public schools of Ohio and Pennsylvania and began his independent career as a driver of mules on the Pennsylvania canal, his route from end to end embracing more than 1,000 miles. He followed this business for fifteen years, the last ten of which he was owner and principal operator of a boat. He was employed one year in the rolling-mill at Milton, when he entered the service of the General Electric



Light and Power Company of that place, and in December, 1900, he engaged in the construction of the Schuylkill Telephone Company's lines, operating principally in this county. On Feb. 1, 1901, he was promoted to "wire chief," and his headquarters established at Pottsville. In May, 1904, he was promoted to the position of division manager, and placed in charge of all the company's lines south of Broad mountain. This division embraces 1,500 telephones, and thirty-nine employes under his jurisdiction. To him is entrusted all new construction work, repairs, the employing and discharging of operatives, etc. Mr. Spotts was married at Port Trevorton, Snyder county, Pa., on Sept. 11, 1881, to Miss Mary, daughter of John M. and Mary Arnold. Her father was killed in the Civil war. The parental family includes six children living and one deceased. Her brother, Edwin S. is third assistant postmaster general; John S. is a practicing physician in Washington, D. C.; Grant S. was employed in the pension department until he died, in September, 1905; Ida Bell, wife of Pierce Bingaman, resides at Port Trevorton; Carrie married Sherman Leonhart, a railway postal clerk, and lives at Harrisburg; Isora is unmarried, and lives with her mother at Port Trevorton. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Spotts, the eldest of whom, Lottie L., is chief operator at the Pottsville exchange; Edwin A. is the wire chief at Pottsville; Mildred, Anna, Sheridan and Lillian are in school; and Allen is everybody's "baby." Mr. and Mrs. Spotts and their eldest daughter are members of the Evangelical church. Mr. Spotts is a Republican in political views and a member of the Central Republican club. He is also an interested and useful member of the Schuylkill county historical society.

**Springer, Daniel E.**, an enterprising plumber of Tamaqua, was born in that city on May 29, 1870, a son of William and Mary (Reichelderfer) Springer. The paternal grandfather, Joseph Springer, born on March 5, 1800, owned and operated one of the first sawmills in Schuylkill county. It was located on the Little Schuylkill river six miles south of Tamaqua, and proved a source of wealth until 1850, when a flood destroyed practically all of the plant. What remains of the wrecked machinery may be seen at what is known as "Springer's curve" on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad. He died in 1884. Both he and his wife (nee Martha Jennings) were devout Methodists and when they died the whole community felt keenly the loss of two kindly, upright Christian characters. William Springer, the father, was one of the earliest engineers on the Philadelphia & Reading road, having been the man at the throttle of the old "Witcha" when that locomotive pulled the trains over wooden rails. He died when he was sixty-three and his widow passed away when she was a year older. Of the fourteen children born to them nine are still living, and eight of them are married. Daniel E. Springer received his educational advantages in the Tamaqua schools and when his father died he left school to do his part in helping to support the family. He served an apprenticeship in the plumbing trade and twelve years later started in business for himself. That

he has been successful is easily evidenced by the fact that he has recently been enabled to build a fine, modern residence, yet when he was married in 1892 he had but forty dollars, five of which went to the minister. With real estate and personal property he is worth about \$12,000. His wife was formerly Miss Elizabeth Storch, of Tamaqua, and by her marriage to Mr. Springer she is the mother of four children—George Lester, Raymond, Helen and an unnamed baby. Both parents are members of the St. John's Reformed church and Mr. Springer is identified with the Improved Order of Red Men, of which he is a past officer, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, being a trustee of that organization at the present time, the American Hose Company, the Tamaqua club, and the Rod and Gun club. He is known throughout the city as a skilled workman, and a man of unsullied character.

**Springer, Joseph B.**, a locomotive engineer on the Reading division of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, was born on a farm near Tamaqua on May 2, 1856. Something of his family history may be learned from the sketch of his brother, Daniel M. Springer, elsewhere in this volume. After completing the courses offered in the schools of Tamaqua and Port Clinton, Joseph B. Springer entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad as a brakeman on his seventeenth birthday. After four months of that work he obtained a position as fireman on his father's locomotive and held it until Jan. 15, 1878. On that date he was given an engine of his own and he has since been employed in the capacity of locomotive engineer. His present run from Tamaqua to Philadelphia and return he has held for eighteen successive years. He has never had an accident of any consequence, due to careful operation. On June 21, 1876, Mr. Springer was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Sigenfuse, a native of Tamaqua and a daughter of John and Rebecca Sigenfuse. The father was killed at Delano more than thirty years ago and the mother died in 1888. They were both members of the Lutheran church. To Mr. and Mrs. Springer have been born six children—Joseph D., a plumber; Minnie, Irene, Clarence, Edith and Mabel. The family are attendants of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Springer is a prominent member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. He is considered a man of keen business sagacity, high principles and altogether a most valuable member of the community.

**Stabler, Isadore**, a retired farmer of wealth and influence, residing at Fountain Springs, was born in County Solothurn, Switzerland, July 27, 1842, and is one of two children born to Jacob and Catherine (Haner) Stabler, the other being Francis X. The mother died in 1844 and the father married again and in 1855 brought his wife and family to the United States, locating in Pottsville. Then he found employment about the collieries and breakers for several years before he removed to Ashland, and subsequently he made his home in Union township, where he passed the remainder of his days. His remains are buried in the

Catholic cemetery at Ashland. By his second wife he was the father of three children, Leon, Mary, now Mrs. Jacob Dietz, and Christian. The subject of this memoir, Isadore Stabler, had little opportunity to acquire an education. Shortly after the arrival of his father's family in Pottsville he was "hired out" to Mrs. Fox and during the two years he was there attended school when the weather or some other cause did not permit him to labor. The following year he was employed by Edward O'Connor, a former commissioner of this county, and at the end of that time returned to his father's home, which at the time was in Ashland. For two seasons Mr. Stabler found a means of livelihood in picking slate and then became an assistant in the engine house at the Bancroft mine. He remained in that capacity some two years and the season immediately following was engaged in locating coal. Then he went to the Lost Creek No. 2 colliery and for five years was engaged in the various departments of the work there, leaving to go to Brush Valley, Columbia county, to conduct a small truck farm which he rented from the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company. While living there he also attended to the boilers of the Robinson Coal Company and when the mines became idle he became possession agent for three years of most of the coal lands of the Lehigh Coal Company at Aristes. In 1874 he purchased a tract of 87 acres of timber land near Fountain Springs. This he cleared and improved and made his home upon it until 1901, in which year he retired from active life and turned over the management of the farm to his sons. In 1902 he erected the pleasant, modern dwelling at Fountain Springs which is now his home and where he has since resided. On Oct. 15, 1866, was celebrated Mr. Stabler's marriage to Miss Regina Dietz, a daughter of David and Regina Dietz, both natives of Württemberg, Germany. To Mr. and Mrs. Stabler have been born seven children—Frank, Kate, now Mrs. Nicholas Ringnary, Teresa, Mathias, Peter, John and George. The family are all communicants of the Roman Catholic church. Mr. Stabler is a public-spirited citizen and one who is intensely interested in the educational advantages of his township. He has been a member of the school board of his township for a number of years, during which time two new school houses have been built, all the others have been materially repaired and renovated and the debt has been reduced from \$28,000 to \$11,000. He is also actively interested in politics, being a staunch exponent of the principles of the Democratic party. As the successful candidate of that party he has served a term as township treasurer. In 1900 Mr. Stabler visited the Paris exposition, also his birthplace in Switzerland, the Alps, and returned home via Germany, arriving home on Sept. 15 of that year after an absence of eleven weeks.

**Starr, Frank D.**, junior member of the hardware firm of Beddall & Starr of Schuylkill Haven, was born in Llewellyn on Feb. 24, 1874, a son of John and Susan (Firling) Starr. His educational advantages were those afforded by the common schools and at the age of fourteen years he became a clerk in a grocery store. From this work he

drifted into New Jersey, where he became employed at Camden on the Atlantic City railroad. On returning to Schuylkill county he found work as a breaker boy and remained in the mines for a period of two years. At the end of that time he entered the employ of A. H. Swalm of Shenandoah, and there learned the hardware business. Of the fourteen years he was in Mr. Swalm's employ six were spent as delivery man and eight as salesman. In 1905 he came to Schuylkill Haven, where he formed a partnership with G. W. Beddall in the hardware industry and since that time has most successfully been conducting the business. The store is finely stocked and equipped and is one of the most modern in the county. In religious matters he is identified with the Reformed church, being at the present time a communicant of the Trinity church in Schuylkill Haven. While a resident of Shenandoah he was for eight years a deacon of the church there and for six years of the time was its Sunday school superintendent. He was also for four years the treasurer of the county Sabbath School association. In August, 1895, was solemnized Mr. Starr's marriage to Miss Helen K. Portz, a daughter of John Portz of Shenandoah. This union has been blessed with three children—John F., Leroy A. and Margaret S., all living. Although the Starr family have lived in Schuylkill Haven but a comparatively short time they are a valued addition to the social and religious life of the community, and the father has won for himself a high place in the commercial circles of the city.

**Stein, Newton H., M. D.,** a prominent physician of Middleport, was born in Walker township, this county, June 8, 1877, and is a son of Nathan and Messina J. (Ringer) Stein, natives of Schuylkill county. The paternal grandparents, Daniel and Lucinda (Greenwalt) Stein, removed to Walker township from Berks county, and the maternal grandparents, Stephen and ——— (Baer) Ringer, came to Schuylkill county from Northampton. Nathan Stein was born in West Pennsylvania township, but spent the better part of his life in Walker township. He was a musician of note and was engaged in teaching music for more than thirty years. During that time he was also carrying on a piano business in Tamaqua. He died in Tamaqua on Aug. 7, 1905, at the age of fifty-three, leaving a family of four children, of whom the doctor is the eldest. The others are Anna M., Laura J., now the wife of Howard F. Reed, and Minnie. The subject of this sketch received his preliminary education in the grade and high schools of his native county and in 1898 was graduated at the Keystone state normal school of Kutztown. For the following two years he was engaged in pedagogic work, and at the end of that period received a state certificate. In the fall of 1900 he matriculated at the Medico-Chirurgical college of Philadelphia and in June, 1904, was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. In September of that year he located in Middleport, where he has since become recognized as a physician of intelligence and skill and has built up a practice far beyond his expectations. In politics the doctor is a Republican, but



has neither held nor aspired to offices of public trust. Professionally he is associated as a member with the Schuylkill county medical association and is medical examiner for the Metropolitan and Prudential Life Insurance Companies. His religious convictions are with the German Reformed society, at the church of which faith he worships.

**Stevens, James E.**, senior member of the firm of Stevens & Bro., wholesale and retail dealers in ice at Port Carbon, is a son of Asher and Elizabeth (Mortimer) Stevens, and was born in the borough where he now resides in 1857. He is one of a family of seven, the other members being Mrs. Emanuel Templin, Eliza, Hannah, Oliver, D. D.; Ambrose and William W. His first labor after leaving the public schools was as a carpenter and subsequently for a number of years he was engaged as a contractor. For the past few years he and his brother, Oliver, have been successfully engaged in their present business. Mr. Stevens married Miss Henrietta Conrad, of Pottsville, by whom he has had five sons, one of whom, Albert J., is deceased. The others are Edward F., Walter C., Clarence, Mortimer and Wesley. The family are all members of and workers in the Methodist Episcopal church of Port Carbon, and the father is identified with the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America. Oliver D. Stevens, junior member of the firm of Stevens & Bro., was also born in Port Carbon, the year of his nativity having been 1861. He had about the same educational advantages as his brother James, and has been in the same business with him practically all his active life. His wife was formerly Miss Mary Hay, of Port Carbon. They have no children. Like his brother, Oliver is a Republican in politics and he and his wife are attendants of the Methodist Episcopal church. Oliver is a member of Pottsville Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles. The firm of Stevens & Bro. has an increasing patronage each year and is growing in popularity. Besides their ice business they do a general drayage business.

**Stewart, Allen Neifert**, proprietor of a leading general store at Quakake, was born at Stewart's Station, Pa., Nov. 30, 1866, and is a son of David J. and Rosina (Neifert) Stewart, the other children being Adam, Francis, Frank, Emanuel, Adeline, Samuel, Edmond and Paul. Emanuel and Samuel are deceased, and Adeline is the wife of Isaiah Kreischer, of Aristes, Columbia county, Pa. The Stewarts are of Scotch descent, and the Neifert (or Neufferdt) ancestry is German. Family traditions and records state that Hans Jacob Neufferdt, the great-great-great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, came to America from Würtemberg on the ship Nancy, Captain Ewing commanding, and on Sept. 27, 1752, when in his seventeenth year, he took the oath of allegiance, required of all male members of the family, to King George the Third and the commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Hans Jacob Neufferdt had a son, Johann Jacob, born in 1765, who came to Rush township in 1797. Johann Jacob married Magdalena Preiner, born in 1760, and they had a son

named John Jacob, who in turn became the father of three sons, Peter, George and John. Peter was the father of Mrs. David J. Stewart, the mother of Allen Neifert Stewart, the subject of this memoir. The latter began his attendance upon the Rush township common schools when he was but seven years of age, having to go a distance of two and a half miles to what was known as the Liebig school, No. 4. This was the only institution of learning he attended until he reached his seventeenth year. Then he was out of school for about five years, and after taking another term of work when he was twenty-one years old he took an examination under County Superintendent George W. Weiss and received a teacher's certificate. Until 1889 he was engaged in pedagogic work, completing meantime in vacations a course in a Reading business college. On April 19, 1890, he opened a general store in Quakake and has continued in the management of it ever since. The first stock of goods was valued at \$1,000; to-day insurance is carried on \$20,000 worth of stock. On July 5, 1890, Mr. Stewart received an appointment as postmaster of Quakake and served in that capacity until March 31, 1906. His marriage occurred on June 2, 1892, to Miss Luella M. Whetstone, and to this union have been born three children—Harold Van Allen, Warren Whetstone and Carl Winfield, the latter of whom is deceased. Mrs. Stewart attended the public schools in Walker township, near Tamaqua, until the age of fifteen, when she attended the Millersville state normal school for one term, after which she entered the pedagogic profession and taught for three years. Mrs. Stewart's parents are Absalom K. and Rebecca (Andrews) Whetstone, and her paternal grandparents were John and Barbara (Moser) Whetstone. Absalom K. Whetstone served in the Civil war as a corporal in Company E, 129th Pennsylvania volunteer infantry. His grandfather, Isaac Whetstone, was a soldier in the War of the Revolution. The original Whetstone family came from Würtemberg, Germany, and wrote their name "Whetstein." Her maternal grandparents were Peter and Phoebe (Houser) Andrews. The brothers and sisters of Mrs. Stewart were seven in number—Claude Elias, Elmer Ellsworth, Alice Rebecca, Milton Absalom, Edwin, Darwin Benjamin and Eva Ellen—of whom Claude, Elmer and Edwin are deceased. Milton A. Whetstone was born near Tamaqua in May, 1873, graduated in the Kutztown normal school, taught in the public schools of Lansford for two years, and when the Citizens' National bank opened on Jan. 1, 1904, he entered upon his duties as cashier. On Aug. 11, 1906, in company with Daniel McGeehan, assistant cashier of the bank, he was engaged in distributing circulars through the country announcing an increase in the rate of interest paid by the bank, and while crossing the tracks of the Tamaqua & Lansford electric railway on the Tamaqua side of hill No. 11, the carriage in which they were riding was struck by a car. Mr. Whetstone was thrown under the car, where he was struck on the head by the box containing the air pump, and death ensued almost instantly. He was one of the most prominent and capable business men of Lansford.

Mr. Stewart and his family are all devout members of the Lutheran church, to which faith his ancestors for several generations have belonged. He ranks high in fraternal circles, being a past officer in Tamaqua Lodge, No. 238, Free and Accepted Masons, Mizpah Chapter, No. 177, Royal Arch Masons, and is a member of Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 31, Knights Templars. He has also held office in Camp No. 578, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, and Council No. 217, Junior Order of United American Mechanics. In political matters he is a staunch adherent of time-honored Democracy, and has been several times honored with public office at the hands of his fellow citizens. For many years he was township auditor and at the present time is serving his sixth year as the incumbent of the office of township clerk. His business interests include a financial interest in the Tamaqua loan and building association, of which he is the treasurer. He is also heavily interested in realty in Quakake and owns his store building and home, which is one of the prettiest in the county.

**Stine, Edwin S.**, chief Burgess of the borough of Pottsville, Pa., was born in the borough of which he is now the executive head, on Nov. 8, 1876. He is one of two surviving children of John P. and Elizabeth (Stichten) Stine, and his sister, Carrie, is living with her parents. Another sister, Bessie, and a brother, George, died in infancy. The father is paying teller of the Miners' National bank of Pottsville, a position which he has held for more than thirty-four years. The subject of this sketch received his education in the schools of his native township, and for the first three years following the completion of his studies he was engaged in the restaurant business at Tumbling Run. For a period of two years thereafter he was employed in the sub-treasury of the United States at Philadelphia. When he left that position it was to accept a responsible clerkship in the office of the county commissioners of Schuylkill county, at Pottsville. This latter he retained until his elevation to the office of chief Burgess of the borough of Pottsville, in February, 1906. There were five other candidates in the field when he was chosen and his election over them all by a good majority is ample evidence of his popularity and the high esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens. During the war with Spain Mr. Stine enlisted as a private in Company H of the 8th Pennsylvania infantry, on Apr. 28, 1898, and on March 7, 1899, he received an honorable discharge at Augusta, Ga., as a corporal. The regiment saw camp service in various southern states and upon the reorganization, after the mustering out, Mr. Stine was made color sergeant on the regimental staff. He is a member of the Spanish-American War Veterans' association, the Turtle club, a social organization of high standing in Pottsville, and the West End fire company. Fraternally he is identified with Lodge No. 207, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Lodge No. 134, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and Seneca Tribe, No. 41, Improved Order of Red Men.

**Stocker, Remegius**, a well known merchant and old resident of Shenandoah, was born in Northampton county, Pa., Jan. 31, 1830. His father, John Stocker, was born in Switzerland, but came in his boyhood to America, located in Northampton county, where he married Miss Elizabeth Kutz, a native of the county, and passed the remainder of his life as a farmer in that and Union counties. The mother died in 1851 and the father in 1869. Of their children three reached the years of maturity. Remegius is the eldest; Mathias was a farmer and died in 1902; and the sister is now Mrs. Sarah E. Schadel, living in Watsontown, Northampton county. Remegius Stocker was educated in the schools of Northampton and Union counties, and lived upon the farm until he was twenty-one years of age. He then engaged in mercantile pursuits, with which he has ever since been connected. In 1866 he located in Shenandoah, before the first line of railroad was completed to the town, which then had a population of less than 3,000. For a time he was in the lumber business and then formed a partnership with Jonathan Wasley as dealers in general merchandise. During the days of the "Mollie Maguires," by doing a large credit business, the firm was driven to the wall and the business was closed out at a loss of some \$25,000. Mr. Stocker again started in on a small scale, with a stock of groceries and provisions, and this stock has been gradually increased as his trade demanded it, until to-day he has a well appointed store. From the time he first came to Shenandoah he has always been identified with every movement for the advancement of the town, and is generally regarded as one of the public-spirited and representative citizens. He served for six years on the school board; was secretary of that body for three years; was instrumental in establishing the gas company and other public utilities; served for many years as a director of the gas and electric companies, and his advice or opinion is frequently sought by his fellow townsmen, because of his general knowledge of affairs and his well recognized, sound business judgment. Although a Democrat in his party affiliations, he is independent in his local politics, believing that the best way to secure good local government is to elect honest and capable men to office without regard to their party associations. In 1871 Mr. Stocker married Miss Mary Van Buskirk, a native of Union county and a daughter of John Van Buskirk, an early settler in that part of the state. They have no children and both are members of the United Evangelical church, representing the faith of their ancestors.

**Stone, John W.**, the popular proprietor of the Westminster hotel at Frackville, Pa., was born in Gloucestershire, England, Nov. 26, 1863, a son of Samuel and Susannah (Stone) Stone. He was reared in his native country, where he received his early education, and where he remained until his eighteenth year, when, in 1881, he immigrated to the United States, first locating in Mahanoy City, Pa., where he was engaged in the butcher business, which trade he had learned in his native country. After several years' stay in Mahanoy City, he removed to Gilberton, embarking in the same business, in



which he continued until 1894, when he there entered the hotel business. In December, 1903, he purchased his present location in Frackville and removed to the last named city. His hostelry is known as the Westminster hotel, and is the leading hotel of the city. Mr. Stone has successfully conducted this business since he purchased it, and is also an extensive dealer in real estate. He is one of the representative and progressive business men of the city, taking a deep interest in all public matters. He was one of the organizers of the First National bank of Frackville, in which he is a stockholder and director. He is an active worker in the ranks of the Republican party and during his residence in Gilberton served in the city council and as a member of the school board and board of health. In March, 1885, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Stone to Emma J. Weeks, a daughter of Benjamin and Emma J. Weeks, of Gilberton, and to this union have been born seven children: Susie, now the wife of George Boner, and Gilbert S., Berdie, Marie, John, Benjamin, and Lee, Jr. The family are members of the Episcopal church.

**Stoyer, Rev. William D.**, pastor of the First Reformed church of Schuylkill Haven, is a native of Delaware township, Mercer county, Pa., where he was born Dec. 1, 1869. He is a son of Henry S. and Armina (Adams) Stoyer. The first school he attended was a select one, under Prof. J. B. Scott, at Transfer, Mercer county, and then he was a student at an institution of the same nature at Fredonia, under Prof. L. R. Eckles. When he had completed his preparatory work he entered the State Normal School at Edinboro, in Erie county, and graduated with the class of 1890. From this institution he returned to Fredonia and took up a scientific course in the Fredonia institute. Then he entered Thiel college, at Greenville, and in 1895 was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. His theological training was acquired in the Reformed theological seminary at Lancaster, where he graduated in 1898. Mr. Stoyer's first charge was at Tremont, which pastorate included the congregations of Llewellyn and Donaldson and the congregation at Newtown, which he had organized. In 1901 he accepted a call to become pastor of the Auburn Reformed charge. This charge included the Old Red church congregation, and those at New Ringgold and Port Clinton, and subsequently the one which he organized at Landingville. His present pastorate dates from April, 1905, when he relinquished his Auburn charge to accept it. The church heretofore known as the Jerusalem church was owned jointly by the Lutheran and Reformed congregations, but under Mr. Stoyer's management sufficient funds were soon raised to purchase the Lutheran interest and the edifice was renamed as the First Reformed church. Working in connection with the congregation he has remodeled the building and the parsonage, and has installed new heating and lighting systems as well as new furnishings in both. The parsonage is widely known as the Past homestead, and is one of the most beautiful places in the Little Schuylkill valley. As a pastor Mr. Stoyer is immensely popular with all who know him, and his sermons are plain, straightforward talks

that have the ring of sincerity. In June, 1902, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Stoyer to Miss Bessie E. Stuck, a daughter of Hon. Benjamin F. and Mary J. (Charlesworth) Stuck, of Tremont. Two sons have blessed this union—William Henry Franklin and Benjamin Irvin Frederick. In his political affairs Mr. Stoyer is aligned with no party or faction, but votes for the best interests of the community. Fraternally he is associated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Masonic fraternity, the Royal Arcanum and the Protected Home Circle. He is stated clerk of the Schuylkill county classes of the Reformed church, and is general overseer of all publications issued by the denomination in the county. Rev. Mr. Stoyer's strongest and most able efforts in the ministry have been the organization of new congregations and the freeing of old ones from debt. He is distinctively a self-made man, and one whose life is well worthy of emulation.

**Strauch, Lambert A.**, owner and proprietor of the grain and feed mill at Cressona, was born in that borough in 1881, a son of Augustus R. and Sallie (Grimm) Strauch. His paternal grandparents were Isaac and Lavinia (Heiser) Strauch, the former of whom was born in what is now the township of North Manheim, this county, on Feb. 4, 1806. He was a boatman on the Philadelphia and Schuylkill canal in his early life, but later engaged in mercantile business and still later removed to Cressona, where he built and operated a flour mill. He died on July 4, 1885. It was at Cressona that Augustus R. Strauch, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born, on Aug. 8, 1857. When Isaac Strauch died his son, Augustus, took charge of the mill and continued to operate it until his death. By his marriage to Sallie Grimm, Augustus became the father of two sons, Robert D. and Lambert A. He was a prominent man in the borough and held many offices of public trust, among them the position of chief burgess for one term, councilman for three years, auditor and member of the school board. Lambert A. Strauch attended the public schools and after availing himself fully of the educational advantages there afforded he found employment in his father's mill. During all his active life he has had no other employment, having operated the concern under his own name since his father's death. He is unmarried and makes his home with his mother. In religious affairs both mother and son are associated with the Reformed church of Cressona. Mr. Strauch is recognized as a young man of fine business capacity and his friends predict for him a most successful future.

**Straughn, Charles T.**, of Shenandoah, is one of the able and popular representatives of the newspaper fraternity in Schuylkill county, and is editor and one of the proprietors of the Shenandoah Evening Herald, besides being incumbent of the office of county controller. Mr. Straughn is a native of Cambridge, Dorchester county, Maryland, where he was born Feb. 24, 1860, and is a son of Levin and Annie Straughn, both of whom are now deceased. The father was editor of the leading newspaper of his native state and continued

a resident of Maryland until the close of his life. The subject of this review was afforded the advantages of the public schools of his native place and as a youth entered upon an apprenticeship at the printer's trade. He in due time familiarized himself with the practical minutiae of the "art preservative of all art," and boldly pressed his way forward into the reportorial and editorial ranks of newspaperdom. That he has succeeded in his chosen sphere of endeavor is amply demonstrated in the superiority of the paper of which he is now editor in chief and which covers its assigned field with distinctive success, besides being an efficient exponent of the principles and policies of the Republican party. Of this party Mr. Straughn is a valiant and loyal member and he has been active in its work. He has served as a member of the borough council of Shenandoah and also as its treasurer, and is now entering upon his second term as county controller, in which office he has made an enviable record. He is public spirited and progressive and has done much to further the interests of the county in which he maintains his home. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which both he and his wife are members, and he is affiliated with the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. In July, 1885, Mr. Straughn was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Davies, daughter of Thomas D. and Margaret (Jones) Davies, of Shenandoah, and the children of this union are six in number, namely: L. Emory, Thomas D., William S., M. Anna, Archibald and Margaret J.

**Strause, Frank**, son of Samuel and Susan (Miller) Strause, was born in Schubert, Berks county, Sept. 28, 1856. His father was a carpenter in his early life, and in later years a hotel-keeper. He conducted a hotel in Berks county for twenty-two years, and also one at Summit Station for four years. He spent the closing years of his life with his son Frank, the subject of this sketch. He died in 1904, aged eighty-four years and eighteen days. Frank Strause is one of a large family of children. His brothers and sisters are: Mary, married to Simeon Weber, of Berks county; Monroe; Adam; Ann, married to Andrew Cottaman, of Myerstown, Lebanon county; Matilda (deceased); Kate (deceased); Caroline (deceased) was the wife of P. S. Kremer, of Summit Station, Schuylkill county; Susan, married to Charles Roeder, of Summit Station; Charles; Jane, married to George Krommes. Frank Strause attended the public schools of his birthplace until he was sixteen years of age, after which he remained at home with his father, assisting in the hotel business until he was twenty-two years old. At that time he began to work independently, for two years cutting wood and afterward being employed in the construction department of the Philadelphia & Reading railway for about three years. He then took a contract for cutting wood and worked in that business until he returned to hotel-keeping, in which he remained for sixteen years. His last business enterprise is in timber, with which he combines a general mercantile establishment, being at the present time thus engaged. On July 20, 1878, Mr.

Strause was married to Miss Amanda Roeder, daughter of Elia Roeder, of Summit Station. To them have been born five children: Oliver, Charles A., Robert L., Bessie M., and a son who died in infancy. Bessie is the wife of Jacob Babb, of Roeders, Schuylkill county. In politics Mr. Strause is a Democrat, but has never desired public office. The family are members of the Summit Hill Lutheran church. Mr. Strause's son, Charles, manages the mercantile business for him, and also attends to the clerical work in connection with the extensive timber business in which Mr. Strause is engaged.

**Strimaitis, Anicetas B.**, son of George and Agotta (Laurinaitis) Strimaitis, was born in Lithuania, a part of Russia near the boundary of Germany, on Oct. 17, 1875. He attended the schools of his country until he was eleven years of age, when he worked on the farm for his mother, his father having died when he was three years old. At the age of fifteen Mr. Strimaitis decided to come to America, and he located first at Worcester, Mass., where he remained for a year and a half, having found employment with a butcher. He then went to Scranton, Pa., locating a little later at what is now Avon, where he worked in the mines about two years. He then came to Mahanoy City, where he was again employed in the mines, remaining there about seven years, when he decided to change his occupation, and became a partner in a meat market in the same place. After two years he went to Mount Carmel, where he worked for Weissinger Bros., in the same business, for a short time, coming from there to Shenandoah, Schuylkill county. Here he was at first employed in a grocery store and later became connected with the Lithuanian paper published in Shenandoah, known as the *Darbuininku Viltis*, where he was in charge of the outside printing. On Feb. 17, 1905, he was appointed head-keeper of the infirmary of the Schuylkill county almshouse, which position he is at present occupying. Mr. Strimaitis took out his first naturalization papers at Scranton, in 1895, casting his first vote for President McKinley in 1896. He was married to Marguerite, daughter of William and Mary (Strielkiute) Lutkevicz, of Mahanoy City, on Oct. 30, 1900. One child born to them died at the age of eleven months and thirteen days. Mr. Strimaitis is a member of Szyono Erikszytoio, of Mahanoy City, also of the S. L. A. of America, and the T. M. Dr. of America. He is a member of the Independent club of Mahanoy City, which he organized, and of the young men's club of the same place. Mr. Strimaitis is an ambitious and energetic young man, and during his residence in Mahanoy City attended a night school that he might become more conversant with the language and the ways of the Americans. He is also a talented musician, being a fine violinist and a composer of vocal and instrumental music. He has a number of compositions which he expects to publish soon. Dec. 24, 1901, while working in the mines at Elmwood colliery, Mahanoy City, he was seriously injured by falling coal, and was in consequence in the hospital for eighteen months. In politics Mr. Strimaitis is a Republican, and his family attends the Lithuanian church of Mahanoy City.



**Strohmeier, Bertram A.**, assistant principal of the Pottsville high school, is a native of Ashland, Schuylkill county, Pa., where he was born Aug. 24, 1883, the only child of William and Frances (Creasy) Strohmeier, also natives of Ashland. In the paternal line, the family is of German extraction. The mother's family is of Scotch antecedents and was first established in Columbia county, where representatives of the same have been prominent in social and political circles for many years. The parental home of Professor Strohmeier was transferred to Philadelphia in 1895, and after a brief sojourn in the Quaker city, it was determined that the mountainous region of his native county would prove more congenial in the restoration of his health, which was then rather delicate. Accordingly he took up his residence with his aunt, Mrs. Daniel Christian, in whose family he has resided since 1898. He was graduated from the Pottsville high school in the class of 1902, and immediately began the classical course at Pennsylvania college, Gettysburg, in which he was graduated with honor in the class of 1906. Immediately after graduation, Mr. Strohmeier was elected to the chair of Greek and English history in the preparatory school of his alma mater, but declined that honor when elected to his present position in the Pottsville schools. Mr. Strohmeier has always taken high rank both as a student and instructor, and has carried away some distinguished honors from the oratorical field. He won the intercollegiate oratorical prize of the Pennsylvania Oratorical Union on March 9, 1906. The colleges comprising the union were LaFayette, Lehigh, Muhlenberg, Franklin and Marshall, Ursinus, Swarthmore and Pennsylvania college at Gettysburg. Besides the distinguished honor conveyed in this achievement, the cash prize was a handsome sum of money—not at all unwelcome to the average college student. Professor Strohmeier is a zealous worker in church and Sunday school, and his oratorical talents are fully appreciated in connection with this line of work, wherein his leisure and holidays are fully monopolized in delivering public addresses. While in college he was editor-in-chief of the "Spectrum," a college annual published by the junior class. He has always taken an active interest in athletic sports and was a member of the Gettysburg basket-ball team during his four years' stay in the town. He was a member of the college football team during his senior year. He is also an interested and useful "coach" and organizer in connection with the football team of the Pottsville high school. Mr. Strohmeier is a member of the English Lutheran church. He is independent of party in political affairs and does not take an aggressive interest in politics, except as a student of history. His father was a business man in San Francisco at the time of the recent devastation by earthquake and fire, and was a serious sufferer from the destruction of his property and business interests.

**Sturtevant, Benjamin Franklin**, foreman of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company's engine house at Delano, is a son of Caleb and Mary (Hodgson) Sturtevant and was born in Halifax, Mass., on Feb. 24, 1852. He is one of two sons of his parents, the other of

whom, Edward by name, has not been heard of for several years. The subject of this sketch attended the public schools of Halifax until he was fifteen years of age, and then, in July, 1869, began his active bread-winning by accepting a position as apprentice in the locomotive works at Taunton, Mass. In the spring of 1873 he went to Hannibal, Mo., and took a position as locomotive machinist and fireman for the Hannibal & St. Joe Railroad Company. He remained there until late in 1875 and then removed to Raleigh, N. C., where he worked at the machinist's trade until his return to Hannibal and the employ of the St. Joe railroad, in 1876. From Hannibal his wanderings took him to Keokuk, Ia., where for a year he was with the Keokuk & St. Joe railroad company. For the next few months he left his trade to prospect in the gold and silver regions about Denver, Colo. On his return to the east in 1880 he found employment as a machinist at Ashley, Pa., with the New Jersey Central railroad, and remained in that capacity for a period of eight years. Then he was transferred to Mauch Chunk and made engine-house foreman, a position he retained for a period of about five years, or until 1893. It was in that year that he entered the employ of the Lehigh Valley railroad company in the same capacity, being placed in charge of the Mauch Chunk engine house of the company. From Mauch Chunk he came to Delano to assume the duties of a like position. On Sept. 28, 1880, Mr. Sturtevant was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Purdon, of Mahoning township, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Kidd) Purdon. Mr. Purdon is a native of England, the place of his nativity being near Hull, and his wife was born in Delaware. Mrs. Purdon was twice married, her first husband having been Griffiths Evans, to whom she bore two children—Anna, now Mrs. McCready, of Easton, Pa., and John R. Mr. and Mrs. Sturtevant have two sons, John Thomas and Benjamin Johnson, the former of whom is now serving an apprenticeship in the shops of the Lehigh Valley railroad company at Weatherly, Pa. Mrs. Sturtevant is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as are also the sons. Mr. Sturtevant is a Congregationalist and is a man who carries his religious views into the exercise of his right of franchise, being a strong upholder of the principles of the Prohibition party. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the encampment of the same at Wilkes Barre.

**Stutzman, Frederick E.**, a farmer of Hegins township, was born at Fountain, Pa., Sept. 8, 1851, and is a descendant of one of the oldest families of that part of Schuylkill county, his great-grandfather and his grandfather, Christian and Peter Stutzman, respectively, coming from Lebanon county and settling in Hegins township in the fall of 1826. Peter Stutzman married Elizabeth Bonarty, and they had eight children, viz.: Christian, David, Michael, Elizabeth, Peter, Catherine, Israel and William A., the last named being the father of Frederick E. William A. Stutzman grew to manhood on the home farm, receiving an education in the old subscription schools, and in 1850 he built the Fountain hotel at Fountain, which house he

conducted for twenty five years. He served as poor director of Schuylkill county, treasurer, tax collector and supervisor, being in his day one of the active Democrats of the county. He was a member of the Reformed church. His first wife was Catherine Zerby, a native of Schuylkill county, by whom he had six children, viz.: Henry, who died in Nebraska in 1877; Frederick E., Isaac, deceased; Mary, deceased; John W., a farmer in Hegins township, and Andrew, also a farmer in the same locality as his brother. After the death of his first wife he married Helen Roebuck, of Northumberland county, and to this union were born three children: Celia married P. M. Artz and is now dead; Carrie is single and lives at home; and Emma L., Mrs. R. A. Bressler, of Hegins. William A. Stutzman died on July 7, 1905. Frederick E. Stutzman was educated in the common schools and lived with his parents until he was twenty-seven years of age. In Sept., 1874, he married Miss Melinda, daughter of Michael and Mary (Kehras) Stutzman, of Fountain, and for the next three years he farmed for his father. He then bought sixty acres, where he now lives, forty acres being cleared and under cultivation. Since coming into possession of this place he has built a new house and barn and added other improvements, among them a fine orchard. Mr. Stutzman is a Democrat in his political convictions and has served as township assessor and a member of the school board. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Grange, and holds membership in the Reformed church, which also represented the faith of his father. Mr. and Mrs. Stutzman have the following children: Harry A. is a physician at Tower City; Calvin A. married Vinie Smith, of Valley View, and has one daughter, Olivia; Mary is the wife of Charles Artz, a butcher at Minersville, and has two children, Raymond C. and Mertie; Robert E., a butcher at Minersville, married Lizzie Lauderdale and has one son, Frederick Jacob; Bella is the wife of Oscar Snyder, of Tremont, and has one son, Herman; and Verda A., William A., Christian A., Lizzie A. and Carrie H. are at home with their parents. Harry A. was educated in the normal school at West Chester and attended medical college at Philadelphia, graduating in 1905, since which time he has been in practice at Tower City. He married Catherine Williams, of Fountain, and has three children: Lloyd, Alberta and Fernie.

**Stutzman, Samuel E.**, a farmer of Hegins township, is a native of Schuylkill county, having been born near Hegins on April 19, 1864. His parents, John and Polly (Holderman) Stutzman, were both born in the county, the father in Hegins and the mother in Hubley township. John Stutzman learned the trade of wheelwright with Jacob Wolfigang, of Valley View, and ran a shop at that place for many years. In 1871 he bought a farm of sixty-six and one-half acres in Hegins township, and from that time until his death he followed the vocation of farming. At the time he purchased the farm it was badly run down, the buildings being out of repair, etc. He rebuilt the house in 1872 and continued to improve the place until it became one of the best farms in the locality. He was a Democrat

in his political faith, and for some time held the office of supervisor. He died July 3, 1903, and his widow is still living on the farm. They had two children: Samuel E. and Maria A. The latter married Willis Boyer, and is now deceased, leaving one son, John. Samuel E. Stutzman received a common-school education and has all his life been engaged in agricultural pursuits. He now lives upon the farm which his father bought in 1871, and there carries on a general farming business, devoting considerable attention to the cultivation of fruit. He is a member of the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, the Grange and the Reformed church, all located at Hegins. He takes an active part in politics and has held the offices of school director, clerk and auditor, always discharging his duties with ability and fidelity. On May 15, 1886, he married Miss Sallie A., daughter of William and Susan Boyer, of Hegins township. Her father was born in Schuylkill and her mother in Dauphin county. Mr. and Mrs. Stutzman have four children: Carrie E., John W., Susie P. and Reba I.

**Super, Albert Haeseler, M. D.**—This popular and successful young physician was born at Pottsville, Pa., Feb. 25, 1881. He is a son of J. Harry and Emma (Haeseler) Super, the former a native of Perry county, Pa., and the latter born at Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county. The father located in Pottsville in 1872, and has spent the intervening years in that borough and at Minersville, in which places he has been prominent in church and musical circles and in those things tending toward the betterment of the community. The parental family consisted of six children, the eldest of whom is the subject of this article. The others are here named in order of birth: John H., Jr., a student at Dickinson college; Catherine Mary, Dorothea Emma, Sarah Louise and Frederick Haeseler. The subject of this sketch completed the course in the Pottsville high school in 1898, being graduated with the class of that year. In 1899 he took up his professional studies at Hahnemann medical college, in Philadelphia, and received his diploma as a graduated physician and surgeon in 1903. He spent the succeeding year in hospital service at McKinley memorial hospital, Trenton, N. J., and located in general practice at Tamaqua in 1904. He is the president of the Schuylkill county Homeopathic medical society, and an active member of the Pennsylvania state society of the same system of practice. The family are members of the United Evangelical church. Dr. Super was married in Sept., 1906, to Miss Edna M. Kline, a native of Canton, O., and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Kline, of Tamaqua.

**Super, Alvin D.,** son of Henry and Mary (Deiner) Super, was born in Juniata township, Perry county, Pa., on Oct. 8, 1857. He attended the public schools until he was fifteen years of age, after which he came to Pottsville and learned the plastering trade, at which he worked for three and one-half years. At the end of that time he came to Wayne township and worked on a farm until 1894, when he purchased the farm on which he now resides, and which he has cultivated since that time. Besides his agricultural operations he



deal in fertilizers and is an agent for agricultural machinery. On Apr. 1, 1893, Mr. Super married Annie R. Reed, daughter of Elias Reed, of Wayne township. They have had two children; One daughter died in infancy, and Ruth is living. In politics Mr. Super is a Democrat, and the family are members of the United Evangelical church. Mr. Super has recently been elected superintendent of the Sunday school, and is also class leader of the church. He has six brothers living—Charles W., professor of German in the University at Athens, Ohio; Jefferson E., a farmer in Perry county, Pa.; Oranda B., professor in Dickinson college, Carlisle, Pa.; Daniel R., president of the Cincinnati Queensware Company; J. Harry, chief and inspector of police of Minersville, Pa., and Irving H., a teller in the Pennsylvania National bank, at Pottsville, Pa.

**Swalm, Thomas W., M. D.**, a prominent Homeopathic physician and surgeon in Pottsville, was born at Orwigsburg, this county, June 15, 1856. He is a son of John A. and Catherine (Hoy) Swalm, natives of Schuylkill county. The father was born Dec. 19, 1826, and died June 2, 1894. He was a merchant for many years in Mahanoy City. The mother was born May 5, 1829, and died Jan. 3, 1887. Of the four children born to these parents Emma is the eldest and the only daughter. She is the wife of Albert J. Luburg, and resides in Philadelphia; Harry A. Swalm is a merchant in Mahanoy City; Dr. Thomas W. is the third in order of birth, and Albert H. is a hardware merchant in Pottsville, but until recently was located in Shenandoah in the same line of business. Dr. Swalm received his general education in the public schools of Mahanoy City and at New Berlin seminary, in Union county, Pa. He began his professional studies at the University of Pennsylvania, but completed his course at the Homeopathic medical college of New York city, in which he was graduated in the class of 1878. He spent one year in practice in the New York city hospital on Ward island, and in 1879 he came to Pottsville, where he has since been in continuous and successful practice. Dr. Swalm has no specialties or hobbies, but is devoting his energies to general practice of medicine and surgery, according to the tenets of his profession. He is a close student of professional literature, and has a large and valuable library of carefully selected professional books. He is a member of the state and county medical societies of Homeopathic physicians, and keeps in the front rank in the onward march of his profession. Dr. Swalm has been a member of the Pottsville school board for the last seven years, and is president of that body at the present time. He was married in 1893 to Miss Annie Rickert. His church affiliations are with the First Presbyterian church in Pottsville. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows is the only fraternal society with which he is affiliated.

**Swank, Robert Porter**, a well known attorney at Mahanoy City, was born at Delano, Schuylkill county, Pa., Oct. 17, 1868. His father, Josiah Swank, was born at Mauch Chunk, Pa., Sept. 11, 1844. He was a soldier during the Civil war, serving first in the 27th regiment of Pennsylvania militia during the "emergency call" of 1863,

and he enlisted on Feb. 28, 1865, as a private in Company K, of the 202d Pennsylvania volunteer infantry. He was honorably discharged Aug. 3, 1865, by reason of the close of the war. The mother of Mr. Robert P. Swank was in maidenhood Miss Anna J. Porter, a native of Ballycairn, Colerain, Ireland, where she was born March 13, 1847. The subject of this article was educated in the public schools of Delano, and at the Pennsylvania state college, near Bellefonte, being graduated from the last named institution with the class of 1889. In his sophomore year Mr. Swank was awarded the James A. Beaver prize for excellence in mathematics; and a distinguished honor was conferred upon him two years later, when, as the representative of the senior class, he was awarded the second medal of the American protective tariff league. The theme of his essay on this occasion was: "What Are Raw Materials? Would free raw materials be beneficial to the labor and industries of the United States?" This contest was open to the senior classes of all American colleges. After graduation, Mr. Swank entered upon the study of his chosen profession in the office of William Wilhelm, Esq., in Pottsville. He was admitted to the Schuylkill county bar, Feb. 13, 1893, and has since been admitted to practice before all of the Pennsylvania and United States courts. He is a Republican in political views, but he has never sought or held public office. Mr. Swank was married Dec. 1, 1898, to Miss Ida M. Hepler, daughter of Jesse and Catherine P. (Daniel) Hepler, of Eldred township, this county. Nov. 15, 1899, Miss Anna Catherine Swank was born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Swank. Mr. Swank holds membership in the Royal Arcanum, the Young Men's Republican club of Mahanoy City, and the Masonic fraternity. He is also a director of the Union National bank of Mahanoy City.

**Sweeney, Patrick Francis**, who is incumbent of the responsible office of chief burgess of the borough of Shenandoah, is one of the honored and popular citizens of the county. He was born in county Mayo, Ireland, Nov. 2, 1862, and was there reared to the age of fifteen years, in the meanwhile securing a good common-school education. In 1877 he came to America in company with his uncle Michael Sweeney, and he remained in New York city about eighteen months, at the expiration of which, in the latter part of 1879, he came to Shenandoah, Pa., where he has since maintained his home and where he has attained success through well directed effort and honorable methods. Upon coming to Shenandoah he secured work as a laborer in the mines and finally became a mining contractor, in which connection he so managed his affairs as to gain financial success and a reputation for being a thorough and reliable business man. He continued actively identified with mine contracting until his election to the office of chief burgess, Feb. 20, 1906. He assumed the duties of the office on the first Monday of the succeeding March. He was elected on the Citizens' ticket, which was brought forward to compass the overthrow of the ring which had so long controlled governmental affairs in the borough, and the magnificent

run made by Mr. Sweeney testifies alike to his personal popularity and his eligibility and to the attitude of the voters in regard to the previously existing regime. Mr. Sweeney has ever been a staunch friend of organized labor, and his efforts in behalf of the same have been timely and zealous. He first joined the Amalgamated Labor association and when this was absorbed by the Knights of Labor he became affiliated with the latter organization, which continued in existence until 1888. The losing of the strike in that year sounded the death knell of the Knights of Labor in the anthracite field of Pennsylvania. In 1900 Mr. Sweeney became associated with the United Mine Workers, and he was elected president of the local union, No. 1685, an office of which he has since remained continuously incumbent. He was a member of the committee of the organization which met the mine operators in New York city in 1902, and though the committee was unsuccessful in its mission the miners' demands were granted later. Mr. Sweeney has attended all the joint conventions of the three districts in the anthracite field, and is a recognized leader in the councils and deliberations of the miners. He is a stalwart in the local camp of the Democratic party, in whose cause he has done effective service. He has never been a seeker of political office and his present position is the first he has held in the line. He and his wife are communicants of the Church of the Annunciation, Roman Catholic. June 19, 1889, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Sweeney to Miss Ellen T. Reilly, who was born and reared in Shenandoah, a daughter of Thomas Reilly, one of the first settlers of the town. Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney have four children—John Emmett, William, Humbert, and Bessie.

**Szliakys, Vincent J.**, editor and proprietor of the *Darbininku Viltis*, meaning in English the Workingmen's Hope, at Shenandoah, was born in Lithuania, Oct. 10, 1870. His parents, Barney J. and Elizabeth A. (Baltrukonis) Szliakys, still live in that country, as do his brother and sister, John and Petronello. The former conducts the old home farm and the latter is married and lives in the same vicinity. Mr. Szliakys was educated in his native land, taking a course in the gymnasium at Mariampol, in the province of Suvalki. Until he was twenty-six years of age he lived at home with his parents, serving as a correspondent for several American and German newspapers. In 1896 he came to America and located in Shenandoah, where for a time he was editor of the *Garsas Amerikas Lietuvin*, a newspaper published in the Lithuanian language. When the paper was removed from the city he established a job printing office, which he conducted for about a year. He then organized a company and began the publication of the *Viltis*, a weekly newspaper printed in the Lithuanian language. In 1903 he purchased his present establishment, which under his management has been successful from the start. He is a practical printer, has the only book-printing press in the city, and has turned out a number of miscellaneous books. Mr. Szliakys is also an accomplished writer

and a ripe scholar, and he has translated several novels from the Russian and Polish languages, as well as having written several creditable works of fiction, most of which have been issued from his own plant. At the present time he is engaged in a translation of a history of the Russo-Japanese war from the Polish, and in compiling a history of the Lithuanians in Shenandoah. He is unmarried, is a member of the Lithuanian national alliance and the Fatherland Lovers' association, the last named being a society for the publication and distribution of current literature among the poor people of his native country. Full of energy, capable and optimistic, he is popular among his fellow townsmen, especially those of his own nationality.

**Tabor, Adolph P.**, holds prestige as one of the successful and popular business men of Shenandoah, where he has made his home since his early youth and where he has gained independence and prosperity through his own well directed efforts. He was born in the province of Lithuania, Russia, July 10, 1865, and in his native land he was reared and educated. He immigrated to America at the age of seventeen years and at once took up his abode in Shenandoah, in June, 1883. His parents, Peter and Frances Tabor, passed their entire lives in Lithuania, where the father followed agricultural pursuits. Of the children two remain in Lithuania—Mrs. Rosa Pilecky, and Joseph, who resides upon the old home farm of his father. Besides the subject of this sketch and the two just mentioned there is one other child, Annie, who came to America about 1890 and who is now Mrs. Petrowsky, of Waterbury, Connecticut. For three years after his arrival in Shenandoah, Mr. Tabor was employed in the mines and he then became a clerk in a local clothing store. In 1890 he opened a meat market at the corner of Center and White streets, and he has ever since continued in active business for himself. He now owns and conducts one of the finest restaurants and buffets in the city, the same being located at the corner of White and Center streets, diagonally across from his original meat market, which latter he still continues, in connection with a well equipped grocery department. "The best is none too good" is Mr. Tabor's motto in the conducting of his business and the popular appreciation of his efforts is shown in the large and representative trade he controls in his two business establishments. He is a leader in the local ranks of the Democratic party and has done efficient service in its cause. He has held various offices of trust, and in 1897 he was elected chief burgess of the borough of Shenandoah, being the first man of his nationality to be thus honored by any municipality in the United States. His administration of the affairs of the office was a credit to himself, to his nationality and to the borough. While incumbent of this position he organized a relief association to aid the people of the borough who were brought to the verge of starvation through insufficient work and pay, and he has at all times manifested a spirit of deepest humanitarianism and benevolence. No man



stands higher among his own people than does he, and he is a broad-minded, liberal, loyal and public-spirited citizen. He is a member of the Lithuanian Citizens' Society, a beneficial order, and is also affiliated with Aerie No. 103, Fraternal Order of Eagles. Mr. Tabor was one of the leading spirits in the organization of St. George's Lithuanian Catholic church, of which he and his family are zealous communicants. He was one of a committee of three who visited Bishop Ryan and secured permission to organize the parish; he was also a member of the committee which purchased the grounds and had charge of the erection of the church edifice, which is one of the finest in this part of the state. Oct. 15, 1890, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Tabor to Miss Mary V. Ambrose, who was born in Shenandoah, Sept. 8, 1874, a daughter of Louis Ambrose, who is now living retired in this place. They have two children, Clemens J. and Alberta.

**Taggart, David, M. D.**, of Frackville, Pa., where he enjoys the distinction of being the oldest established practitioner in his noble profession, was born in Northumberland, Pa., Dec. 19, 1856, a son of Captain James and Sarah (Cowden) Taggart, both of whom were natives of Northumberland county, this state, of Scotch Irish and Swedish descent. The paternal grandfather of the doctor was John Taggart, who in turn was a son of David Taggart, and his maternal grandfather, John Cowden, was for many years agent for the Philadelphia & Reading railroad at Pine Grove, Schuylkill county. Captain James Taggart gave valiant service to his country during the Civil war, as Captain of Company B., 5th Pennsylvania reserves and was killed at the battle of Charles City Cross Roads, Va., in 1862. Dr. Taggart was reared in Northumberland, in whose public and private schools he received his elementary education. Later he attended the Friends' central school in Philadelphia and Swarthmore college, Delaware county, Pa. He took up the study of medicine in Northumberland in 1875 and later entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which famous institution he graduated in 1879, with the well earned degree of Doctor of Medicine. He first located in Shenandoah for the practice of his profession in the fall of 1879, but in the spring of 1880 he removed to Mahanoy Plane, remaining there, however, only until the fall of the same year, when he located in Frackville where he has resided until the present time and where he enjoys a large and lucrative practice and has the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens. In 1888 he established and has since conducted a drug store in the same city, and under his able management the enterprise has prospered from its initiation. The doctor is a member and active worker in the Schuylkill county medical society, the medical society of the state of Pennsylvania and the American medical association. He is also a member of District Lodge, No. 823, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Royal Arcanum. He gives staunch allegiance to the principles of the Republican party and has served as school

director of Frackville for two terms. On Apr. 30, 1883, was solemnized the marriage of Dr. Taggart to Mary Grant, a daughter of William and Jane (Gibbs) Grant, of Shenandoah, and they have two sons, James and William, the former of whom is a civil engineer by profession.

**Tallman, Henry**, whose death occurred on Feb. 1, 1891, was widely and favorably known as the proprietor of the Brookside hotel at Sheridan. He was of German ancestry, his parents, Jacob and Amelia (Beller) Tallman, having come from Germany to America in the early '30s and settled near Gratz, in Dauphin county, Pa., where the father engaged in farming and working at his trade of stone-mason. He also operated the first hotel at Wiconisco, and he conducted the same for thirty-seven years. He and his wife died there. They were both members of the Lutheran church, and were the parents of eleven children, five of whom grew to maturity, viz.: Jacob, Matthew, John, Henry and Amanda. Henry Tallman received a common-school education. In 1865 he married Mary A., daughter of Henry and Catherine (Satzler) Schreffler, of Dauphin county, where her father was a farmer and carpenter. Both her parents were members of the Lutheran church and both died in Dauphin county. They had seven children. Sarah married John Ballou and lives in South Dakota; Elizabeth married Edward Muench and lived at Pilot Mound, Ia.; Mary A. is now Mrs. Henry Tallman; Catherine is the wife of John Good, of Boone, Ia.; John is a retired farmer living at Polo, Ill.; Ellen married John Wolf and she and her husband are both deceased; and Louis died in childhood. Five years after his marriage Henry Tallman removed with his family to the western side of Porter township, Schuylkill county, bought the Brookside hotel and a farm of eighty-six acres, and lived there for the remainder of his life. In politics he was an earnest advocate of Democratic principles and held a number of local offices, among them a place on the school board. He was a member of the Lutheran church. Since his death the widow and some of the children have continued to live upon the farm, where they are engaged in the dairy business. They had thirteen children. Harry, John E., Edwin, Minnie L., Kate R., Charles C., John P., Bessie, Lulu E., George O., Andrew, William and Lettie A. Harry and Edwin are in the hotel business at Lykens, Pa.; Charles is clerk in the Grand hotel at Schuylkill Haven; John P. is principal of the high school at Hamburg, Pa.; George lives at Northampton, Pa.; Kate is the wife of John Reinhard, a merchant of Tower City; Minnie died at the age of four years; Bessie died in May, 1906; Lettie died when she was thirteen years old; and the others live with their mother. In 1891 the mother and her sons built the house in which they now live. The barn was built the following year, and in 1897 they started in the dairy business. They have a well equipped dairy, with fine Jersey stock, and their product finds a ready sale in Tower City. The

family is one of refinement and they have many warm friends in the community where they live.

**Taylor, E. W.**, superintendent of the Pine Grove schools, was born in this county on May 9, 1871, a son of Rev. William and Mary (Williams) Taylor. The father was born in England and came to America in 1866. He obtained employment as a mine foreman and worked at it until his death, in 1891, at the age of fifty-seven. He was a local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal church and his voice was often heard in the pulpits of the surrounding boroughs. His death was not only a loss to the family and his friends but to the whole community, in which he was recognized as a man of ability and deep piety. His widow is a resident of Donaldson. Professor Taylor, the subject of this sketch, is the eldest living of the eight children in the family. Richard R. died in 1883 at the age of thirteen; Henry died in 1884 at the age of eleven years. Dr. Mary M. Taylor, the eldest daughter, is assistant surgeon of the Polyclinic hospital and in the Woman's hospital of Philadelphia. John W. is a graduate of Harvard university and is principal of the high school at Danville, Pa., Bessie is at home, Alice W. is a student in the college of pharmacy at Philadelphia and Anna W. is at home. The professor acquired his first scholastic knowledge in the schools of Millersville and graduated at the normal school there in the elementary and scientific courses. Subsequently he graduated at the Zanerian art college of Columbus, Ohio. His first charge as teacher was at Oneida, where for two years he was in charge of the schools. During the following nine years he was principal of the schools in Donaldson and in Sept., 1906, he assumed his present position. Although his residence in Pine Grove has been of rather short duration he has won for himself a large place in the hearts of the community, by his genial, courteous manner, his ability and his grasp of intellectual affairs. He gives promise of bringing the schools up to a standard never before attained. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and the Lutheran church.

**Taylor, Frank**, the principal and proprietor of the Pottsville business college, was born in Cayuga county, N. Y. He comes from the original Massachusetts, and New York Dutch stock. His parents were Ebenezer G. and Hester J. (Stevens) Taylor, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter of New York. The father, who was a merchant, lived to be eighty-two years of age; the mother died in her sixty-sixth year. The professor is the youngest of the four children of the family who attained to maturity. He received his preliminary education in the Port Byron public and high schools after which he engaged in teaching in the public schools of his native county for several years. He then attended the Rochester business university, now known as the Rochester business institute, from which he graduated in due course. After this he taught for several years in the graded schools of his native county in the capacity of principal. At this

time he decided to take Horace Greeley's advice and went west as far as Valparaiso, Ind., where he took special work in the Valparaiso university, after which he engaged in high-school work in Michigan and Minnesota, the whole taking up about ten years of his life. He first became engaged in commercial teaching at Buffalo, leaving that place to accept a lucrative position in a Jersey City institution. After he had taught in Jersey City for some time, he removed to Wilmington, Del., and for a period of five years was principal of the commercial department of the leading commercial college of that city. The professor's residence in Pottsville dates from 1899, when he purchased the business college formerly conducted by Prof. J. G. Gerbarich and became its principal. The courses offered at the institution are the same as those offered at all similar schools of high standing. The success met with has far exceeded the expectations of the most sanguine, and the graduates, who are qualified to fill highly important positions, are in general demand in this and surrounding territory. In 1902 Professor Taylor married Miss Elizabeth R. Clark, a native of Wilmington, Del. In politics the professor is absolutely independent, exercising his right of franchise as his best judgment dictates. Fraternally he is associated with the Improved Order of Red Men at Wilmington. Although a comparatively recent acquisition to the social and commercial life of Pottsville he to-day fills a large and prominent place in the respect of the citizens of the community.

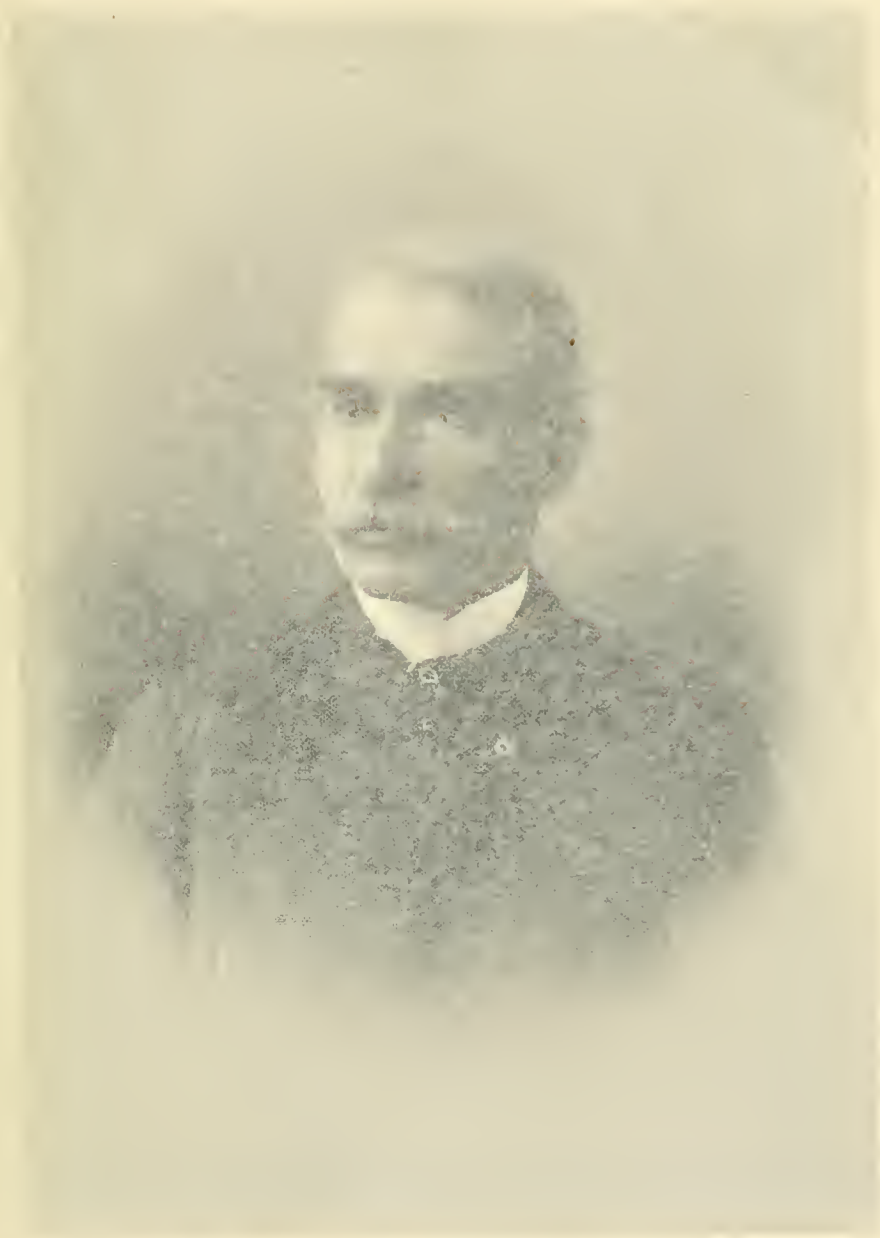
**Terrill, Frederick Elmer**, grocer and justice of the peace, of Llewellyn, was born in that town, on Apr. 11, 1864, a son of John and Mary (Ferris) Terrill, both natives of Cornwall, England. The father came to this country in early life and located in Branch township, where he followed his occupation of miner until his death, which occurred at Llewellyn on Jan. 18, 1893. He had a family of fourteen children, nine of whom grew to maturity, and seven are yet living. John and Stephen F. died after reaching manhood; Mary A. is the widow of Robert Jones; Elizabeth is the wife of John H. Zimmerman; and the other surviving children are James R., Francis, Edwin W., Frederick E., and William. The maternal grandfather of Frederick E. Terrill was Stephen Ferris, native of Cornwall, England, who was among the pioneers of Branch township. He was a civil engineer by profession and lived in Schuylkill county all his life after coming to America. Frederick E. Terrill was educated in the public schools and at the age of eight years became a breaker boy in the mines. Subsequently he became a miner, and he followed that occupation until 1898, when he engaged in the grocery business at Llewellyn, where he has since continued in that line of activity. In his political opinions he is an adherent of the Democratic party and he takes an interest in all questions of public policy. He served one term as school director and in 1897 was elected a justice of the peace for Branch township. Since then he has been twice re-elected and he is now serving his third term of



five years in that office. He is a supporter of the Methodist Episcopal church and belongs to the Mechanics. In 1902 Mr. Terry married Miss Amelia, daughter of William Adams, of Trenton, and they have one son, Lester W.

**Thomas, Thomas L.**, junior member of the wholesale grocery firm of Van Horn & Thomas, has been a resident of Mahanoy City since 1864, in which year he accompanied the parental family from Mimersville to that place. He was graduated from the public schools of Mahanoy City in the class of 1886 and two years later received his diploma as a graduate of Eastman's business college of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Mr. Thomas entered the employ of David E. Focht, as bookkeeper in Sept., 1882. 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 had filled with Mr. Focht. In 1900, at the death of Mr. Stull, a copartnership 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, as it remains to-day. Mr. Van Horn and Mr. Thomas are the sole proprietors. They transact a general wholesale grocery business, supplying the retail trade throughout a large area of surrounding territory, as well as in Mahanoy City. Twenty-five years of continuous existence and operation along honorable and aggressive business lines have brought them many friends and patrons. The founder of this business, David E. Focht, deceased, was a son of the late James Focht, of Pottsville.

**Thompson, Heber S.**—The well known family, of which the subject of this review is a member, has been represented in America since the year 1730, when two brothers, John and James Thompson, arrived from County Antrim, Ireland, and established homes at Cross Roads, Chester county, Pa. They later moved to Hanover township, in the same county (but now in Lebanon county), and from there to a farm ten miles distant from Harrisburg, near Derry church. James Thompson, the paternal great-grandfather of the subject of this article, settled near South Mountain, in Franklin county, where some of his descendants live at present. William Thompson, grandfather of Heber S., was born in Cumberland county, in 1754. He served in the war of the Revolution, and participated in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown. By occupation he was a farmer and merchant. He married Jane Mitchell, of Chambersburg, Pa., and they had a family of six sons and three daughters. One son, Samuel, being the father of William, Lewis C., Heber S. (subject of this sketch), and Emily. Samuel Thompson was born in Thompsonstown, Dauphin county, in 1792, and died in Pottsville, Pa., March 7, 1851. Samuel Thompson was twice married; first to Ann Alricks, of Harrisburg, who died Aug. 27, 1828, in less than a year after marriage. Aug. 6, 1833, he married Elizabeth Cunningham, of Newton Hamilton, Mifflin county, Pa., and



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she was the mother of the four children named above. She survived her husband until Oct. 5, 1874, when she died, in her seventieth year. Col. William Thompson, the eldest of the four children born to these parents, needs no introduction to the people of Schuylkill county. He was for many years identified with the Miners' National bank, in the capacity of director and president; served throughout the Civil war in the 17th Pennsylvania cavalry and was mustered out at the close of the war as lieutenant colonel of his regiment. Lewis C. Thompson, a well known merchant of Pottsville, also served in Company A, 27th Pennsylvania emergency regiment, during the invasion of Pennsylvania by General Lee, in 1863. Emily J. became the wife of Major Edward C. Baird. Major Heber Samuel Thompson was born in Pottsville, Aug. 14, 1840. He acquired his elementary education in the schools of his native town, and he finally entered Yale university, where he pursued a classical course, being graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in the class of 1861. Ten years later he received from the same institution, the honorary degree of Master of Arts. During his college course, the war-cloud had settled upon the country, and Mr. Thompson promptly offered his services. He enlisted Apr. 16, 1861, as a private soldier in Company H, of the 25th Pennsylvania volunteers, and was one of the first to reach the national capitol in response to the president's call for "three months' volunteers." His term of enlistment expired the last of July, 1861, and in October, of the same years, he re-enlisted, as first lieutenant in Company F, 7th Pennsylvania cavalry, in which he was promoted to the captaincy on the first of May, 1863. March 18, 1864, Captain Thompson was placed on detached service, as acting inspector-general of the First brigade, second cavalry division, in the Army of the Cumberland, and served in this capacity until Aug. 20, 1864, when he was captured as a prisoner of war. Being released on parole of honor, and unable to effect an exchange, he resigned his commission in the army, and was finally discharged Jan. 24, 1865. The military record of Major Thompson is one of thrilling experiences and long and active service. He participated in many of the hard-fought battles of the war, among them being Perryville or Chaplin Hills, Ky.; Stone's river or Murfreesboro, McMinnville and Shelbyville, Tenn., and Chickamauga, Ga., while under Generals Don Carlos Buell and William S. Rosecrans. Afterward he was with Gen. W. T. Sherman in the Atlanta campaign and took part in the engagements at Noonday creek, Kenesaw Mountain, about Atlanta, Jonesboro and Lovejoy's station. After participating in twelve engagements on this campaign, Major Thompson was taken prisoner at the battle of Lovejoy's station, Ga., Aug. 20, 1864, and this ended his career at the front. He was in prison at Macon and Augusta, Ga., successively, and finally was taken to Charleston, S. C. He was paroled from the prisoner's hospital at Rikersville, a suburb of Charleston, Dec. 18, 1864. Major Thompson has always taken an active interest in

the cause of the veterans of the Civil war, and promptly allied himself with the fraternal organizations intended to perpetuate the memory of the far-away days of the '60s. He is a member of the Society of First Defenders, Gowen Post, No. 23, Grand Army of the Republic, Pottsville Encampment, Union Veteran Legion; and the Loyal Legion of the United States. He is president of the board of trustees of the state hospital for the injured, a member of the county visiting committee of the state board of charities, and a member of the state committee on lunacy. He is ex-president of the board of directors of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, director and ex-president of the Miners' National bank, and interested in many other local institutions. Of the learned and technical institutions, he is a member of the American Philosophical Society of Philadelphia, of the Historical Societies of Pennsylvania and of Schuylkill county, and of the American Institute of Mining Engineers. Since 1874 Major Thompson has been engineer and agent of the Girard estate in Schuylkill and Columbia counties. He was married Jan. 23, 1860, to Miss Sarah E., daughter of Isaac and Margarette Beck, of Pottsville, Pa. Their four children are Emily, widow of the late J. Parker Hood, of Philadelphia; Samuel Clifton, a graduate of Yale university, class of 1891, and of the School of Mines, Columbia university, class of 1893, now a mining engineer in South Africa, Margaretta, wife of Col. James Archbald; Heber Harris of Pottsville, and Eleanor, deceased.

**Thompson, James W.**, the genial manager of the Western Union Telegraph company and agent of the United States Express company at Ashland, was born in that borough on May 5, 1804. He is a son of James W. and Esther M. (Jones) Thompson, the former a native of Durham, England, and the latter of Wales. The father came to the United States with his mother and his stepfather in 1845, and located in St. Clair, where he remained until 1856. In that year he came to Ashland with his mother's family and entered the employment of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad. He was lever-man and timekeeper at the Big Mine Run Plane for a period of thirty-seven years, until the plant was abandoned by the company, and then he retired. His last days were spent in the home of his son James W. and his death occurred in April, 1902, in his sixty-fifth year. Three children grew to maturity of whom the subject of this sketch is the second in order of birth. The others are John C. and Elizabeth, the latter being the wife of William Smail, of Shenandoah. James W. Thompson, of this sketch, has always lived in Ashland. His educational advantages were those of the public schools of that borough and while still a youth he entered the employ of the telegraph company as messenger. Then by study and practice he became an operator and in 1885 he was employed as such in the Ashland office of the company. In 1887 he was made Ashland manager for the company and in 1896 became the agent at Ashland for the United States Express company. That his

service has given satisfaction to his employers is evidenced by his continued retention in the offices. July 11, 1890, Mr. Thompson was united in marriage to Miss Lulu Bailey, of Mahanoy City, a daughter of William H. and Priscilla (Haldeman) Bailey. This union has been blessed with three daughters—Ethel, Grace and Lulu; the last mentioned died at the age of three years. The family are communicants of the Protestant Episcopal church, and for several years Mr. Thompson has been a member of the vestry. He is prominent in fraternal circles, being a member of Ashland Lodge, No. 294, Free and Accepted Masons; Griscom Chapter, No. 219, Royal Arch Masons; Prince of Peace Commandery, No. 39; Knights Templars; the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Reading; the Royal Arcanum; and Camp No. 84 of the Patriotic Order Sons of America. Of the last named organization he was state Master of Forms in 1904 and at the present time he is state vice-president. He is also a member of the Ashland board of trade and is a director of the Locust Mountain Saving Fund association. In politics he is a Republican, but has never sought public office.

**Thurlow, Stephen A.,** is a prominent educator and was for many years principal of the high school at Pottsville, Pa., and is now superintendent. He was born at Raymond, Cumberland county, Maine, July 18, 1842. He is a son of Robert and Nancy (Smith) Thurlow, of Raymond, Maine. His ancestry dates back to the colonial period of our country, the originators of the family on both sides having come from England in an early day. Members of the family took part in our colonial wars, and paternal and maternal great-grandfathers were wounded in the struggle for independence at the battle of Bunker Hill. Professor Thurlow received his elementary education in the schools of his native village and after having been a student at Hebron academy and Edward Little Institute in Maine, he pursued a course at Amherst college, in Massachusetts. With the exception of a brief military service during the Civil war, in which he was a private in Company K, 5th Massachusetts volunteers, Professor Thurlow has devoted his entire active career to the noble profession of pedagogy, in which he has risen to a high rank. While a resident of Maine, he served as superintendent of schools, an elective office in that state. He was principal of the high school of Pottsville for more than a quarter of a century, which in itself bespeaks his proficiency as an educator. He is not only an instructor, but a friend and companion as well to all his pupils and many of the younger generation among the business and professional citizens of Pottsville to-day remember with pleasure and reverence the master who guided their footsteps and aided in the moulding of their character when he and they performed their daily tasks together in the schoolroom. As a mark of esteem in which he is held by the graduates of his school, Professor Thurlow was presented by them with a purse of \$2,000 at the expiration of twenty-five years of service as principal of the high school. This, Professor Thurl-



low regards as the greatest honor and pleasure of his life. Upon the death of Superintendent Patterson, Professor Thurlow was elected superintendent; which position he now fills. Professor Thurlow is a Republican in his political affiliation, and religiously is a member of the Presbyterian church. He is a member of the time-honored Masonic fraternity, and the interest he maintains in his old comrades in arms is signified by his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of the Golden Eagle. July 15, 1892, was solemnized the marriage of Professor Thurlow to Mary E. Chase, a daughter of Rev. F. N. and Elizabeth (Allen) Chase, of Exeter, N. H.

**Tracy, George R.**, accountant of the Shamokin division of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, with headquarters at Tamaqua, was born in this county, Nov. 4, 1863. He is a son of Henry W. and Catharine B. (Ray) Tracy, both born in Hartford, Conn. The father came to Pennsylvania about 1860 and for ten years was transportation master of the Reading road; for a time he was paymaster, and from 1870 until 1897 he was superintendent of the Pine Grove division of the road, with headquarters at Pine Grove. He held his position under two receiverships, and through all the reorganization of the road. In religious matters he was always a leader and was one of the founders of the Methodist Episcopal church in Pine Grove, in 1876. For many years thereafter he was a member of the board of trustees of the church. Fraternally he was associated with the Pine Grove Lodge, No. 409, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Patriotic Order of Sons of America, having been a charter member and officer in each. For many years he was president of the Building and Loan association. In 1897 he succumbed to peritonitis, and his widow died in 1901. The children are three in number. Carrie E., the eldest became the wife of Charles E. Logan, station agent of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad at Pine Grove; Harry died at the age of seven; and the subject of this sketch is the youngest. George R. Tracy attended the public schools of Pine Grove and then entered the employ of the railroad as scale clerk at Pine Grove, holding the position from May 10, 1880, to Aug. 1, 1885. From the latter date until Sept. 1, 1887, he was a clerk in the master mechanic's office at Ninth and Green streets in Philadelphia, and for the following two months was clerk in the transportation office at 227 South Fourth street, that city. On Nov. 1, 1887, he returned to the master mechanic's office and was there an even two years, leaving that position to become chief clerk in the office of the superintendent at Pine Grove. From the latter position he went, on Dec. 10, 1897, to Shamokin to become clerk in the office of the superintendent of the Shamokin division. Feb. 25, 1904, he was given his present position as accountant for the division, with headquarters at Tamaqua. Nov. 22, 1888, Mr. Tracy married Miss Ella A. Harding, a native of Rehrersburg, Berks county, and a daughter of John B.





*Jacob Ulmer*







*James M. [illegible]*

and Anna M. (Kline) Harding. To Mrs. and Mrs. Tracy have been born four children—Norman Harding, Harold Ray, Everett Heber, and Anna Adele. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church of Tamaqua, and Mr. Tracy is also identified with Tamaqua Lodge, No. 238, Free and Accepted Masons, the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and the Royal Arcanum.

**Tyson, William T.**, cashier of the Citizens' bank of St. Clair, was born in Pottsville, on June 23, 1880. He is a son of Cornelius and Catherine A. (Weaver) Tyson, and is one of seven children, the others being Cornelius B., John W., Mrs. Frank Riley, Agnes C., Mary and Edna. The public schools of Pottsville afforded him his early educational training, and when he had graduated at the high school he entered the employ of the Safe Deposit bank of Pottsville. There he remained until May, 1904, when he came to St. Clair and accepted his present responsible position with the Citizens' bank. Mr. Tyson is a man of great physical strength and has a state wide reputation as an athlete of ability. He is the present holder of the championship for hand ball and in the relay races conducted each year under the auspices of the athletic department of the University of Pennsylvania he has twice, in 1899 and 1900, won prizes. He is a member of the Baxters, a Pottsville social organization, and of the St. Clair athletic club. In politics he takes sides with no party or organization and has never held nor aspired to office of public trust. Mrs. Tyson was formerly Miss Beulah T. Boone, a daughter of William A. Boone, of St. Clair. Mr. and Mrs. Tyson have one son, Cornelius H. Mr. Tyson is a young man of great promise, in the prime of a vigorous manhood, and his many friends feel confident of his ultimate attainment of the best of successful promotion.

**Ulmer, Jacob**, deceased, for many years prominently identified with the business life and institutions of the city of Pottsville, was born in the kingdom of Würtemberg, now a part of the German empire, Nov. 24, 1826. His parents, John and Agnes (Rebmann) Ulmer, were natives of Würtemberg, where they passed their entire lives. Jacob Ulmer attended the schools near his boyhood home, and upon leaving school learned the butcher's trade. When he was twenty-four years of age he left the Fatherland and crossed the Atlantic to seek his fortune in America. His first years in this country were spent at Bridgeport, Conn., where he remained until 1852, when he went to Philadelphia. In 1854 he assisted in building the first railroad into Atlantic City. In March, 1855, he opened a meat market of his own in Pottsville. His skill as a butcher, his uniform courtesy to his customers, and his good judgment in the selection of his stock, soon built up for him a lucrative business. In 1858 he purchased the property now used by the Ulmer Packing Company as a retail market on North Center street. His success continued as the years rolled on, and in 1873 he began the erection of the Ulmer packing house. On Dec 1, 1890, this business was incorporated as a stock company and Mr. Ulmer retired from his active management of the

concern, though he still retained his interests as a stockholder and head of the company. The year following the incorporation, large additions were made to the buildings, making it one of the largest and most complete institutions of its kind in the state. All the buildings are of brick and iron, five stories in height, with an aggregate floor space of 200,000 square feet. The plant is well equipped with all modern appliances, ample yards and feeding pens for both hogs and cattle, has a capacity of 500 hogs daily, and in its sanitary appointments is superior to most of the packing houses in the country. In 1892 Mr. Ulmer severed his active connection with the business and removed to Philadelphia, to enjoy a well earned respite from the cares and labors of an active and industrious life of half a century, his son, Jacob S., assuming the management of the packing company. Jacob Ulmer was a man of more than ordinary business acumen. He usually saw at a glance the possibilities of a commercial proposition, and was equally prompt in giving it tangible shape. Active, progressive and public-spirited, he soon became recognized as one of the most influential and useful citizens in the city of his adoption. In addition to his packing interests he became associated with other industrial enterprises, all of which profited by his ability. He served as a director in the Pottsville Steam Heat and Power Company, the Edison Electric Illuminating Company and other industries in the community. In fact he was always foremost in every movement to give Pottsville better commercial facilities, and many of his neighbors frequently came to consult with him on matters of an important business character. On such occasions his advice was freely given and was generally heeded, as all who knew him had great confidence in his judgment and integrity. Financially he prospered, but for every dollar he received he rendered a just equivalent, strict honesty and correct business methods being the very foundation stones of his career. He died at Philadelphia on Nov. 7, 1904, but his example and influence still live in Pottsville and will be felt upon the affairs of that city for years to come.

**Ulmer, Jacob S.**, president of the Miners' National bank and one of the proprietors of the Jacob Ulmer Packing Company, was born in Pottsville, Pa., Sept. 27, 1858. He was the second in order of birth in the family of four sons and one daughter of the late Jacob Ulmer, a review of whose life will be found in this volume. All the sons are identified with the packing business, and in operating the retail business connected therewith. Jacob S. Ulmer whose name heads this article, was reared and educated in his native town. He began his business career as an assistant to his father in his business, and has worked his way to a position of prominence in business affairs. He was elected a director of the Miners' National bank in Jan., 1897, and in Feb., 1904, he became president of that well known monetary institution. He is also president of the Jacob Ulmer Packing Company, a member of the board of directors of the Pottsville Steam Heat and Power

Company, the Pottsville Water Company, and up to the transfer of the company to other interests, was a director of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company. Mr. Ulmer's business interests are varied and extensive, and they receive his personal attention, even to the smallest details. He is a courteous and affable gentleman, and his numerous employes regard him in the light of a wise friend and counsellor as well as a generous employer. Mr. Ulmer was married June 14, 1888, to Miss Eldora B. Dyer, daughter of Lemuel and Mary (Grove) Dyer, of Pittsburg, Pa. He has a family of seven children consisting of five boys and two girls and ranging in age from four to seventeen years. In politics Mr. Ulmer is a Republican. He is a member of the Trinity Lutheran church of Pottsville, and is connected with the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities.

**Ulmer, John G.**, a representative of a prominent and well known family in Pottsville, is the eldest son born to Jacob and Magdalena (Rinkle) Ulmer. A tribute to the memory of Jacob Ulmer appears in this volume. The mother of the subject of this sketch was a native of Alsace-Lorraine, then a province of France. She was born in Sept., 1834, and she is now deceased. John G. Ulmer was born in Pottsville, Schuylkill county, Pa., Jan. 13, 1857. He was reared and educated, and has always lived in his native town. He has been identified with the extensive meat-packing business, and retail dealing in meats and provisions during all of his mature years. He is a member of the corporation doing business under the corporate title of the Jacob Ulmer Packing Company and has special charge of the retail department of the firm's business. John G. Ulmer was married Oct. 13, 1892 to Miss Charlotte, daughter of William and Mary Catherine (Fink) Berner, of Pottsville. William Berner Ulmer is the only child born to this union. Mr. Ulmer is a Republican in political sentiments, and is a member of the German Lutheran church. He is well advanced in Masonry, having attained to the thirty-second degree in that time-honored fraternity. He is also a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Heptasophs and the Humane fire company. Mr. Ulmer is an active and successful business man and is a citizen of high standing in the community where his life has been spent.

**Ulrich, John O.**, a prominent attorney of Tamaqua, was born in Lehigh county, Pa., May 26, 1864, a son of John and Caroline (Medlor) Ulrich. The mother was a native of McKeansburg, and she died Sept. 10, 1901, at the age of sixty-four years. The father, who was a miller by vocation, moved from Lehigh county to Hughesville, Lycoming county, in 1871. In 1889 he returned to Lehigh county and started a mill, conducting the business in both places until his death, which occurred Oct. 16, 1903, in his sixty-sixth year. He held several of the minor political offices and was a member of the Lutheran church. His wife was affiliated with the German Reformed church. They became the par-



ents of seven children. After due preliminary training in the schools of Hughesville, John O. Ulrich matriculated at the county normal school at Muncy, where he was a student for two terms. For another term he attended the Central state normal school, at Lock Haven, following it with several terms of graduate work at the same institution. In the fall of 1884 he entered the department of law of the University of Pennsylvania, receiving a degree therefrom in June, 1886. During his course in law he spent his spare hours in the offices of the Hon. Wayne McVeagh and George Tucker Bispham. The year of his graduation he was admitted to the bar, and he immediately began active practice in Tamaqua. That town has since been the center of his active career. In politics he is a staunch believer in the principles of the Democratic party, and ever since he reached his majority he has taken an active and influential part in the state and national campaigns. In the fall of 1896 he stumped the state of New York for the Hon. William J. Bryan. From 1893 to 1897 he was county solicitor for Schuylkill county and for the past ten years has been the incumbent of the office of borough solicitor for Tamaqua. On Jan. 4, 1889, Mr. Ulrich was united in marriage to Miss Fannie D. Boyd, a native of Tamaqua and a daughter of James and Mary Boyd. The children of this marriage are two in number—Helen A., who is a member of the class of 1907 in the Tamaqua high school and Frances O. Mrs. Ulrich is a member of the Episcopal church. Mr. Ulrich is well known in fraternal circles; he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Pennsylvania German Society.

**Umberhauer, James W.**, for some years at the head of Company G of the 4th regiment of infantry of the Pennsylvania National Guard, is a successful contract miner of Pine Grove. He was born in that borough on Oct. 9, 1849, and is a son of Henry and Sarah (Spancake) Umberhauer, the former of whom died Feb. 7, 1875, at the age of fifty-seven, and the latter of whom is still a resident of Pine Grove. The father was a laborer, working in later life for the railroad company as foreman of the repair men. Captain James W., of this sketch, is the eldest of seven children. Amanda is Mrs. Levi Aungst, of this county; John was killed when forty-two years old, in an accident in the Lincoln colliery, in 1895; Andrew died in June, 1905, at the age of fifty; Mary is the wife of George W. Hoover, of Pine Grove; Sarah died when a year old; and Rebecca is the wife of John Hagey, of Lebanon. Captain Umberhauer received his early education in the township schools and his first employment was about the mines. He subsequently became a miner. At the age of twenty he began mining for Miller, Greaff & Co., and later was similarly engaged for the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company doing pillar dropping. In this work he has been engaged almost continuously ever since, and he has become an expert in this line. He now employs about twenty-five men the year around, and

has all the work he can attend to. The captain's connection with the state militia dates from Jan. 9, 1877, when he became a private in Company H of the 8th infantry. Subsequently the company was assigned to the 4th regiment and became known as Company G. The first service which the organization did was in the Pittsburg riot of July, 1877. After passing from rank to rank Mr. Umbenhauer became captain of the company in 1891. In 1892 the company was called out to suppress the strikers at Homestead, and in 1897 it was called to similar service in the Hazleton region. When war was declared between Spain and the United States the 4th regiment was mustered into the service of the United States and was sent to Porto Rico. When the news of the cessation of hostilities came it was drawn up before Guama ready to give battle. The regiment was mustered out at Pine Grove on Nov. 16, 1898, and after its reorganization was called into service again, at Shenandoah, in 1900, and in 1902. This latter duty kept the men out ninety-two days. On Feb. 17, 1904, Capt. Umbenhauer resigned his active command and was put on the retired list, after twenty-seven years of continuous service in the state militia. He has always been active in the public affairs and has a record of twenty-one years of continuous service in the borough council. It was during his tenure of office that the water-works system was installed, and he was a member of the finance committee, with F. B. Wheeler and Aaron T. Fetty, which had the practical control of the whole affair. Mr. Umbenhauer was married Feb. 4, 1875, to Miss Mary Russell, daughter of William and Susanna (Dewald) Russell, of Pine Grove. Three children have blessed this union. Minnie S. is a teacher in a school for the deaf and dumb at Beverly, Mass. Robert G., is a machinist and is employed at Harrisburg. His wife was formerly Miss Mabel Snoke and they have one child, Paul. Edna E., the youngest, is employed in a millinery store. Mrs. Umbenhauer is a member of the Evangelical church, and the captain is affiliated with the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and the local union of the United Mine Workers.

**Umbenhen, Rev. John H., Ph. D.**, the much esteemed pastor of Trinity Lutheran church of Pottsville, was born near Myerstown, Lebanon county, Pa., on March 6, 1861, a son of Prof. George and Sarah (Uhrich) Umbenhen. Both parents, who are now living in Myerstown, are natives of Lebanon county. The father received his educational advantages in the Myerstown academy and began teaching while still a young man. For forty-seven years he was continuously engaged in pedagogic work and became one of the best known as well as one of the most popular teachers in the state. He is also a talented musician, and for forty years has been the organist of the Myerstown church. Three children were born to Prof. and Mrs. Umbenhen, of whom the subject of this sketch is the eldest and the only son. The sisters are Mrs. Sallie Kreitzer and Mrs. Anna Stupp, both of

Myerstown, where their husbands are engaged in business. Dr. Umbenhen, after due preliminary training in the Myerstown public schools, entered Palatinate college, and when he had completed the preparatory work there he matriculated in Muhlenberg college, at Allentown, which institution granted him a certificate of graduation in 1880. He then entered upon his theological studies at the Lutheran seminary, which is now located at Mount Airy, Philadelphia, and he completed a three years' course in that institution in 1883. The same year occurred his ordination as a minister of the gospel by the Lutheran ministerium of Pennsylvania, and his active work began as pastor of the Reamstown parish of Lancaster county. There he rendered distinguished and able service for a period of three years, leaving only to accept a call to a broader and more lucrative field at Mount Joy. In 1886, after he had been pastor at Mount Joy for some three and one half years, he received an offer to become the English assistant pastor of Trinity church. The call was accepted and he was installed as the associate pastor to Rev. Dr. Hinterleitner. Upon the retirement of the latter, in the fall of 1892, Dr. Umbenhen was selected as his successor and the same year assumed the full pastorate. This position he has since filled to the most eminent satisfaction of the congregation, and he has become a power for good in the civic and private life of the community. The doctor's male ancestors were all strong Republicans, but he is not so allied with any political organization as to allow it to bias his influence or judgment in the support of candidates for office. Jan. 2, 1884, was solemnized Dr. Umbenhen's marriage to Miss Nettie Donges, who was born and reared in Myerstown, a daughter of George and Mary (Tice) Donges. Mrs. Umbenhen's maternal grandfather was William Tice, who served throughout the war of the Rebellion as a captain in the 17th Pennsylvania cavalry. To Dr. and Mrs. Umbenhen have been born five children, of whom one, Paul, died at the age of six years. The others are Marie, Annette, Rebecca, and Georgine.

**Unger, Claude W.**, who maintains his home in Yorkville and who is the able and popular manager of the West End knitting mills, of Pottsville, has passed his entire life in Schuylkill county and is a member of one of its honored families. He was born in West Brunswick township, this county, Jan. 5, 1882, and is a son of Samuel and Ellen J. (Kimmel) Unger, the former of whom was born in Berks county, this state, and the latter in Schuylkill county, daughter of Daniel F. Kimmel, a representative of one of the sterling families of the county. Samuel Unger was for many years engaged in the sewing-machine business and in Oct., 1896, he established the West End knitting mills, for the manufacture of women's underwear. The plant is thoroughly modern in its facilities and general equipment, operates fourteen knitting machines and seventeen finishing machines, and gives employment to about forty hands. The business is a substantial one and the annual transactions have now reached an

aggregate of about \$60,000. The founder of the enterprise died in 1905, and the business has since been successfully continued by the estate, under the management of the subject of this sketch, who is known as an able and progressive young business man. Mr. Unger secured his early education in the excellent public schools of Pottsville and since leaving school he has been identified with the business of which he is now the manager, so that he is thoroughly familiar with all details of the same and is able to handle its practical and executive affairs with proper discrimination and facility. In politics he is not dominated by strict partisan dictates but maintains an independent attitude, and he and his wife hold membership in Trinity Reformed church. In 1902 he was united in marriage to Miss Ada Vietinghoff, daughter of William Vietinghoff, a well known citizen of Pottsville, and they have two children—William and Barbara. Mr. Unger takes a deep interest in the geology and paleontology of Schuylkill county, and has probably—with the exception of the one deposited at the United States national museum at Washington—the largest and most valuable collection of carboniferous fossil plants in America.

**Updegrave, Robert R.**, dealer in general merchandise at Valley View, was born at that place on Oct. 25, 1864. His great-grandparents came from England at an early date and settled in Chester county, Pa. His grandfather, John Updegrave, came to Schuylkill county when a young man and located in Hubley township, where he followed agricultural pursuits for the remainder of his life. He married Harriet Kimmel and they had a family of thirteen children, twelve of whom grew to maturity. William is a carpenter, Harriet is Mrs. George Spotts, of Minersville; Sarah married Harry Witner; Ella married Isaac Evans; Aaron is a butcher at Allentown; Emanuel K. is a merchant at Sacramento; Richard lives retired at Sacramento; Justus married Jacob Strong of Sacramento; Elizabeth is Mrs. William Klinger; Catherine married Samuel Miller of Snyder county, and John died young. Jacob K. Updegrave, the father of Robert, received a moderate education and in 1863 came to Valley View, where he married Matilda, a daughter of Christian Schreiber, a merchant of that place, and the founder of the business that is now conducted by the subject of this sketch. Jacob and Matilda Updegrave became the parents of four children. Jane is Mrs. R. B. Dunkleberger, of Reading, Pa.; Alice F. married John W. Heckert, of Hegins; Mary E. is the wife of Daniel H. Lesher, of Westport; and Robert R. is the subject of this sketch. In 1863, about the time of his marriage, Jacob K. Updegrave bought the store from his father-in-law and he thereafter conducted it until 1883. From that time until 1894 it was successively run by his sons-in-law, R. B. Dunkleberger, John W. Heckert, and Daniel H. Lesher. Robert R. Updegrave attended the common schools, the normal school at Kutztown, Pa., and schools at Lock Haven, Pa., and Larned, Kansas. He then taught for about seven years, and



in 1864 he bought the business that had been established by his maternal grandfather more than forty years before. Since coming into possession of the store he has made many improvements, and in 1905 he opened a branch store at Good Spring. He carries a good assortment of dry-goods, notions, boots and shoes, hats, etc., and handles all kinds of produce. On Feb. 22, 1884, Mr. Updegrave married Miss Florence, daughter of Emanuel and Maria Dunkleberger, of Hegins, Pa., and this union has been blessed by ten children, all of whom are living. Homer is a carpenter; Mattie is in the store with her father; and the others are Edith, Roy, Alma, Iva, Jacob, Millard, Harold and Naomi. Mr. Updegrave is a member of Washington Camp, No. 109, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, at Valley View, and belongs to the United Evangelical church, in which he was superintendent of the Sunday school for twelve years. In politics he affiliates with the Democratic party, but can hardly be termed an active party worker, though he takes a keen interest in all questions pertaining to the public weal, and is regarded as a progressive and public-spirited citizen.

**Uttermul, Morton M.**, superintendent of the Charles Baber cemetery of Pottsville, was born in Washington, D. C., on Jan. 27, 1855. He is of German ancestry, although his parents, Morton M. and Virginia (Seibert) Uttermul, were born in Washington. His father and mother both died while he was still an infant and at the age of five years he was bound out to a farmer. After five years of life in that capacity he ran away and has since been entirely self-dependent. From the farm near Washington he came to Philadelphia and in time became employed by Hon. James Campbell. For seven years he was overseer of Mr. Campbell's summer residence at Radnor, Delaware county. While engaged in this work he married, in 1880, Miss Susan F. Betz, daughter of Peter Betz, a pioneer of Pottsville. Soon after his marriage he came to Pottsville to live and for a few years he earned a livelihood by performing the duties of gardener for most of the wealthy people of the city. In 1894 he received his appointment as superintendent of the Charles Baber cemetery, which at the time consisted of sixty-seven lots which were cared for by the superintendent. To-day more than 900 lots are under the charge of Mr. Uttermul, and of this number he himself solicited the care of over 400. The cemetery comprises a large tract of land and contains over 17,000 graves. It was originally known as Mount Laurel cemetery and the first monument in it was erected by Eli Bowen, in 1855, in memory of his wife. The late Charles Baber owned a farm adjoining the cemetery and upon his death he bequeathed this farm to the trustees of Trinity Episcopal church for cemetery purposes. The mineral rights of the property have also been deeded to the trustees, so that there is no danger of any coal company ever undermining the property. The latter provision has induced many people not living in Pottsville to place the remains of deceased relatives within its borders. Mr. Baber's

trust has been faithfully performed and the cemetery, which has been named after him, has become one of the most beautiful burial spots in the state. This is in large measure due to the tireless labor and the artistic ability of Mr. Uttermal, who has spared neither labor nor skill in his efforts to beautify the grounds. To Mr. and Mrs. Uttermal have been born two sons and two daughters. Percy, one of the sons, has been employed by W. G. Payne, a well known florist, for the past four years and is now one of the foremen in the establishment, and Edward, the other son, is married. The daughters, Agnes and Virgie, are at home. In religious matters the family are all identified with the English Lutheran church. Fraternally Mr. Uttermal is associated with the Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Improved Order of Red Men. He is a fine example of the self made man and his life is one well worthy of emulation.

**Veith, Charles A., M. D.**, a regular practicing physician and surgeon in Pottsville, is a native of Ashland, Schuylkill county, Pa., where he was born Aug. 22, 1874. He is a son of John and Anna M. (Hartman) Veith, the former of whom was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1838, and the father of whom was born in Prussia, in 1844. Charles A. Veith received his elementary education in the public schools, and was graduated from the high school in Pottsville with the class of 1891. He was graduated at the University of Pennsylvania in 1894, receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and was graduated from Johns Hopkins university in 1896. He then entered upon a professional career which has been successful, even beyond his most sanguine hopes. Dr. Veith is allied with the leading professional societies of the state and county, and makes an effort to keep fully abreast of the onward march of his profession. He has never held official positions except of a professional character, but served as deputy county coroner and as physician to the Out Door Relief Society. In political views he is a Democrat and in religious faith a Roman Catholic. He was married June 12, 1900, to Miss Agnes J., daughter of P. J. and Elizabeth McGorman. The only child born to this union is Master John C., a little gentleman of five years. The doctor gives his undivided attention to his professional work, and is not interested in fraternal organizations of any kind.

**Wachter, Rudolph**, is one of the substantial business men of Yorkville, where he conducts one of the leading meat markets of the borough, and he is held in unqualified esteem in the community, where he has at all times stood as a type of sterling citizenship. Mr. Wachter is a native of Würtemberg, Germany, where he was born, Jan. 16, 1846, and he is a son of John and Clementina (Riede) Wachter, both of whom passed their entire lives in the fatherland. Mr. Wachter was afforded the advantages of the excellent schools of his native land, and at the age of sixteen years he began an apprenticeship at the butcher's trade, in connection with which he traveled about his own country, as well as in Switzerland and France, as a journeyman butcher, being thus engaged for a period of six years and becoming

an expert in his vocation. In 1868, appreciative of the superior advantages afforded in the United States, he immigrated to this country and made Schuylkill county his destination. He located in Pottsville, where he worked at his trade as a journeyman about two years, and in 1871 he opened a meat market of his own. He conducted the same until 1877, when he removed to the city of Philadelphia, where he was engaged in the same line of enterprise for the ensuing ten years. In 1888 he returned to Pottsville, where he was employed in the Seltzer packing house for three years, since which time he has maintained his home in Yorkville, where he now controls a liberal and representative patronage and where he has a model meat market in a most eligible location. He is a Democrat in his political adherency and served seven years as a member of the borough council, and three years as chief burgess, ever exercising mature judgment and discrimination in the discharge of his official duties and having closely at heart the material and civic welfare of his home town and county. He and his family are communicants of the German Catholic church, and he is a member of the local organization of the German Mechanics, of which he has been president for fourteen years. May 15, 1870, Mr. Wachter was united in marriage to Miss Magdalena Yeastadt, daughter of John and Barbara (Ritzel) Yeastadt, of Yorkville, this county, whither they came from Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Wachter became the parents of ten children, of whom eight are living—George, Albert, Emma, Rudolph, Jr., Bertha, Catherine, William and Leo. Bertha is now the wife of Harry E. Dolan, of Yorkville.

**Wagner, Charles C.**, of Frackville, Pa., in which city he ranks as one of the foremost and most enterprising citizens, was born in Alsace Lorraine, France, Aug. 2, 1845, and is a son of Henry and Sophia (Kline) Wagner, the former of whom was a native of Germany. In 1843 Henry Wagner removed to St. Avoir, France, where he was superintendent of a distillery until 1849, when he returned to Prussia and with his brother-in-law, Jacob Snyder, conducted a stone quarry which furnished the stone for the building of the famous bridge over the Saar river at Saarbruecken. This business was continued until the fall of 1850, when Mr. Wagner immigrated with his family to the United States and located at Tumbling Run, Schuylkill county, where he was engaged in superintending the Schuylkill Valley railroad between Middleport and Tuscarora until 1872. While engaged in this work he purchased a farm of seventy-two acres at Tumbling Run, and this was operated by his children while he was engaged in his railway duties. In 1872 he removed to Frackville and purchased a number of town lots, on which he erected substantial buildings. He continued to reside there until his death, in July, 1891, at the age of eighty-four years. He was a man of great business acumen and was a zealous worker in and an ardent member of the Lutheran church, in which organization he had at various times held all the executive offices. Mr. Wagner was twice married, his first wife having been Margaret, a daughter of Conrad Kline, of Guettingen, Germany, who

bore him two children—Catherine, who married Engelbert Sanner, and Henry C., both of whom were born in Prussia. She died in 1843, at the age of twenty-seven years, and Mr. Wagner led to the altar her sister, Sophia Kline, and they became the parents of these children—Charles C., the immediate subject of this review, and William C., Caroline, Reinhart A., and Augustus. Charles C. Wagner was reared in Schuylkill county from the age of five years and was educated in the public schools of the day. At the age of thirteen he lost three fingers of his left hand while employed about the mines, and later he served an apprenticeship of three and one-half years at the tailor's trade, in the shop of Charles Bensinger, of Middleport. When the somber cloud of war called for the defenders of the Union, our subject was one of the gallant boys who donned a suit of blue and went forth to brave the hardships of that most memorable of civil wars, the war between the states. Sept. 12, 1862, he enlisted in Company B, 19th infantry, and he was honorably discharged at the expiration of his three months' service. Feb. 22, 1863, he re-enlisted, in Company I, 48th Pennsylvania, and served until the close of the war. He took part in many of the severe engagements of the war, among which may be mentioned the battle of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania Court House, Cold Harbor, White Oak Swamp, Petersburg, and the siege of Petersburg. He was wounded in the right leg at Fort Hill, on Apr. 2, 1865, and was honorably discharged from the service at Harrisburg, Pa., in June, 1865. On his return home he took up the peaceful battle of life with the same characteristic courage which had dominated his actions in the nerve-wrecking time of war. He entered the tailoring business at Mahanoy City, Pa., where he remained until 1876, after which, with his brother, William C., he was engaged for two years in conducting a butcher shop at Gilberton, this county. They then returned to Mahanoy City, where they were engaged in the same business until 1881, when they located in Frackville and conducted the business under the firm name of Wagner Bros. until 1894, when the firm was reorganized. This association continued until 1898, when the subject of this sketch became the sole proprietor, and he conducted the business most successfully until Sept., 1906, when he disposed of it to his sons, who have since continued it under the name of Wagner's Sons. This is the largest concern of the kind in the county outside of the city of Pottsville. Mr. Wagner maintains a deep interest in his old comrades in arms, as is vouched for by his membership in John S. Meredith Post, No. 485, Grand Army of the Republic, of Frackville. He is a firm supporter of the principles of the Republican party, in whose ranks he is an active worker, having served as a member of the borough council of Frackville for nine years, and as a member of the school board for three consecutive terms. He is a man of sterling worth and integrity and is always to be found among the foremost in promoting matters that pertain to the public welfare. He is one of Frackville's most enterprising citizens, and by upright dealings and sagacious business acumen he has earned a competency. He is interested in many business and financial industries, being connected



with the Pennsylvania Lumber Company of South Carolina, the Scott Lumber Company of Bennettsville, S. C., the Chirean and Bennettsville railroad of South Carolina, and is a stockholder in and a director of the First National bank of Frackville, Pa. Both he and his family are members of the Lutheran church. Feb. 22, 1870, Mr. Wagner married Susannah, a daughter of John and Adelina (Harter) Oertler, of Minersville, Schuylkill county, her father being a native of Alsace Lorraine, France, and her mother of Schuylkill county. This union has been blessed with seven children—Claude (deceased), Edith, Henry A., Eveline, William C., Mary and Carl.

**Wagner, Emil C.**, a prominent and well known citizen of Girardville, was born in Giessen, Germany, May 20, 1846. In 1849 he was brought to America by his parents, who located in Philadelphia and remained there throughout the remainder of their lives. Major Wagner is a son of Louis and Christina (Berg) Wagner, natives of Giessen, Germany, where the former was born in 1808. Louis Wagner learned the shoemaker's trade in his native country, and followed that business as a manufacturer or dealer throughout a long and active lifetime. He died in Philadelphia in 1883. The parents of Major Wagner had a family of five sons and four daughters, the survivors of whom are variously located in Pennsylvania and elsewhere. The subject of this article was educated in the public schools of Philadelphia, and learned the machinist's trade with the firm of William Sellers & Co., in that city. He worked at his trade until 1867, when he accepted a clerkship in the employ of the Philadelphia & Trenton Railroad Company, which position he resigned in 1869 to accept a more lucrative and responsible one as assistant superintendent of the Girard estate in Columbia and Schuylkill counties. This position he has held continuously up to the present time. After his appointment he located at Girardville and he soon became identified with the business affairs of the borough, which was to continue his home for so long a period. He was at once recognized as a leading spirit in business and social affairs. He has been an active worker in the promotion of almost every feature of local development, whether large or small, and has long since been recognized as a public-spirited and valued citizen. He was a leading spirit in the organization of the First National bank of Girardville, in 1890, and has been its president since that time. He was active in the organization of the Girardville Gas Company and is now its treasurer. Major Wagner was elected a member of the first school board organized in Girardville after the incorporation of the village as a borough, in 1870, and has always manifested a great interest in educational affairs, having been a member of the local school board almost continuously for twenty-five years or more. He has also served several terms as president of the Schuylkill county school directors' conventions. He was active in securing the establishment of the state hospital for injured persons, at Fountain Springs, served twenty years as secretary of the board of directors of that institution, and is now the treasurer of it also. In military affairs the major has been equally active and zealous. He was a prominent figure in the 8th

regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, in Girardville, in which he served as captain of Company F for a number of years, and afterward as a major in the regiment. He was always foremost in promoting the interests of the organization during his connection therewith. Major Wagner was a member of the American Institute of Engineers, and served many years as surveyor of the borough in which he lives. In political affiliations the major is an uncompromising Republican, and wields a potent influence in the councils of his party. He is active and prominent in the Masonic fraternity, having attained exalted standing in the councils of that time-honored organization. He has served as division commander of the Knights Templars in Schuylkill county, and is a member of the Philadelphia Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He has held active membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for more than thirty-five years, has passed all the principal official stations in that organization, and at present is senior trustee of the grand lodge and president of the Odd Fellows' orphans' home near Sunbury. In March, 1869, he was united in marriage to Margaret H., daughter of John and Sarah Kerr, of Philadelphia. Two children blessed this union: Charles W. is a civil and mining engineer, and Christine L. is the wife of Capt. J. F. Barnhard. Mrs. Wagner died in 1893. In Oct., 1895, Major Wagner married Miss Laura E., only daughter of Jacob Ulmer, of Pottsville, Pa.

**Wagner, John F.**, shipping clerk of the Tamaqua Manufacturing Company, at Tamaqua, was born in that city on July 19, 1861. He is a son of Michael and Rebecca (Billman) Wagner, the latter of whom died in June, 1894, at the age of fifty-nine. She was an active and earnest worker in the United Brethren church. The father for many years conducted a baggage-transfer business in Tamaqua and is now retired, making his home with a daughter, Mrs. Walters. The other members of the family are George W. and Harry, both firemen; Samuel P. and Benjamin F.; Lavina, now Mrs. J. C. Walters, of Tamaqua; Sarah J., Mrs. George F. Beerman, a resident of Birdsboro, Pa.; Louise, formerly the wife of Frederick Stirk, and after his death Mrs. Heisler; and Miss Clara, a trained nurse in charge of one of the wards of the Pottsville hospital. John F. Wagner acquired his educational advantages in the Tamaqua schools and his first employment was in picking slate at Coal Dale. This labor occupied him for eight months and then he accepted, in May, 1876, a position in the freight house of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad. After eight years of service he resigned to become a brakeman, and in a year and a half was promoted to freight conductor. From this position he returned to the freight office and he served as collector and bill clerk for a period of twelve years. The last position he held in the freight office was that of chief clerk, but after ten months of service ill health compelled his resignation. July 12, 1897, he accepted his present position with the Tamaqua Manufacturing Company, with which he has since been continuously identified. His especial duty is really in assisting the general manager, C. E. Christ.

In the political circles of the city Mr. Wagner is well known. He has been the incumbent of the office of justice of the peace in his ward and for three years held the office of auditor. May 1, 1886, Mr. Wagner was united in marriage to Miss Agnes A. Burkey, a native of Tamaqua and a daughter of Reuben Burkey. After Mr. Burkey's death his widow married again, being now the widow of William T. Davis, and maintaining her home in Philadelphia. Mrs. Wagner is one of six children—four daughters and two sons. By her marriage to Mr. Wagner she is the mother of two sons, Norman Paul and Earl John, both learning the trade of machinist. The family are all members of the United Brethren church, and Mr. Wagner is identified with the Independent Order of Americans. He is a man of much inventive genius, and on May 11, 1900, the government granted him a patent on an automatic car-coupler of his own invention. Besides this he is part owner, with James H. Weston, of the Tamaqua Manufacturing Company, of a patent granted July 24, 1900, on a soldering iron.

**Wagner, Samuel P.**, traveling salesman for the Berger-Crittenden Milling Company, of Milwaukee, Wis., for the eastern portion of Pennsylvania and West Virginia, makes his home in Tamaqua, where he was born on May 15, 1872. A bit of his family history may be gathered from the sketch of John F. Wagner, a brother. Samuel P. Wagner was graduated at the Tamaqua high school in the class of 1889 and subsequently went into the employ of F. R. Culp as bookkeeper and solicitor. He remained with Mr. Culp some seven years, until the death of the latter. Then Mr. Wagner was for three years connected with the Wabash Milling Company, leaving the employ of that company to accept a position tendered him by the Minneapolis Flour Manufacturing Company, of Minneapolis, in 1899. The subsequent merging of the latter firm with the Northwestern Consolidated Milling Company left Mr. Wagner without a position, but he soon accepted the responsible one which he now holds. He is deeply interested in the public welfare and has the unique distinction of being the youngest man ever elected to a position on the board of school directors of Tamaqua. He was elected for a second term, but resigned when he removed from the ward. During two of his three years of service he was secretary of the board. On Jan. 20, 1895, Mr. Wagner was united in marriage to Miss Emma Elizabeth Fox, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Fox, of Tamaqua. Two children have blessed this union, Erma Naoma and Paul Leroy. The family are affiliated with the Presbyterian church. Mr. Wagner is regarded as one of the substantial, thorough business men of the city.

**Walters, Clarence E.**, one of the leading young business men of Tamaqua, where he is engaged in the real-estate and insurance business, was born in that city on July 19, 1878. He is a son of William and Alice (Lloyd) Walters, the former a native of Schuylkill county and the latter of Wales. The father was a member of the firm of Henry Walters' Sons, iron workers, and was borough councilman

for a term. His death occurred on July 19, 1894. His widow is still living, and is an honored resident of Tamaqua. Of the ten children six survive. William J., the eldest, lives in Tamaqua and is a machinist employed by the Philadelphia & Reading railway; Emma is the wife of William F. Barton, Jr., a resident of South Bethlehem; Anna M. is the wife of Rev. C. H. Higginson, a minister of the Primitive Methodist faith, in charge of a church at Scranton; Harry H. is a real-estate dealer and insurance agent at Akron, Ohio; Clayton L. is employed as a machinist for the Philadelphia & Reading railroad at Tamaqua; Maria, Mrs. William Dennison, died at the age of twenty-one; Alice passed away when she reached the same age; Katherine died in infancy; and Samuel H., who was an invalid all his life, died in his thirty-first year. The subject of this sketch received all the scholastic training afforded by the schools of Tamaqua, graduating from the high school in the class of 1894. Subsequently he completed a commercial course and became an employe of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, as messenger in their telegraph office in Tamaqua. His idea was to learn telegraphy, and after a year he had mastered the science and left his position to accept a more lucrative one in the office of S. Livingston, as bookkeeper. The latter position he held for about eight years, and thereafter he was engaged in the same capacity by the H. A. Weldy Powder Company. In May, 1905, he embarked in his present line of business, in which he has since been most successfully engaged. That Mr. Walters is well known and that he is highly esteemed are evidenced by his election to the office of borough auditor. After serving one term he was elected for another, but he resigned the position in March, 1906, to become borough councilman. In the council his ability and capacity are recognized, for besides being chairman of the finance committee, he is a member of the light, water and police committees. On Aug. 16, 1899, Mr. Walters was united in marriage to Miss S. A. Woods, a native of Tamaqua and a daughter of J. H. and S. (Eisenhuth) Woods. Mr. Woods is a member of the firm of Bond & Woods. To Mr. and Mrs. Walters have been born three children—William W., J. Hilton and Clarence Arthur. The family are members of the Primitive Methodist church, and Mr. Walters is the treasurer of the board of trustees and assistant superintendent of the Sunday school. Aside from his religious work in the church Mr. Walters is actively interested in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association, and was one of the charter members of the Tamaqua branch. He is now a member of the board of directors of that institution and chairman of the religious work committee, besides being one of the board of trustees. His fraternal associations are with the Tamaqua Lodge, No. 238, Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is junior master of ceremonies at the present time.

**Ward, Rev. Francis M.,** pastor of the Church of Immaculate Conception at Tremont, was born at Frankford, Philadelphia, Apr. 10, 1867, a son of Bernard Joseph and Mary L. (Lafferty) Ward. The father was born in Preston, England, and had the unique dis-



function of being the youngest soldier in the English army during the American war. He came to America in 1858 and during the war of the Rebellion he entered the service as a private of Company A, 40th Pennsylvania volunteer militia, July 2, 1863. He served in the 3d brigade, defenses of Philadelphia, and 2d brigade, 1st division, department of the Susquehanna, during the invasion of the north by the army of Northern Virginia. He was mustered out Aug. 16, 1863, at the expiration of his term of service. He re-entered the service as a private of Company F, 12th Maryland volunteer infantry, July 28, 1864. He served in the defenses of Baltimore, 8th corps, middle department, and was mustered out Nov. 8, 1864, at the expiration of his term of service. He again entered the service as a member of Company I, 11th Pennsylvania volunteer cavalry, Apr. 7, 1865, and was mustered out Aug. 20, 1865, at the close of the war. After his return home he followed his trade of weaver, and in the year 1869 he invented the Turkish bath-towel. The first one was woven in his home, 4201 Paul street, Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa. Beloved by all who knew him, he died on July 26, 1904, at the age of sixty-seven years, and was buried in St. Dominick's cemetery, Holmesburg, Pa. The mother, who makes her home with her son in Tremont, was born in Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa., and although she has reached the three score and ten mark she is still vigorous and hearty. Father Ward is the older of the two survivors of a family of five children. The other is Edward M., receiving teller of the Second National bank of Frankford, Philadelphia, where he has been employed for the past fifteen years. Anna and Fergus died in infancy and Cornelius, a machinist, passed away at the age of thirty. The subject of this sketch received a preliminary education in the common and Catholic parochial schools of Frankford, Philadelphia, and then learned the weaver's trade. After being engaged in that labor for five years, on Aug. 30, 1884, he entered the Catholic seminary at Overbrook, and after an attendance there of ten years he was ordained to the Catholic priesthood, on May 19, 1894. His first charge was as an assistant at the Church of Our Mother of Sorrows in Philadelphia, where he served from May 26 to Sept. 21, 1894. After a rather short and temporary assignment as assistant in St. Joseph's church in Downingtown, Pa., he was sent as assistant to St. Catherine's congregation in Wayne, Delaware county, and he had the honor of celebrating the first mass in the church edifice which he in part was influential in building at that place. Two years after his arrival at Wayne he was appointed pastor of the Church of Saints Peter and Paul at Tower City, Pa. His stay there was from Dec. 7, 1896, to Apr. 24, 1901, and in the time he cleared the parish debt, bought the ground for, built and paid for the parish house, remodeled the church and cleared it of debt. From Tower City he came to Tremont as assistant pastor to the Rev. John J. McDevitt, and upon the latter's death, on June 4, 1901, he succeeded to the pastorate. His parish comprises a district of fifteen square miles. Since assuming the charge Father Ward has raised the debt on the Church of the Immaculate Concep-

tion, remodeled the same, has secured the ground and has built and paid for the Church of Our Lady of the Snow at Keffer's within his parish. He is much beloved by his parishioners and held in high esteem by the people of the community, irrespective of creed or faith.

**Waters, Thomas C.**, tinner, plumber and gasfitter at Shenandoah, was born at St. Clair, Schuylkill county, Dec. 2, 1849. His parents both died when he was quite young and he was reared by his grandparents, Watkin and Dinah (Jones) Waters, natives of South Wales. In 1852 they left their native land, with their three children, for America, and after a tempestuous voyage of nine months, in which they were shipwrecked, reached Halifax, N. S. Mr. Walters received a cash premium for his wife and each child, as was the custom then for any one immigrating to this country and bringing his family with him at the time. From Halifax the family came to Philadelphia, where they arrived in April, 1853. Later they settled at Five Points, where the grandfather engaged in mining. He opened the iron mines at "the tunnel," near St. Clair, and held a lease on a large tract of iron ore lands, his ore being sold to the Atkins iron works at Pottsville and the St. Clair furnace. Thomas C. Waters began his business career when a mere boy in John Cathers' foundry and machine shop at St. Clair. In the time of the Civil war he was one of the most popular drummer boys of Schuylkill county, stirring up the patriotism of the "Boys in Blue" as he escorted them to Pottsville on their way to the front, and in company with Samuel Shaffer, a fifer, he beat the solemn dirge over the remains of those who were sent home for burial. He finally left the machine shop to enter the 100 days' service, as a drummer boy in the Andrew Curtin Guards, of St. Clair, a company named in honor of the governor and commanded by Capt. John Steel, familiarly known as "Scotty" Steel. His grandfather would permit him to enter the army only on the condition that Captain Steel would promise to see that he returned home at the expiration of the term of service. The company broke up in a wrangle at Harrisburg, and the captain insisted upon his return to St. Clair, according to the agreement. But "Tommy" felt it to be a disgrace that his company had not completed its term of enlistment, so he immediately left St. Clair and went to Shenandoah, about the time the mines were opened there by J. O. Roads and his associates. Henry Horncastle, who married an aunt of Tommy's, a daughter of Watkin Waters, was superintendent over the machinery and outside workings, and it was with him that young Waters found a home. For a time, before the colliery was ready for business, he was engaged in carrying milk from St. Clair to his aunt, as no milk wagons were then running in Shenandoah. Once a week he would ride on the old "Hercules" engine to the head of the grade at Frackville, and then walk from there to Shenandoah, carrying a two gallon can of milk. When the colliery opened he found employment as a driver boy in the old No. 1 drift, where he worked until he began serving his apprenticeship as gunsmith, in 1865, in St. Clair. He finished learning his trade in Shenandoah, and in 1872 he started in

business there for himself. Subsequently he removed to Bucks county, where he remained about seven years, when he returned to Shenandoah, where he still conducts a successful establishment. Soon after coming to this place, during the war, Jonathan Wasley, general superintendent for Roads & Co., asked him to bring his drum from St. Clair to play for a military company that was being organized. A little later Thomas Campbell, a fifer, came to Shenandoah, and he and Mr. Waters formed, so far as is known, the first fife and drum band in the state. Later Mr. Waters joined the German band, which was a prominent musical organization for many years. Watkin H. Waters, a son of Watkin and Dinah Waters, was a veteran of the Civil war, serving first as a three months' volunteer, then in Capt. Cloud White's company in the 3d Pennsylvania cavalry, in which he re-enlisted for three years, being mustered out with his regiment after the war closed. Waters Post, No. 146, of Shenandoah, is named in his honor. Henry Horncastle was in the army during the Mexican war, and it is related that on the return of the regiment to Pottsville, when each company was ordered to march in its place, Mr. Horncastle marched alone in the middle of the street, the only survivor of his company. Mr. Waters is a member and trustee of the First Congregational church, to which denomination his grandmother belonged, his grandfather having been a Baptist. In his political opinions he is a Republican, though he votes for those whom he deems best qualified for the office in local matters. June 15, 1867, Mr. Waters married Miss Anna Margaret Sherman, and to this union were born eight children, five of whom are still living. The eldest, Thomas W., is an actor, author of several plays, and an expert pianist; Harvey is in the same business as his father and is a fine cornet player; Lucretia V. is the wife of Charles Bartlett, of Philadelphia, is an excellent performer on the piano, and has three children; Charles E. is a member of the 30th battery, United States army field artillery, and is stationed at Fort Snelling, Minn.; and W. Harry is an apprentice with his father. The mother of these children died March 28, 1902, and on Aug. 10 of the same year Mr. Waters was united in marriage to Mary Treon. To this marriage were born three children, only one of whom, Robert Roosevelt, born Oct. 20, 1903, is living. Mr. Waters had a half-sister and a half-brother. The sister was burned to death at Girardville in 1869, and the brother is now living in Philadelphia.

**Weaver, Edward E.**, junior member of the firm of Daniel Weaver & Son, contractors and builders, was born May 5, 1870, in Tamaqua, Pa., where he is now engaged in business. He is a son of Daniel and Angeline (Frantz) Weaver. His father, who was a carpenter and contractor, was born in Lehigh county, but came to Tamaqua in the early '60s and established himself in the planing mill business with Jonathan Alspach, under the firm name of Weaver & Alspach. Later Edward E. Weaver and Isaac Z. Haldeman purchased Alspach's half interest and the firm became Weaver, Son & Haldeman, thus remaining that until 1902. Daniel Weaver died on

Apr. 26, 1906. He was not at all interested in politics, and was a member of Trinity Reformed church; his widow is still living, as are their three children: Alvin H., Edward E. and Elizabeth. Elizabeth is now the widow of William Reinhart and is the mother of a daughter, Helen. Edward E. Weaver attended the public schools of Tamaqua, and after he finished his work there he learned the painter's trade, doing carriage and house painting. In the winter, when painter's work was slack, he drove a one-horse lumber wagon for his father and finally decided to become a carpenter. After serving a full apprenticeship he worked at the trade for a time, and on March 4, 1894, he entered into a partnership with his father and Isaac Z. Haldeman, under the firm name of Weaver, Son & Haldeman. This continued until 1902, when Edward E. Weaver purchased Mr. Haldeman's interest in the business, whereupon the firm name of Daniel Weaver & Son was adopted. Since the father's death he has had the full management of the establishment. The firm does the largest mill business, besides its retail and wholesale lumber and building-supply business, of all concerns in the county. June 1, 1907, Edward E. Weaver purchased the estate's interest in the business of Daniel Weaver & Son and the business is now carried on under the firm name of Edward E. Weaver. On Jan. 25, 1894, Mr. Weaver married Miss Mary Trewren, daughter of George and Mary (Edmonds) Trewren, who resides in Watertown, Conn. To Mr. and Mrs. Weaver have been born two children—Daniel E. and Mary Irene. The father is a member of the Trinity Reformed church and the mother is a member of the Methodist Episcopal congregation. Mr. Weaver is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Sons of America, and the Improved Order of Red Men.

**Weiser, Franklin P.**, the capable division engineer of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company, with headquarters at Ashland, was born in Minersville, this county, Aug. 7, 1852. He is a son of Moses and Catherine (Schenck) Weiser, both natives of Berks county and both descendants of old Pennsylvania families. The parents came to Schuylkill county in 1846 and located at Minersville, where the father was an undertaker and cabinet-maker until his death, which occurred in the winter of 1874. The mother departed this life in 1880. Of the ten children born to the parents seven grew to maturity, of whom the subject of this sketch is the youngest. The names of the others are: Edward S., Frederick Alexander, George W., James M., Theodore (who was a soldier in the Union army in the Civil war and died in Libby prison), and Isabel (widow of Washington Littledales). Franklin P. Weiser received all the educational advantages afforded by the Minersville public schools and studied mining engineering under W. R. Symons, of Pottsville, from 1872 to 1879. His first employment under the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company began as transit man, in March, 1879, in Ashland, where he has remained ever since. In 1883 he was made resident engineer at Ashland, in 1892 was made assistant engineer, and in 1904 was promoted to division engineer, the responsible position which he



now holds. Dec. 14, 1882, Mr. Weiser married Miss Martha Landefeld, a daughter of William and Louise (Wagner) Landefeld, of Ashland. To this union has been born one daughter, Florence M. The family are members of the Presbyterian church of Ashland. Politically Mr. Weiser is a Republican, but has never held office. He is prominent in Masonic circles, being a member of Ashland Lodge, No. 204; Griscom Chapter, No. 210, Royal Arch Masons; Prince of Peace Commandery, No. 30, Knights Templars; and the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Other organizations in which he claims membership are the Royal Arcanum and the Ashland lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is known throughout the county for his ability, his integrity, and his public spirit.

**Weissinger, George, & Brother.**—This well known and prosperous business firm represents one of the leading industries of Pottsville, now operated by the brothers, George and Harry Weissinger, sons of the founder, the late L. W. Weissinger. The firm title is George Weissinger & Brother, and they are extensive dealers in stock and butchers' supplies, but their principal business is in slaughtering and packing, shipping and selling the products of the large institution. The father of the subjects of this article was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, Apr. 20, 1837. He was a son of Casper and Catherine (Seigel) Weissinger, natives of Wurtemberg. At the age of about sixteen years, L. W. Weissinger came alone to America and located, temporarily, at Reading, Pa., where he was employed for a short time as a laborer on the canal, at eighty-one cents a day. He arrived in Minersville, Schuylkill county, on Thanksgiving day, 1853, and was there employed by Conrad Seltzer, in the butchering business, for a period of four months, at a monthly salary of five dollars. His next field of labor was in the employ of John Moser, at a meat market in Pottsville. He remained with Mr. Moser about two years, and was in the employ of Lewis Stoffregen for a few months, but up to this time he had never received to exceed fourteen dollars per month. Mr. Weissinger was employed by Jacob Rhoads, at Schuylkill Haven, for some fifteen months, leaving his employ in March, 1857. On Apr. 1 of that year the firm of Keifer & Weissinger was formed, and they opened a meat market in Schuylkill Haven, this being Mr. Weissinger's first venture in business on his own account. After nineteen months of prosperous business Mr. Keifer retired, and Nov. 1, 1859, Mr. Weissinger established a market of which he was the sole proprietor, and which he conducted successfully until 1865, in which year he discontinued the slaughtering business and turned his attention to dealing in cattle. This was the nucleus to the large business now conducted by the sons. The father began this business on a comparatively small scale, being limited in means, and the growth and progress of the venture were due to his business sagacity, coupled with long familiarity with the details of the trade. By degrees the enterprise was placed in the foremost rank of similar institutions in the state. His stock yards and feeding pens were established at Pottsville, as at present, and a trade of from \$10,000 to \$15,000 weekly was

nothing unusual. While a resident of Schuylkill Haven—from 1859 to 1865—Mr. Weissinger invested all his savings in the stock of the Schuylkill Haven Direct Iron Company. In 1873, in company with the late Gideon Bast, he rented the plant, improving the works and operating the business until 1874, when he purchased the entire business enterprise. He enlarged the mill and conducted the business until Jan., 1880, when he sold a two-thirds interest to George R. Kaercher and C. F. Rahn. During the year following his purchase, in 1874, Mr. J. A. Medlar was a partner with Mr. Weissinger, but he was sole owner and manager for about five years, during which time the business was extremely prosperous. In 1869 L. W. Weissinger purchased several tracts of land in the vicinity of Pottsville, and upon one of these farms the family home was established and large and commodious buildings were erected, making one of the finest suburban estates in the county. L. W. Weissinger may very properly be classed among the valued pioneers of Schuylkill county, since he inaugurated new industries and promoted enterprises conducive to the general well-being in the community. Coming into the country a poor boy, entirely dependent upon his own resources, ignorant of the language and customs of the land, his achievement becomes all the more commendable and praiseworthy. The life, character and success of this honored citizen present a worthy object lesson to the aspiring, struggling youth of to-day, and few there be who have not better opportunities than he did. Mr. Weissinger was married Aug. 26, 1858, the companion in his struggles for success being Miss Rebecca Moyer, of Schuylkill Haven. This happy union was blessed with eight sons and four daughters, all of whom lived to years of maturity. Mr. Weissinger was a man of modest, unassuming manner, quiet and unobtrusive. He was a pronounced Democrat in his political faith, but took but little part in political discussions, giving his undivided attention to his family and his business. He never aspired to political offices, but in common with the prominent men of his day bore his share in the "burdens" of local office. He was a man universally esteemed for his sterling integrity and upright character. His death occurred in May, 1903, and thus a valued and useful citizen was consigned to that abode which awaits us all. George Weissinger was born Aug. 4, 1862, in Schuylkill Haven, and he has been closely identified with the business founded by his father. In Feb., 1897, he and his brother Harry, assumed control of the slaughtering end of the business. He is a Democrat in politics, as is also his brother, and both are able and popular business men. George is married and has three children, and Harry, who was born Dec. 20, 1870, is married and has one child.

**Wells, William Guy**, a prominent attorney and counsellor-at-law of Pottsville, was born in the town where he is now professionally engaged, the date of his nativity having been March 7, 1859. He is a son of William B. and Anna M. (Kram) Wells, the former of whom was born in Susquehanna county, in 1822. The father was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war and from 1848 until

the time of his death, in 1899, was a practicing attorney of Pottsville. The mother died in 1903, at the age of sixty-eight years. The family consisted of four sons and a daughter, three of whom are now living. The eldest, Bard, a mining engineer by profession, died in 1892, at the age of thirty-seven years, leaving besides his widow two children, Margery H. and William B., both of whom are now grown to maturity. Susan, the daughter, is the wife of Dr. George F. Whitney, a practicing physician of Orange, N. J. George K., a civil engineer, died in Sept., 1905, leaving a widow and a son, Oliver. Frank, the youngest, is a commission agent of Philadelphia. The subject of this sketch is the second child in order of birth. He received such educational advantages as were offered by the public schools of his home borough, and then matriculated at Lafayette college, in Easton, Pa. His graduation in that institution occurred in 1880 and for two years thereafter he was engaged in pedagogic work. Then he entered his father's office and began the study of law, being admitted to the bar in 1886. Since that time he has been continuously engaged in his professional practice and has become a leading member of the Schuylkill county bar. His especial work is along the line of disputed titles of land and in cases involving real-estate transactions. Politically Mr. Wells is independent, although he generally votes the Republican ticket, but he has never aspired to offices of public trust. His church connections are with the Episcopal congregation, and he is a devout communicant in the Pottsville parish of that denomination. His fraternal affiliations are with but one lodge, Girard No. 53, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a past grand. He has never married. The Wells family were among the early settlers of Connecticut, whence a portion of the descendants emigrated to northern Pennsylvania before the Revolution. The family record also shows a participation of some members in the Continental army in its operations in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, taking part, in the latter state, in the battle of Wyoming.

**Wenzel, John**, member of the firm of Wenzel Brothers, hotel and restaurant proprietors at Tamaqua, was born in Schuylkill county, Feb. 12, 1864. He is a son of John and Susanna (Korach) Wenzel. The father was a miner for more than thirty years prior to going into the hotel business, which he followed until his death, Aug. 17, 1898, at the age of sixty-four years. His widow makes her home with two sons, John and Martin, and although in her seventy-second year is in vigorous health. There were seven children in the family, of whom five survive. Rebecca is the wife of George H. Winsel, of Tamaqua; George died at the age of thirty-two, and Catherine is deceased; Lavina is the wife of Elmer Bailey; Kate is Mrs. William Sieltzer, of Pottsville; and Martin, the youngest, is associated in business with the subject of this sketch, who is the fourth of the children in order of birth. John Wenzel received his early education in the public schools of Tamaqua and then for a number of years was employed on the coal breaker. When he became associated with his father in the operation of the United States hotel he was still quite young, and

for a number of years he was clerk in the hotel. Upon the father's death the two sons took charge of the business and have been at the head of it since. The hostelry is to-day the best in the city, and it ranks favorably with any in the state. Mr. Wenzel is a director in the First National bank and in the local building and loan association, and is treasurer of the Tamaqua club and the Firemen's Relief association. On Nov. 11, 1896, he married Miss Elizabeth Krell, of Tamaqua, a daughter of John and Mary Krell. Her father is deceased, but her mother is still a resident of the homestead farm. Two children, one of whom died in infancy, blessed this marriage. The surviving child is Susannah M. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wenzel are members of the German Lutheran church. Mr. Wenzel is also identified with the Masonic order, as a Shriner, with the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the American hose company.

**Werntz, John F.**, a banker and financier of recognized ability and a man who, by perseverance and frugality, has risen from the lowly and more humble walks of life to a position of affluence and wealth in the borough of Pine Grove, was born in Pine Grove (now Washington) township, Schuylkill county, Pa., Apr. 26, 1835. His parents being in very moderate circumstances, his early opportunities for education and intellectual culture were limited to poor schools, and he had little opportunity to attend them, being obliged to assist in weaving carpets, cloth and linens and to chop cord wood, from the early age of six years to that of ten. During this time, with the assistance of a kind mother and by attending school for seventeen days, he learned to read the German language quite well. At the tender age of ten years he secured employment as a boat horse-driver on the Union canal. Many were the hardships endured while thus employed; every twenty-four hours of work and a few hours of sleep made a day, and thirty days a month, and the salary was four dollars a month. This employment he followed for seven years, rising to the position of captain of the crew when but fourteen years of age. While thus employed during the summer season, he worked for farmers and chopped cord wood during the winter, attending school when the weather was too disagreeable to work. At the end of this time he was engaged for one year in building locks and widening the canal. Subsequently he apprenticed himself to the blacksmith trade for two years. During his apprenticeship he devoted his leisure moments to study and cultivating his mind preparatory to entering the teacher's profession, which he did in 1855, teaching school during the winter months in this county, and working at his trade in the summer up to 1860, when he abandoned his trade of blacksmithing and followed teaching exclusively for five years. From 1865 to 1886 he was employed as a traveling salesman in various lines, attaining more than an ordinary degree of proficiency. About the year 1875, in connection with his business as a traveling salesman, he embarked in the money brokerage business at Pine Grove, which he conducted successfully up to 1886, when the demands and necessity for local banking



facilities were such that he resolved upon opening a bank. He accordingly merged this business into the Pine Grove bank, a private institution which he has since operated with a marked degree of pecuniary success to himself and full satisfaction to his patrons, and which furnishes convenient and satisfactory banking facilities to the citizens of Pine Grove and vicinity. He has a capital stock of about \$150,000, which includes a \$30,000 investment in real estate. He does a general banking, loan and discount business. For the last twelve years a branch of this institution has been running at Tremont. He is always interested in public affairs. Besides his realty in the borough he is the owner of several valuable farms. In 1865 Mr. Werntz was elected justice of the peace, and he has filled that office for fifteen consecutive years, with credit to himself and satisfaction to the citizens. He has also served as borough treasurer for a number of years, and has been school treasurer for a number of years. During the Civil war he was an active worker in behalf of the Union cause. Mrs. Werntz was formerly Miss Catharine Mars, daughter of William and Margaret (Weaver) Mars. She is a member of the Lutheran church, and her husband is a past officer in the Pine Grove lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

**Wharmby, Frank**, proprietor of a first-class hostelry at Nuremberg, is a son of John and Rebecca (Green) Wharmby, and was born in Nottinghamshire, England, on Nov. 24, 1860. He is the only son of a family of five, the others being Rosina, Lydia, Jemina and Sadie, all of whom are living except Lydia. Mr. Wharmby had just begun his scholastic work in the English schools when he parents immigrated to the United States, locating at Girardville in 1867. Three years later the family moved to Gowen and Mr. Wharmby, although still a youngster, went to work in the breaker. Shortly afterward the Wharmbys removed to Nuremberg, and the subject of this sketch resumed his educational training. For a number of years he alternated between attending school in the winters and working in the breakers during the summer, and when he was fifteen years of age he went to Girardville, where he again obtained work as a breaker boy. In 1881 he located in Nuremberg and found employment as a miner, working for some two years as a conductor on one of the mine locomotives. When he left that work it was to start active training for a foot race, and then he embarked in the hotel business in the Central hotel. This hostelry is one of the best in the county and is especially noted for its wholesome and well prepared meals. In politics Mr. Wharmby is an ardent upholder of the tenets of the Republican party, and he has been the recipient of many honors at the hands of that party. He is now serving his fourteenth year as tax collector, is a member of the regular county committee, and has been a delegate to each county convention for the past twelve years. On Sept. 18, 1884, was celebrated Mr. Wharmby's marriage to Miss Elizabeth Winters. Mrs. Wharmby is one of a family of eight children, the others being Isadora, Ella, Mattie, Cyrus, George H., Wayne and Uriah, all living with the exception of Cyrus and Uriah. To Mr. and

Mrs. Wharmby have been born five children—Bertha May, Ray, Reta, Torell and Lorie. The family are attendants of the Evangelical church of Nuremberg. Mr. Wharmby is a member of the Nuremberg Lodge, No. 1075, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a past officer, and of the Shenandoah Lodge, No. 103, of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He is a model type of citizen, enterprising and public-spirited and a genial, hearty host.

**Wheeler, Frank B.**, who is a prosperous lumber dealer and a contractor and builder of Pine Grove, and a director in the Tremont National bank, was born in this county on Nov. 4, 1856. He is a son of Guy and Theresa (Blank) Wheeler, the mother born in Germany and the father in New Jersey. The father was a cabinet-maker, furniture dealer and undertaker and for forty-five years was a resident of Pine Grove. For twenty-five years he served on the school board and the efficiency of the educational system of the county to-day is in a large measure due to his efforts. He was the father of nine children, of whom six are living. Edward, the eldest, died in 1893 at the age of fifty years. Louisa, deceased, was the wife of Edward Tracy. Ferdinand is the superintendent of the gas works in Los Angeles, Cal. Minnie is Mrs. Robert Banford; Theresa is deceased; George is district superintendent of the public schools in Philadelphia; Gertrude is a teacher of music in Pine Grove; and Clara holds the position of teacher of music in the Sunbury, Pa., schools. Frank B. Wheeler, the subject of this sketch, is the fifth child in order of birth. He received his education in the Pine Grove schools, where for a time Judge Henning was his teacher. His first labor after he had left school was in a planing mill, and he learned the trade of carpenter and contractor at the same time. His start in business for himself was made in 1889, when he began operating a planing mill. He soon purchased a lumber yard at Tremont and another at Pine Grove and his business has increased from time to time until now he employs about twenty-five men in the building season. Many of the residences and other buildings of the vicinity are evidence of his workmanship. For several years he was a member of the borough council. On May 30, 1879, Mr. Wheeler married Miss Ida Barr, a daughter of Capt. J. W. and Louisa (Lumbert) Barr. Her father is a retired cabinet-maker and with his wife is living in Pine Grove. To Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler have been born two children—Robert Guy and Caleb C. Mr. Wheeler is a man of excellent habits unsullied honor, unusual enterprise and hard business sense.

**Whitehouse, Clarence A.**, a prominent young attorney in Pottsville, is a son of W. John Whitehouse, a leading lawyer at the Schuylkill county bar. W. J. Whitehouse is a son of David and Maria (Shakespeare) Whitehouse, natives of Staffordshire, England. They came to the United States in 1848, and soon afterward located at St. Clair, this county. They later moved to New Philadelphia, where they lived for about twenty-five years. David Whitehouse was a machinist during his early life, but abandoned his trade in later years, and was identified with the coal trade, owning and operating the

Whitcomb colliery, near New Philadelphia. He retired from active business about 1861. W. John Whitcomb was born in New Philadelphia in the year 1852. He was educated in the Pottsville schools and at Cumberland Valley institute, completing his education at Dickinson college, at Carlisle, Pa. He was a teacher in Cumberland Valley institute for some time during his preparation for college. He studied law under the tutorage of Hon. Lin Bartholomew, in Pottsville, and was admitted to practice in 1874. He has served as district attorney, having been elected as a Republican, in which party he has always been an able counsellor and a talented and aggressive campaign worker. He was a delegate to the national convention which nominated McKinley and Roosevelt, and was a presidential elector on the Republican ticket in 1904. He was a formidable candidate for governor in 1902, and withdrew from the field in favor of Pennypacker a few days before the meeting of the nominating convention. He was a delegate from Schuylkill county to the Republican state convention in 1900. As a lawyer Mr. Whitcomb stands well to the front at the Schuylkill county bar. Jan. 13, 1878, W. John Whitcomb married Miss Sallie Wintersteen, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Shaw) Wintersteen, of Port Carbon. Three children were born to this union, the second of whom is Clarence A. Whitcomb, the subject of this sketch. He was born in Pottsville, Apr. 30, 1880. He is a man of liberal education, having spent his life thus far principally in study. After leaving the Pottsville high school he entered Princeton university and completed the full classical course of that renowned institution, being graduated with the class of 1902. Two years later he was admitted to practice before the supreme court of Pennsylvania, and was thus thoroughly equipped for his life profession. He is associated with his father in an office adjoining and has access to a well filled library, the accumulation of years. Clarence A. Whitcomb is a Republican in political affiliations. He was married June 28, 1905, the lady of his choice being Miss Bertha Wren. A son, Clarence A., Jr., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Whitcomb Aug. 31, 1909. Mr. Whitcomb is a member of the Pottsville Lodge, No. 207, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the order of Heptasophis, No. 112. He is also a member of the Pottsville Outdoor club, Baxter's social club, the W. J. Whitcomb Republican club and the Schuylkill county bar association.

**Whitmore, Rev. Samuel L., D. D.**, the popular pastor of the Trinity Reformed church of Pottsville, was born near Staunton, Augusta county, Va., on Sept. 30, 1853. He is a son of Samuel and Sophia (Evers) Whitmore, both natives of Rockingham county, Va. Paternally he is of Swiss extraction, and on the mother's side has a mixture of German-English and Scotch-Irish blood. The father was a planter and was one of the few southerners opposed to slavery and supported the Union cause during the Civil war. He suffered much from the depredations of both Union and Confederate armies, and was but partially reimbursed when hostilities ceased. His first wife died in 1870 and in 1874 he married Mrs. Mary E. Kiser, of West

Liberty, Logan county, Ohio. Samuel Whitmore's demise occurred at Mount Crawford, in Rockingham county, Va., in 1897, and his second wife survived him until March, 1906. The family by the first marriage consisted of eight sons and four daughters, of whom three are now living. The eldest of the family, Sarah M., wife of Thomas L. Beall, died at Bridgewater, Va., in 1878, leaving two sons, Samuel A. and Charles E. Rev. David M., the second born, died at Martinsburg, W. Va., in 1883, after serving six years in the ministry of the Reformed church. John E., a farmer, died at his home in Franklin county, Ohio, in 1880, leaving five children—Sophia, Laura (now deceased), Virginia, Charles and Alice. Rev. Jacob A. died at Kerr's Creek, Rockbridge county, Va., in 1883, after five years in the ministry, leaving besides his widow, a daughter, Jessie E., now Mrs. Elliott Barker, of Farmville, Va. Rev. George A. is pastor of the Reformed church of Millersville, Lancaster county, Pa. His wife was formerly Miss Elizabeth Lichliter, of Woodstock, Va., by whom he has four children—Bernard, George, Raymond and Ethel. Kate is the wife of Hon. E. S. Tabler, a member of the state legislature of West Virginia, from Martinsburg, and they have four children—Dr. Homer E., a practicing physician of Hancock, Md., and Mabel, Esther and Arthur. Dr. William P., a physician, died in 1886, at Shellsburg, Pa., leaving a widow, formerly Miss May Colvin, and two children, William and May. The other children were Charles E., Sophie E., Mary Elizabeth and Howard C., the last named of whom died in infancy, while the others passed away in childhood. The subject of this sketch, who was the seventh in order of birth of his father's family, received his elementary educational training in the common schools of Mount Crawford, Va., and then prepared for a collegiate course at the Mercersburg academy in Pennsylvania. He then matriculated in the classical course at Mercersburg college, from which he graduated in 1877 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. During the last year of his collegiate work he merged with it the first year of his theological work, which enabled him to graduate in theology in 1879. Three years after graduation he was granted the degree of Master of Arts, and in 1904 was honored with the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Dr. Whitmore's first charge was the church at Middlebrook, Va., and subsequently he was pastor of the churches at Winchester, Va.; Adamstown, Md., and Mifflinburg, Pa. From the latter place he was called to assume the duties of pastor of the Trinity Reformed church of Pottsville, and on Dec. 1, 1899, he was installed in the new position. Prior to his coming to Pottsville he was for three years president of the Union County Sunday School association, and he was the first president of the Sabbath association in Schuylkill county. At the present time he is the incumbent of the office of president of the Schuylkill County Ministerial association. On Sept. 10, 1879, Dr. Whitmore was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Stonebraker, of Downsville, Washington county, Md., a daughter of Samuel and Eliza Stonebraker. Mr. Stonebraker is a farmer and devotes especial attention to the growing of fruit and the raising of stock. To Dr.



and Mrs. Whitmore have been born five children. Irma, the eldest, is a talented musician. She was united in marriage on Apr. 20, 1904, to H. P. Wamelsdorf, of Cartersville, Ga. Samuel H. graduated at Franklin Marshall college in June, 1906. Charles Frederick graduated at the Pottsville high school in 1902, then took a year of post-graduate work and is now engaged in the study of law. Edna L. graduated at the Pottsville high school in the class of 1904 and at the present time is taking post-graduate work in language, literature and music. Thomas Carroll died in infancy. The doctor is a Republican in his political beliefs, with a strong leaning toward independence in local affairs. While stationed at Mifflinburg he joined the Masonic order, which is the only organization of the kind to which he belongs. [Since the above was written, Dr. Whitmore received a call to Grace Reformed church, Chicago, Ill., which he accepted, and he removed with his family to that city Feb. 1, 1907, his present address being 1007 Jackson boulevard, Chicago.]

**Wilde, Elmer W.**—The subject of this biographical review is one of the leading musicians of Schuylkill county, and not only that, he is also an artist of no mean ability. His parlor is adorned with paintings from still life and of animals, and these evince superior talent. Professor Wilde is a representative of an old and prominent family in the county, his father, George Wilde, having come from England in 1824, and established a home in Pottsville. He was a son of Jeremiah Wilde, who, with his wife and family, located at Jalappa and later removed to Young's Landing, where these ancestors ended their days. George Wilde, father of Professor Wilde of this sketch, was reared and educated in Pottsville. He was but four years old when he came from England, and seventy-two of his seventy-six years of life were spent in Schuylkill county, Pa. In the early days he was a driver on one of the horse railroads which conveyed the coal from the mines to the boat-landing. He was thoroughly identified with the pioneer days, and is well and favorably remembered by the men of his time as a progressive and successful citizen. He died in Shenandoah, at the home now owned and occupied by Professor Wilde, in the year 1896. His wife, who in maidenhood was Harriet Huffman, was born in Hamburg, Pa., in 1823, and departed this life in Shenandoah, Dec. 28, 1885. She was buried on the first day of Jan., 1886. They became the parents of five sons, of whom Prof. Elmer W. Wilde is the youngest. His eldest brother, William R., is an employe of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, with which corporation he has a lucrative position at Hazleton, Pa.; John F. is a locomotive engineer employed on the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, with home at Belle Plain, Ia.; Summerfield C. also was a railroad employe, with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Company, and incurred a fatal disease at Plattsmouth, Neb., from which point he was brought home to die. He died at the home of the subject of this sketch in 1902, at the age of forty-seven years; G. Asbury is owner and manager of an extensive manufacturing industry at West Pittston, Pa. The subject of this article received a thorough educational training in the

schools of St. Clair, where he was born Oct. 16, 1860. This discipline has been supplemented by a lifetime of constant study and careful reading and observation. Very early in life he displayed exceptional talents in music, and decided upon making the teaching of that fascinating science his life work. After making considerable progress under the teaching of local professors and by private study and practice, he placed himself under the instruction of Prof. Gustavus A. Voelker, of Williamsport, Pa. Completing his course there in 1882, he began his career as a teacher of instrumental music in Shenandoah, and he has thus continued for nearly a quarter of a century. Every hour of the day and early evening is taken up with a thoroughly organized system of private instruction, and his eager students consider themselves especially fortunate if they can maintain a place on his well filled programme. Mr. Wilde has been a member of the Riley orchestra since 1900, and has materially assisted in making this one of the leading musical organizations in Schuylkill county. He was the first instructor of the Annunciation cadet band, which is a popular organization composed of boys between the ages of ten and sixteen years. At the celebration of "Old Home Week" in Pottsville during the autumn of 1906 none of the forty musical organizations in attendance elicited half so much applause as Professor Wilde's band of boys from Shenandoah. The professor is very justly proud of the achievements of this organization, one of whose members is his own son. He has retained the leadership since the organization was effected in March, 1906, and the grateful boys vie with each other in demonstrations of friendship and loyalty to their talented leader. He is the instructor of the Shenandoah high school band, composed of sixteen members, and has been organist at various churches for long or short periods, according as his other engagements permitted. One of these engagements was at the Greek Catholic church, where he was the first organist in the first church of that denomination established in America. Professor Wilde was married May 3, 1890, when he chose for his life companion Miss Lillie A. Parrott, daughter of John and Mary A. Parrott, early settlers of Thomaston, Schuylkill county. The only surviving child of Mr. and Mrs. Wilde is Bertram G., who was born March 29, 1891. He is a student in the high school and is making rapid progress in his educational career. He possesses a retentive memory and superior talents, both as a musician and student of general educational topics. He inherits great musical talent and has already demonstrated his ability in that line. At the age of sixteen he is an excellent performer on the cornet and saxophone, both very difficult instruments as viewed through the eyes of musicians. All help and encouragement is given the young man in the development of his talents. He is a member of the cadet band, as has been previously intimated; a member of the Riley orchestra, which of itself is a distinguished honor, and of the high school orchestra. He is the companion of his father, and is treated as a social and professional equal rather than as a child subject to the restraints of home life, for the "child" has passed within the pale of young man-

hood and is mature beyond his years. Professor Wilde owns and occupies a fine home at 110 North Jardin street, erected in 1904, and modern in all appointments. This site was formerly the home of his parents, and therefore has many cherished associations. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, which for generations past has been the religious home of their ancestors. Mr. Wilde sustains membership in the Royal Arcanum and the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America. He is also a member of the Rescue hook and ladder company, a volunteer organization for the protection of the city against fire, and for social purposes as well. He has never taken an active interest in political matters except on national issues, when he casts his vote and influence with the Republicans. On questions of temperance and morality he is a Prohibitionist, but he has never espoused the cause of a political organization along those lines. He believes that there is sufficient good in the time-honored and fire-tested Republican party to regulate such evils as are controllable through politics, and is willing to leave the balance to moral suasion and the influence of the churches. Professor Wilde is a gentleman of exalted social standing in the community where his life has been spent, and his superior talents place him within the ranks of the leading musicians of the state and nation. He is affable and pleasant, easily approachable by the most humble, and is generous hearted and sympathetic toward the unfortunate. These God-given characteristics have made him friends by the thousands, reconciled his few enemies, and rendered life a pleasant sojourn, even though occasionally beset with thorns.

**Wildermuth, Charles Wesley**, of Pottsville, is a representative of one of the pioneer families of Schuylkill county. He was born at Orwigsburg, on Oct. 21, 1830. His parents, John and Susanna (Alsbaugh) Wildermuth, were early settlers of that locality. Mr. Wildermuth was educated in the public schools of his youthful days and learned the cigarmaker's trade. During the Civil war he served under two enlistments, in the Pennsylvania militia, first in the 27th regiment, and later in the 30th. He was finally discharged in August, 1863. Since the close of the war he has been engaged in his present business, and has the largest establishment of the kind in the county. He deals in cigars, newspapers, blank books, office supplies, magazines, notions, etc. The leading dailies of the country are a prominent feature of the business, and a convenience which is appreciated by the reading people of the community. The institution gives steady employment to three or four clerks and a myriad of newsboys. Mr. Wildermuth married Miss Mary Foy, daughter of David and Elizabeth Hinekle, of Pottsville. A son and four daughters were born to this union: Fred A., Delia, Mame, Tena and Ella. They are mostly employed in the father's business. The subject of this sketch is affiliated with the Masonic and Odd Fellows' fraternities. He is a Republican in political views and the family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**Williams, James**, tobacconist and dealer in goldfish and canaries, in Tamaqua, was born in Cornwall, Eng., on Aug. 22, 1847, a son of James and Sarah Williams. The father, who was a miner, left for the gold diggings of Australia in 1853 and died there in 1879. The mother died in 1893 at the age of sixty-three. The family consists of three daughters and two sons, all living. Elizabeth is Mrs. Robert Carter, of Cornwall, Eng.; Sarah is Mrs. Matthew Morris, of the same place; Emily became the wife of a Mr. Lamp, and lives in Australia; and Zachariah is in the state of California. James, the third in order of birth, attended the public schools for a time and then became employed as a miner, working in tin and copper ore. When he had attained his majority, in 1869, he came to the United States and found employment as a laborer, but soon afterward he began mining on his own account. This furnished him a means of livelihood until 1878, when he became brakeman on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, continuing in the position until Aug. 6, 1886, when an accident in which he was involved cost him the use of his right hand. The company made him gate tender, on Oct. 11, 1886, and for four years he had charge of the crossing. In 1887 he had established his tobacco store, leaving his son William H. in charge while he attended the gates, but by 1890 the business had grown to such proportions that it became necessary for him to resign his position with the railroad and assist in the work of the store. As a side issue Mr. Williams deals in canaries and goldfish, and in all his lines he has done exceptionally well in a financial way. For many years he had the unique distinction of being the champion "go-as-you-please" racer of Schuylkill county. The title was acquired in a race held in Seitzinger's hall in Tamaqua on Apr. 11, 1879, on a track thirty-four laps to the mile. When the twelve hours allotted to the race had expired Mr. Williams was found to have covered sixty-three miles, while his nearest competitors had made forty-seven and one-third and forty-three and two-thirds miles respectively. After holding the record for many years Mr. Williams offered a silver medal to any one who could beat his record, and on Saturday, Jan. 7, 1899, a twelve-hour go-as-you-please was held in Allen's opera house, on a track twenty-five laps to the mile. Four contestants were entered—Thomas McMullen, Patrick Boyle, Thomas Jones and Edward Boyle—and the race was run between 11 a. m. and 11 p. m. McMullen covered fifty-one miles and five laps, but was compelled to leave the track at 8:24 p. m.; Patrick Boyle traveled sixty-one miles and seven laps; Thomas Jones sixty-two miles and seven laps, and Edward Boyle sixty-four miles and twenty-three laps. On Feb. 4, 1899, Mr. Edward Boyle was given the championship medal for Schuylkill county. The only restrictions as to the holding of this are that it must remain in the county and should the record which won it be broken it must be turned over to the winner. In Aug., 1872, Mr. Williams was united in marriage to Miss Henryetta Booth, born Dec. 20, 1850. To this union were born nine children. William H., the eldest, first saw the light of day in Tamaqua on Sunday, April 6, 1873. He attended the public schools



and the first five years after he had completed his scholastic labors he spent in his father's store. He spent his spare time learning telegraphy and for four years was a Western Union operator at San Francisco. On his return to Tamaqua he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, with which he remained for a period of two years. For different periods and at different times he was at San Francisco again, in Arizona and other places, and in the fall of 1869 returned to Tamaqua. For three years he was employed by the railroad as a brakeman and for the two years following as telegraph operator. At the end of that time he gave up railroad life and became the Tamaqua agent for the Reading bakery. Besides this he conducts a novelty store. On Oct. 12, 1900, he married Miss Florence Seitzinger, of Tamaqua, a native of the town, and a daughter of Harry and Sarah Seitzinger. Three children have been born to this union—Herbert Marron, Harold Arlington, and Mae Isabel. The family are all members of the English Lutheran church, and the father, who is regarded as one of the most promising of Tamaqua's younger business men, is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The second son of James Williams is Zachariah, a railroad man living in Tamaqua. He married Mabel Erig, and has a son, Gordon. James Howard is a plumber; he married Miss Kate Foulk and has two sons, James and Paul. Joseph Taylor married Minnie Walker, and is the father of an unnamed infant son. Ella Williams and Jane Williams are unmarried; Clayton died at the age of three; and Emily May and Edgar are at home. Death annulled Mr. Williams' first marriage in Oct., 1893, and later Miss Amanda Reiner, daughter of William Reiner, a farmer of Schuylkill county, became his wife. Two children—Thomas William and Bessie—blessed this second union. Mr. Williams is a kindly, courteous gentleman, and one of whom it can be truthfully said that he never knowingly did any dishonorable thing. He is a firm believer in the doctrine of the "square deal," and, what is of vastly more importance, he is a thorough practitioner of his belief.

**Williams, Thomas T.**, warden of the Schuylkill county prison at Pottsville, was born in South Wales on Oct. 15, 1857, a son of Thomas and Catherine (Williams) Williams. Both parents were natives of South Wales, where the father was born in 1830. They came to the United States with their family in 1861 and located in Minersville, where the father was a miner until his death, in 1875, some two years after his wife's death. The subject of this sketch is the eldest son; Mary died in Wales, at the age of two years; David is engaged in mining at Shenandoah; Mary (II) died in this county, at the age of three years; Sarah is the wife of John Seiders, of Lebanon; and John died at Mahanoy City, Nov. 20, 1877. Thomas T. Williams received a limited education in the common schools of his home town and until 1885 was engaged in mining in different branches. In that year he was appointed county tax-collector and served until the law was changed to provide for a new means of collection. A year before his appointment he had been elected a mem-

ber of the borough council and he served a full term. For ten years he was a justice of the peace, carrying on a fire-insurance business at the same time. Another five years was spent as docket clerk of the county, and then, on Apr. 1, 1903, came his appointment as warden of the Schuylkill county prison, to which he has been re-elected by the commission each succeeding year. His position requires the charge of an average of one hundred and seventy prisoners, with terms ranging from ten days to twelve years, and the overseeing of the work of the nine employes of the establishment. The female department is under the charge of Mrs. Williams, as matron, and the warden's home is within the building. Besides this work Mr. Williams is connected with a fire-insurance agency, which is now being carried on actively by a son, and is proprietor of the Williams knitting mills, located at Shenandoah, Pa., in which are manufactured ladies' fine Swiss vests. On Jan. 8, 1882, Mr. Williams married Miss Emily Saeger, a native of Shenandoah, and a daughter of John and Eliza Saeger, the former of whom came to Shenandoah from England in 1861. Both Mr. and Mrs. Saeger died in Shenandoah. To Mr. and Mrs. Williams have been born three children. Herbert, the eldest, first saw the light of day on Jan. 1, 1883; he is a graduate of the Shenandoah high school and is now an attorney-at-law, located in Shenandoah. Thomas, born Aug. 29, 1884, graduated at the Pottsville high school, and is now a student in the engineering course of Lehigh university. Emily, the only daughter, was born Apr. 3, 1889, and is a student in the senior class of the Pottsville high school. Mrs. Williams and the children are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Williams removed from Minersville to Shenandoah in 1879 and remained there until his appointment as warden, in 1903, when he brought his family to Pottsville. In politics he is a staunch exponent of the tenets of the Republican party and his elevation to public office has always been through the medium of that organization. He has been a delegate to practically all the county, district and state conventions of his party since he became of age. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has held membership since 1882, and is a past grand of Lodge No. 591, of Shenandoah. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias and of Pulaski Lodge, No. 216, Free and Accepted Masons, of Pottsville.

**Willman, George F.**, who is numbered among the enterprising business men of the city of Shenandoah, where he has passed the major portion of his life, has built up a large and prosperous plumbing, roofing and tinning business and in this line holds precedence of no uncertain order. He was born at Oleyline, Berks county, Pa., May 8, 1865, and is a son of Charles E. and Mary E. (Snyder) Willman, both of whom were born in Berks county, this state. The father was a tailor by trade and in 1871 he located in Shenandoah, where he opened a shop and where he eventually built up a prosperous merchant tailoring business. He continued a resident of this city until his death, which occurred June 30, 1904, and he was well known

and highly esteemed as a citizen. His wife died in 1881. Of the seven children five are living: William is agent for the Atlantis Refring Company, at Mahanoy City, this county; George F. is next younger; Susan R. is the wife of Henry Sampsel, of Shenandoah; Charles is engaged in the meat market business at Mount Carmel, Northumberland county; and Dora is employed in a grovery store in the city of Philadelphia. The subject of this review is indebted to the public schools of Shenandoah for his early educational training, and as a youth he entered upon an apprenticeship at the tinner's trade, in the establishment of Bedell Brothers. From 1887 until 1904 he was employed as a journeyman tinner, and he then engaged in business for himself, establishing the enterprise which he now conducts, at 117-119 West Coal street. He carries a select line of stoves, ranges, furnaces, gas heaters, tinware, and other household furnishings, and is the leading plumber and roofer of the city. His ability and his personal popularity in the community have enabled him to build up within a comparatively brief interval a large and prosperous business and he enjoys the unequivocal esteem of all who know him. Mr. Willman is a member of Henry Horneastle Camp, Sons of Veterans, with which he has been identified for twenty-two years. His eligibility for membership is based on the fact that his father served three years as a member of the 170th Pennsylvania volunteer infantry, which was a part of the Army of the Potomac. Two of his uncles, Maberry E. and Franklin E. Willman, were likewise valiant soldiers of the Union. The latter became a prominent and influential citizen of Shenandoah, where he met a tragic death, at the Keeley Run colliery, July 30, 1880, when he and two companions were killed by the deadly carbonic-oxide gas in the mine in which they were employed. The subject of this review also holds membership in the local camp of the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America and in Rescue hook and ladder company. The family are members of Trinity Reformed church in Shenandoah. In politics Mr. Willman is a loyal supporter of the principles and policies for which the Republican party stands sponsor, and he takes marked interest in public affairs of a local nature. He represents the Third ward on the board of education and received the largest majority ever polled by any candidate for this office in his ward. Sept. 29, 1887, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Willman to Miss Elizabeth Katz, a daughter of George and Frederica Katz, who were then residents of Shenandoah. Mr. and Mrs. Willman became the parents of four children—Mary E. and Evelyn A., who remain at the parental home; and George and Bertha E., both of whom died in early childhood.

Wilson, Rev. James J., pastor of the parish of Sts. Peter and Paul, at Tower City, was born at Manayunk, Philadelphia county, Pa., Oct. 18, 1874. His parents, Francis and Sarah (Boyle) Wilson, were both natives of county Antrim, Ireland. The father was a contractor and builder, and followed that vocation in Philadelphia and Washington, D. C., for many years. He was killed in an acci-

dent at Rose Glen, Pa., in 1880, when he was sixty-five years of age. The mother died in 1882, aged forty-nine. Of their seven children two are now living, the subject of this sketch and a sister, Mary, who lives with him. After attending St. John's school, Father Wilson, at the age of fifteen years, entered St. Joseph's college at Philadelphia, a secular institution. Upon leaving St. Joseph's college he was admitted to St. Charles' seminary, Overbrook, Montgomery county, Pa., in which institution, after remaining nine years, he was ordained a priest in 1900. He received as first appointment, Minersville, Schuylkill county, where he was associated with Rev. P. J. McMahan for one year and nine months. On Apr. 8, 1902, he took charge of the parish of Sts. Peter and Paul at Tower City, where he has since continued. This church was started in 1896 by Rev. F. M. Ward, who remained in charge for four years and three months. He was succeeded by Father Corcoran, who was pastor until succeeded by Father Wilson. The congregation numbers fifty-seven families—over 300 persons in all—and is in a prosperous and harmonious condition. Since coming to Tower City Father Wilson has made over \$5,000 worth of improvements and has otherwise displayed commendable zeal in promoting the interests of the Roman Catholic religion. His genial disposition and public spirit have made for him many warm friends in the field of his labors, and the general hope is that he may remain for many years in Tower City to carry forward his good work.

**Wilson, John Miller**, foreman of the shops of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad at Palo Alto, is a Scotchman by birth. He is a son of John and Martha (Miller) Wilson; the date of his nativity was Aug. 18, 1854, and the place Kilwinning, Ayrshire, Scotland. His ancestors for generations back were born and reared in Ayrshire, where the paternal grandfather was a master weaver in the days before machinery came into use, and the maternal grandfather was land steward of one of the big estates of the district. The subject of this sketch received a limited education in the schools of his native country and entered upon his career as a mechanic in July, 1870, in the James Robertson General and Patentee Engineering works. Just five years later he completed his apprenticeship and left the Robertson works to enter the employ of the W. & A. Maconey Company, one of the leading machinery firms of the British Isles. Subsequently he was in the service of many other firms until June, 1882. In that month and year occurred Mr. Wilson's marriage to Miss Christina Clement, a daughter of William and Florence (Murchie) Clement. He brought his bride to America on their wedding trip, and while visiting his brother, Charles, at Wilkes Barre, Pa., Mr. Wilson was the recipient of a handsome offer from the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company. He accepted the position and remained with the company for a period of twenty-two years, the first two years of which time were in the Wilkes Barre shops. Then he was made foreman of the wrecking gang on the Wyoming division, in which capacity he served until June, 1887, leaving it to accept the foremanship of



the erecting shop of the company, where the locomotives were built, remodeled and repaired. The latter work kept him busy until Aug. 1, 1898, when he received a promotion to the foremanship of the same department of the company at Manchester, N. Y. He also had general charge of the wrecking crews of two divisions, and during his incumbency of the position he served under three master mechanics and two superintendents on the Philadelphia and New York division, two superintendents and six master mechanics on the Buffalo division, and three yard masters at Manchester. He added materially to the equipment of the shops and oversaw the renovation and remodeling of the engine house and the other buildings. On Sept. 30, 1904, Mr. Wilson left the employ of the Lehigh Valley company and removed to Bridgeport, Pa., to become general foreman of the Philadelphia & Reading company. On March 23, 1905, he was transferred to Palo Alto and assumed the duties of the position which he is now holding. Mr. Wilson is the father of five children—William C., Charles G., Martha Ruth, Mary Christina and John Ronald. Another daughter, Florence, died at the age of two years and ten months. Mr. Wilson's brother, Charles, was until 1890 a master mechanic in the employ of the Lehigh Valley railroad company at Wilkes Barre, and left that corporation to accept a similar position in the Nottingham lace mills of Wilkes Barre. His wife was formerly Miss Margaret McKinszy, a native of Thornhill, Perthshire, Scotland. Mrs. John M. Wilson has a sister living in this country, Mary, who is the wife of Fred C. Paine, of Canandaigua, N. Y., and who is the mother of one child, Beatrice. The Wilsons are all devout members of the Presbyterian church. In politics Mr. Wilson has always been identified with the Republican party, but the emoluments of public office never appealed to him and he has always refused to become a candidate for positions of official trust. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias and was one of the organizers of the Caledonian club, a Scottish organization of Wilkes Barre, which had its birth on Jan. 25, 1883.

**Winkelspecht, John F.**, superintendent of the William F. Taubel hosiery mills of Tamaqua, was born in Riverside, N. J., on Aug. 17, 1895. His parents are Felix and Elizabeth (Kreps) Winkelspecht, the former a native of Germany and the latter of New Jersey. The father was born in 1838 and came to the United States in 1858, locating in New Jersey, where he was a laborer all his active life. He is a devout member of the Catholic church and reared his family of nine children, all of whom are living, in that faith. The subject of this sketch attended the public and parochial schools of his native town and after completing the courses offered there he went into a hosiery mill. When he was nineteen years of age he was made a foreman in the mill and since that time he has been either at the head of a concern or a department. His first employment was with the Riverside Hosiery Company, with whom he remained for twenty years. In Aug., 1902, he came to Tamaqua to accept the superintendency of the Taubel mills, and his retention in the position

shows that he is at least fulfilling the requirements. Since his coming the output has materially increased and there has been little or no labor trouble among the 231 operatives employed—due in large measure to Mr. Winkelspecht's ability. On Aug. 19, 1885, he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Sundermeier, a native of New Jersey and a daughter of John and Margaret Sundermeier, natives of Germany, and now residents of Riverside, N. J. To Mr. and Mrs. Winkelspecht nine children have been born. Agnes, the eldest, is the wife of Thomas Trainer, of South Bethel, Pa., and is the mother of two children, Jerome and Myrtle. Josephine is Mrs. James McLochlin, of Tamaqua. Wilhelmina is an operative in the mill of which her father is the superintendent. The others, Clinton, Irene, Xavier, May, Ora and Phillip, are all at home. The entire family are members of the Catholic church. Although their residence in Tamaqua is of rather recent date they have come to be regarded as valuable social and commercial additions to the community.

**Winn, Capt. Samuel**, chief of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron police force, was born in St. Clair, Schuylkill county, Pa., July 24, 1844. His parents, Samuel and Mary (Moore) Winn, who were natives of England, immigrated to this country about 1830. The father was identified with mining interests at St. Clair, but died in middle life. The mother died in St. Clair at the age of sixty-seven. They were the parents of five children, two sons, Samuel and Thomas, being the only survivors. The sisters were: Elizabeth, who married Oliver Wolverton, and died in St. Clair, at the age of seventy-one years; Mary A., who was the wife of J. P. Sherman, and who died at the age of sixty-two years; Agnes, who was the wife of Constantine Hess, a carpenter and contractor, and who died in Omaha, Neb., aged fifty-nine years. Thomas Winn, the surviving brother of the subject of this sketch, is a retired mechanic at St. Joseph, Mo., where he has lived for the last thirty-two years. He learned the trade of carpentry in St. Clair, and followed that business for many years before going to Missouri. He has a wife but no children. He served from 1861 to 1865 in the 5th Pennsylvania cavalry. Captain Winn left school to answer the call of his country in Sept., 1861, when he enlisted as a member of Company F, 7th Pennsylvania cavalry. His regiment was stationed for the most part in the Western department, attached to the 14th army corps. With this organization he participated in every battle and skirmish in which his company was engaged, but escaped personal injury. He held the rank of quartermaster-sergeant and was discharged in 1865, after four years of continuous service. Returning to his maternal home, Captain Winn was unemployed for about eighteen months following his discharge, and was for a like period employed as weigh master at the Port Carbon furnace. He began prospecting for coal and iron in Pennsylvania and New Jersey about 1868, and, incidentally, testing the merits of the famous "Diamond drill," which has revolutionized the old system of prospecting. In 1875 Captain Winn was commissioned by the state as a member of

the Coal and Iron Police, and has been connected with this formidable organization for more than thirty-one years. He was appointed a lieutenant in 1895, and in 1902 he was promoted to his present position, that of captain and chief of the force. This is an organization which has existed in the coal regions for many years, attaining the greatest efficiency as protectors of life and property during the reign of "Molle Magureism." It is fostered by the state and is composed of brave and fearless men, thoroughly disciplined and inured to the hardships of their perilous work. The primary object is the protection of coal and railroad property during strikes of employes, but the duties do not end there. Many a private citizen has been protected against deadly assault and his property saved from destruction. The Pottsville contingent is a formidable force, equipped with the most approved arms, and ready at all times for any emergency. Captain Winn was a resident of Frackville for twenty-five years and was married there, on Jan. 8, 1880. The lady of his choice was Miss Sadie, a daughter of John and Amelia Harris, late of Frackville, where they both died. They had a family of four sons and four daughters—William (deceased), John, Samuel, Benjamin, Jane, Amelia, Sadie and Mary Ann. Captain and Mrs. Winn became the parents of four children, namely: Mary, who is the wife of Clarence Morgan, of Pottsville; Thomas, who died in infancy; Olive, who is a young lady at home; and John Harvey, who is paying clerk for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company at Pottsville. They also reared and educated an adopted daughter, Miss Sadie Moore, who was a member of the family for sixteen years. She is now happily married to W. A. Nice, a prosperous business man at Frackville. Captain Winn has been a lifelong Republican, but has never aspired to public office. He was a member of the Frackville borough council for about eight years. He is a member of John S. Meredith Post, No. 485, Grand Army of the Republic, and has served in various official capacities in this organization. He is liberal in religious views and has never been connected with any church organization.

Wisizinski, B., a prominent citizen and a leading merchant tailor of Mahanoy City, was born Aug. 15, 1873, in Russia. All the educational advantages he was able to have were acquired in the common schools of his native land, and when he had completed his scholastic training, he there started to learn the tailor's trade. Before he had fully completed his apprenticeship, however, he came, in 1890, to the United States. He landed in New York, where he remained about six months and completed his apprenticeship. From New York he came to Pennsylvania, locating near Hazleton, where he worked as a breaker boy and also did some work in excavating cellars, for two months and a half. Then he came to Mahanoy City and found employment in his vocation until June, 1896. In that month and year he opened a tailoring establishment of his own at 311 West Centre street, directly opposite his present place of business, and a year later removed to 323 West Centre street. Since 1898 he has

been occupying the store he is now in, and it has come to be known as one of the most up-to-date and modern places of business in the city. In 1902 Mr. Wisziński became financially interested in the hotel business, but it did not prove a paying venture and he disposed of his holdings two years later, since when he has devoted all his time and attention to the development of his merchant tailoring industry. In 1903 he was the successful candidate for election to the borough council, and he is to-day the incumbent of the office of representative of the first ward in the city legislative body. Mrs. Wisziński was formerly Miss Anna Miloski, a native of the United States, and she has borne her husband three children. Florence, the first born, died in 1903, at the age of two years; Bernard is now three years old, and Edmund is two. The parents are members of St. Joseph's Lutheran church, of Mahanoy City. Mr. Wisziński is an exemplary type of foreign-born American citizen—frugal, industrious and honest.

**Woll, Joseph**, deceased, a former sheriff of the county and proprietor of the Hotel Woll in Pottsville, was born in Pottsville on Nov. 14, 1853, in an hotel on the same lot which the modern hostelry, the Hotel Woll, now occupies. He is a son of Peter and Magdalena (Young) Woll, the former a native of Prussia and the latter of Bavaria, Germany, both of whom came to this country in their youth and were married in Pottsville. The father learned the shoemaker's trade, but did not follow it for any length of time, preferring to engage in the hotel business, and for more than half a century he was "Mine Host" in an hotel which stood on the spot which the Hotel Woll now adorns. The father died in 1884 and the mother in 1893. The thirteen children in the family were: Mary, Catherine, Peter, John, Magdalena, Elizabeth, George, Joseph, Philip, Mary (2d), \*George (2d), and two unnamed who died in infancy. The living of this number are Magdalena, now Mrs. Bodenfield, of Portland, Ore.; Elizabeth, the widow of Louis Gottschall, of Pottsville; Peter, who lives in Pottsville; Philip, who is proprietor of the United States hotel at Tamaqua; and George, now proprietor of the Hotel Woll. Joseph Woll received his educational advantages in the public schools of Pottsville, most of his training being secured in the Bunker Hill school. When he had finished the prescribed scholastic work he learned the trade of blacksmith, at which he worked for about fifteen years, and which he left to engage in the hotel business with his father. This was in 1880, and aside from the three years he spent as the incumbent of the office of sheriff he had no other occupation after that time. In 1895, at the cost of \$16,000, Mr. Woll erected a new and modern hostelry on the site of the old building. It is four stories in height, and contains thirty-six guest rooms, besides the offices, dining room, etc. In politics he was a stanch exponent of the principles of Jeffersonian Democracy, and the county convention of that party in 1891 made him its nominee for the office of sheriff. He was duly elected and in January of the following year was installed in the office, where he served a full term



of three years. Mr. Woll was married in 1873 to Miss Catherine Brennan, a native of Schuylkill county, and to this union were born ten children—William (deceased), Mary, Gertie, Katie, Lizzie, Bertha, Agnes, Joseph, Jr., Hildegard and Eugene. Katie, Gertrude and Joseph are married. All the family are communicants of the St. John Roman Catholic church. Mr. Woll was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, St. John the Baptist association, and the Good Intent fire company. His death occurred Nov. 26, 1905.

**Wonders, Newton M.**, who conducts a photographic studio at 10 West Market street, Pottsville, is a native of New Franklin, Ohio, where he was born Oct. 17, 1862. He is a son of Peter D. and Fredrica (Bammerlin) Wonders, the former a native of Berks county, Pa., and a carpenter and cabinet-maker by vocation. His death occurred in Alliance, Ohio, in 1877. The mother, a native of Berlin, Germany, is living in Cleveland, Ohio, and is still hale and vigorous, although she has passed her eighty-fifth year. Of the twelve children born to the parents there are seven survivors. Lafayette lives in Alliance, Ohio; Benton M. in Cleveland; Mrs. Marietta Thomas in Hiram, Ohio; Francis M. in Frankfort, Ind.; Mrs. Laura P. Teeters in Cleveland, Ohio; Solon L. in Lancaster, Pa.; and the subject of this sketch in Pottsville. The deceased members are Mrs. Lucy L. Metilone, who died in Los Angeles, Cal., in 1898; Allan, who died of fever while serving in the Union army during the Civil war, in his twenty-first year; Emma J., who died at the age of eighteen; and Florence and Louise, who died in infancy. Newton M. Wonders received his preliminary education in the public schools of Alliance, Ohio, and when he had completed his scholastic work he went to work for his brother in the photographic business. After he had mastered the trade he worked at it with his brother in Alliance and other places and then went to Cleveland, where he was very successful in a remunerative way in contract work. His residence in Pottsville dates from 1891, in which year he came to Pottsville and purchased the excellent studio which he is now managing. He has undoubtedly the bulk of the business in his line of work, and his success has been attained by hard work and a desire to please his patrons. In 1889 Mr. Wonders married Miss Anna E. Weitzel, of Lebanon, a daughter of H. P. and Emma E. Weitzel, both of whom are now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Wonders have been born three children, one of whom, Dorothy L., died at the age of eight years. The others are Jettie L. and Henry P. The parents are members of the English Lutheran church.

**Woolcock, John**, is a well known resident of Pottsville and has been identified with the coal mining industry from his boyhood days to the present, being now concerned in the operation of mines in West Virginia, where he has valuable interests in the line. He was born in County Waterford, Ireland, Aug. 8, 1844, and is a son of William and Grace (Jobe) Woolcock, both of whom were born in Cornwall, England. They came to America in 1845 and made Frackville, Schuylkill county, Pa., their destination. Here the father

was employed in the coal mines until his death, in 1865, as the result of an explosion in the mines. His wife survived him by a number of years and remained a resident of this county until her demise. Of their eleven children nine attained to years of maturity: Edward, Elijah, Thomas, Elizabeth A., William, Mary J., John, Joseph and Amelia. Elizabeth is the wife of George Robinson, and Mary is the wife of Eli Lee. John Woolcock, the immediate subject of this sketch, was an infant in arms at the time of the family immigration to America and he was reared to maturity in Schuylkill county, to whose common schools he is indebted for such educational advantages as came to him in his boyhood and youth. Like the average boy in this mining section he early began to work in the mines, and he advanced through the various grades of promotion to the holding of positions of importance and responsibility in and about the mines of Schuylkill county. In 1886, having acquired an interest in mines in the Pocahontas coal region of West Virginia, he removed to that section, where he maintained his residence for the ensuing sixteen years, and where he still retains important coal mining interests. In 1904 he returned to Schuylkill county and located in Pottsville, where he has since resided. In politics he exercises his franchise in support of those men and measures approved by his judgment, not being held to close partisan lines. He is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons and both he and his wife are communicants of the Protestant Episcopal church. In 1877 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Woolcock to Miss Jennie Dolbin, daughter of Goodman and Mary (Thomas) Dolbin, of Frackville, this county, and the children of this union are Wilbur, Goodman and Sarah.

**Wren, George H.**, proprietor of the Grant iron works at Mahanoy City, is a native of Pottsville, born Nov. 12, 1847. He is a son of Thomas and Mary (Hay) Wren, the former of whom was born in Glasgow, Scotland, June 10, 1823, a son of William and Jane (Macbreth) Wren. When Thomas Wren was quite young his parents immigrated to Nova Scotia, where his father died. His mother brought her family to Pennsylvania, and finally located at Pottsville. There Thomas served an apprenticeship of four years and eight months at the molder's trade, in the machine shops of Messrs. Haywood & Snyder. He then formed a partnership with his brothers, John Y. and James, and carried on business for about two years at the old Eagle foundry, then on the present site of the freight depot of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company. In 1850 Thomas Wren and brothers built the Washington iron works in Pottsville, and in 1851 they manufactured the machinery for the first rolling mill in the country which made the "T" rail and bar iron, that plant being located at Fishbach, a suburb of Pottsville. The Washington Iron Works Company was dissolved by mutual consent in 1864, and Thomas Wren turned his attention more closely to coal operations, in which he had been interested for some years previously. He owned and operated collieries at St. Clair, Mount Laf-fee, and had large interests in the workings at Eagle Hill. Besides

his extensive connection with the coal and iron business, Mr. Wren has long been identified with banking interests both in Pottsville and Mahanoy City, and also in the organization and operation of manufacturing industries and savings associations in other localities. He established the Grant iron works at Mahanoy City in 1805, this being the industry now owned and operated by George H. Wren, the subject of this article. Thomas Wren has been twice married, six children being born to his union with Mary Hay, his first wife. She died May 10, 1853. Oct. 1, 1801, he was united in marriage with Sarah P. Shorno, by which union three children were born. George H. Wren was educated in the public schools at Pottsville and at Eastman's business college, Poughkeepsie, New York. He was graduated from this institution in Nov., 1864. He went to Mahanoy City in 1825 and accepted the position of manager and bookkeeper in the Grant iron works, then owned and operated by his father. In 1867 he formed a partnership with R. R. Lee, the firm title being Lee & Wren, and purchased the father's interest in the business. This copartnership existed for ten years, during which time the firm had built the Elmwood colliery and sunk the slope for the same, and also commenced the operation of the Rough Diamond colliery. These mining interests have decreased very materially since the absorption of most of the coal lands in the vicinity by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company. Much of the iron work required in operating the mines, or in establishing new collieries in the vicinity of Mahanoy City, has been made by the Grant iron works, as well as a large amount of machinery for other manufacturers. The plant is equipped with modern appliances for turning out a diversified class of work and affords remunerative employment to an average of fifty or more skilled mechanics. The buildings are substantial and amply sufficient for all requirements. See history of Mahanoy City in Volume 1. Mr. Wren was married Nov. 8, 1870, to Miss Lillie A., daughter of Thomas and Mary Bedall, of Port Carbon. They have two children, Mary B. and Thomas B. Mr. Wren is a Republican in political affiliations, a member of the Masonic fraternity, and the family are Presbyterians in religious preferences.

Yearick, Rev. Zwingli A., the popular pastor of Trinity Reformed church of Shenandoah, is a native of Madisonburg, Center county, Pa., where he was born on Aug. 12, 1845. He is one of eight children born to Rev. William R. and Susanna (Hackenburg) Yearick, both natives of Center county, and is the representative of the fifth generation of the family in America. The name Yearick was originally George, but the orthography was changed in the early years of Rev. William R. Yearick's lifetime so as to preserve as nearly as possible the original German pronunciation of the name. The founder of the family in the United States was John George George, who left his home in the Palatinate in southern Germany in 1753 and sailed from Amsterdam and located in Lowhill township, Lehigh county, Pa. His son, Adam George, removed to Center county in 1787 and his son, John George, was the father of Rev.

William R. Yearick. The latter served the Reformed church for a period of forty-two years continuously and died at the age of seventy-one years. The children of his marriage to Susanna Hackenburg, who died at the age of thirty-six years, were, in order of birth: Zwingli, who is the subject of this sketch; John Nevin, who died at the age of fifteen years and was buried with his mother; Sarah M., who is the wife of Rev. T. S. Land, D. D., president of the Allentown college for women; Ada O., who died at the age of thirty-six years; Talitha A., who died at the age of fifty years; Carrie E., who lives at Sellersville, Bucks county; Ursinus W. D., who prepared for the ministry of the Reformed church at the theological seminary at Lancaster and died at the age of forty years; and Calvin H., who died at the age of fifteen. After death had annulled the first union the father married again, Miss Wilhelmina Harple, of Bucks county, becoming his wife. To them were born six children, of whom but two survive—Susan E., the wife of Dr. L. C. Johnstonbaugh, of West Bethlehem, and J. Leidy, now studying in the Lancaster theological seminary to become a minister of the Reformed church. Rev. Zwingli A. Yearick of this sketch received his collegiate education at Franklin and Marshall college, in Lancaster, and upon graduation he had the honor of delivering the philosophical oration. His theological training was received in the seminary in the same city and his ministerial life was begun in the summer of 1875, when he was assigned to the pastorate of the New Berlin charge, where he had four congregations under his care. Two years later he was transferred to Turbotville, Northumberland county, and there had charge of three congregations for five years. At the end of that period he removed to Aaronsburg, Center county, which at the time had three congregations in the pastorate. Before he left, in 1889, to assume a position in a larger field at Mercersburg, he had organized two new congregations and had been the moving spirit in the erection of three church edifices. The Mercersburg charge comprised three congregations at the time of his assumption of the pastorate, and in the six years he was there one new congregation was organized, two churches and a parsonage were built, another church was rebuilt and the fourth was extensively repaired, besides which a heavy debt was raised. In Dec., 1895, Mr. Yearick was made pastor at Lewisburg, which at the time comprised but one congregation. He soon afterward organized a second, and served both. His pastorate in Shenandoah dates from March, 1899, when he assumed the charge of Trinity church, with a membership of 450. His coming gave an impetus to the work; the debt of \$1,000 which was on the church has been raised and the building has been materially repaired and renovated, at a cost of \$1,500. The sum of \$3,500 has also been raised for a parsonage and its improvements. The Sunday school has an enrollment of 300 students, under the charge of twenty-two teachers, and the church societies are the Missionary society, the Ladies' Aid society and the Willing Workers' society, the last mentioned being for children. On Sept. 20, 1881, Mr. Yearick married Miss



Mary Emma Shurtz, who was born near Turbotville, a daughter of Frederick and Margaret A. Shurtz. Mr. Shurtz, who was a farmer, died May 18, 1892, in Shenandoah, Iowa. Mrs. Yearick received her educational advantages in the public schools of White Pigeon, Mich., whither her father removed while she was still a young girl. The children of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Yearick are seven in number. William, the eldest, is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall college and is now principal of schools at Alexandria, Pa.; Bertha Alice is a student in the senior year at the Keystone state normal school, at Kutztown, and the others, Clara May, Emma M., Mary A., Ruth E. and Susan W., are all in the public schools of Shenandoah. Mr. Yearick is at present the secretary of the ministerial association of Shenandoah, a position he has held for several years. He is an independent in his political views and does much good in a quiet and unassuming way. While a believer in the cause of temperance he is sane and rational in his sentiments and does not believe that the moral status of the community can be helped by a violent antagonism to the saloon element. He is persuaded that a rigid, conscientious enforcement of the laws by the court and by the county and municipal officials, the enactment of local option, the use of moral suasion, the inculcation of religious principles, and the development of a proper public sentiment, are the correct methods by which to undo all social evils, whether they be inherent in the saloon or in other vicious institutions.

**Yoder, Nathan D.**, proprietor of the "Grand View" farm, near Hegins, was born in Eldred township, Schuylkill county, Sept. 4, 1842. He is a son of William and Briggitta (De Long) Yoder, both natives of Pennsylvania—the father of Schuylkill and the mother of Berks county. George Yoder, the grandfather of Nathan, and his brother, Abraham, were the first of the name to settle in Schuylkill county, locating in what is now Eldred township, where they secured large tracts of land and engaged in farming. Abraham also built a saw and grist mill, one of the first in the county, and this mill is still standing. George Yoder married Elizabeth Reiner, of Berks county, and they had six children—Mary, Sallie, Hattie, Elizabeth, William and Charles—all now deceased. William Yoder was a carpenter by trade, as well as a farmer. He also taught school for a while and was an active worker for the temperance cause. He was interested in music, was a good singer and a fine performer on the clarinet. When the old Lutheran church was built in Eldred township he was one of the contributors and always took great interest in its work. In politics he was a Democrat of the old school, though he was never a seeker for office. He was a poet of considerable ability. He died at the age of forty-five years, and his widow, who lived with her son Nathan during the last twenty-four years of her life, died at the age of seventy-eight. They had five children. Mary Jane married George Hepler, and is now dead, and the others are living at Hegins, where Enos D. is a watchmaker and jeweler; Lewis D. is a wheelwright, and William D. is a painter. Nathan D. Yoder was educated in the local schools and at Freeburg academy, after which

he began teaching. His first term was at Helfenstein, his second at home, and he then taught six terms at Fountain. He then moved to Hegins and has taught in all twenty-four terms. In 1865 he bought sixty-five acres of land in Hegins township and commenced farming. In 1888 he bought the farm of 112 acres, known as the Wagner place, some of which he has sold off as lots in the village of Hegins. He devotes considerable attention to fruit and stock growing, though he raises all kinds of grain, and also owns and operates a saw mill. His farm is one of the best improved in the township and shows evidence of the intelligence and industry employed in its management. Jan. 29, 1864, Mr. Yoder was married to Miss Mary, daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Maurer) Hepler, of Eldred township, and they have had the following children: Oliver H., a teacher, married Lillie Jones and their children are Howard, Clarence, Nelson, Irene, Dorothy and Alice; Hannah died in childhood; Jennie is the wife of Walter Till, of Philadelphia, and has one daughter, Mildred; Ida, who is the wife of Albert Strausser, who is in the asylum, a disabled engineer, has one son, Albert, and lives with her father, following the occupation of dressmaker; Mima taught for a time and is now the wife of Rev. E. S. Faust, a minister of the Reformed church, at St. Thomas, Pa., with one son, Lawrence Y.; William F. taught for several years, graduated at the state normal school in West Chester, and is now attending Franklin and Marshall college, at Lancaster; Alvina is at home with her parents; Emma also is at home; Clara died at the age of twenty-two years; Jacob H. is attending school at West Chester preparing for college; Luella is teaching at Reinerton; and Daisy is deceased. Mr. Yoder is a Republican and was for ten years a justice of the peace. He belongs to Hegins Lodge, No. 726, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he was secretary for thirty years, and served four terms as district deputy grand master. He and family are members of the United Evangelical church. He is a friend of popular education and is a careful reader of scientific agriculture as well as Christianity and political subjects.

**Yuengling, David G.**, deceased, founder of the great brewing establishment of D. G. Yuengling & Son, of Pottsville, was born on March 6, 1806, in the kingdom of Württemberg, now a part of the German empire. He received his education in the schools of his native province, learned the brewing business there and in 1827 came to America. His first two years in this country were spent in Baltimore, Md., where he landed, but in 1829 he went to Lancaster, Pa., and after a short residence there came to Pottsville. Here he built a small, unpretentious brewery on Center street, and from this humble beginning has developed the extensive plant of the D. G. Yuengling & Son brewery, one of the best equipped in eastern Pennsylvania. Mr. Yuengling continued actively connected with the concern until his death, which occurred in 1877. For almost half a century Mr. Yuengling was closely identified with the commercial life and municipal affairs of Pottsville. During this time he was active in

promoting the interests of the city in various ways. Not only was he successful in the upbuilding of the brewing concern which still bears his name, but he was also connected with other industrial enterprises that have been of great benefit to the city. He was the first president of the Pottsville Gas Company, holding the office for a number of years, and the present successful status of the company is due in a great measure to the superb executive ability he displayed in the management of its affairs during the earlier years of its existence. He was for some time one of the directors of the Pottsville Water Company, and was actively associated with several institutions of similar character. Politically he was a Democrat, and in municipal politics wielded a large and beneficent influence, as he also did in county affairs. Mr. Yuengling was a member of the German Lutheran church and took a commendable interest in all its good works. For several years he held the office of vestryman and when the German Lutheran church was erected in Pottsville he gave \$10,000 to the cause. While this fact is generally known and applauded, he gave away many a dollar in unostentatious charity, of which no one knew except the beneficiary and the all-wise Creator. Mr. Yuengling married Miss Elizabeth Betz, and they became the parents of three sons and seven daughters. One son, Frederick, succeeded to the management of the brewery upon the death of his father. (See sketch elsewhere.) Notwithstanding Mr. Yuengling took great concern in public matters he could never be prevailed upon to accept public office. He was a business man and his highest ambition was to achieve success in his chosen vocation. In all his long and useful career he never trampled upon the rights or immunities of his fellow men, but was always open and above board in his dealings, strictly honest, and "even his failings leaned to virtue's side." Consequently his death was sincerely mourned by a large number of friends and his loss will be felt for years to come, especially among those with whom he was most intimately associated.

**Yuengling, Frank D.**—The gentleman whose name begins this article represents the third generation of his family who have been prominently identified with the brewing establishment of D. G. Yuengling & Son. He is a son of Frederick G. Yuengling, a sketch of whom will be found in this volume, and was born in Pottsville, Sept. 27, 1876. Neither time nor money was spared in his education, and perhaps the trend of his life-work was changed by the untimely death of his father. After leaving the public schools of Pottsville he attended the Hill school in this city for three years; pursued a two years' course at Phillips academy, Andover, Mass., and a course of two years at Princeton university, Princeton, N. J. He was then called home to assume charge of the business which now engages his attention, and which was conducted by his father until his death. This arduous duty involves the superintendence of the large and intricate business in all its varied details. Somewhat more than a hundred men are employed in the various departments and about thirty







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teams and wagons, and he has been successful in bringing the product to the retail trade in the Pottsville market, and securing with the wholesale demand a large and profitable business. Mr. Yuengling is a rising star of excellent business ability. On Jan. 24, 1907, he married Agnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pottsville, and they are well known and popular people in the community. Mr. Yuengling holds membership in the Pottsville Chamber of Commerce, the benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a member of the Pottsville club, Pottsville Commercial club, Pottsville Athletic club, a director of the Pennsylvania National bank, and of the Pottsville stock association.

Yuengling, Frederick G., deceased, son of David and Elizabeth (Betz) Yuengling, was born in Pottsville, Pa., Jan. 2, 1848, and died in the city on Jan. 2, 1907. He attended the Pottsville public and high schools, he entered the State Normal at Center county, graduated at a private school in Pottsville, Pa., N. Y., in 1865, and then completed the course in Pottsville college, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Upon finishing his education he had the management of his father's brewery, and in 1870, when he went to Europe to study the art of brewing. When he returned he entered the employ of the Pottsville Brewing Company, of Philadelphia, for the purpose of obtaining more practical knowledge of the business, and in 1875 he associated with his father under the firm name of Yuengling & Son. (See sketch of David Yuengling.) The success attained by the brewery, though due to the skill and industry of his father, is due to their eternal reward. The Pottsville brewery is located on Pottsville street, Pottsville; employs about thirty men; its products are sold in about thirty towns; about thirty teams are employed in the delivery of the product to the retail trade in the Pottsville market, and the sale trade extends throughout Schuylkill, Berks, Lehigh, Luzerne and Lycoming counties, and to Philadelphia, Boston and other large cities. The success of this brewery is due in a great measure to the preparation and technical skill of Frederick Yuengling, during the best years of his life to his father's management, and to the and porter, which have since been sold in the Pottsville market. Mr. Yuengling was the manager of the Pottsville enterprises, though he is best remembered for his great brewery that still bears his name. He was a member of the Pottsville Gas Company; vice-president of the Pottsville Railway Company and the Schuylkill Real Estate, Insurance and Trust Company; and a director in the State National Bank, the Pottsville Water Company. In all these enterprises he has shown of his executive ability was evident in his management of him as a man of rare tact and judgment in the management of affairs. In fraternal circles he was a member of the Pottsville Lodge, No. 216. Free and Accepted Mason, and of the Pottsville Chapter, No. 216.



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teams and wagons are in constant requisition in distributing the product to the retail trade in surrounding towns and villages, while the wholesale demand is very large. Mr. Yuengling is a young man of excellent business attainments and fine executive ability. On Apr. 24, 1907, he married Augusta C. Roseberry, of Pottsville, and they are well known and popular among the young people of Pottsville. Mr. Yuengling holds membership in Pottsville Lodge, No. 207, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and in the Masonic fraternity. He is a member of the United States Brewers' association, the Pottsville club, Pottsville Commercial club, Good Intent fire company, a director of the Pennsylvania National bank and of the Union Hall association.

**Yuengling, Frederick G.**, deceased, a son of David G. and Elizabeth (Betz) Yuengling, was born in Pottsville, Pa., Jan. 26, 1848, and died in that city on Jan. 2, 1899. After attending the Pottsville public and high schools he entered the State college, in Center county, graduated at a private school on Staten Island, N. Y., in 1865, and then completed the course in Eastman's business college, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Upon finishing his education he had the management of his father's brewery at Pottsville until 1871, when he went to Europe to study the art of brewing in that country. When he returned he entered the employ of the Berger & Engel Brewing Company, of Philadelphia, for the purpose of obtaining a more practical knowledge of the business, and in 1873 he became associated with his father under the firm name of D. G. Yuengling & Son. (See sketch of David G. Yuengling.) That name is still retained by the brewery, though both the father and son have passed to their eternal reward. The brewery is located on West Mahantongo street, Pottsville; employs over 100 men in the various departments; about thirty teams are kept in constant use, distributing the product to the retail trade in the adjacent towns, while the wholesale trade extends throughout Schuylkill, Northumberland, Dauphin, Lebanon, Luzerne and Lycoming counties, as well as to New York, Philadelphia, Boston and other large eastern cities. The eminent success of this brewery is due in a great measure to the thorough preparation and technical skill of Frederick G. Yuengling, who gave the best years of his life to improving the quality of their beer, ale and porter, which have since been kept up to the high standard he established. Mr. Yuengling was also interested in a number of other enterprises, though he is best remembered as the active head of the great brewery that still bears his name. He was president of the Pottsville Gas Company; vice-president of the Schuylkill Electric Railway Company and the Schuylkill Real Estate, Title Insurance and Trust Company; and a director in the Safe Deposit bank and the Pottsville Water Company. In all these corporations the high order of his executive ability was demonstrated, and his associates esteemed him as a man of rare tact and discrimination in the management of affairs. In fraternal circles he was a member of Pulaski Lodge, No. 216, Free and Accepted Masons, in which he was deservedly popu-



lar because of his liberal charity and general good fellowship. He was a member of and liberal contributor to the Trinity Episcopal church, his Christianity being of that practical kind that influenced his conduct in his relations with his fellow men. In April, 1873, Mr. Yuengling and Miss Minna Dohrman, of Brooklyn, N. Y., were united in marriage, and to this union were born two children. The eldest is deceased. The widow and surviving son, Frank D., still reside in Pottsville.

**Zapf, Charles**, a prosperous brewer residing in Minersville, was born in Baden, Germany, June 22, 1836, a son of Charles and Cecelia Zapf. The father, who was a lumberman, reared a family of ten children, of whom but three are living. The subject of this review received such educational advantages as were afforded by the schools of his native land and then learned the trade of brewer and cooper. His residence in the United States dates from 1854, in which year he immigrated to Philadelphia. Later in the same year he went to Pottsville to enter the employ of the old George Lawer Brewing Company, subsequently working in that town for F. C. Kuenezler and J. G. Yuengling. In 1870 he came to Minersville and for five years was in the employ of Daniel Frier. Then he embarked in the brewery business on his own account and has continued in it most successfully. The concern now employs seven men, including Mr. Zapf's two sons, and manufactures a beer noted for its purity and wholesomeness. Mr. Zapf's other business interests include a directorship in the Minersville Savings bank. On Aug. 17, 1856, he was united in marriage to Miss Catherina Eberly, a native of Schuylkill county, and a daughter of the late Christian and Rosena Eberly. To Mr. and Mrs. Zapf were born four children. William, the eldest, is engaged in business with his father. He married Miss Mary Hart, by whom he has one child, Earl. Fred, also engaged in business with his father, married Miss Jennie Schrop and is the father of two children, Clyde and Helen. Matilda is Mrs. Patrick Gilmore residing in Williamstown; and Louisa is Mrs. James Clendenning, of Chester, Pa. The parents are both members of the German Lutheran church, in which faith the children were reared. In 1861 Mr. Zapf enlisted at President Lincoln's call for 75,000 volunteers for three months' service. The regiment was exposed to hardships and exposure in Virginia and was on the way to participate in the first battle of Bull Run when it was learned that the action had ceased. When his term of enlistment had expired he was mustered out and did not return to the service. He is a member of the Minersville post of the Grand Army of the Republic, but is identified with no secret organization. Mr. Zapf is a man of innate business sagacity, enterprising and enthusiastic and is held in high esteem by the citizens of the community.

**Zerbey, Joseph Henry**, editor and proprietor of the Pottsville Daily Republican and Weekly Schuylkill Republican, who, by his own personal efforts and with the assistance of his two newspapers, has done much to build up his native town of Pottsville, Pa., was



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born June 15, 1858, the third one of the five sons of William Merkle Zerbey and his wife, Sarah Louise. The father, William Merkle Zerbey, was born in Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, in 1824, and twenty years later removed to Pottsville, in which place he resided until his death, in 1891. Father Zerbey was possessed of unusually lovable, energetic characteristics and was noted for his strict integrity and perfect habits. He originally learned the trade of carpenter, but early in life engaged in the manufacture of window decorations, and for many years he was one of Pottsville's prominent merchants, being admired by all with whom he came in contact. Quiet and unostentatious, he refused political preferment a number of times, being content to act as an official of, first, the Evangelical, and afterward the Methodist Episcopal church, and also of several financial institutions. The mother, Mrs. Sarah Louise (Swalm) Zerbey, also a native of Orwigsburg, was born in 1832 and is still living at the time of the publication of this sketch. The children born to William M. and Sarah L. Zerbey were Ella, widow of Charles D. Elliott, for some years the associate editor of the Daily Republican; William, deceased; Adelia E. married Frank A. Harper, an official of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company, and after his decease she married Horace S. Kirk, a foreman of the Philadelphia & Reading car shops; John F., for years a bank cashier, next clerk to the county commissioners, and latterly national bank examiner; Heber S., formerly a tutor by profession and afterward succeeding to the business of W. M. Zerbey & Son, window decorations, stationery, etc.; Robert A., for several years associate business manager of the Daily Republican, died in 1893; Frederick E., division superintendent Wilkes Barre district, Lehigh Valley Coal Company; and Sara Frances, wife of W. B. Hill, engaged in the manufacture of pianos, etc., in New York. Joseph H. Zerbey, the subject of this sketch, was married June 16, 1880, to Cora E., daughter of Gen. Joshua K. Sigfried, of Pottsville. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Zerbey have had a family of five children: Miss Frances, Miss Edith, deceased; Joseph Henry, Jr., and two little girls, Misses Mildred and Elizabeth. The family home is located on Howard avenue, at the corner of Fifteenth street. Joseph H. Zerbey was educated in the excellent schools of Pottsville and graduated from the high school in 1875, before he was seventeen years old, standing one of the highest in his class. Shortly thereafter he took up permanent work at his chosen vocation, in the office of the Schuylkill Republican, then being published at Minersville, a suburb of Pottsville. He thoroughly acquainted himself with all the duties of the various departments of the newspaper and publishing business, starting in as the latest apprentice, although he was urged to at once devote all his time to the business department, but he worked as a printer in the daytime and at night labored long hours at the business and reportorial work. The Schuylkill Republican, which in its prime was undoubtedly the most wide-awake and best representative weekly newspaper ever printed in the Schuylkill coal region, was established Dec. 14, 1872, by Charles D. Elliott and John

C. Beck, at that time both well known practical printers, actively engaged in the newspaper business in the county seat. Deeming that there was a first-class opening for a good, up-to-date county newspaper representing the free, unbiased, untrammelled views of the people of the region, these veterans combined their energy and experiences, and on the above date began the publication of this old-time, splendidly popular newspaper at Minersville, four miles from Pottsville. With varying fortunes the two partners worked in harmony until June of 1874, when, as a result of failing health, Mr. Beck retired and C. D. Elliott became the sole editor and proprietor, continuing at the business until Sept., 1878, when J. H. Zerbey, the subject of this sketch, who had been in charge of the Pottsville branch office from, and set type for, the first publication of the paper in 1872, and afterward a regular employe of the concern, became a partner, and, a year later, in 1879, Mr. Zerbey acquired the sole ownership of the entire establishment from Mr. Elliott, who went west to engage in the newspaper business in his native state of Wisconsin. For a weekly newspaper without any daily paper affiliation the Schuylkill Republican always maintained a widespread reputation as a fearless, outspoken exponent of the interests of the people, favoring anti-ring Republicanism, opposed to corporation and class domination, and at all times advocating the rights of the masses as against the usurpation of the classes. With the inception of Mr. Zerbey's sole ownership and active editorship new life was put into the publication in every department, as well as the latest machinery and appliances added to the equipment, and with this and the new energy thus directing its management the paper took on fresh impetus and soon was commanding such an extended influence in the coal region, and had such a large number of readers, that it was deemed best to move the publication office to Pottsville, which was done in April, 1884. The proprietor felicitated himself with what was considered a splendid achievement at that time, making the change without interference with the regular publication of the paper, the printing office apparatus being moved from the one town to the other and continuing its publication uninterruptedly without assistance from any other establishment. In Pottsville the Schuylkill Republican was located in the Clay building, opposite the Academy of Music, within half a block of Center street, on Mahantongo street, almost exactly on the site of the first early-day postoffice of the town, a place which had been the scene of numerous newspaper failures, which same fate was predicted for the Schuylkill Republican at that time by many people, even counting among these some of the paper's best friends; but there never was such a word as fail in the make-up of the proprietor of this newspaper establishment. After a busy experience as a weekly paper, at the end of five months, without any preliminary preparations, it was suddenly decided by Mr. Zerbey, on Oct. 28, 1884, to start the publication of an every-day-except-Sunday issue, and on that date the Pottsville Daily Republican was born. In size the new candidate for public favor was hardly

larger than a window pane, but it was "chuck full" of news and original matter. From the start the paper at once jumped into public favor, and notwithstanding the field was supposed to be thoroughly occupied by the then well established daily papers, morning and evening, yet the newcomer made rapid strides on the road to ultimate great success, and at the end of two years was enlarged, receiving telegraphic dispatches and putting in new presses and type. From 1884 to 1895 the Daily Republican continued in its original quarters, although it needed more elbow room and additional facilities, as the business kept on constantly increasing, with the paper being enlarged from time to time. On July 5, 1895, the entire plant, with its afternoon and weekly publication business, together with a well organized job and book binding trade and all the extensive equipment necessary thereto, was moved to an old foundry building at the corner of Howard and Railroad streets, without losing a single edition of the daily paper, the entire publication being continued with the office's own equipment and the whole business going on uninterruptedly as if no heavy machinery or hundreds of tons of apparatus had to be moved. While the paper was being published in these temporary quarters, work on a new building on the site of the old one, and the gathering in of the latest machinery and up-to-date appliances were pushed ahead. On Dec. 9, 1895, the handsome new four-story, specially constructed printing-office building was declared completed, the old equipment was moved back, and then, with the addition of the new machinery and other appliances, including linotype, stereotyping and perfecting-press machinery that had already been put in place in the new home, the publication of the daily paper, at that time running five editions a day, was continued without interruption, notwithstanding the removal from the temporary to the new permanent building, several squares apart. For weeks after the new building was occupied, in the midst of one of the bitterest winter seasons, heavy canvas had to be used to take the place of the regular basement front, which had been unavoidably delayed, and yet in spite of these and other mechanical difficulties the different editions of the paper were printed uninterruptedly. From the occupancy of this new building and the addition of its splendid, fresh equipment, the progress of the Pottsville Daily Republican was specially pleasing to its editor and proprietor, a wonderment to its friends and the envy of its enemies. To-day the Pottsville Republican enters into nearly 12,000 homes within a radius of twenty miles of Pottsville, and it stands forth as one of the most successful newspaper ventures the interior of the state has ever witnessed, this result being the outcome of the tenacious determination and unceasing hard work of Joseph H. Zerbey, the editor and proprietor since 1879 of the Schuylkill Republican, weekly, and of the Pottsville Daily Republican, founded by him in 1884. In its time the Pottsville Daily Republican, under Mr. Zerbey's able direction and careful editorship, has accomplished great work for the home community, and has always been found leading the vanguard in the battle for additional local industries, purification of home government, building up of the hard-coal

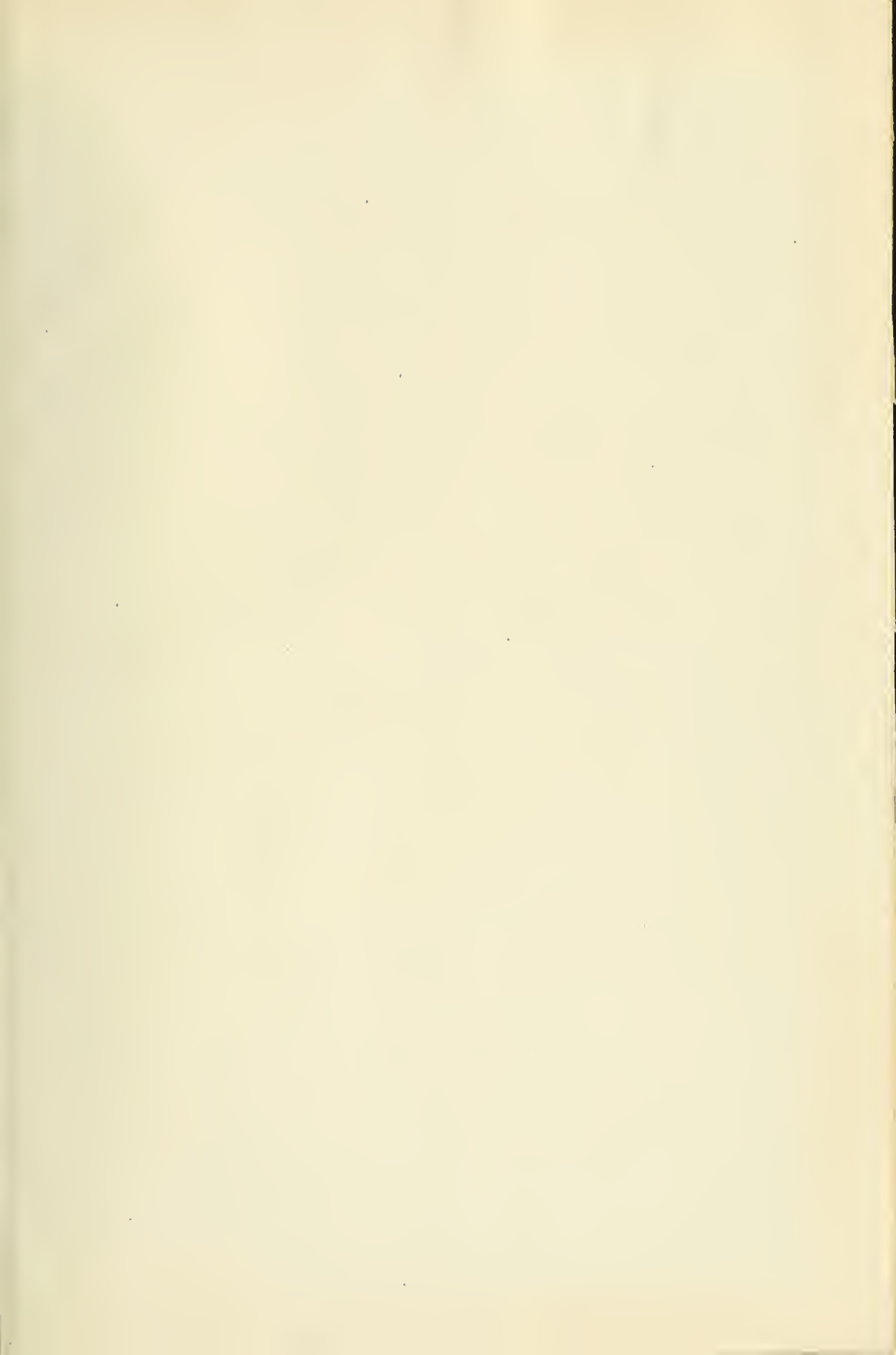


region and the elevation of the condition of the people generally. Among the special results accomplished by Mr. Zerbey and his Daily Republican were the inception of the movements that led to the present day extensive Tilt silk mill, and the numerous shirt and stocking factory industries; the affording of rival steam railway facilities for the lower Schuylkill coal field, whereby, through the Republican's advocacy, the Lehigh Valley and Pennsylvania railroad companies built into Pottsville; the improvement of the telegraph and telephone facilities; the active encouragement and participation taken in the organization of the Steam-Heat, the Anthracite and Edison Electric Light and other local utility companies; the erection of the first private business building, the Daily Republican office, of fire-proof construction; the building of the electric railway in Pottsville, with Mr. Zerbey as the secretary, his father-in-law, Gen. J. K. Sigfried, president, and his brother, John F. Zerbey, the treasurer, which was the sixth organization of its kind to be started in the United States; the establishing of a Board of Trade, of which Mr. Zerbey has been the president for many years; and the popularizing of the Pottsville Mutual Fire Insurance Co., a conservative institution that has done much for the town, and of which for nearly a score of years Mr. Zerbey has been president. Besides all these, he is a director in a number of public institutions and associations, a member of the Pottsville club, and one of the active spirits in the Outdoor club, with handsome quarters in the western limits of town; and also specially worthy of note is the very prominent part taken by Mr. Zerbey, and endorsed by his newspaper, in the construction of the magnificent \$160,000 church edifice of the First Methodist Episcopal congregation, a structure which is undoubtedly the most imposing at this time of all the public institutions that have yet been erected here in Pottsville. Mr. Zerbey was chairman of the congregational meeting that decided to enter upon the construction of a new church, and also was a very active member of the building committee in charge of its construction, and was chairman of the finance committee of the board of trustees. These are some of the many splendid achievements which are drawn out of the laborious work of the editor and the important influence of his newspaper. In political work Mr. Zerbey, with his newspaper, has been very influential and successful, always being ready to assist in curing the evils in the Republican party whenever they became too glaring. During its career the Republican has been very largely instrumental in revolutionizing the conducting of the county's business affairs, and for the eight years preceding 1906, it formulated and made a success of the system whereby the county was given the best administration of the county commissioners' office that it has ever had, resulting in numerous economies and a very heavy decrease in the county's debt and tax rate. Several times in its history the Republican has seen fit to assist in the defeat of unworthy party candidates, and one year, by maintaining its own county organization, the Republican elected an entire reform legislative delegation, whereby the local professional lobbyists were relegated to the rear, never

to get back their complete control of the party's machinery. Before the publication of the Daily Republican was started it was only a very unusual exception for a Republican nominee to be elected to any office in Schuylkill county, but as a result of the Republican's efforts to improve the administration of local affairs and the thorough support given its movements by the general public, the political complexion of the county has been reversed and Schuylkill placed among the regular Republican majority districts of the state. Mr. Zerbey has always been a strong friend of the working men and has assisted very materially in ameliorating their condition; he is a firm believer in the principles of the Republican party, and while taking an active part in politics has nevertheless always refused political preferment, declining all proffers of nomination and appointment to office, declaring his unswerving devotion to his newspaper work, and considering that of sufficient honor and prominence, a field wherein he may act at all times, free and untrammelled, for what he thinks will be for the best interests of his party and of the people generally. His unrelenting battles against public wrong and his plain, outspoken utterances have made him at times bitter enemies, but he has never let these or any thoughts of personal comfort swerve him from doing what he considers is right. He is known for always making his word good, and for his willingness to lead the forlorn hope in matters of public importance, by his tenacity of purpose frequently turning impending disastrous defeat into splendid success. In his profession Mr. Zerbey is very highly thought of, and has been frequently importuned to engage in newspaper ventures in some of the large cities. For a quarter of a century he has been the resident correspondent for the coal region of the Associated Press and its affiliated organizations, besides acting as regular correspondent for such prominent metropolitan publications as the New York Sun, New York World, Philadelphia Record, etc. At present he is president of the Schuylkill County Editorial Association, and when the newspaper men of the state inaugurated their movement for advertising and purchasing business co-operation Mr. Zerbey was made the president of the Publishers' Business League branch of the Pennsylvania State Editorial Association; he is also a member of the Pen and Pencil Club, with headquarters in Philadelphia. Mr. Zerbey has been a great traveler, always declaring that travel was the best means of self-education. He is an intense American, and the only secret society he ever acquiesced in joining was that of the Patriotic Order of Sons of America.

**Zimmerman, John H.**, a well known contractor and builder of Pottsville, was born in the borough where he now resides, Nov. 28, 1856. His father, Henry Zimmerman, was born in Northumberland county, in 1819, and his mother, whose maiden name was Abigail Heiser, was a native of Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill county. In 1832 Henry Zimmerman, then thirteen years of age, came to Pottsville and entered upon his apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade. When he was twenty-one he began work as a journeyman and he continued in this way for several years, when he engaged in contracting for him-

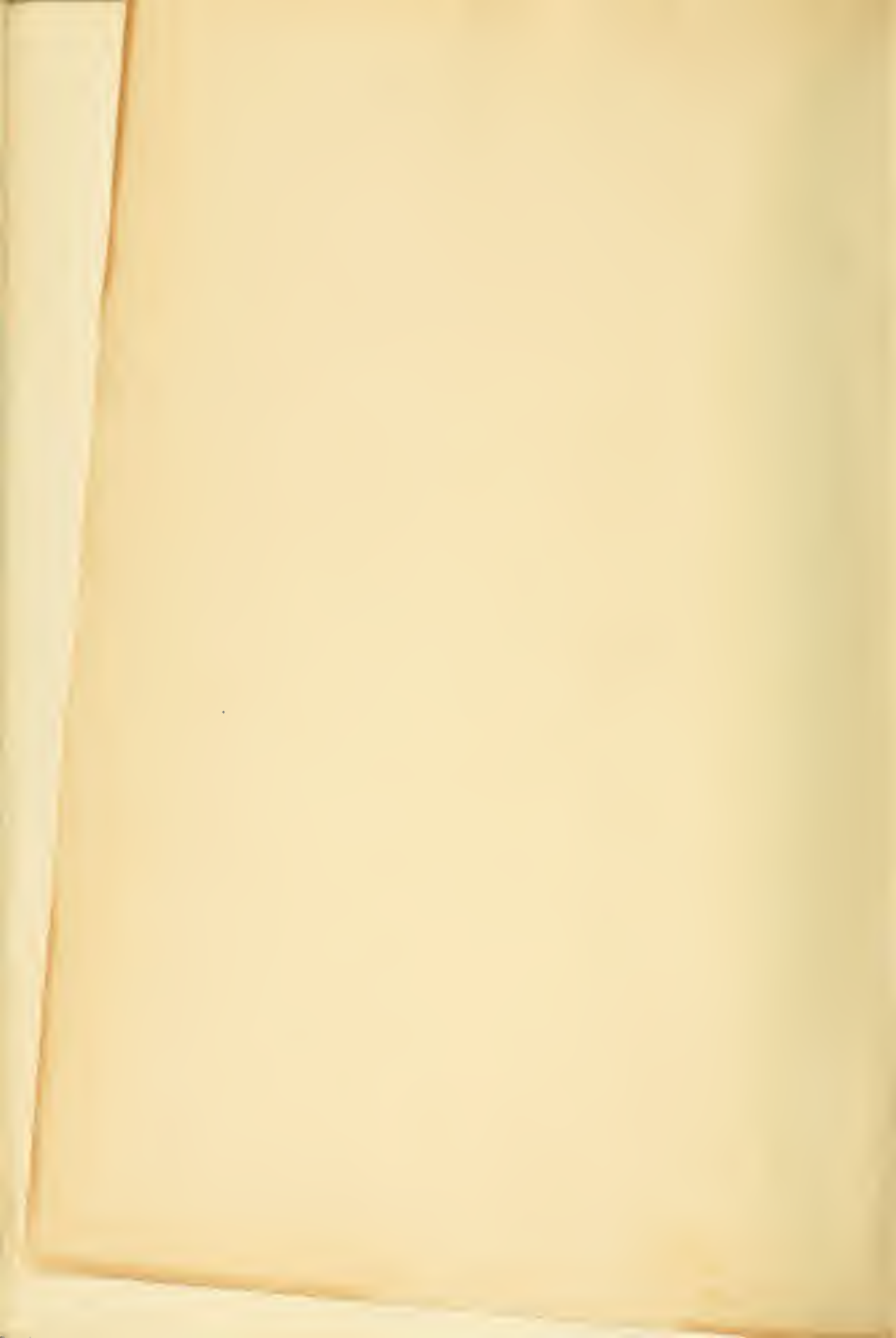
self, conducting the business successfully until 1888, when he practically retired, though the work was carried on under his name until his death, in 1895, at the age of seventy-six years. During his active career he erected many residences in Pottsville and vicinity, as well as a number of bank and business blocks, and several public buildings. He left a family of nine children, viz.: Catherine, Charles E., Emma, John H., Samuel H., Anna, Mary, Carrie, and William H. Catherine is now Mrs. C. W. Wells; Anna is Mrs. E. H. Powell; and Carrie is Mrs. W. R. Whitney. John H. Zimmerman received his education in the Pottsville public schools, graduating in the high school with the class of 1875. He then learned the carpenter's trade with his father, and in 1885 became a partner in the business, soon afterward assuming the active management, and upon his father's death, he became the sole proprietor. His long experience has eminently qualified him for the erection of any class of buildings, and his wide acquaintance in his native county has placed him among the foremost men in his line. Promptness and good workmanship are his distinguishing characteristics, and it has always been his policy to carry out the spirit as well as the letter of his contracts. He has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows ever since he attained his majority, is a Republican in his political belief, and takes an active interest in every movement that has for its object the advancement of the moral and material welfare of Pottsville.















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