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JOHN BANNAN, deceased, was in his time a lawyer of the first rank in his State. He was truly said by a writer of his time to have been a self-made man, but well made. He was born in Berks county, Pa., Sept. 19, 1796, and at the age of fifteen became an orphan, entirely dependent upon his own efforts for making a success in the struggle of life. He attended the subscription schools of the early times, the terms of which were only three months in the year, and in the interim was cared for by an uncle who lived on a farm. But he had the ambition for better things, and for years thereafter labored to increase his store of knowledge, so that he might be better equipped for the coming years. He began his career as an engineer under Phillip Wernwag, who lived at Douglassville, where his parents are buried; studied law at Reading under Charles Evans, was admitted to the bar in 1818, and began practice in Orwigsburg. Later, when the seat of justice was removed to Pottsville, he removed to that city, to remain until death brought a close to his labors. When the war of 1812 occurred he entered the 1st Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, locally known as the "Washington Blues," serving as a private soldier under Capt. D. B. Keim until the end of the war. So patriotic was Mr. Bannan that when the Civil war occurred he offered his services at once, but the age of sixty-five was the bar to his enlistment. However, he assisted in the care of the families of those left behind and contributed his time and money to the relief of the soldiers and their widows.

John Bannan was married to Sarah Ann Ridgway, who was born on the last day of the year 1806, and died at the family home in November, 1879. They were the parents of three sons and three daughters: Zelia R.; Mary Joy; Thomas R.; Douglass R.; Francis B., and Martha Ridgway. In 1852 Mr. Bannan built his beautiful residence on Sharp Mountain, "Cloud Home," the plans being furnished by his wife (who displayed remarkable talent for this class of work), directed by the architect.

At the time of the projected erection of the Henry Clay monument in Pottsville, Mr. Bannan gave a tract 120 feet square for the location of the structure, and it was accepted. This tall and striking column, surmounted with a colossal statue of the great orator and statesman, was begun July 28, 1852, and dedicated July 4, 1855. It stands just below the site of "Cloud Home."

FRANCIS B. BANNAN, son of John Bannan, was born in Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, Feb. 28, 1833, and attended the local schools and a select school at New Haven, Conn. He took up the task of earning a living by entering the employ of Joel J. Bailey & Co., of Philadelphia, holding the position of clerk from 1850 to 1855. He then went for a short time with Daniel Kaiser, of the same city, finally coming to Pottsville. For a number of years

he was in partnership with Robert Allison, under the firm name of Allison & Bannan, manufacturing all kinds of mining machinery, drills, compressors, etc. In 1876 he closed out his interest, and in 1878 he went into the business of steamheating, also having a machine shop at Pottsville. He continued this work until 1889, when he retired from active life.

On Jan. 1, 1863, Mr. Bannan was married to Mary T., daughter of Mrs. Julia (Kuethenthal) Repplier, and step-daughter of George S. Repplier. Mrs. Bannan died Dec. 22, 1893. They had children as follows: John R., living in Philadelphia; Imogen R., widow of H. C. Halberstadt, formerly of the Pottsville Supply Company; Clara R., wife of H. H. Lineweaver, of Merion, Pa.; and Bertha L., living at home.

Mr. Bannan was one of the first to enlist, April 13, 1861, in the "First Defenders," known as the Washington Artillery, and was honorably discharged July 31, 1861. He is a natural mechanical genius, and many specimens of his handiwork are to be seen at the old home on the mountain, "Cloud Home." He has also invented a unique method of picture-writing with tacks, which he calls "Taxography." He is a writer of no mean capacity, having issued a pamphlet, the gist of which he read before the Schuylkill County Historical Society, entitled "Reminiscences of a Long and Happy Life of Fun, Frolic and Mischief." He has gotten together the details of many a childish escapade and incident of his boyhood and maturity, which are not only presented in an interesting and colloquial manner, but betray a disposition at once humorous and ingenuous.

THOMAS R. BANNAN, deceased, son of John Bannan, was born Oct. 10, 1827, in Orwigsburg, and there began his education in the public schools. Entering Yale College, he graduated from the law school, returned to Pottsville, and was admitted to the bar of Schuylkill county, where he practiced until his death. He was one of the most scholarly, able and gentlemanly pleaders of his time. He served for a short period in the Civil war and then returned to his practice. He died in 1878.

MARTHA RIDGWAY BANNAN, the only surviving daughter of John Bannan, was born in Orwigsburg, and attended the private school of Miss Allen, in Pottsville. Later she continued her studies in Philadelphia. Music and literature have been her chief interests. She has written in verse, and translated some of Goethe's poems from the German, which are published in book form. She is now living in her father and mother's old home, "Cloud Home." Her sister Zelia R. died Dec. 14, 1911, and Mary Joy passed to rest May 17, 1912. Miss Bannan is a member of the Trinity Episcopal Church of Pottsville.

Thomas S. Ridgway, father of Mrs. John Bannan, was born at Mount Holly, N. J., and was an architect, skilled in his profession, having drawn the plans for many of the finest homes in Philadelphia, where he lived previously to his removal to Schuylkill Co., Pa. When he came to this county he became interested in coal lands, and he it was who induced his friend Stephen Girard to invest in the lands which have since become so enormously profitable. He married Mary Joy, daughter of Daniel Joy, who was ordnance master in the Revolutionary war. They had a family of twelve children, ten of whom grew to maturity.

PHAON HERMANY, M. D., of Mahanoy City, the oldest practicing physician in that section of Schuylkill county, has made a distinguished record in his long professional career, a half century and more of faithful service to his fellow men. His ideals of duty have been set forth in practical illustra-



#### HENRY CLAY MONUMENT, POTTSVILLE

Cornerstone Laid July 28, 1852, Dedicated July 4, 1855

Henry Clay. Born in Hanover county, near Richmond, Va., April 12, 1777; died at Washington, D. C., June 29, 1852. A celebrated American statesman and orator. He was United States senator from Kentucky, 1806-07 and 1810-11; was member of Congress from Kentucky, 1811-21 and 1823-25 (serving as speaker 1811-14, 1815-20 and 1823-25); was peace commissioner at Ghent in 1814; was candidate for the presidency in 1824; was secretary of state, 1825-29; was United States senator, 1831-42 and 1849-52; was Whig candidate for presidency in 1832 and 1844; was the chief designer of the "Missouri Compromise" of 1820, and of the compromise of 1850; and was the author of the compromise tariff of 1833.





tions throughout this extended period of activity, and the sum of his usefulness may be best read in the popularity he enjoys among his townsmen. Public spirit in those things affecting the general welfare, and conscientiousness in his personal relations with all whose lives have touched his directly, have been the surface indications of a character whose depth has been sounded by many besides his close intimates. Through the medium of his profession he has no doubt had unusually good opportunities for observation and first-hand knowledge of many conditions in the community calling for betterment, and the wisdom of his judgment has been proved in many tests. Coming to Mahanoy City in 1863, the year the borough was organized, he has had a part in the making of practically all her history. When he came here he made his rounds on horseback, and no one in this section has had more reason to be gratified at the improvement in roads and transportation facilities.

Dr. Hermany is of German descent, and the family name was originally spelled Hermon. The Doctor's great-grandfather was the emigrant ancestor, coming to this country in 1756, and settling first near Philadelphia, Pa. However, he moved to Lehigh county not long afterwards, and there his son Philip Hermany, the Doctor's grandfather, who was born at sea while his parents were en route from the Old to the New World, grew to manhood. John Hermany, son of Philip, was born in Lehigh county in the year 1800, and passed all his life there, dying Sept. 3, 1863, aged sixty-three years. During his earlier manhood he followed farming, later conducting a store and hotel, and he was the founder of the village of Jacksonville, where he served as postmaster for twenty years. His religious faith was that of the German Reformed Church. He married Salome Kistler, like himself a native of Lehigh county, and they became the parents of ten children, four sons and six daughters, all born at the old homestead at Jacksonville, of whom we have the following record: Didama (Mrs. Brobst), born in 1833; Sallie (Mrs. Crietz), born in 1835, who died in 1862; Mary (Mrs. Wuchter), born in 1837; Edwin, born in 1838; Phaon; Lydia, born in 1842; John, Jr., born in 1844; and Martha M., born in 1850.

Phaon Hermany was born Sept. 16, 1840, and spent his boyhood in Lehigh county, beginning his education in the schools of the home locality. Later he attended an academy at the Trappe, in Montgomery county, and he commenced the study of medicine with Dr. Daniel Shade, of Lehigh county. He took the regular course at the medical department of the University of New York, graduating March 3, 1863, and before long had started practice at Mahanoy City, Schuylkill Co., Pa. At that time there were but sixty-three houses in the town, and he was the third physician to locate here, Drs. Philip Weber and Brender having arrived a short time before. With the exception of four years during which he carried on a drug business he has devoted himself entirely to practice since, and with continuous success, few men in any walk of life being better known in the region. Recognition of his ability has come from his fellow members in the profession as well as from patrons. More than twenty years ago he was chosen president of the Schuylkill County Medical Society, and he is also a member in good standing of the Lehigh County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. In 1864 he was appointed surgeon for the Lehigh Valley Railway Company, during the period when Hon. Asa Packer was president of that company. His field embraced the territory in and about Mahanoy City. Fraternally Dr. Hermany is a high Mason, belonging to Mahanoy City

Lodge, No. 357, F. & A. M. (past master); Mizpah Chapter, No. 252, R. A. M. (past officer, and secretary continuously since 1881); Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 31, K. T. (past officer); Philadelphia Consistory, thirty-second degree; Lu Lu Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Philadelphia; and the Northwestern Masonic Aid Association. Years ago he joined Council No. 162, Royal Arcanum, of Mahanoy City; Asa Packer Lodge, No. 328, I. O. O. F.; and Washington Camp No. 124, P. O. S. of A. He was a charter member of the first fire company organized in the borough. Though he never sought honors of any kind, Dr. Hermany was elected a member of the local school board several times, serving on that body seventeen and a half years, and for a time as president. His interest in educational advancement, and foresight in providing against the growing needs of the community, made his work in this connection especially valuable. For many years he acted as deputy coroner in Mahanoy City and vicinity. Politically he has adhered loyally to the principles of the Republican party.

On Dec. 6, 1863, Dr. Hermany was married in Mahanoy City to Mary J. Bowman, of Bowmanstown, Lehigh Co., Pa., daughter of David and Susan (Lentz) Bowman. Four children have been born to this marriage: Horace David graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1891, for a time practiced medicine and conducted a drug store in Philadelphia, next followed dentistry, and is now engaged in electrical work in Mahanoy City; Robert K. died in 1872, when four years old; Susan L. B. is married to William Dyatt and resides at Hazleton, Pa.; Sallie B. K. is at home. The family are members of the English Lutheran Church. They reside in a beautiful home at No. 56 South Main street, where the Doctor also has his office.

FRANK J. LAUBENSTEIN, of Ashland, executive head of the business of the Laubenstein Manufacturing Company, is a representative of honored stock of Schuylkill county. The name he bears has also been prominently associated with industrial interests at Ashland from the early seventies, when Jonas Laubenstein, his grandfather, became owner of the business continued since his day by his son and grandsons, a manufacturing concern whose prosperity has contributed materially to that of the borough.

The Laubensteins are of German origin, and this branch of the family has been established in America since 1756, settling then in what is now Schuylkill county, Pa., where descendants of the original ancestors in this country have been resident continuously to the present.

Jonas Laubenstein, the grandfather of Frank J. Laubenstein, lived and died in Schuylkill county. During the Civil war he was a loyal Union supporter and served in the army. Becoming profitably engaged in business as a manufacturer of screens, he owned a plant at Minersville, and in the early seventies (1875) erected a plant of the same kind at Ashland. As previously stated, the business has been continued by the Laubensteins ever since. Jonas Laubenstein married a Keumer, and the following children were born to them: Rev. William, deceased, who was a minister of the Lutheran Church; Albert L.; David F., deceased, who was a musician; Charles S., who is engaged in business at Ashland as a manufacturer of screens and elevator buckets (he is also in the State game protection service); George, formerly a resident of Philadelphia and employed by the *Philadelphia Press*; Jonas, of Minersville, present postmaster of that borough; and Katie, deceased.

ALBERT L. LAUBENSTEIN was born in Schuylkill county, and he was connected with the screen manufacturing business at Ashland from the time his

father bought the same to the end of his life. Though he attended to his own affairs systematically and with unremitting care, he was also solicitous for local enterprises which affected the general welfare, and took some part in politics in his borough. He was a Republican on national issues.

Mr. Laubenstein married Ida M. Roads, daughter of Franklin Roads, at one time a resident of Minersville, this county, and a member of one of Schuylkill county's old families. Mr. Roads was a coal operator in this region for some time, and later carried on a feed business. Of his four children one son died young; Matilda R. is the widow of Jacob S. Laurence, of Minnesota, and she resides at Ashland, Pa.; Purmillea is deceased; Ida M. was the wife of Albert L. Laubenstein.

To Mr. and Mrs. Laubenstein were born six children: Howard R. died in 1902; Frank J. is mentioned below; Albert R. is manager of the Laubenstein Manufacturing Company, of Ashland; Harry W. is also a member of that company, as is E. Carl; Ida R. is the youngest of the family. The father died in March, 1909, the mother in May, 1910.

Frank J. Laubenstein was born Sept. 3, 1878, at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and was brought up at Ashland, receiving his preparatory education in the public schools there. After graduating from high school he took a course at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa., and in 1897 entered the Dickinson Law School, at Carlisle, Pa. He was graduated from that institution in 1899, took a post-graduate course there in 1902, and was admitted to the bar in Schuylkill county in 1905. That year he began the practice of law at Ashland, and has continued it since, giving considerable time to his profession in spite of the fact that he has important interests in the local manufacturing field. His legal work has attracted much favorable notice, and he has acquired a clientele representative of the best interests in the community, the standing of his patrons being sufficient comment on his own reputation. He is a member of the Law Fraternity and of the American Bar Association. As president of the Laubenstein Manufacturing Company he has been influential in shaping its present policy and directing its affairs along thoroughly progressive lines, continuing the course for which it has been noted throughout the ownership of the Laubensteins. Frank J. Laubenstein is also doing effective work in local politics, as a member of the Republican party. Though still a young man he has done enough to show that he possesses the qualities for which the family name has stood in this region for several generations.

Mr. Laubenstein is a member of the B. P. O. Elks and the P. O. S. of A. His religious connection is with St. James' Lutheran Church.

The LAUBENSTEIN MANUFACTURING COMPANY has occupied a place as a stable industrial asset of the town of Ashland for over fifty years. Started by George Helfrig, it remained in his hands until purchased about 1875 by Albert L. Laubenstein, then the manager of a similar plant at Ashland. He had acquired considerable experience as a manufacturer of screens. After taking over the factory he began to enlarge its facilities and the scope of the work as increasing trade demanded, having a keen appreciation of the calls of the market and foresight as to the improvement of his product and its adaptability to various uses not hitherto appreciated. He carried on the business until his death, following a policy of liberal expansion which kept the Laubenstein Company among the foremost of its kind. Following his death, in the year 1909, it was carried on for a year by the estate, with his sons in charge. In the latter part of 1910 his heirs, four sons and one daughter, incorporated under the present name, the Laubenstein Manufacturing Company, the officers

being Frank J. Laubenstein, president; E. Carl Laubenstein, vice president; Albert R. Laubenstein, manager; Harry W. Laubenstein, secretary. All the brothers were born and reared at Ashland. The product of the plant, principally perforated plates and wire screens, has a recognized reputation in the market. Modern machinery and new appliances have been installed wherever necessary, facilitating operations and bringing the equipment up to the maximum of efficiency. The enterprising spirit of the owners has animated every branch of the work, which is going forward along the most approved modern lines.

HENRY D. RENTSCHLER, M. D., of Ringtown, Schuylkill county, a practicing physician there for over fifty years, has during all that period been held in deserved esteem for his sincere devotion to the best interests of the community in which he chose to spend his life. His labors have all been in useful channels, contributing directly or incidentally to the general well-being. As one of the guardians of local prosperity he has allied himself with worthy movements of every character, whether their object was the elevation of social conditions, the widening of business opportunities, or the material improvement of his borough. With broad intelligence and far-reaching sympathies he combines a versatility of talent which not only assured his professional success, but made him a valued cooperator in those enterprises which require foresight, clear judgment and executive capacity. Brought into close daily contact with all classes of his fellow citizens, he made practical use of the knowledge thus acquired regarding their vital needs, and never withheld his services in the promotion of such causes as he felt were favorable to supplying them. For many years he was the honored medical adviser of many a family, and though he has withdrawn from most of the arduous work of the profession he is still in demand for consultation, and attends to a large office practice.

The Rentschler family is of German stock, and was founded in Berks county, Pa., about the time of the close of the Revolutionary war, there being three brothers, one of whom settled in the city of Philadelphia, one near Sunbury, Pa., and the other, John George, in Bern (now Upper Bern) township, Berks county. John George Rentschler was born Oct. 11, 1755, lived for many years at Hamburg, Berks county, and afterwards followed farming and distilling near that place. In 1785 he married Catherine Wagoner, born Dec. 23, 1765, who died Jan. 2, 1847. They became the parents of ten children, six sons and four daughters, namely: Daniel; George, who settled out West; Samuel; Elizabeth, Mrs. Peter Phillips; Jacob; Mrs. Christ. Kauffman; Mrs. Joseph Kauffman; and three others—two sons and one daughter.

Jacob Rentschler, son of John George and father of Dr. Henry D. Rentschler, was born April 3, 1804, on the old homestead, and was reared in Bern township. He was a farmer and also owned a woolen mill, which stood upon his farm, the buildings being still there, about three quarters of a mile from Upper Bern post office. He manufactured woolen bedspreads and woolen goods from which men's and women's clothing was made, and in his time was known as an energetic, hard-working man. In about middle life he became paralyzed, and during the rest of his life he was lame. He died at Bernville Jan. 28, 1874. Mr. Rentschler was twice married, his first wife being Sarah Fegley, by whom he had four children, namely: Charles F., Fietta, Matilda and Frank. His second wife was Sarah Diehl, who died in 1845, and by this union there were two children: Henry D.; and Lewis, who died in 1898, in his forty-fifth year.

Henry D. Rentschler was born May 5, 1841, in Upper Bern township, Berks county, and there acquired his preliminary education in the public schools, which he attended up to the age of fifteen years. Then he was a student in Washington Hall Seminary, at the Trappe, in Montgomery county, Pa., for three years, and he began his medical studies in the office of Dr. Devilla Schoener, at Shartlesville, Berks county. Entering the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania in 1861, he was graduated in 1864, and immediately thereafter settled at Ringtown, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he has since had his home and field of practice. His work has been general, and his patrons during his active years were scattered over a wide territory, the country adjacent to Ringtown and other boroughs in this part of the county as well as his home place. He is an honored member of the Schuylkill County Medical Society and of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and respected by his contemporaries in the profession as well as by his patients. His public services have a large place in the records of his section. For twenty-eight years he held the position of school director in Union township (before Ringtown was incorporated as a borough), and during twenty-one years also acted as secretary of the board, where his recommendations were always received with respect and his opinions sought and valued. In 1878 he was elected coroner of the county and filled that office for one term, when its duties were both responsible and dangerous by reason of the activities of the Molly Maguires. Politically he has always given his support to the Democratic party.

When the need for more solid financial institutions in this section became apparent Dr. Rentschler lent his aid to their establishment, having been one of the organizers of the Merchants' National Bank of Shenandoah, and was a director of same for twelve years, until the First National Bank of Ringtown came into existence, in 1904. He was interested in its organization, served as vice president for some years, and is now president of the institution, which has been a valuable adjunct to the business activities of the borough and surrounding country. He owns a farm of eighty-seven and a half acres in the borough, turned over to general agriculture and fruit growing.

Fraternally the Doctor affiliates with the Odd Fellows and Masons, belonging to Ringtown Lodge, No. 287, I. O. O. F.; to Mahanoy City Lodge, No. 357, F. & A. M.; Mizpah Chapter, No. 252, R. A. M., of Mahanoy City (charter member); and Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 31, K. T., of Mahanoy City. He and his wife and all of their children are members of the Lutheran Church.

On Feb. 15, 1869, Dr. Rentschler was married to Emmaline Rumbel, of Ringtown, who was born there Feb. 21, 1852, and received her education in the local public schools. Eight children have been born to this marriage: Adalaide, born Aug. 19, 1870, completed a course in the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, Pa., afterwards studied music in a seminary at Hagerstown, and was organist of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church for years; she is now the wife of Dr. George R. Shenk, of Reading, Pa., and has three children, Katherine F., Florence E. and Frederick R. Maurice F., born Aug. 19, 1872, after receiving an excellent fundamental education entered the University of Pennsylvania, but did not finish the course, and he is now engaged in the confectionery business at Ringtown; he married Sadie Rumbel, daughter of Francis Rumbel, of Ringtown, and their children are Emmaline, Winifred, Ralph M. and Frederick. Walter R., born Oct. 12, 1874, received his education in the public schools of Ringtown, Bloomsburg State Normal

School and the University of Pennsylvania Medical School, which he entered in 1892, graduating in 1896, since when he has been in practice with his father at Ringtown; he married Edna Hughes, daughter of George S. and Emily (Barrow) Hughes, of Clearfield, Pa., and their children are George Hughes, Henry D., Emily B., Rebecca R. and Isabelle C. Sadie May, born Dec. 10, 1876, graduated from the Bloomsburg State Normal School and taught school at Ringtown; she was organist of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church for over ten years; she died Feb. 7, 1907, when thirty years old. Harry J., born Dec. 16, 1878, was formerly engaged as a machinist in the hosiery mills at Ringtown, and is now farming there; he married Pearl Fuhrman, and they have had two children, Elizabeth (deceased) and Fuhrman Henry. Robert F., born May 23, 1881, graduated from the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, Pa., taught school a few terms, took a course in a commercial college at Reading, and then entered the employ of the E. & G. Brooke Iron Company, at Birdsboro, where he is accountant; he is unmarried and makes his home at Reading. Elizabeth M., born Aug. 28, 1883, who lives at home, graduated from the musical department of the Bloomsburg State Normal School, and has taught music at Ringtown, where she has also been organist in the church since 1908. Guy H., born Sept. 1, 1885, is a graduate of the Bloomsburg State Normal School, has taken courses at Columbia University, New York City, and is now supervising principal of the schools of Dunellen, New Jersey.

Mrs. Rentschler belongs to an old family of Schuylkill county, being a granddaughter of Henry Rumbel, who was born Oct. 31, 1801, in East Brunswick township, this county, where he owned land near Rauschs which he traded for property in Union township, acquiring valuable holdings. He had one tract principally in timber (now owned by Washington Rumbel), cultivating the few acres which were cleared, and owned another which he occupied and operated, selling the latter eventually to his son Henry. He gave each of his sons a farm. Mr. Rumbel was independent in politics. He was known for his high Christian character, and was a zealous member of the Lutheran congregation of the Old White Church, in which he filled all the official positions. His wife belonged to the Reformed denomination. Her maiden name was Salome Andrews, and she was born Sept. 18, 1807. Mr. Rumbel died Nov. 17, 1869, Mrs. Rumbel on May 20, 1887, and they are buried at the Old White Church. They were the parents of the following children: Henry married Elizabeth Singley; Daniel is mentioned below; Jacob served in the Civil war, was wounded, and died from his injuries; Joshua married Lucy Singley; Rebecca married William Laudig; Mary married Levi Reber.

Daniel Rumbel, son of Henry, was born Dec. 24, 1830, in East Brunswick township, this county, and died at Ringtown June 26, 1891. He was educated partly in his native township, but was still a boy when the family moved to Union township, where he finished his schooling. During most of his early life he helped his father on the farm, continuing thus for some time after his marriage, and he also learned the trade of shoemaker. In time he bought a farm of about 115 acres from his father, nearly all timbered, cut the wood and cleared the ground, selling his lumber to the Catawissa Railroad Company, who used it in the construction of bridges along their road. Later he sold fifteen acres to Jacob Laudig, retaining the remainder for himself and carrying on general farming for some years. He sold another portion of this tract to the Ringtown Fair Association for fair grounds. Below Ringtown



he owned a tract of fifty acres mostly in timber, on which he had a water-power sawmill, and the timber cut there was used for mining and building purposes. His general farming and lumbering operations were very profitable, and he did well, but he was too good-natured for his own interest about going on others' bonds, and as a consequence he failed financially, his property being disposed of at sheriff's sale. After that he went into the shoe business at Ringtown, conducting a store and working at the trade. He spent his later years in retirement there.

Mr. Rumbel married Sarah M. Seltzer, who was born Sept. 7, 1832, in East Brunswick township, and they had three children: Emmaline, wife of Dr. H. D. Rentschler, of Ringtown; William H., born Jan. 29, 1854, who married Louisa Seitz; and Trenton W., born in October, 1856, who married Barbara Maurer. The mother died Sept. 2, 1914, and both parents are buried at the Old White Church. Mr. Rumbel was a Lutheran member of that church, and a Republican in political sentiment.

SALEM W. KOCH, who has valuable mercantile and agricultural interests near Rauschs, in East Brunswick township, has been one of the most enterprising residents of that portion of Schuylkill county for a quarter of a century and more. He has taken a hand in the direction of township affairs in various official capacities, and his personal influence has always been felt as a distinct force for progress. In church and social affairs he has also done his share, helping to raise the standard of the community by giving encouragement to every movement whose object appealed to his sympathies as being worthy of support. He is a native of East Brunswick township, born Sept. 21, 1848, son of William W. Koch and grandson of William Koch.

William Koch, the grandfather, lived in Schuylkill county from early life, and followed farming in East Brunswick township, where he owned a farm of 180 acres, 110 acres of which were cleared ground. After operating this farm for some years he sold it to his son, William W., and it is now the property of George Zimmerman. After selling his farm he moved to Schuylkill Haven and was a boatbuilder for the Schuylkill Navigation Company for many years before his retirement. He died in that place, aged ninety-two years. Mr. Koch married a Miss Bolich, by whom he had the following children: William W.; Daniel; and Kate, who married John Deibert. For his second wife he married Briggetta Schaeffer, who was from Berks county, and they had one child, Lewis, who is unmarried. He became a Republican, and served his fellow citizens as school director. Mr. Koch was first a member of Christ Church at McKeanburg, but on his removal to Schuylkill Haven became a member of the German Lutheran Church there. He and his second wife are buried at Schuylkill Haven.

William W. Koch, father of Salem W. Koch, was educated in East Brunswick township, and worked for his father until he was twenty years old, when he married. Then he bought his father's farm and operated that place for eight years, when he sold it and bought the mill property which Jonas Kunkel now owns. He conducted the property for eight years, when he sold out and removed to Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa., remaining there one year. Then he removed to Selinsgrove, Snyder Co., Pa., and bought a property, but held it only one year, when he sold and removed to East Brunswick township and bought the mill property now owned by Elias Bachert. At that time the property was known as the Weaver property. Mr. Koch operated the mill and farm for eight years, when the mill burned down and he sold the property

to Elias Bachert. Then he removed to New Ringgold and from there to Rauschs, where he lived retired. He was killed accidentally on the Lehigh Valley railroad about a mile from his home, when on his way to go fishing. He married Catherine Kershner, a daughter of William B. and Elizabeth (Seltzer) Kershner, and they had three children: Oliver, who is deceased; Salem W.; and Wesley W., who conducts a hotel at Mohnton, Berks Co., Pa., his mother, now eighty-nine years old, making her home with him (he married Hannah Hartman). Mr. Koch was a Republican and was elected school director. He joined the Church of God at Steigerwalt, McKeansburg, and was an active church member. He is buried in Christ Church cemetery at McKeansburg.

Salem W. Koch started his education in East Brunswick township, later attending the seminary at Collegeville and Lewisburg Academy. He prepared himself for teaching, and taught one term at Selinsgrove, Snyder county, after which he came to East Brunswick township, and worked in his father's mill (now the Bachert mill), also operating the sawmill and assisting on the farm. Later he engaged in the general store business in New Ringgold, where he remained five years, after which he removed to Rauschs Station and bought his father-in-law's farm of eighty-six acres. He still owns the same and has added to his holdings, having bought a tract of eighty acres and later one of fifty-five acres from the Bachert land. All told he had 110 acres under cultivation. Mr. Koch devoted himself to the operation of his farm for a while, and when the Lehigh Valley railroad was built through that section he put up his present store building, where he has done a general mercantile business for the last twenty-four years. His son Luther now manages the farm. He is a substantial man in his community and a good citizen. He has been closely associated with the township government, having served as auditor; for four years as supervisor; ten years as justice of the peace; and twenty-four years as school director, also acting as secretary of the board throughout that period. As a worker of recognized value in the Republican party he has been township committeeman fifteen years, and has served as inspector of elections.

Mr. Koch has numerous social connections. He is a member of East Brunswick Lodge, No. 802, I. O. O. F., of New Ringgold, and is a past grand; a member of Washington Camp No. 100, P. O. S. of A., of New Ringgold, and a past president, and has been delegate to county and State conventions; belongs to Protection Council, No. 935, Order of Independent Americans, McKeansburg, and is a past counselor. In religion he is a Lutheran, a member of the Frieden's Church at New Ringgold, and he has taken a leading part in the church and Sunday school affairs. He was deacon for many years; secretary of the church council from twenty-four years of age until 1913; superintendent of the Sunday school for several years; and was also superintendent of the Bachert Sunday school for some time.

Mr. Koch married Maria Bolich, who was born Oct. 11, 1848, a daughter of William and Mary (Sechler) Bolich, the latter coming from Lehigh county. Mr. and Mrs. Koch have had six children: Luther Martin married Laura Hartman and they have three children, Mildred Emma, Salem Hartman and Roberta Maria; Mary Catherine married W. M. Miller, of Topton, Pa., and has one child, Bessie Florence; Emma Elizabeth married George G. Shick, of Pottsville, Pa., and has three children, Catherine Koch, Salem Henry and Bernon George; Salem W., William B. and Oliver are deceased.

John Bolich, Mrs. Koch's grandfather, farmed in East Brunswick town-



ship, where he owned about three hundred acres of land. He followed general farming throughout his active years, but retired many years before his death, which occurred when he was eighty-four years old. His wife, Susan (Fisher), died at the age of fifty, and they are buried in the cemetery of the Frieden's Lutheran Church, of which organization they were members. Politically he was a Republican. Their children were as follows: John married Hannah Sechler; George married Priscilla Wanamaker; Daniel married Elizabeth Sechler; Samuel did not marry; William married Mary Sechler; Benjamin married Mary Reinhard; Joseph married Sarah Oswald; Susan married Joseph Alspach; Kate married Jesse Sechler; Hannah married Charles Dreher; Mary married Jacob Steinmetz; Diana and Sarah never married.

William Bolich was born July 12, 1820, in East Brunswick township, and was educated there. He worked for his father on the farm for some time and before his father's death bought about eighty acres of the place, later purchasing another farm of 100 acres, to which he removed. He cultivated that tract until his death, which occurred when he was aged fifty-seven years. He was actively interested in politics as a member of the Republican party, served as school director, and belonged to the Frieden's Lutheran Church at New Ringgold; he is buried in the cemetery of that church. Mr. Bolich married Mary Sechler, who was born March 10, 1823, in Lynn township, Lehigh county, daughter of Jacob Sechler, whose wife's maiden name was Fusselman. Mrs. Bolich survives her husband, making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Bauscher. Mr. and Mrs. Bolich had three children: Charles married Sarah Kindt, of New Ringgold, Pa.; Maria married Salem Koch, of Rauschs, Schuylkill county; Emma is Mrs. David Bauscher.

WESLEY A. SELTZER belongs to two families of old and honorable standing in Schuylkill county, being connected in the maternal line with the Albrights, whose name has long been associated with high qualities of character, for which its representatives have been known.

The Seltzers were first established in Berks county, Pa., after their emigration to America. Jacob Seltzer emigrated in the year 1752 from the upper Rhein, near Coblenz, in the vicinity of the famous "Seltzer Springs" in Germany, where he was born in 1732. He settled in Heidelberg township (where afterwards Womelsdorf was laid out), Berks Co., Pa., and became a naturalized citizen in 1765. Several years before (in 1762) he had established a hotel in the village, which has been known until the present time as the "Seltzer House." He died in 1788. He was married to Maria Catharine Hiester, of Bern township, who was born in 1735 and died in 1817. By her he had six children: Jacob, who married Catharine Kauffman; Michael, who enlisted in the Revolution and died of fever shortly before the end of his term of service; Elizabeth, who married Dr. Michael Tryon, a prominent physician of Tulpehocken; Mary, who married Jacob Spang, a prominent ironmaster of Oley; Catharine, who married David Dewees; and a daughter who married Christopher Reed.

Jacob Seltzer was born in 1764 at Womelsdorf, where he carried on farming and kept hotel until his decease in 1825. He was married to Catharine Kauffman (daughter of Jacob, of Oley), born in 1766 and died in 1842, and by her he had eight children: William married Catharine Ruth; John married Mary Van Reed; Daniel married a Weiser; David married Eliza O. Sheetz and moved to Ohio; Jacob married a Hassinger; Michael married Catherine Hain; Anna remained single; Elizabeth married George See.

Michael Seltzer, great-grandfather of Wesley Seltzer, served in the Revolutionary war, and was at Valley Forge. He was taken prisoner and confined with others in an old stone church, where he starved to death. His children were Abraham, John and Jacob.

Abraham Seltzer, son of Michael, was born in Berks county, Pa., and was an early settler in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, where he followed farming at Drehersville until his death, which occurred there. For a number of years he kept hotel at that point, besides following agricultural pursuits. He lived to the age of ninety-one years, and his wife, whose maiden name was Catherine Faust, is buried with him at the Red Church. They had the following family: Joseph, Elizabeth, Michael, Susan, Polly, Catherine, Rebecca and Nathan. One married Daniel Ebling; another Edw. Ebling; Michael married Mary Frey; Nathan married Catherine Albright; Joseph went West, where he died; Mrs. Reuben Miller lived in the West.

Nathan Seltzer, son of Abraham, was born in December, 1827, in East Brunswick township, and died at the early age of thirty-three. He was a successful business man, following farming, and kept an inn at Drehersville for a time, also carrying on a general mercantile business at that point. He was a member of the Reformed Church, and is buried at the Red Church. Politically he was a Democrat. His wife, Catherine, was a daughter of Peter Albright, of West Brunswick township, and four children were born to this union: Elizabeth, Wesley A., Oscar and Mary, all deceased but Wesley. Mrs. Seltzer remarried, becoming the wife of John Walborn, but had no children by that union.

Wesley A. Seltzer was born Jan. 22, 1865, at Drehersville, East Brunswick township. Being only four years old when his father died he was reared by his grandfather, Peter Albright, meantime attending the public schools of the locality. He assisted his grandfather with the farm work until he reached his majority, and from that time farmed on shares, also conducting a lime quarry. He continued to carry on his agricultural work and quarrying for twenty-one years in all, and in 1894 removed to Orwigsburg, where he purchased the Jacob Hiest farm, a valuable tract of 135 acres, included within the borough limits. Under Mr. Seltzer's management during the twenty years and more of his ownership it has undergone steady improvement, and is up-to-date in every respect, having reached a fine state of cultivation. Mr. Seltzer has erected a house upon the land, which he rents. His time has always been given to business, and he is known as one of the most progressive agriculturalists of his vicinity. He is a director of the South Schuylkill Farmers' Fire Insurance Company, which he has been serving as treasurer for some time. Politically he is a Republican, but has never taken any part in public affairs. His religious connection is with the Reformed Church.

In 1874 Mr. Seltzer married Joanna Hoy, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Faust) Hoy, and they are the parents of the following named children: Frank P., now engaged in farming in North Manheim township, this county; Mary, who lives at home; Anna, who taught school for a time, now married and living in Orwigsburg; Catherine, wife of John Williams, living at Pine Grove Furnace, Cumberland county, Pa.; John W., living at Franklin Furnace, N. J.; George I., now in New York State; Edward, a student at State College; and Albert, at home.

JOHN PFEIFFER, of Tower City, is one of the substantial business men of his section of Schuylkill county. His own success would be suffi-

cient to justify his faith in the county as a field for investment, and he has been among the promoters and supporters of some of the most progressive enterprises set on foot within the last twenty years, taking a public-spirited pride in securing for his locality the benefits afforded by the various concerns in which he is interested. Mr. Pfeiffer is a native of Germany and a typical member of his race, thorough-going, self-reliant, persevering and industrious. It is to these solid characteristics that his many friends in the valley ascribe the good fortune he now enjoys.

Mr. Pfeiffer was born in Germany Oct. 26, 1864, son of Daniel Pfeiffer, also a native of that country. He brought his family to America in 1882 and settled at Middleport, Schuylkill Co., Pa. In the old country he had been variously employed, and here he was engaged for a time in coal washing, at Brockton. Then he followed farming until his retirement. His death occurred at Middleport, where his wife, Elizabeth (Pabst), also passed away, and they are both buried there. They had the following children: Jacob, John, Daniel, Frederick, Henry, Lewis, Charles, and Lena (who married George W. Miller).

John Pfeiffer received his education in the Fatherland, being eighteen years old when he accompanied the family to America. He had learned the trade of stone cutter, and after his arrival in Schuylkill county was employed for ten years at the mines and on the railroad. By that time he felt justified in starting business on his own account, and he opened the general store at Tower City which he has conducted ever since, having one of the best managed establishments in the town. The trade has increased steadily, and Mr. Pfeiffer has given his patrons the benefit of his prosperity, improving his stock and facilities not only as the trade demands, but usually in advance of its needs. His merchandise is of reliable quality, the service is prompt and courteous, and no detail is neglected to insure satisfaction to all customers. Mr. Pfeiffer also owns the "Commercial Hotel," carrying a retail license, and he has considerable valuable real estate at Tower City and in Porter township. He was one of the organizers of the Consolidated Electric Company which supplies light to New Philadelphia, Middleport, Cum-bola and Schuylkill township, and also to Blythe township, and whose plant was sold July 1, 1915, to the Eastern Pennsylvania Light, Heat & Power Company. He was one of the first stockholders in the Tower City National Bank, organized in 1902, and has been a director since 1914. He also helped to organize the Electric Light Company at Tower City, which has since been sold. Mr. Pfeiffer is a director of the Williamstown Water Company and the Wiconisco Telephone Company. The only public office he has ever consented to fill is that of supervisor of Porter township.

Mr. Pfeiffer married Emma Ida Miller, daughter of Thomas Miller, and they have three children, Ella, Charles and John. He and his family belong to the Reformed Church. Socially he is a Mason, holding membership in Ashler Lodge, No. 570, F. & A. M., of Lykens, Pa., and he also belongs to the Moose lodge at that place; to Tower City Lodge, No. 755, I. O. O. F.; and to the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN FUHRMAN, present burgess of the borough of Ringtown, has been actively engaged in business there for a number of years, following various lines. His principal interests now are in the line of carpentry, and the steady demand for his services bears indisputable testimony to his good workmanship and conscientious fulfillment of every obliga-

tion. In his public duties he has been equally faithful, showing a sincere desire to promote the best interests of the town where his unselfish, progressive spirit is proving an influential element for good.

Mr. Fuhrman was born Jan. 30, 1861, in Union township, Schuylkill county, son of Lewis Fuhrman, also a native of Union township, who was occupied at farming and lumbering. During the Civil war Lewis Fuhrman enlisted at Ringtown, this county, for three years, served his full term, and received an honorable discharge at Harrisburg, Pa. He died in July, 1869, and is buried at the old White Church near Ringtown. In religion he was a Lutheran, in politics a Democrat. Mr. Fuhrman married Susanna Lindenmuth, who was born in October, 1838, in Union township, where she received her education. Her father, John Lindenmuth, was a farmer in that township, owning a tract of over one hundred acres, part of which he cleared; there was a great deal of valuable timber on his land. He belonged to the Lutheran Church, and was a Democrat on political questions. He and his wife Hannah (Ponnebecker) are buried in a private graveyard in Union township. They were the parents of the following children: Elizabeth, wife of Frank Rhoades; Jacob, who married Catherine Ulshaffer; William, who was twice married, his second wife being Eliza Diliplane; Rachel, wife of Daniel Rhoades; Polly, wife of Daniel Zimmerman; Amanda, wife of Peter Fry; and Susan, Mrs. Fuhrman.

Mrs. Susan Fuhrman, widow of Lewis Fuhrman, resides in Ringtown borough. Six children were born to them: Caroline, who lives in Allentown, Pa.; William F.; Amanda, wife of Samuel Miller, living at Black Hills, near McAdoo, Schuylkill county; Barbara, deceased; Hannah, deceased, who was the wife of George Titus, of Rush township, Schuylkill county; and Henry, of Ringtown, Pennsylvania.

William F. Fuhrman attended the Horne and Lindner schoolhouses in Union township, but as he was only eight years old when his father died he began work when yet a boy, helping his mother. He was employed by neighboring farmers until twelve years old, when he went to work in the breaker of the colliery at Raven Run, this county, later doing inside tasks, firing and running engines, etc. He remained there until nearly thirty years old, when he entered the employ of Peter Dresher, as teamster in his lumber woods and as wood chopper, continuing with him two years. For four years afterwards he was in the hotel business at Ringtown on his own account, first as proprietor of the "Eagle Hotel" and later of another house. He also acquired manufacturing interests in the borough, being one of the stockholders of the Ringtown Knitting Mills, which he operated for a couple of years, later selling out and renting the farm of Dr. H. D. Rentschler, in Ringtown, which he conducted for four years. After the death of his father-in-law, Samuel Dresher, he bought the latter's farm, but never operated that property, which he sold later to Elmer Dennison, the present owner. In 1905 Mr. Fuhrman bought the William Snyder farm in Union township, which he cultivated for one year, later selling the place to Jonathan Hetherington, who in turn sold it to the present owner, Benjamin Zimmerman. Mr. Fuhrman, however, retained eight building lots from the Snyder tract, and has disposed of six of them, still holding two. He also owns a seventy-foot (front) lot in Ringtown upon which he has erected a fine double dwelling house, which he occupies. For a number of years past he has been devoting his energies principally to the carpenter's trade, and he has a large number of patrons in

the borough and vicinity. From time to time Mr. Fuhrman has acquired other interests, having been one of the first directors of the First National Bank of Ringtown, in which capacity he is still serving; he attends the directors' meetings regularly.

For some years Mr. Fuhrman has kept in close touch with local public affairs, having served as election inspector in Union township before Ringtown was incorporated as a borough, and he has earned a well merited reputation for reliable service in public trusts. In 1913 he was honored as the choice of the townspeople for the office of burgess, being the second incumbent of that important position since the incorporation of the borough. His official acts have been such as to hold the allegiance of his original supporters and gain him many new friends. Mr. Fuhrman has also been active in other local interests, being a member of Ringtown Castle, No. 500, Knights of the Golden Eagle, and of the Ringtown Lutheran Church; many years ago he served as superintendent of the Sunday school held in Horne's school in Union township.

Mr. Fuhrman married Elizabeth Dresher, who was born Feb. 23, 1861, in Union township, where she received her education, remaining at home until her marriage. She is an earnest member of the Ringtown Lutheran Church and of its Ladies' Aid Society. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Fuhrman: Pearl May, the daughter, born Oct. 17, 1887, received an excellent education in the public schools, graduating from the Ringtown high school, taught school for three years in Union township, and is now the wife of Harry Rentschler, a farmer, of Ringtown; they have had two children, Elizabeth Alice (born Dec. 26, 1912, deceased) and Fuhrman Henry (born Nov. 24, 1913). Samuel Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Fuhrman, born June 2, 1891, was educated in the local public schools and at the Bloomsburg (Pa.) State Normal School, attending the latter for one term; he was an employe of the Hooven Mercantile Company at Shenandoah at the time of his death, Aug. 6, 1913.

George Dresher, grandfather of Mrs. Fuhrman, was a native of Germany. Coming to America he settled in Black Creek township, Luzerne Co., Pa., where he farmed the rest of his life, and he is buried there with his second wife. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. He was twice married, and had five children by the first union: Samuel; Polly, Mrs. Henry Hetler; Katie, Mrs. Joseph Mostellor; Elizabeth, Mrs. Aaron Mostellor; and Lydia, Mrs. Paul Huntsinger. To the second marriage were born: George, John and Henry all went West; Stephen married Mary Etta Link; Susan married Charles Baer; Sallie married Jeremiah Spiegel.

Samuel Dresher, father of Mrs. Fuhrman, was born Sept. 25, 1815, in Mifflin township, Columbia Co., Pa., was reared and educated in that county, and became a prosperous farmer, owning three farms, one in Mifflin township, Columbia county, and two in Union township, Schuylkill county. When he came to this county he settled on his large tract, which comprised 325 acres, then in the woods. He cleared a considerable portion of that property and carried on general farming for a number of years, but eventually gave up agriculture, renting out his farms, and for some time conducted the "Eagle Hotel" in Ringtown, owning the hotel property. When he withdrew from that business he rented the hotel and bought a dwelling in Ringtown where he spent the rest of his life in retirement. He died March 17, 1897, and his 325-acre farm was subsequently divided into three parts and sold; these

parts are now owned by Harry Shenk, Frank Lebenburg and the Girard Estate, respectively. Mr. Dresher's other Union township farm is now owned by Elmer Dennison. Mr. Dresher was actively interested in local affairs, being a well known member of the Democratic party, tax collector of his township, and a prominent worker in the Lutheran Church of Ringtown. He is buried at the old White Church near Ringtown with his first wife, Elizabeth (Hetler), who was born in Mifflin township, Columbia county, and died at the age of thirty-six years, when her daughter Mrs. Fuhrman was an infant. Her father, Peter Hetler, was a farmer in Mifflin township, and he and his wife are buried at Mifflinville, Columbia county. He was a Democrat in politics. Mr. and Mrs. Hetler had two children, the other being a son Henry, who married Polly Dresher. By his first wife Mr. Dresher had the following children: Savina, Mahala, Mary Ann, Sydney Frances and Boyd (who married Emma Bitting, now a resident of Ringtown) are all deceased; Peter married Sallie Hetherington; George married Carolina Fry; Elizabeth is the wife of William F. Fuhrman. For his second wife Mr. Dresher married Anna Lindermuth, daughter of Michael and Nima (Miller) Lindermuth, and she survives him, being now (1915) about seventy-five years old. To this union were born children as follows: Henry married Lizzie Seltzer, and they make their home at Berwick, Pa.; Santharella married William Long, and both are deceased; David, a resident of Ringtown, Pa., married Adeline Brown; Charles, of Girardville, this county, married Sallie Schappell; Anna is the wife of Irwin Seltzer, of Union township; Nima is the wife of Luther Stauffer, of Ringtown; Emma married Fred Jay, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Fannie married Charles Richards; Ida married George Barnhart, of Girardville, Pennsylvania.

H. J. HERBEIN, D. D. S., the subject of this sketch, was born in Bern township, Berks county, son of Dr. J. S. and Elizabeth A. R. (Winter) Herbein, grandson of John Herbein, who removed to Bern township from Oley township, Berks county, where the progenitor of the Herbein family in Pennsylvania located in 1717. He was educated in the public schools of Bern township, and Sinking Springs, Berks county, and in Brunner's Scientific Academy, Reading, Pa. After teaching in the public schools of Berks county for several terms, Dr. Herbein took up the study of dentistry, in the Dental Department of the University of Pennsylvania; and was graduated from that institution, April 13, 1883, with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. After practicing for three years as assistant in the office of Dr. E. Slegel, Reading, Pa., he opened an office in Pottsville, in March, 1886, where he has continued in the active practice of his profession to the present time.

Dr. Herbein is a member of the Pennsylvania State Dental Society, the Schuylkill County Dental Society and the Lebanon Valley Dental Association, serving as Secretary of the last named organization for twenty-five consecutive years, and as President in 1911. As a charter member of the Historical Society, he served as librarian of the Society, from its organization, in 1903, until 1912, when he was elected secretary, which office he filled until 1915.

In November, 1912, he received the appointment of Local Registrar of the Pottsville District of the Pennsylvania Department of Health; at the same time he was elected secretary to the Board of Health of Pottsville, which offices he still holds.

Residing in one of the finest fossil fields in the country, Dr. Herbein has



devoted his leisure time to the collection of Coal Flora, and has a large collection of typical specimens of coal fossils, as well as a very unique collection of fossil reptilian foot tracks from the Mauch Chunk Red Shales in the vicinity of Pottsville.

In 1893, Dr. Herbein was married to Miss Bertha M. Stichter, of Pottsville, taking as a residence and dental office the residence, No. 407 Garfield Square, Pottsville, where, with their family of three daughters and one son, they still reside.

**GEORGE HOFF STICHTER.** With the band of pioneers who blazed the trail through the wilds of Schuylkill county, Pa., in the year 1827, there was one young man who had just reached his majority, by the name of George Hoff Stichter, son of Peter Stichter. He was born in Reading, Berks Co., Pa., Feb. 13, 1805, and was educated in a private night school which he attended after the day's labor. He learned the trade of tinsmith with his cousin, John Stichter, of Pottsville, Pa. In 1829, upon the death of John Stichter, he purchased the good-will and interest in the stove and tin business from the estate, and branched out very extensively, employing twelve to fifteen journeymen in his factory, all hand work, and using three teams on the road to sell the finished product north, east, south and west.

George H. Stichter was a natural-born mechanic and inventor. In 1831 he patented an improvement on the first cook stove. In 1832 he designed and patented the cylinder stove now in use. In 1833 he patented and manufactured the first heating stove for house use to burn coal in the United States. Up to then grates walled in were used exclusively. In 1845 he added hardware to his stove and tin business, and continued in active life until 1876, when he retired, dying May 4, 1887. He served as county commissioner from 1845 to 1848, as school director, councilman and tax collector, was a member of the old Schuylkill County Troop in the thirties and forties, and a charter member of the first Lutheran Church at Pottsville.

On May 11, 1830, George H. Stichter was married to Mary, daughter of John Hahn, of Reading, Berks county. They were blessed with eleven children, of whom four survive: Henry P. Stichter, retired hardware merchant; Emma Fox, widow of Augustus Fox, grocer; Anna Rich, widow of Isaac Rich; and Joseph Stichter, clerk with the Coal & Iron Company—all of Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

**JAMES LORAH**, of East Union township, has had his chief interests in the lumber business for a number of years. At present he deals exclusively in mine timber, operating as a lessee and working the timber under royalty. Possessed of noteworthy business qualities, Mr. Lorah has made his way in the world one of constant progress, in the course of which he has drawn to himself the respect of all his associates and the good will of his fellow men generally by the unselfish spirit he has shown and a keen sense of responsibility towards others, manifest in all his transactions.

The Lorahs are an old family of this section of Schuylkill county. Michael Lorah, the grandfather of James Lorah, was born May 18, 1788, in Berks county, Pa., and was of French descent. His education was acquired in the local subscription schools. He followed farming and shoemaking, owning a farm of one hundred acres, which included the property where his grandson James Lorah now lives, in what is now East Union township, Schuylkill

county. It was all Union then. He died on his farm May 6, 1852, and is buried with his wife at St. John's German Reformed Church, of which he was a member. In politics he was a Whig. It is supposed that Michael Lorah was twice married, and the maiden name of his first wife, born Dec. 23, 1793, died March 6, 1837, was Hannah Fry. His second wife's maiden name was Polly Long. His children were: Emmanuel, who married Mary Houser; Henry, deceased; Lafayette, deceased; Daniel, who married Polly Schappell, both now deceased; Joshua, deceased; John, who married Catherine Johnson (she is deceased); Susanna, who married Aaron Gross; Hannah, wife of Samuel Beaver; Lucy, who died young, and William, who died young.

Joshua Lorah, son of Michael, was born July 11, 1830, in Union township, that part now included in East Union, and there grew to manhood, meantime receiving his education in the local district schools. During his younger days he worked for his father on the home place, and after his marriage he lived as a tenant on various farms, continuing thus for a number of years. When Michael Lorah died his son Emmanuel bought the homestead, which he operated until his death, when it was sold by the administrators to Elias Peifer, who subsequently sold sixty-three acres of the original tract to Joshua Lorah. He carried on general farming there for a considerable period. In his later life he cut up thirteen acres of this property into building lots and laid out the town of Phinny, including 180 lots. As he died before they were all sold his son James, as administrator of the estate, continued to dispose of them, buying two of them himself, upon which he built his present home. That part of Joshua Lorah's farm remaining undivided was bought by his son Michael upon the mother's death, and is now owned by Jacob Landauhl.

Mr. Lorah married Elizabeth Johnson, who was born Sept. 3, 1831, in Northumberland county, Pa., daughter of Henry Johnson, and was of English ancestry. Mrs. Lorah survived her husband, his death occurring Feb. 4, 1895, hers Feb. 9, 1899, and they are buried at St. John's Reformed and Lutheran Church in East Union township. He was a prominent Reformed member of that church, in which he held the highest offices, serving many years as elder and deacon, and also acting as treasurer. Politically he was a Republican, and kept up an interest in local public affairs; he served as one of the directors of the school district and as treasurer of same. To Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Lorah were born the following children: Hannah married John Deeble, and both are deceased; Michael, deceased, married Sarah Huntsinger, who now resides at Mountain Grove, Luzerne Co., Pa.; Thomas, a resident of East Union township, married Missouri Applegate; Emma died in infancy; Mary died in infancy; Albert, deceased, married Anna Irwin, who lives at Allentown, Pa.; James is next in the family; Sarah, deceased, was the wife of William Schaeffer, who lives in Alabama; Rebecca Elizabeth is the widow of Andrew B. Faust, and lives next door to her brother James; Oscar, of McAdoo, Schuylkill county, married Clara Applegate; Ida is married to John Wilhelm, of Williamsport, Pa.; Jacob married Jennie Davis of Brandonville, Schuylkill county, and moved to Cleveland, Ohio.

James Lorah was born May 18, 1860, in East Union township, Schuylkill county, where he was reared and educated, attending Lorah's school. He was trained to agricultural life, working on his father's farm until twenty-six years old, after which he was employed as a section hand on the Philadelphia



& Reading road for nine months. His next work was for William and Elder Spangler, in the lumber woods at Audenried, Carbon county, being in their employ about two years, and later he was a stationary engineer for Coxé Brothers & Co., at their Oneida (Schuylkill county) colliery, for a period of eleven years. His sister, Mrs. Andrew B. Faust, having bought the lumber business of her deceased husband at the administrators' sale, he went into partnership with her under the name of Mrs. Andrew Faust & Brother, and they had joint interests for the next nine years, when they sold out. Later Mr. Lorah formed another partnership, with his brother Michael, in the same line, and they were together five years, dissolving the association by mutual consent. James Lorah is now alone in the lumber business, confining his transactions entirely to mine timber. He has other important connections also, being one of the most active business men in his community, and his encouragement of any project is considered a recommendation. He was one of the first directors of the Ringtown National Bank, and is still serving in that capacity.

Like the earlier generations of his family in this region Mr. Lorah has taken a deep interest in the prosperity of St. John's Reformed Church, which he is serving as elder at present; he was formerly a deacon. With his brother-in-law, Andrew B. Faust, and others, he built the present house of worship, Mr. Faust furnishing the lumber and Mr. Lorah contributing liberally of money and supervising the erection of the building. He has always taken a leading part in the enterprises of this church. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Ringtown Lodge, No. 287, which he joined Oct. 9, 1890. His political support is given to the Republican party. He has served his township six years as school director, for two years being president of the board.

Mr. Lorah was united in marriage with Margaret Catherine Faust, who was born May 3, 1863, in East Union township, where she was reared and educated, remaining at home until her marriage. She is a Lutheran member of St. John's Church, and formerly taught in the Sunday school. Children as follows have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lorah: Derwin Ezra, born Dec. 10, 1891, received his early education in the township schools, and later took the college preparatory course at the Bloomsburg (Pa.) State Normal School, from which he was graduated; he is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men at Sheppton, Schuylkill county, and belongs to St. John's Reformed Church. Ivy May, born July 12, 1894, began her education in the township schools, later attending one year at the Bloomsburg Normal and taking one summer course at Perkiomen Seminary, Pennsburg, Pa., and is now teaching the Oneida school in East Union township; she is a member of St. John's Reformed Church. Olive Margaret, born Jan. 5, 1898, acquired her early education in the township schools and is now attending the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, Pa.; she is a member of St. John's Reformed Church. Beulah Caroline, born June 2, 1900, is attending high school at Sheppton, in East Union township. James Russell, born Dec. 14, 1904, and Heber Daniel, born Oct. 14, 1907, are attending school in the township.

Henry Faust, grandfather of Mrs. Lorah, was born April 8, 1780, probably in East Brunswick township, and died June 6, 1871, aged ninety-one years, one month, twenty-eight days. He is buried at the Old White Church near Ringtown, and his wife, whose maiden name was Mengle, is buried at Weissport, Carbon Co., Pa. It is supposed they were farming people. Mr.

Faust was a Democrat in political sentiment. His children were: James, who married Levina Moyer; Frank, who married Dorothy; Michael; Daniel; Elizabeth (deceased), who married Jacob Trout; and Catherine, widow of Henry Eisenhart, living at Brownsville, Pennsylvania.

Daniel Faust, father of Mrs. Lorah, was born near McKeesburg, in East Brunswick township, Feb. 27, 1828, and was there reared and educated. During his young manhood he worked out among farmers, and in time bought a farm of his own, at Brandonville, in East Union township, Schuylkill county, upon which he followed agricultural pursuits the remainder of his life. His death occurred Oct. 11, 1910, and he is buried with his wife, Carolina (Bitting), at the Old White Church near Ringtown. She was born Oct. 6, 1835, daughter of Charles and Margaret (Beaver) Bitting, and died Aug. 11, 1914, at the home of her son-in-law, James Lorah. They had the following children: Hannah Malinda married Jacob Brobst, and they live at Hazleton, Pa.; Amanda Elizabeth is the wife of Frank Scott, of Brandonville, this county; Andrew B. (deceased) married Rebecca Elizabeth Lorah; Margaret Catherine is the wife of James Lorah; Daniel Wesley married Rebecca Bolander, and they live at Hazleton; Silas Mayberry (deceased) married Charity Creasy, and she resides at Forks, Columbia Co., Pa. The father of this family was a Democrat and a Lutheran, belonging to St. John's Church in East Union township, which he served as deacon.

HENRY L. MILLER has had his residence and business headquarters at Port Carbon for a number of years. But having had interests at various other points in Schuylkill county, and retaining important connections in several places besides his home town, he has more than local reputation and standing. Mr. Miller has exhibited in large degree the qualities which made his father one of the most valuable citizens of this region in his day, admired for his energetic and progressive character and respected for his substantial contributions to the development of the locality.

John Frederick Miller, the father, was of German nativity, born in the kingdom of Wurtemberg. There he spent his childhood and youth, coming to this country when twenty-one years old. He landed at Castle Garden, New York City, came as far as Landingville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., by canalboat, and thence walked to Orwigsburg, where he found work with Reuben Hoy as a farm hand. Some time later he purchased 145 acres of land in West Brunswick township, lying one mile north of Orwigsburg, the old Leymeister farm. Part of it was still covered with brush and timber, and he continued the work of clearing and cultivation until 1895, in which year he removed to the borough of Orwigsburg. The property remained in the Miller family for forty-five years, and is now owned by Fred Blacker. John F. Miller acquired extensive and valuable real estate holdings at Orwigsburg, and exerted himself very effectively in introducing modern conditions of life into that town. The first sewers laid there were of his construction, and he was the original owner of the system, now in the possession of his son Henry L. Miller. When the borough was ready to provide a public water supply the necessary land was purchased from him for the works, reservoir, etc., and he assisted the project in every possible way. He was one of the original parties interested in the Orwigsburg Fair Association, which for years entertained the people throughout this section. He was the first to start in the ice business at Orwigsburg, and carried it on successfully, as he did everything

else he undertook. Indeed, his fellow citizens had such confidence in his judgment and faith in his disinterested public spirit, that few men of his time were more influential in guiding local affairs, though he took no special part in the administration of public matters. However, he was a zealous member of the German Lutheran Church at Orwigsburg, having been one of the founders of the church, and he assisted in building the present St. Paul's Church, which he served as trustee. Mr. Miller lived to the age of seventy-eight years, dying in 1909, after several years of retirement. He is buried in the Lutheran cemetery at Orwigsburg.

Mr. Miller married Sophia Dietrich, also a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, who came to America when twenty years old, and died at Orwigsburg at the age of seventy-nine years. They were married at that place, and the following children were born to their union: Elizabeth died young; Mary died young; William, who lives at McAdoo, this county, is engaged in the ice business and has a farm in the Quakake valley; Henry L. is next in the family; George B. is living at Orwigsburg; John J. is a resident of Shendoah, this county; Catherine is the wife of John Reidler, of Orwigsburg; Rosie is the wife of Charles H. Hein, who is serving as poor director of Schuylkill county; Frederick lives at Pottsville. Mr. and Mrs. Miller also reared her sister's son, Jacob Koenig, who was born in Germany and was brought to America when nine months old.

Henry L. Miller was born May 28, 1862, at Orwigsburg, and had school privileges there and in West Brunswick township. His early years were spent in assisting his father on the farm. At the age of eighteen he went to learn the business of broommaking, in which eventually he became engaged on his own account, following it for seven years at Orwigsburg and Auburn, this county; he also made brushes. Then he entered the hotel business at Lakeside, this county, also taking charge of the pleasure resort grounds there for a period of four years. Returning to Orwigsburg, he became interested in the manufacture of paper boxes in company with Samuel Miller, under the firm name of Miller & Miller, carrying on the business which they sold to George Ketner and which is now owned and operated by Oscar Kuiper. For several years following Henry L. Miller gave his time chiefly to the timber business, and at the same time conducted coal washeries along the Schuylkill river, near Schuylkill Haven, taking out thousands of tons of coal, and finding the venture very profitable. In 1902 he came to Port Carbon and purchased the knitting plant then owned by George Heebner, and immediately set about improving and enlarging the facilities, foreseeing the great possibilities in the business. He rented the old building of the Evangelical Church at Port Carbon, remodeled it to suit his needs, installed modern machinery, and for the next six years operated the plant under the name of the Superior Knitting Mills. The business was then incorporated as the Superior Knitting Company, with Mr. Miller as president and general manager, Messrs. S. R. Beddall (ex-sheriff) and G. W. Beddall being the other members of the firm. They continued together until Aug. 1, 1914, when Mr. Miller, having new ideas which he wished to put into practice, resigned as president and general manager of the Superior Knitting Company and formed a partnership with his son, John J. Miller, under the name of H. L. Miller & Son. They have erected a fine modern, three-story brick plant on South Coal street, Port Carbon, one of the most complete of its kind in the State, equipped with the most approved machinery known to the trade, lighted, heated and

ventilated in accordance with the latest ideas, admirably appointed, in fact, for the production of the highest class of work under the most favorable conditions. The Millers deserve no less credit for the consideration they have shown in respect to the welfare of their employes than for intelligent discrimination in the choice of machinery and the arrangement of their establishment. They employ one hundred skilled workers, who turn out the finest grades of underwear, sold to jobbers all over the world. Mr. Miller's characteristic thoroughness has left no weak points in the business, his familiarity with the details of manufacturing being well supplemented with executive ability and grasp of trade conditions. He is one of the owners in the Pottsville Bleaching & Dyeing Company, and for a time was the president of that concern, but is now vice president, Mr. John P. Schwenk, of Schuylkill Haven, taking the presidency; John J. Miller (son of Henry L. Miller) is secretary and treasurer. Mr. Schwenk and Mr. Miller erected the plant (at Pottsville) in 1909. It is provided throughout with modern machinery and facilities of every description, being one of the most up-to-date factories of the kind in the State, and the company has established a remunerative business in this section, many factories having found its conveniences very advantageous.

Mr. Miller is a large property owner at Orwigsburg. His holdings at one time included the "Harlon House" there, and he formerly owned his father's farm, but sold it in 1910. At one time he owned another farm in West Brunswick township. Success has come to him as the result of work, for though his ability is exceptional his application and perseverance have been equally noteworthy, and he has maintained a name for honor and integrity in every transaction. While a resident of Orwigsburg he was an officer in the Lutheran Church. At one time he was an active member of the Mahanoy City Gun Club and enthusiastic in the sport, being one of the best wing and rifle shots in this section.

In 1885 Mr. Miller was married at Orwigsburg, by Rev. H. I. Erb, to Ida Amanda Honsberger, daughter of Jacob S. and Mary Matilda (Walborn) Honsberger. Her father now resides at New Ringgold, Schuylkill county. She is a great-granddaughter of Uris Walborn, an early settler at Pinedale, Pa. The Honsberger and Walborn families are mentioned elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have two children, Lottie Irene and John J., both living at home.

JOHN J. MILLER was born Sept. 2, 1889, at Lakeside, this county, and received his education principally in the local public schools, attending high school at Port Carbon. In 1909 he was graduated from the Peirce business college, at Philadelphia. That year he found employment in the accounting department of the Eastern Steel Company's plant at Pottsville, but after a short experience there became associated with H. O. Koller, of Reading, Pa., and established the Pottsville Motor Car Company. They did business at Pottsville, selling the Buick, Franklin and E. M. F. cars. Two years later Mr. Miller bought out his partner, and thereafter conducted the business alone until he formed an alliance with Theodore K. Leininger, of Orwigsburg, under the name of the Pottsville Automobile Company. Their location was on Centre street, Pottsville, and they did a successful business, being sole agents for the Buick cars in Schuylkill county. In October, 1914, Mr. Miller having made arrangements to enter the manufacturing business with his father, sold his interests in the automobile business to Mr. Leininger, and

he is now devoting all his time to his duties as junior member of the firm of H. L. Miller & Son and secretary and treasurer of the Pottsville Bleaching & Dyeing Company. He is business-like, industrious and popular, and has excellent prospects of taking his place among the wide-awake men of the borough.

Mr. Miller holds membership in the Patriotic Order Sons of America, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Junior Order United American Mechanics, the T. P. A., and the Pottsville Motor Club.

CHARLES MEYERS, proprietor of the *Evening Chronicle*, Pottsville, was born in Branch township, near Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., Nov. 25, 1855. He is descended from German ancestors, his parents, Jacob and Susanna (Laudemann) Meyers, being natives of Bavaria. They immigrated to America in 1852, and were married in Minersville, spending the rest of their lives in Branch township, near Minersville. 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 "loader" until eighteen years of age. Thereafter he was engaged 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 1884 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 this 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 this 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 Madeira, Hill & Co., consolidating with the G. B. Newton & Company, 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 to mining and washing culm banks, which proved profitable. In August, 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 one of the oldest. The *Chronicle* from time to time, since Mr. Meyers has acquired it, has been the leader in a number of crusades. Especially was it instrumental, in the fall and winter of 1909, in clearing up the stigma resting on Schuylkill county politics, resulting in many of the crooked ways of the professional politician being made straight, and the effect of which is still wholesome on the entire county. The plant is large and valuable, fully equipped for all kinds of job and book work, as well as the publication of a daily newspaper.

On Feb. 8, 1880, Mr. Meyers was married to 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 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Meyers have two daughters, Marion and Helen, the latter now the wife of Lester E. Schlaseman.

CHRISTOPHER LOESER, ESQ., who at the time of his death was the oldest member of the bar of Schuylkill county, was born in Montgomery county, Pa., Nov. 5, 1793, the son of Christian and Elizabeth (Stringer) Loeser. He came to Schuylkill county in 1814. During the war of 1812 Mr. Loeser served as a lieutenant in a company from this county, commanded by Capt. Theophilus Hughes, which in 1814 was stationed in Baltimore. He was for some years clerk in the prothonotary's office under Dr. McFarland, who was the first prothonotary under the new county organization of Schuylkill. Subsequently Mr. Loeser became deputy sheriff under Benjamin Christ. In 1820, as deputy marshal, Mr. Loeser took the first census of the county, going over much of the ground necessarily on foot. He read law under James B. Hubley, Esq.; was admitted to the bar of Schuylkill county July 31, 1820, and commenced the practice of the law at Orwigsburg, then the county seat of Schuylkill. He entered upon a professional career, which continued until he became enfeebled by disease, for nearly half a century. With great natural ability he united legal learning, untiring industry, sterling integrity and fidelity to the interests of his clients, who gave to him their unlimited confidence.

During his long professional career Mr. Loeser acted as legal adviser to many of the mining companies. So well known was his sense of what was just and proper, that he quelled many an incipient riot in the numerous strikes among the coal miners of his time, by merely raising his hand, and directing the men to return to work, telling them that he would personally present their grievances to the operators, and he never betrayed the confidence. After the removal of the county seat to Pottsville, Mr. Loeser became a resident of that borough, where death, which occurred March 27, 1865, at the age of seventy-two years, closed his long and useful career. Mr. Loeser was married to Louisa Bartle Sept. 15, 1833.

WILLIAM N. STINE, a prominent resident of Barry township, has occupied his home place there for over thirty years. He has prospered and has made investments from time to time in other farm lands, still retaining valuable interests of the kind. But he has availed himself of the opportunities to go into other fields, has been a successful trader, and at present does considerable business handling real estate.

The Stine family is of German extraction. Jonas Stine, father of William N., was born in the Mahantongo valley, in this section of Pennsylvania, where his earlier ancestors settled. He was one of three brothers, and also had three half brothers, John, William and Safenos, two of whom, William and Safenos, were in the military service during the Mexican war. Jonas Stine in his youth followed carpenter work, but he soon became engaged in the buying and selling of horses, bringing many from the West. Later he became a merchant, having a store at Gettysburg, whence he removed to Dark Corner, in Columbia county. His next change was to Shamokin, Northumberland county, and subsequently he was located at Mount Carmel, that county, from which place he moved to the farm in Mahantongo where the rest of his life was spent. He was accidentally killed in 1869, by being thrown from a wagon. Mr. Stine's energetic disposition made him active in other lines as



well as in business, and he was a leader of public opinion among his neighbors, being regarded as an authority on law and politics in Mount Carmel. He married Eva Ann Lake, who was born near Reed station, in Northumberland county, daughter of John Lake, a farmer, who settled early in Northumberland county and continued to live there to the end of his days. Mrs. Stine was one of a large family, three sons and several daughters: John, Daniel, Milton, Eva Ann, Mahalia, Kate, Martha, and Maria. Daniel, Milton, and several of the daughters still survive.

To Mr. and Mrs. Stine were born three children: Louis lives at Ansted, W. Va.; Dora died young; William N. completes the family. He was only a small boy when the mother died, in 1855, and the father remarried, having several children by the second union: John W.; Hannibal C.; Jonas G.; Flora, and Elizabeth.

William N. Stine was born in 1851 at Shamokin, Northumberland county, received the principal part of his education in the schools of Mount Carmel, and when yet a boy began work at the mines. He was first employed at the breaker, and he was afterwards in the mines, spending a year thus in different capacities. When only fifteen years old he became engaged in the business his father followed so successfully, dealing in horses, in which line he later developed an extensive trade. In 1883 he came to his present home property in Barry township, Schuylkill county, a farm of over one hundred acres, and for a number of years, in connection with its management, was extensively engaged in buying, selling and exchanging property. He acquired other farm property, at one time owning as many as eight farms. Some of his capital has been attracted to other quarters, being at present invested in the coal fields of West Virginia. Besides his operations in real estate he has an interest in several hotels and local bank stock, a practical proof of his faith in the stability of business conditions in Schuylkill county. Though not a public man in any sense he is an influential member of the community, where his intelligence and substantial qualities of character are highly appreciated.

In 1871 Mr. Stine married Phietta Wehry, a native of the Mahantongo valley, where her father, David Wehry, was an early settler and became extensively engaged in farming. Mrs. Stine's brothers, Daniel and Amos, survive. Mrs. Stine died May 23, 1901, the mother of one child, Charles Henry, who lives in Barry township, this county. He married Sallie Berry, of that township, and they have had a large family, eight still living.

FRANK W. BAUSUM, one of the leading merchants at Pottsville, bears a name which has been associated with the development of Schuylkill county from its early days, the family having been established here by his great-grandfather. In every generation the Bausums have been conspicuous for industry, honesty and the other substantial characteristics which are at the foundation of good citizenship and progress in any community. The present-day members of the family are no exception.

Conrad Bausum, the emigrant ancestor of this family, came from Alsace-Lorraine, near the border line of Germany, settling in America in young manhood. He located near what is now Orwigsburg, in Schuylkill county, Pa., and followed the miller's trade at Orwigsburg, as well as farming. He died there, and is buried in the old cemetery at that place. His children were: John; Philip; William; and Sarah, who went West with a family by the name of Allairs.

Philip Bausum, son of Conrad, was born at Orwigsburg, Pa., and spent most of his life there, dying at the comparatively early age of thirty-five years. He is buried at Orwigsburg. By occupation he was a carpenter and builder. He married Rebecca Reinheimer, daughter of Jacob Reinheimer, of Berks county, Pa., and they became the parents of the following children: Mary, who died in infancy; Edw., deceased; Henry, deceased; Daniel F.; Sarah, who died in infancy; and Emma, who married Charles Reinhart.

Daniel F. Bausum, father of Frank W. Bausum, was born at Orwigsburg Feb. 9, 1840, and owing to his father's untimely death had few advantages. When but seven years old he began to work for Isaac Orwig, Sr., by whom he was employed until he reached the age of fourteen, and he also drove a store team for Isaac Orwig, Jr. His next employer was George Moser, for whom he did farm work for some time at Pine Creek. Returning to Orwigsburg he worked there until the Civil war broke out, enlisting Aug. 5, 1861, in Company K, 48th Pennsylvania Volunteers, with which he served to the close of the war, reenlisting Jan. 1, 1864, in the same company. He was in the corps under Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside, and took part in thirty-seven battles, every one in which his regiment was engaged except that at Newport. After the war he returned to Pottsville and entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Company, being engaged in railroad work with that company from Aug. 7, 1865, until March, 1911, when he was pensioned. He is now living retired. Mr. Bausum married Anna Wesley, daughter of Peter Wesley, of Berks county, Pa., near Reading. They have had five children: George, of St. Clair, this county, a merchant; Mary, deceased; Anna, who is teaching public school at Pottsville; Frank W.; and Cora B., at home.

By virtue of his service in the Civil war Mr. Bausum holds membership in Gowen Post, No. 23, G. A. R., of Pottsville, and in the encampment of the Union Veteran Legion at that place. He is also a member of the I. O. R. M. His religious connection is with the Trinity Reformed Church of Pottsville. Politically he is independent, casting his ballot for the candidates he favors regardless of the party which sponsors them.

Frank W. Bausum was born Feb. 16, 1872, at Pottsville, and obtained his education in the public schools there. When a boy of fifteen he began to work in Mr. Rohrheimer's clothing store in the borough, and after clerking in the same line for a period of fifteen years he formed his present association with George F. Moyer, in 1902, engaging in the clothing business under the firm name of Moyer & Bausum, as they still continue. Their first store was at the corner of Centre and Market streets, and in 1907 they purchased the premises at No. 4 South Centre street, opening their new store on that site Sept. 25, 1913. The fine line of clothing carried by Moyer & Bausum is adapted to cater to the most fastidious trade, the patrons of this firm knowing from long experience that it can be relied upon to supply them with up-to-date furnishings and correct clothes and having a wide choice of desirable garments to select from. Mr. Bausum has evidenced his willingness to aid in keeping his city well to the front as a progressive municipality by his hearty cooperation in the activities of the Merchants' Association (of Pottsville and vicinity), of which he was an early member and is now president. His fellow officers are: E. F. Schlaseman, vice president; H. R. Knapp, recording secretary; T. E. Hummel, financial secretary; Harry C. Manbeck, treasurer. Mr. Bausum is also a member of the Civic Club of Pottsville, taking a thorough



interest in all that affects the welfare of his native city. He belongs to the Reformed Church, and socially to the local lodges of the Elks, Fraternal Order of Eagles, P. O. S. of A. (Camp No. 36) and I. O. O. F. (Lodge No. 20).

Mr. Bausum married Catherine R. Mayberry, daughter of Joseph S. Mayberry, of Schuylkill Haven, this county, and they have two children, Ethyle M. and Harry W.

PROF. GEORGE A. BEHNEY, principal of the public schools of Outwood, Schuylkill Co., Pa., was born Aug. 10, 1876, at Outwood, and is a son of Emanuel and Catherine (Reinhart) Behney.

Michael Behney, the paternal grandfather of George A. Behney, passed his entire life in Lebanon county, Pa., where he followed the trade of cooper. He was the father of the following children: Ephraim, who served as a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war, and now resides at Lebanon; Jeremiah, who also joined the Union army during that struggle, and met his death while a prisoner in the notorious Andersonville stockade; Emanuel; Louis; John, who is deceased; Eliza; Lucinda, and Mary.

Emanuel Behney, father of George A. Behney, was born in Lebanon county, Pa., there received limited educational advantages, and grew up amid the furnaces and forges. He became a foreman and in 1874 located in Pine Grove township, Schuylkill county, securing a position at the Eckert Forge, where he followed his vocation during the remainder of his active life. He died at Outwood in 1910. While he was an industrious and skilled worker, Mr. Behney was able to accumulate but little property, but he was one of his community's respected and substantial citizens. He married Catherine Reinhart, daughter of Ephraim Reinhart, who survives her husband and lives at Outwood with her son George A. The following children were in the family: Emanuel, Ephraim, Mary, Ellen, John, Jacob, Elizabeth and George A.

The boyhood of George A. Behney was passed in the little country community about six miles west of Pine Grove, and, as his parents were poor, he was allowed few advantages of an educational nature, early beginning work at the Lincoln colliery as a slate picker in order to contribute to the family income. He was, however, of a particularly studious and ambitious nature, and studied at night when through with his day's work, in addition to carefully hoarding whatever he could save from his meagre earnings, always with the goal in view of bettering his condition. Through hard work he was able to amass enough to pay his way through the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, Pa., from which he was duly graduated at the age of twenty years, and since that time he has been engaged principally in teaching school, although he has also worked in the mines in the summer months and engaged in other enterprises. For five years after completing his normal course Mr. Behney taught school at Outwood, and then entered the United States railway mail service, with a run between Pittsburg and New York City. This work did not prove congenial, however, and after three months he returned to Outwood and established himself in business as the proprietor of a general store at Suedberg. After one year he disposed of his interests in that line and accepted the position of principal of schools at Outwood, a capacity in which he has acted capably ever since. Mr. Behney is one of the popular and efficient educators of the county, earnest, zealous, energetic and painstaking, interested in the advancement and careful in the training of those

under his charge. He belongs to the Pennsylvania State Educational Association and the Pennsylvania State Teachers' League. Fraternally he is affiliated with Camp No. 223, Patriotic Order Sons of America, of Suedberg, of which he is now secretary, and of which he is an ex-district president, of the Fourth District of Schuylkill county. He also holds membership in the Knights of the Mystic Chain. Mr. Behney belongs to the Lutheran Church, and teaches in German a large Bible class at Outwood. That he is independent in thought and action in political affairs, and is standing boldly forth as an exponent of better government, is shown by a letter which he sent to the voters of his district when he became a candidate for the Pennsylvania Legislature in 1915, and which said in part: "A little over half a century ago, on the now historic field of Gettysburg, Abraham Lincoln delivered a short address which has become world-famous, largely through its decisive utterance of the principles that really stand for human liberty and free government. The closing lines of this address were: 'Government of the people, for the people, by the people, shall not perish from the earth.' To-day the words of Lincoln are on the verge of becoming a false prophecy through the abominable manipulations and treacherous tactics of self-seeking politicians and party machines. It was for the purpose of trying to rectify these evils, and to make this country once more a government of, for, and by the people, that I conceived the project of placing myself among those who are laboring toward this end. The Washington Party as you well know is the only party in the country to-day that strives toward this goal; it is to this party, therefore, that I have given my support and my undying allegiance. I sincerely hope that you will stand by me in this fight, which means so much for you and for me and for the unborn future."

Mr. Behney was married, July 24, 1915, to Elizabeth Ditzler, daughter of Clinton Ditzler, of Greenpoint, Lebanon Co., Pa. Mrs. Behney's death, occurring after less than five months of married life, Dec. 6, 1915, was a great shock to the entire community.

JOHN K. BERK, M. D., has been established at Frackville ever since he began the practice of his profession, in which he has attained honorable standing by conscientious attention to his duties. He is, indeed, a most creditable representative of a respected family of Berks county, Pa., where it was founded during Provincial days. The Berks are of German lineage.

The Berk, Berck, or Berg family settled in Berks county in the very beginning of its history. The pioneer members of the family were Henry and Ludwig Berck, probably brothers, who located in Greenwich township. In 1759 the former paid four pounds tax, and the latter three pounds. In 1774 the taxable list of Greenwich township records the names of Henry Berck and Peter Berck. It appears that Ludwig had already died or removed from that township. The Federal census for 1790 records the following Berks for Greenwich township, as heads of families: Peter Berck, who had a son under sixteen years, a wife and three daughters; George Berck, who was married but had no children. In 1811 John Berk was a taxable of Greenwich township, and paid a tax of £1 5s. 4d. The Berks were among the Huguenot families who came to this country for religious freedom, and with a family bearing the name of Beli (now Bailey) settled in the same (Greenwich) township. Both families later moved to Albany township in the same county. One

branch of the Berk family went to Ontelaunee, and of that line one member went to Cumru township, where to-day Charles Berg is well known.

David Berk, who died in Greenwich township in 1871, was survived by his wife Hannah and sons David and Nathan. His will is on record in Book 12, page 354.

Daniel Berck (as his name is spelled on his tombstone) was born July 27, 1796, and died March 6, 1871, and is buried at New Jerusalem Church in Albany township. He owned the farm now the property of Charles Schollenberger. This was a large farm, and when Mr. Berck died it first became the property of his son, Reuben. His wife was Sarah Billman, born Oct. 12, 1793, died May 28, 1869. They had seven children, and at their deaths twenty-nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Among their children were: Johan; Reuben, born in 1821, who died when past sixty years of age (he married Lovina Knepper, who died at the age of fifty-four years, and they lived in Albany township); Daniel B., born in 1825, died in 1884, who lived in Albany township; and Salome, who married Jacob Reinhart.

Henry Berk, grandfather of Dr. John K. Berk, was a prominent farmer in his section of Berks county, where he passed all his life. His wife's maiden name was Greenawalt, and they had the following children: Floranda, John G., Amanda (Mrs. Peter Warner, living at Kutztown, Pa.) and Llewellyn (who lives at Molltown, Berks county).

John G. Berk, the Doctor's father, was born Jan. 20, 1845, and settled at Girardville, Schuylkill county, in the year 1873. After clerking about a year in a general store there he moved to Frackville, where he was in business as senior member of the firm of John G. Berk & Co., general merchants, remaining at the head of that concern the rest of his life. His death occurred at Frackville April 22, 1880, when he was but thirty-five years old, and he was buried at Hamburg. On March 30, 1869, he married Mary Jane Kalbach, and they had four children, namely: William Henry, born Dec. 3, 1869, a clergyman of the Lutheran Church now located at Berwick, Pa.; John K., born Aug. 22, 1871; Katie Louisa, born June 28, 1874, who died July 20, 1875; and Harvey Isaac, born July 3, 1877, who died June 5, 1878. The mother remarried, on Dec. 30, 1893, becoming the wife of William Huppert, of Frackville. No children were born to this union.

John K. Berk was born Aug. 22, 1871, at Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa., and was reared in Schuylkill county, beginning his education in the public schools at Frackville. His higher literary studies were pursued at the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, Pa., where he graduated in 1892, after which he taught school for one year, at Lewistown, Schuylkill county. In the fall of 1893 he entered Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, and was graduated in 1896 with the degree of M. D. He opened an office at Frackville, Schuylkill county, the following October, and has since devoted practically all his time to general practice. His skill and sincere efforts to keep those who call on him have made him very popular with a wide circle of patrons, and in his desire to serve them well he has kept pace with the advances made in medical science through various channels. He is a member of the Schuylkill County Medical Society; of the Pennsylvania Medical State Society; and the American Medical Association. Local business interests have also attracted him to some extent. He was one of the charter members of the First National Bank of Frackville, and was made vice president of that insti-

tution in 1911. In religious connection he is a Lutheran, and fraternally he is a thirty-second-degree Mason, affiliated with Ashland Lodge, No. 294, F. & A. M.; Griscom Chapter, No. 219, R. A. M.; Prince of Peace Commandery, No. 39, K. T.—all of Ashland; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading.

On June 6, 1900, Dr. Berk married Rae Ethel Hand, daughter of Ludman and Hester (Goff) Hand, of Cape May Court House, N. J. They have had two sons, John William and Leslie Hand.

The Kalbach family, from which Dr. Berk is descended in the maternal line, had its origin in the northeastern part of Germany, whence came Christopher Kahlbach, the immigrant ancestor, who settled in Heidelberg township, Berks Co., Pa., before the middle of the eighteenth century. Here he acquired property, prospered, and reared a family of children, among whom were Adam and Michael. The latter, born in 1766, died in 1840. He had sons: Daniel, 1800-1874; and Michael, 1814-1896 (who married Elizabeth Womelsdorf, 1816-1895). Michael, Sr., and his sons are buried at Womelsdorf.

Through the marriage of George Kalbach, one of the early members of the family, to Maria Spang, of Berks county, Pa., these Kalbachs are among the heirs to the great Spang fortune in Germany.

Adam Kalbach, son of Christopher, was a farmer in Tulpehocken township, where he owned a large plantation, on which he died, ripe in years, in 1801. He and his wife, Maria Eva, had these children: Michael, George, Adam, Johannes, Susanna, Elizabeth, Maria Sabilla, Regina Catherine and Sophia.

Adam Kalbach, son of Adam, above, was a farmer in Tulpehocken (now Penn) township, owning a large tract of land. He was twice married, his first wife's maiden name being Catherine Ruth, and his second wife's name being Christ. His children, all by the first union, were: Adam; Joseph; John; William; Isaac; Elizabeth, Mrs. Conrad Loose; Catherine, Mrs. Loose; Liddie, Mrs. John Epler; and Jacob.

Isaac Kalbach, son of Adam and Catherine (Ruth) Kalbach, was born July 3, 1820, near Bernville, in Bern township, Berks county. He attended school in the locality, and until forty years old remained on the home farm in that township with his brother William. Meantime, on Feb. 2, 1845, he married L. Haus, the ceremony being performed by Rev. August Hermann. She was born May 1, 1826, in Bern township, daughter of Benjamin and Elisabetha Haus, and died at Frackville. Mr. Kalbach died there March 10, 1877, aged fifty-six years, eight months, seven days. He was a member of the German Reformed Church always known as the Bern Church. Mr. and Mrs. Kalbach had children as follows: Elisabetha, born Nov. 1, 1845, who died when eighteen years old; William Adam, born June 11, 1847; Mary Jane, born Aug. 13, 1848; James Benjamin, born Jan. 31, 1853, who died when nine years old; Emma Catherine, born Sept. 10, 1854, deceased in infancy; Henry Washington, born Oct. 10, 1856, who died when five years old; Martha M., born March 28, 1860, who died when three years old; and Catherine Ellen, born Sept. 20, 1862, who married Isaiah Mensch.

ABRAHAM CARL, deceased, was born in Schuylkill county, Pa., a son of Philip Carl, also a resident of this county, whose useful life was rounded

out within its confines. The children of Philip Carl were: Elizabeth, John, Daniel, Abraham, David and Samuel.

While still a boy Abraham Carl learned the shoemaker's trade, and he followed it for a few years, but later became a butcher, learning that calling at Fearnot, where he resided for a period. In 1874 he located at Tower City, and until 1881 was actively engaged in butchering. Then for a year he operated a farm in Porter township, and returning to Tower City embarked in a general merchandising business, which he continued for seven years. He built the well known "Carl House" at Tower City, and operated this hotel until within a year of his death, which occurred Jan. 30, 1898. His remains were interred at the Artz Church, near Sacramento, in Hubley township, Schuylkill county. For many years he was one of the well known men of this section, and his success in business through honorable methods proved an incentive to others to pursue a like course. He was one of the members of the Patriotic Order Sons of America.

Mr. Carl married (first) Catherine Schwalm, who died leaving one son, Fred M., who is now a butcher in Tower City. The second wife of Mr. Carl bore the maiden name of Ellen M. Shade, and she was a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Klinger) Shade. There were no children of this marriage, but Mrs. Carl has reared four belonging to others, one of whom, Harry C. Kurtz, a son of Reuben Kurtz, has been with her since he was two years old. He is a plumber and tinsmith by trade, and is employed by Ira W. Hand at Reiner-ton, Pa. Mrs. Carl still owns the "Carl House." Like the rest of the family she is a Lutheran, and her charities in conjunction with her church, in addition to those of a private nature, are many. She is beloved by all who know her, and those whom she has reared as her own rise up to call her blessed.

WALTER G. BOWERS, M. D., Medical Superintendent at the Schuylkill County Hospital for the Insane, located within two miles from the borough of Schuylkill Haven, is a physician of wide hospital experience, particularly in the line in which he is now serving. His early training was thorough and comprehensive, a solid foundation for the practical work which he has had in such great variety in his special field, and his administration has been highly satisfactory to the citizens of Schuylkill county.

Dr. Bowers was born Sept. 23, 1879, at Parsons, Luzerne Co., Pa., and obtained his early literary education in the public schools of that vicinity, graduating from the high school at Wilkes-Barre. He then entered the Medico-Chirurgical College, at Philadelphia, Pa., where he took the full course, graduating in the year 1904. Immediately following his graduation he became an Intern at the State Hospital of the North Eastern Anthracite Coal Region, at Scranton, Pa., where he remained for one year. Then for eighteen months he was at the Philadelphia General Hospital (Blockley), Philadelphia, meantime passing the civil service examination at that city and at the close of his service in the institution named becoming first assistant at the Philadelphia Hospital for the Insane, at Philadelphia. The next three years were spent there, until he transferred to the State Hospital for the Insane at Norristown, Pa. He continued in successful work in that connection until appointed to his present position, at the Schuylkill County Hospital for the Insane, July 17, 1912. He was its first superintendent, assuming his duties when the hospital was opened, so that the entire credit for the progressive spirit which has been manifested at this institution from the beginning belongs to him. This is

verified by the report of Floyd Haviland, M. D., of Kings Park, N. Y., who in his report to The Public Charities' Association of Pennsylvania, after a survey of all the Institutions in Pennsylvania caring for the insane, said: "This, in most respects, is the best County Hospital in the State." Dr. Haviland spent six months at this work. Dr. Bowers' conscientious performance of every obligation, and many responsibilities voluntarily taken upon himself, show how deep is his interest in improving the condition of those in his care, and how earnest he is in his endeavor to be of real service to the community which has honored him with so important a trust. He has been well received among his professional co-workers in the county, being a member of the Southern Schuylkill County Medical Society, the Schuylkill County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. Fraternally he is a Mason, affiliated with Page Lodge, No. 270, F. & A. M., of Schuylkill Haven.

Dr. Bowers was married to Rae R. Pierce, of Millville, N. J., and they have two children, Leroy and Ruth.

CHARLES HERBERT MARSHALL, cashier of the Merchants' National Bank, Pottsville, Pa., is undoubtedly a self-made man, and his career is an example of what can be accomplished even in these modern days by energy, hard work and perseverance. Young men who complain of lack of opportunities for advancement should read and learn what has been done by one man who started in life without a dollar and won a position where he handles thousands of those valuable tokens of wealth.

James Henry Marshall, father of Charles H. Marshall, was born in England April 20, 1820, and came to America when a youth. He first resided in Philadelphia, being a member of the old Marshall family of that city, but remained there only a short time, coming to Jefferson county, Pa., where he bought a plat of 165 acres at Sugar Hill, near Brockwayville. He settled down to agriculture for the rest of his days. His wife, Ellen (Robinson), a native of England, died in Jefferson county Jan. 21, 1880, and is buried at Sugar Hill. Mr. Marshall died Aug. 5, 1874, and is also buried at Sugar Hill. Six children were born to their union: Martha Jane Marshall, who married William W. Dougherty; Emma Marshall, wife of John Bryan; Florence Marshall, wife of William F. Burchfield; John E. Marshall, who resides on the homestead in Jefferson county; James H. Marshall, also residing on one of the homesteads in Jefferson county; and Charles H. Marshall.

Charles Herbert Marshall was born July 27, 1866, on the old farm at Sugar Hill, Jefferson Co., Pa. He was orphaned at the age of thirteen and had but twenty-five cents when he started out to get an education and support himself during the endeavor. But he had unlimited courage, and undaunted by adversity took every odd job given him by the sympathetic but hardworking neighbors. In the summer he worked from daylight to dark at the numerous tasks of the farm, and in the winter did chores morning and evening to pay for his board, so as to attend the local public schools, from which he was graduated in 1883. As he grew older he labored in the lumber camps during several winters, in order to get money enough to continue his education. Finally he accumulated the amount necessary to pay for a course at the Clarion Normal School, Clarion, Pa., and later one in the Iron City Business College, at Pittsburgh, and defray his expenses while in attendance. Having completed the course and graduated, April 14, 1887, he immediately found a posi-



*C. H. Marshall*





tion as bookkeeper with Horton Brothers, of Brockport, Pa., with whom he remained for one year. He next returned to Brockwayville and took charge of the books in Bond & Cooper's hardware store, remaining with them until May, 1892, when he was offered the position of bookkeeper in the Brockwayville Bank. He held this position until October, 1895, when, though but twenty-nine years old, he was elected cashier. In 1900 he formed a partnership with R. L. Buzzard and W. G. McCain and bought up all the shares of the bank.

In July, 1900, Mr. Marshall promoted the First National Bank of Brockwayville, was one of the largest stockholders, and took the responsible position of cashier and director. His activities seemed to be but commenced, for in the year 1904 he assisted in the organization of the DuBois National Bank, of which he became assistant cashier. In 1907 he saw the opportunity and again assisted in the formation of a bank, this time at Pottsville. With a capital of \$125,000 and a surplus of \$25,000, the new bank was firmly established, Mr. Marshall taking the position of cashier (and also director), which he holds at the present time. The Merchants' National Bank is one of the most substantial in the State, and to the financial acumen and clear discernment of Charles H. Marshall a great part of its prosperity is due. Concerning the many industrial enterprises in which he is interested, it is unnecessary to go into detail. Suffice it to say he is always prepared to finance any industry of benefit to the community and takes a warm personal interest in building up his adopted town, industrially and socially.

On March 24, 1891, Mr. Marshall was married to Elizabeth Biddle, daughter of Nelson Biddle, of Mifflinburg, Union Co., Pa., and they have one child, Anna Marshall. Politically Mr. Marshall is a Republican. He held several borough offices while in Brockwayville, being the youngest burgess ever elected in that borough. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Pottsville, of the Pottsville Club, and of the Acorn Club of DuBois. He was formerly a member of Knapp Commandery, No. 40, Knights Templar, of Ridgway, but transferred his membership from that Commandery to Bethany Commandery, No. 83, of DuBois, of which he was a charter member. He still belongs to Elk Chapter, No. 230, and Elk Lodge, No. 379, F. & A. M., both of Ridgway, Pa., and also holds membership in ZemZem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Erie.

WILLIAM HORN, of Sheppton, has held an honored place in that town and the adjacent part of Schuylkill county for many years, his business and official duties bringing him into contact with a large proportion of his fellow citizens. He was born March 10, 1840, at Pine Grove, Schuylkill county, and the family has been here since his grandfather's time. So far as is known, his great-grandfather came from the North of Ireland.

William Horn, the grandfather, was born in the State of New Jersey, was a shoemaker by trade, and died in 1847, at the age of sixty-five years. Coming to Pennsylvania, he settled near Reading, in Berks county, was married in that county, and thence removed to Pine Grove township, Schuylkill county, where he became a well known citizen, serving that township as a justice of the peace for a number of years. He was located near the Lauberry mines, and followed shoemaking all his life. His wife, Elizabeth (Bretz), died when about sixty-five years old. Their children were: Daniel; Mary; Abraham; Joseph; John; William; Sarah, Mrs. Fisher, a widow, now residing with her

daughter at No. 2 Patch, in Bear Valley, near Shamokin, Northumberland Co., Pa.; Jerusha, who married John Elder (he is deceased); and Eliza. At this writing (1915) Mrs. Sarah Fisher is the only survivor of the family. Mr. and Mrs. William Horn are buried in Pine Grove township, this county. He was a Democrat in political opinion.

Daniel Horn, son of William and Elizabeth (Bretz) Horn, was born March 16, 1815, near Reading, and lived to the age of ninety-three years, eleven months, twenty-three days, passing away March 7, 1909. The neighborhood at that time offered no educational advantages, and he began work early. He lived in Berks county until twenty-one years of age, and was there employed in chopping wood for the charcoal furnaces. Coming to Pine Grove township, Schuylkill county, he found work as a miner at the Lauberry mines for a short time, later buying a team and hauling coal on the Mine Hill road, from Llewellyn to the canal dock at Schuylkill Haven. This was before the locomotive came into use on that road. He entered into a contract with the Hibners Coal Company to furnish mine timber, and was so occupied two years, then removing to Tamaqua, this county, where he worked a little while on the Little Schuylkill railroad. Later he took a contract to furnish cordwood for their wood-burning locomotives which he kept for five years, in 1863 moving to Mahanoy City, where he obtained the position of chute boss at the Hill & Harris colliery, remaining there for the next seventeen years. At the end of that period he retired and for a time lived at Shenandoah, moved thence to East Union township, and a short time before his death took up his residence with his daughter Laura, Mrs. Charles Schreaves, in Shenandoah, at whose home he died. Mr. Horn married Susanna Feger, who was born Dec. 27, 1813, near Reading, Pa., and survived him a few months, dying June 17, 1909. They are buried in the Evangelical Church cemetery near Ringtown. He was a member of that denomination. In politics Mr. Horn was originally a Democrat, but after his son William returned from his service with the Union army he turned Republican. A large family was born to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Horn: Sarah E. (deceased), was the wife of David Faust, of Camden, N. J., a fire insurance broker; William is mentioned below; Henry, Clara and Franklin died young; Daniel A. was accidentally killed at Atlanta, Ga., in 1887 (he married Mary Brannigan, and left four children); Maria married Daniel D. Kirby, publisher of the *Salem Herald*, of Salem, Ohio, and they have two children; Matilda married Alton O. Crobaugh, and they have one child (he is watchman at the Knickerbocker colliery, Shenandoah); Joseph died young; Laura married Charles Schreaves, of Shenandoah, a watchman.

Jacob Feger, father of Mrs. Susanna (Feger) Horn, was a native of Berks county, Pa., where he lived until after his marriage. He owned and operated a paper mill there, and moved thence to Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill county. During one governor's term he was doorkeeper of the House of Representatives at Harrisburg. This was during the middle fifties. Later he was elected prothonotary of Schuylkill county, in which office he served one term. Politically he was a Democrat, in religion a member of the Evangelical Church. He and his wife, Elizabeth (Yergy), both died at the age of seventy-four years, and they are buried at Spring Garden, Schuylkill Haven. They had children as follows: William; Joseph, who married a Miss Mills; Franklin, who married Sarah Johnson; Susanna, who married Daniel Horn; Matilda, who married Cornelius Hoffman; Priscilla, who married George K. Reed;

Eliza, who married Morgan Saylor; Amanda, who married Emmanuel Pflueger; and Abigail, who married William Spangler.

William Horn was reared at Tamaqua and Llewellyn, where he attended public school until he reached the age of twelve years. He has made his own way in the world since. His first employment was as water boy for a gang of trackmen building the Philadelphia & Reading road, the part then known as the Little Schuylkill. As he became able to assume more responsibility he was given work as a trackman, working as such until he reached his twenty-first year. At that time came the first call for volunteers to defend the Union, and Mr. Horn was a member of the local organization known as the Scott Rifles, formed at Tamaqua, and mustered into the United States service as Company C, 10th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Their service was for ninety days, at the end of which term he reenlisted, joining Company H, 96th Pennsylvania Infantry, after a three weeks' furlough. The company was first under the command of Capt. Henry Hipple, and after his resignation under Henry Royer. The regiment left Pottsville Nov. 8, 1861, proceeded by way of Gordon Plane 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. Col. Henry L. Calk, commanding the regiment, named the new location Camp Northumberland, in honor of his home county. Up to this time the command had been engaged principally in picket duty. Shortly afterwards the regiment was sent by boat to Fortress Monroe, and after the evacuation of Yorktown went up the York river to West Point, where it had a slight skirmish with the Confederate rear guard. From West Point it went on to White House Landing, thence to Mechanicsville, where it was in camp for a short time, moving across the Chickahominy river to Savage Station. It 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 6th Corps, to which the 96th had been assigned, was moved to help intercept the Confederate movement into Maryland. On Sept. 14th was fought the battle of South Mountain. Mr. Horn's company took part in the gallant charge up the slope, with the final result of a decisive Federal victory, going into the charge with forty-eight men, of which twenty-four were killed or wounded. He received a gunshot wound in the breast, so severe that the army surgeons did not expect him to live, and he spent three months in hospital at Burketsville and Frederick, Md. When discharged from the hospital he was so weakened by his injuries as to be incapacitated for further service, and he returned to Tamaqua.

For a time Mr. Horn tried railroad work, but found he was in no condition to stand it. Then he went to Mahanoy City and took a position at hoisting, on a coal plane, remaining there seven years. In 1871 he went out to Missouri, where he expected to do farm work, but it was too much for his strength, and after fourteen months in that section he returned to Mahanoy City, where he found employment issuing supplies to miners, shipping coal, at the Mahanoy City colliery. The superintendent of this colliery later asked him to take the position of foreman at the Elmwood colliery, Mahanoy City, where he continued for five years, being afterwards sent to the Indian Ridge colliery, where he was outside foreman for five years. Meantime he had

bought a farm of 103 acres in East Union township, and his father-in-law, Aaron Van Horn, operated the place for five years, Mr. Horn having stocked it after it came into his possession. When he resigned his position at the Indian Ridge colliery he moved to the farm, and lived there for three years, though he had nothing to do with its cultivation. He still owns eighty-five acres of the place (having given the rest to his daughter), and has fifty acres of his property cleared, the farm being now rented and operated by John Kahley.

Mr. Horn has been quite closely connected with the administration of local affairs. In 1887 he was elected justice of the peace, for East Union township, and accordingly opened an office at Sheppton, to which town he subsequently removed. By repeated reelections he continued to fill the office for a quarter of a century, closing his duties in January, 1913. He is still acting as a notary public, deputy coroner (which office he has held twelve years) and register of births and deaths, and has also been school director, supervisor and judge of election. In politics he has always been associated with the Republican party. For a number of years he has carried on business as an insurance broker and real estate dealer, collects rents, and is agent for the local sewer.

Mr. Horn has always kept in touch with social and church enterprises. He is a member of Watkin Waters Post, No. 146, G. A. R., of Shenandoah, and has been guard of that post; formerly he held membership in General Grant Lodge, No. 575, I. O. O. F., of Mahanoy City. He is a zealous member of the Evangelical denomination, now connected with the church at Shenandoah, and has served as exhorter and class leader at both Shenandoah and Mahanoy City.

In 1863 Mr. Horn was married, at Tamaqua, to Rebecca Margaret Van Horn, who was born March 8, 1842, in Salem township, Luzerne Co., Pa., and shortly afterwards they moved to Mahanoy City. They have had four children: Ella, born June 14, 1864, died Jan. 30, 1910; she was the wife of H. F. Faust, of Camden, N. J., an employe of the Victor Talking Machine Company, and the mother of one child, Roy Brenton, born in 1892, who married Sallie Kunkel and has one child, Earl; they live at Camden. William F., born April 14, 1868, is outside foreman at the Oneida colliery in East Union township, Schuylkill county; he married Sarah Alvaretta Rich, who died Jan. 31, 1908, the mother of these children: Duane, Auber, Retta, Grace, Bessie, Florence, and one that died unnamed. Bessie Van Horn, born July 25, 1873, is the wife of Benjamin F. Van Horn, a carpenter in East Union township; they have had children, Guy (deceased), Sylvester (deceased), Leslie, Margaret and Althea. Rev. Leo D., born Jan. 1, 1882, is a Reformed clergyman now stationed at McConnellstown, Huntingdon Co., Pa.; he married Pearl Kahley, and their children are Vernon M., Daisy May and Merl.

Mrs. Rebecca Margaret (Van Horn) Horn was educated at Tamaqua, to which place her parents removed in 1846. She is a member of the Evangelical Church, her last association being with the organization at Shenandoah, where she still retains membership. Mrs. Horn is a daughter of Aaron Van Horn and a granddaughter of Nicholas Van Horn, who was born near New York City and was of Holland-Dutch stock. By trade he was a cooper. Coming to Northampton county, Pa., he followed his trade for a time, later bought a farm in Salem township, Luzerne county, and moving to that property spent the remainder of his life there, engaged in farming. At one time he owned

considerable land now included in the site of New York City. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Shobert, are buried in Salem township, Luzerne county. He was a Democrat politically, and a Presbyterian in religious faith. His children were: George, who married Phoebe Titus; Aaron; John, who did not marry; Mary, Mrs. Isaac Titus; Anne, Mrs. William Thomas; Elizabeth, Mrs. George Hughes; and Catherine, who died unmarried.

Aaron Van Horn, Mrs. Horn's father, was born in April, 1820, at Pocono Mountain, Northampton Co., Pa., and died in June, 1893, on a farm in East Union township, Schuylkill county. He learned coopering with his father, and later followed the carpenter's trade. Moving to Salem township, Luzerne county, he operated his father's farm, the property coming to him at the latter's death, and thence moved to Tamaqua. For a time he was engaged as a carpenter by the Little Schuylkill Railway Company. Then he went out to Missouri, where he rented a farm seven miles from Chillicothe, remaining there nine years, and on his return to Schuylkill county he was a carpenter at the Mahanoy City collieries for a while. But he was anxious to get on a farm again, so his son-in-law, William Horn, bought the place in East Union township previously mentioned, and Mr. Van Horn moved thereon, operating the tract for five years. It was there he died. He married Elizabeth Titus, who was born in January, 1826, in Nescopeck township, Luzerne county, and died March 12, 1854, the mother of six children: Rebecca Margaret, Mrs. William Horn; Phoebe Ann, who died young; Daniel, unmarried, who lives in East Union township; George W., who died in infancy; Nicholas James, who died in infancy; and Mary C., Mrs. Morris Marsh, living in Connecticut. Mrs. Van Horn was buried in the Methodist cemetery at Tamaqua, and Mr. Van Horn in the Union graveyard at Brandonville, in East Union township. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and a Republican in his political views.

Samuel Titus, father of Mrs. Elizabeth (Titus) Van Horn, was born in Nescopeck township, Luzerne county, and was of Scotch-Irish descent. He was engaged as a fisherman on the Susquehanna in the days when salmon were plentiful there, and was drowned in that river. He is buried in Nescopeck township. Mr. Titus belonged to the Presbyterian Church. His children were: Isaac, Daniel, George and Albert (who went out west when young), Elizabeth (Mrs. Van Horn), Phoebe (who married George Van Horn) and Mary (Mrs. Hiram Murray).

LEVI MILLER, deceased, who was for many years identified with the business and financial interests of Schuylkill county, was born at Pine Grove, this county, in January, 1853, son of Levi and Mary (Ruth) Miller.

Levi Miller, the father, was for a long period engaged in business operations in Schuylkill county and was a prominent, wealthy and influential citizen. He died in August, 1887, his wife about two years before. Their children were: Daniel R., who died in 1902; George, who died in 1877; Catherine, also deceased; and Levi.

After attending the local schools of Pine Grove Levi Miller entered Mercersburg College and was duly graduated therefrom, and subsequently with his father and brother Daniel R. was engaged in coal mining, in the operation of the Lincoln and New Lincoln collieries. Their offices were in the brick mansion opposite the "Filbert House," now owned by Justice Gregory Achenbach, where the Miller Estate continued to maintain offices for some time. The

firm operating under the name of Miller, Filbert & Company also conducted a large business, and was located in the building afterwards occupied by the concern of Christ & Rehner. Mr. Miller was identified with and a director of the Pennsylvania Trust Company, of Reading, and the Pennsylvania National Bank, of Pottsville, for many years, but had resigned from the latter the year before his death. Politically he was a Republican, and fraternally was connected with Lodge No. 49, F. & A. M., being also a thirty-second-degree Mason; he was a member of Camp No. 49, Patriotic Order Sons of America. He served on the school board and assisted the community in every possible way, and was prominently connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he and the other members of his family have always been liberal supporters.

Mr. Miller had a large relationship, his family connections reaching to distant points in this and other States, and his sudden death, July 31, 1910, was a shock not only to his immediate relations and to the community, but to a wide circle of friends. Mr. Miller was laid to rest in the New Lutheran Cemetery.

In 1874 Mr. Miller was united in marriage with Emma Eaton, of Landisburg, Pa., who survives him. Two children were born to this union: Ralph E.; and Mary Ruth, who died in March, 1906.

Dr. Ralph E. Miller began his education in the public schools of Pine Grove, and after graduation from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania served as an interne at the Wilkes-Barre hospital. In July, 1905, he took up his residence at Bloomsburg, Pa., where he has since been in the enjoyment of a large and representative professional business. Dr. Miller married Janette Nigton, of Pine Grove, and they are the parents of two children: Ralph E., Jr., and Mary Ruth.

ALVIN KISTLER, owner of a large tract of land in West Penn township, and one of the progressive young farmers of that section, has many of the characteristics which have come to be associated with the name he bears. The Kistlers in this part of Schuylkill county are a branch of an old Berks county family founded in this country by Johannes or John George Kistler, and are people of high character and the sterling qualities pertaining to good citizenship and helpful lives.

On the records of the Jerusalem Church in Albany township, Berks county, known in the eighteenth century as the Allemangel Church, there are recorded the baptisms of hundreds of the Kistler children, while in the cemetery under the shadow of the church are many graves marked with the same name. Near the center of the oldest part of the cemetery lies a slate stone (which is now being replaced by the descendants with a marble slab) bearing the inscription "I. G. K. 1767." This is supposed to be the stone that marked the burial place of the progenitor of the American Kistlers, who was legally known as Johannes, but was called Joerg or George by Pastor Schumacher in his record and Hanjoerg or John George by his neighbors.

Johannes Kistler was a native of the Palatinate, in Germany. On Oct. 5, 1737, he came in the ship "Townshend" from Amsterdam to Philadelphia, and soon after to Falkner Swamp, or Goshenhoppen, in what is now Montgomery county, Pa. It is supposed he was accompanied by his wife, Anna Dorothea, and his oldest children. In 1747 he took out a warrant for land and moved to Albany township, Berks county, then wild and barren, where he



made his permanent home. The vicinity was named "Allemangel" or "All Wants." Johannes Kistler was taxed in 1756 in Albany township, and was naturalized in 1761, on Sept. 10th of which year he and his neighbor, Michael Brobst, appeared before the Supreme court at Philadelphia, and there received the papers which made them citizens of Pennsylvania. He was a Lutheran, and served for a number of years as elder of the Allemangel Church, where his children were baptized and confirmed. His children were: (1) Jacob left seven children, Philip, Jacob, Michael, Solomon, Daniel, Catharine and Magdalene. Samuel Kistler Brobst, a teacher of James A. Garfield, was a grandson of Philip; and so was Michael Kistler, the tanner, whose son Stephen was at one time the most extensive tanner in eastern Pennsylvania. (2) John remained on the homestead after his father's death. The name John runs through at least five generations and the trade of blacksmith follows it. John's children were: John William, born May 29, 1757; and Abraham, born Dec. 20, 1761, who is the ancestor of the Perry county Kistlers, for whom Kistler post office was named. A descendant, Rev. Dr. John Kistler, has for many years been professor at the oldest Lutheran Theological Seminary in America, located at Hartwick, N. J. (3) George remained in Berks county. In 1779 he was the owner of 248 acres of land and a gristmill. In 1778 he was elected elder of the Allemangel Church, and as he was referred to as George Kistler, Sr., he doubtless had a son George. The archives of Pennsylvania show that a George Kistler served in the Continental army during the war of the Revolution. (4) Philip, born Oct. 19, 1745, is next in the line we are tracing. (5) Michael moved to Ohio, and is the ancestor of the large Kistler settlements in Indiana. His family consisted of John, Michael, Joseph, Nathan, Monroe, Salome and Judith. (6) Samuel, the youngest son of his father, married Elizabeth Ladich and Catharine Brobst, and had three children by his first marriage and twelve by the second. (7) Barbara married (first) a Brobst and (second) Michael Mosser, of Lowhill. (8) Dorothea married Michael Reinhart. (9) Elizabeth married a Mr. Keller, near Hamburg, Pennsylvania.

Philip Kistler, son of George, above, was born Oct. 19, 1745, and died Aug. 28, 1800. He had nine children: Jacob, John, Ferdinand, Philip, Jonathan, Barbara, Maria, Catherine and Elizabeth. Of these, Jacob was a lieutenant in the war of 1812.

Jonathan Kistler, son of Philip, was born Nov. 10, 1799, in Berks county, and was raised on the place where his grandson Charles S. Kistler now lives. He was reared by Jacob Wehr, worked among farmers while young, and after he married started out for himself. In 1829 he built the gristmill which still stands and is known as the Kistler mill. He also became the owner of about two hundred acres of land, a great deal of which he cleared and cultivated, following milling and farming on this place until his death, which occurred when he was about seventy-nine years of age. His wife, Sarah (Shellhammer), born Aug. 4, 1800, daughter of Simon and Catherine (Long) Shellhammer, died aged eighty-one years. They were the parents of children as follows: Polly married Michael Houser; Rebecca married Jacob Wertman; Hannah married Joseph Shaeffer; Daniel married Rebecca Sechler; David, who resides in West Penn township, married Mary Hagenbuch, now deceased; John is mentioned below; William, who was a school teacher, never married; Nathan never married; Jonathan K. married Lydia Shellhammer; Elizabeth married Timothy Zehner. The father retired some years before his death. He took an active part in politics as a member of the Democratic

party, and was a justice of the peace for forty-four years, and a leader in Zion's Lutheran Church, in West Penn township, serving as elder, deacon and trustee. He and his wife are buried at that church.

John Kistler, son of Jonathan, was born March 24, 1832, in West Penn township, and was educated there. He assisted with the work on his father's farm while young, and later bought the farm of about seventy-five acres where Ambrose Lechleitner now resides. He operated that farm for a number of years, sold it, and bought the farm of ninety acres which is now owned by his son, Albert S. Of this farm, about eighty acres are cleared. Mr. Kistler carried on general farming, and for many years also followed the stonemason's trade, which he learned when he was a young man. He attended market at Tamaqua. Mr. Kistler was an active man up to the time of his death, which occurred Nov. 23, 1909. He is buried in the cemetery of Zion's Lutheran Church in West Penn township, of which church he was a devout member and faithful official, serving as elder and deacon. He held the township office of school director, and was a Democrat in politics.

Mr. Kistler's first wife, Caroline (Hagenbuch), was born March 4, 1836, daughter of Amos and Sarah (Bailey) Hagenbuch, and died Jan. 19, 1856, the mother of one child, Jonathan, born July 6, 1855. He is married to Alvina Mantz, and they reside at Allentown, Pa. Mrs. Kistler is buried at Zion's Church in West Penn township. For his second wife Mr. Kistler married Cordelia Hagenbuch, who was born March 10, 1839, a sister of his first wife, and a large family came to this union: William, born July 15, 1858, married Ella Meyerhoff, and their children are Rosie, Bert and Raymond; Mary, born Nov. 18, 1859, died Feb. 22, 1860; Sarah, born Dec. 27, 1860, married Uriah Reber, of Neffs (P. O.), Lehigh Co., Pa., and has children, William, Charles, Ralph, Jennie, Francis and Harvey; Amanda, born June 1, 1863, died Feb. 4, 1884, the wife of Mahlon Lutz and mother of one child, Laura, who is deceased; Alice was born April 28, 1865; Ida, born March 26, 1868, married William Brobst, of Owl Creek, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and has had three children, Charles, Mabel (deceased) and Alice; Oliver was born Jan. 4, 1870; Franklin, born Dec. 8, 1871, died aged forty years; Amandus, born Aug. 18, 1873, lives in Missouri; Rosa, born Jan. 9, 1876, is married to John Nester, of Tamaqua, and has had two children, Mary (deceased) and Herbert; one son died in infancy; Albert S. is a farmer in West Penn township; Alvin is mentioned below. The mother of this family is now living at the home of David K. Kistler, in West Penn township.

Alvin Kistler was born May 11, 1881, in West Penn township, and educated in the public schools there. Until twenty-seven years of age he worked for his father on the home farm, this being the place his brother Albert now owns, in West Penn township. When he left the home farm he bought the tract where he now lives, from Isaac Gerber, having originally 224 acres, thirty-eight of which he sold to the Lehigh & New England Railroad Company. Of the remainder, 186 acres, there are about one hundred acres under cultivation, devoted to general farming and trucking. Mr. Kistler markets his produce to Tamaqua, making regular trips there, both winter and summer. His affairs have prospered under strict attention, but he also finds time for matters of general interest, takes an active part in the workings of the Democratic party, and has served as election inspector. He is a member of Washington Camp No. 615, P. O. S. of A., at Andreas, Pa., and of Zion's Lutheran Church in West Penn township.



Mr. Kistler is married to Sadie Agnes Gerber, who was born Sept. 3, 1879, in West Penn township, a daughter of Phaon and Harriet (Romig) Gerber, and they are the parents of five children, born as follows: Percy Albert, Aug. 8, 1903; Edward Leroy, Jan. 15, 1906; Myrtle Harriet, July 4, 1908; John William, Oct. 24, 1910; Frank Francis, Feb. 28, 1913. The children old enough are attending school in the township. Mrs. Kistler was educated in West Penn township and lived at home until her marriage. She is a member of Zion's Reformed Church, in West Penn township, of which Rev. H. D. Houtz is pastor, and attends the Sunday school of that organization.

The Gerbers are a very old and much respected family in West Penn township. Reuben Gerber, great-grandfather of Mrs. Kistler, was born on a small tract which is now the property of Alvin Kistler, and followed farming. His wife's maiden name was Houser, and they had the following children: Isaac, David, Edwin, John (deceased), Caroline (Mrs. Kistler) and Ellavina (widow of Jacob Dietrich, living at Tamaqua). The father was a Democrat in politics. His religious connection was with Zion's Reformed Church, and both parents are buried at that church.

Edwin Gerber, the grandfather of Mrs. Alvin Kistler, was born in 1822, and died March 13, 1898. He was a native of West Penn township, where he lived and died, and followed farming all his life, cultivating the place now owned by his son Frank. He married Sarah Moyer, who was born Dec. 31, 1834, a daughter of John and Salome (Baer) Moyer, and survives him, living with her son Franklin in West Penn township. They had three children: Franklin married Angeline Eckert; Phaon was the father of Mrs. Kistler; Amandus died young. Mr. Gerber is buried in the cemetery of Zion's Church in West Penn township, of which he was a Reformed member. Politically he was a Democrat.

Phaon Gerber, Mrs. Kistler's father, was born in West Penn township Aug. 2, 1855, and died Sept. 24, 1908. He was educated in his native township, and worked for his father until twenty-one years old, after which he was employed one year on a farm in Packer township, Carbon county. He married and returned to West Penn township, and then bought a farm of forty-eight acres from his father, remaining on it the rest of his life. Besides farming he did wood chopping, and marketed his produce to Tamaqua. On Jan. 17, 1879, he was married at Weatherly, Carbon Co., Pa., by Rev. M. H. Mishler, to Harriet Romig, a native of Quakake, Carbon county, daughter of John and Rosanna (Faust) Romig, and six children were born to this union: Sadie Agnes, wife of Alvin Kistler; Eva Rosanna, born Sept. 24, 1882, married to Claude Steigerwalt; Oscar Frank, born April 20, 1884, who married Jennie Knapp; Mahlon John, born Nov. 4, 1889, married to Katie Clause; Elmer Edward, twin of Mahlon, married to Lena Behler; and Stella Adefine, born July 26, 1896, living at home. The mother is still residing on the home farm. Mr. Gerber was a Democrat in political faith. Socially he belonged to the Order of Independent Americans, being a member of Pocahontas Council, No. 406, at Chain, Pa., and he was an active member of the Reformed congregation of Zion's Church in West Penn township, which he served faithfully as elder. He is buried at that church.

Benjamin Romig, grandfather of Mrs. Phaon Gerber, was a farmer, and one of the original settlers at Weatherly, Carbon county. At one time he was the owner of every foot of land on which the borough of Weatherly now stands. His children were: Nathan; John; Sarah, who married Daniel

Faust (he is deceased); Judith, who was the wife of the late John Lomison; Susan, who was the wife of the late Edwin Young; Mary, who died unmarried; and Matilda, Mrs. Solomon Gerhard. Mrs. Gerhard is now the only survivor of the family. Benjamin Romig was a Democrat and a member of the Reformed Church. He is buried at Quakake.

John Romig, son of Benjamin, was born in February, 1824, passed all his life in Packer township, Carbon county, and lived retired for about thirty years before his death. He built a house on the ground now occupied by the Warner store at Weatherly and a sawmill where the borough building now stands. He was a successful farmer, a public-spirited citizen, and a staunch supporter of the common schools, a kind-hearted neighbor, a good father, and a faithful member of the Reformed Church at Quakake, in whose work he was always active. He served as elder, deacon and trustee of his church, and was a popular township official, holding all the local offices. Politically he was a Democrat. He married Rosanna Faust, daughter of John Faust, and they are buried at Quakake. They had children as follows: Emma married Henry Englehart; Harriet married Phaon Gerber; Frank married Ella Flickinger and they made their home at Williamsport, Pa.; Alfred married Emma Heller, and settled at Freeland, Pa.; Sophia married J. J. Gerhard; Adeline married Lewis Bender, of Scranton, Pa.; Elizabeth married George Ulshaefer, of Weatherly, Pa.; Abigail married Edward Kester, of Allentown, Pa.; Matilda married Levi Englehart, of Weatherly; Rosanna married Charles Gray, of Weatherly; John is next in the family; Mary married Henry Hagenbuch, of Nazareth, Pennsylvania.

GOTTLIEB E. SCHREPPLE is one of the progressive business men of Ashland, where he has built up a modern laundry plant, which gives employment to several people.

The Schrepples are of German extraction, Nicholas Schrepple, grandfather of Gottlieb E. Schrepple, coming to America at an early age, and settling on a farm near Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he carried on agricultural pursuits until his death. His son, Frederick Schrepple, was born in Germany, came with his parents to America, and like his father followed farming until he died, March 14, 1906. He married Loretta Buchpies, like himself a native of Germany, daughter of Elias Buchpies, who came to America many years ago and settled on land near Ashland, which he took up. He cleared this property and farmed there until his death. Mrs. Loretta Schrepple died in 1874. Of her two children, the daughter is now deceased.

Gottlieb E. Schrepple, son of Frederick and Loretta Schrepple, was born Oct. 8, 1870, on a farm near Ashland, and received his education in the public schools of that neighborhood. When old enough he began work on the home farm, continuing to live there until his thirtieth year, in January, 1900, moving to Ashland, where he has since been in business. Upon his removal here he bought the laundry business of Mr. Bright, which he carried on for about one year, then buying his present business. Under his management it has enlarged steadily, and as his capital has increased Mr. Schrepple has improved his facilities for carrying on the large trade he has established, his plant being now equipped with highly improved machinery and being conducted along modern lines. It is known as the Ashland Steam Laundry. The modern system in use enables the force employed to accomplish the large amount of work with dispatch, and Mr. Schrepple has shown himself competent to take

care of his growing trade and to provide for it as its demands arise. He has his business in a two-story house, in which is also the flat where he makes his home. His business is recognized as a distinct convenience to the town, and under Mr. Schreppe's efficient management is one of its creditable industrial plants.

On June 24, 1901, Mr. Schreppe married Mary E. Kimmel, of Pottsville, Schuylkill county, who was born at Ashland, daughter of Charles and Susan A. Kimmel, early settlers of Ashland, of German extraction. Mr. Kimmel died April 22, 1894, and is survived by his wife. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schreppe: Mildred A. and Arthur Louis. Mr. Schreppe and his wife are members of the German Lutheran Church.

CHRISTIAN NEIDLINGER, a farmer of Porter township, Schuylkill county, was born at Tower City, Schuylkill Co., Pa., Dec. 7, 1843, son of Jonathan and Anna Maria (Romberger) Neidlinger, and a grandson of Peter Neidlinger.

Peter Neidlinger was born in 1777, in Germany, and when a young man emigrated to America and settled as a pioneer in the Mahantongo Valley of Pennsylvania. For many years he carried on farming in Dauphin county, but in later life went to Fort Wayne, Ind., where his death occurred July 9, 1857. His wife, Catherine, was born in 1779, and died at the age of eighty-three years, in Dauphin county, Pa. They were the parents of the following children: George, who died in the West; Jacob, who also passed away there; Jonathan, the father of Christian; Polly; Elizabeth; Leah; Lydia; Nathan; Judd; David, and Sallie.

Jonathan Neidlinger was born May 6, 1805, in Mahantongo, Pa., and there was reared to manhood. He early adopted farming as his life work, and for some time cultivated a property in Rush township, Dauphin county, but later disposed of this and bought a farm at Orwin, Porter township, Schuylkill county, on which he spent the remaining years of his life, passing away Sept. 11, 1891, aged eighty-six years, four months, five days. Mr. Neidlinger was one of the good farmers and substantial men of Orwin, and in his death his community lost one of its most stable and highly respected citizens. He married Anna Maria Romberger, who was born Nov. 5, 1805, and who died Jan. 4, 1877, aged seventy-one years, nine months, twenty-nine days. Both are buried in the Orwin cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Neidlinger were the parents of the following children besides Christian: Elizabeth, who married John Maus; Amanda, who married Henry Eichenlaub; Henry, who died at Orwin; Matilda, who married William Shaale; John, living at Williamstown, Dauphin Co., Pa.; Jonathan, who died young; Lucy, who is the wife of Thomas Fegley; and Eva, whose death occurred in young womanhood.

Christian Neidlinger was reared on his father's farm and remained at home until he was twenty-six years of age. At that time he was married and removed to Orwin, where he was employed at the East and West Brookside collieries, making his home at Orwin for a period of six years. He then took up his residence in Rush township, Dauphin county, where he also resided for six years, following which for two years his home was at Tower City. Returning at that time to Rush township, he worked five years for his father, and after the elder man's death bought the family homestead, which he cultivated for fifteen years with a satisfying degree of success. In 1911 he disposed of his interests there and purchased a small tract of land near Greenwood

cemetery, in Porter township, Schuylkill county, where he is now making his home. He has a well improved property with good buildings and modern equipment and is known as a progressive and industrious farmer.

On July 26, 1870, Mr. Neidlinger was married to Mary Shadle, daughter of John and Hannah (Hain) Shadle, and to this union there have been born the following children: John Henry, who in addition to carrying on agricultural pursuits in Porter township is employed as a hoisting engineer at the West Brookside colliery; Charles William, of Beaver Falls, Pa., who is a conductor for the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad Company; George Daniel, an electrician by vocation, living at Emporium, Pa.; Edward N., of Harrisburg, Pa., a brakeman in the Reading railroad yards; Harry Jonathan, who resides with his parents and is water boss at the East Brookside colliery; Reuben C., residing at Tower City, who is hoisting engineer at the West Brookside colliery; Emery C., of Reading, employed in the freight department of the Reading Company; Milton H., who is employed as a fireman by the Reading Railway Company at Harrisburg; Elvin Raymond, who is a pipe fitter at Emporium, Pa.; Robert N., a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, Pa., class of 1915, and now a popular teacher in the public schools of Porter township; and Arthur H., who is employed as a pipe fitter at Emporium. Mr. and Mrs. Neidlinger, in addition to rearing their eleven sons to lives of usefulness, have adopted a daughter, Lydia Bechtel, daughter of John and Estelle (Kone) Bechtel. She was seven years old when she entered their home and is now thirteen, a bright and promising student in the public schools.

Mr. Neidlinger has always been a friend of education, and has served on the school board of Porter township for a number of years, while his other public service has taken the form of faithful discharge of the duties of the offices of township assessor, supervisor and treasurer. He is steward of the United Brethren Church, has been active also in the Greenwood Sunday school, and at this time is its treasurer. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Tower City.

JOHN G. KOPP, SR., of Tower City, is now living retired after a long and industrious career, most of which was spent in a responsible capacity with the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company.

Mr. Kopp was born July 9, 1841, at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of John Kopp, a native of Prussia, Germany, who came to this country in young manhood and settled at Pottsville. He began as a day worker at the mines, and after two years was made a foreman at Reed's colliery, near Pottsville. Later he moved to Tremont, this county, where he was also a mine boss, and there he died when forty-eight years old. He was one of the pioneer miners in this region. Mr. Kopp married Catherine Biltz, a native of Germany, who came to America when eleven years old, and died at the age of forty-four years. Mr. and Mrs. Kopp are buried at Tremont. They were the parents of six children: Caroline, wife of William Heckler; John G.; Lewis, who lives at Sharadin, this county; Augustus, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased; and Kate, who is married to Peter Krebs and lives in California.

John G. Kopp, Sr., was but eight years old when he commenced to work in the coal breaker as a slate picker. Later he worked with his father as a laborer, and by the time he was fourteen he was a skilled miner. This was at the Major White's colliery, Swatara, near New Town, Pa. From there he

went to the Middle Creek colliery, under Theodore Garrison, and worked as a miner with his brother Lewis, for several years, and from this place he went to work at Colket colliery, Donaldson, Pa. He worked a while there and then changed to the Lower Rausch Creek colliery, where he remained several years, from there going to the East Franklin colliery, operated under Harry Heil, and later by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company. He worked there about eight years, when he was taken to the West Brookside colliery, Tower City, to become an under boss, under William Elliott, inside foreman, and a little later he became inside foreman in Mr. Elliott's place. The colliery was operated by the P. & R. C. & I. Co., and General Pleasants was general manager. He held the position of Inside Foreman for thirty-seven years at the aforesaid colliery, retiring therefrom in 1912. Mr. Kopp's honorable life won him the esteem of all with whom he came in contact, the men in his charge as well as his superiors, and he has many friends among his old-time associates. Fraternally he is one of the best known men in his part of Schuylkill county. He is one of the oldest members of Lodge No. 267, F. & A. M., of Tremont; has been a member of Tremont Lodge, No. 245, I. O. O. F., since Feb. 23, 1866, and is a past officer of that body; belongs to the Odd Fellows Encampment, in which he has passed all the chairs; to the Knights of Pythias lodge at Muir, Pa.; and to the P. O. S. of A. camp at Tower City, as well as the commandery of that order.

Mr. Kopp married Elizabeth Hatter, of the Mahantongo Valley, and they have had a large family: William Jerome died when two years old; Della is the wife of George W. Hatch; John G., Jr., Harry L., Robert E. and Chab-bat L., all live at Tower City; Bessie is married to Edw. Rank, D. D. S.; Blanch is the wife of Peter Klinger; Flossie is at home; five other children died young. The family are Lutherans in religious connection.

REV. DENNIS J. MELLEY, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church at Tremont, has been stationed in Schuylkill county the greater part of the time since his ordination, and his present charge is one of the most important in this region. Established in 1853, it has prospered steadily in the sixty and more years of its existence, and is now ministering to the religious needs of a large number of the faith in and around Tremont. The original church, built in 1853, was sufficient for the requirements of the congregation until 1885, when it was materially enlarged, the capacity being almost doubled. The interior was then completely remodeled and handsomely decorated, the walls and ceiling being handsomely frescoed. The paintings in the sanctuary, and on the walls and ceiling, are of exceptional merit. At the time the church was rebuilt ten memorial windows were donated by various members, and the old altar was replaced by a beautiful one of Italian marble, said to be one of the finest productions of the famous maker, Stewart, of Philadelphia. On it are inscribed the names of those who contributed towards it, about one hundred and thirty. The church property has been undergoing constant improvement. The old parsonage was replaced by a beautiful new priest's home during the pastorate of Father McDevitt, under whose energetic administration the church had been remodeled and enlarged. The fine grove adjoining the parsonage was leased and laid out in drives and walks, providing a delightful surrounding for the residence, which has been improved and added to from time to time. The grove is still leased.

For the first two years of its existence St. Mary's was under the charge of

Rev. Sylvester Eagle, and the membership when he came was about one hundred. It increased considerably during his pastorate. In 1855 Rev. William McLaughlin was sent to Tremont and here ended his days in successful administration, remaining until his death in the early part of 1867. He became very popular, not only with his parishioners but among the townspeople generally. His successor, Father Marran, was here until 1869, in May of which year Rev. John Cox took charge. At the beginning of 1872 he left and for the next two years Rev. Thomas Toner was pastor, Father Cox returning at the end of that time and continuing his services until 1876. In May, 1876, Rev. Francis X. George was installed in the parish and remained until December, 1878, when Rev. P. W. Brennan arrived. The next priest was Rev. John J. McDevitt, who had a long pastorate, beginning in November, 1880, and extending until 1900. He was a zealous worker, and not only did notable work for the church but also exerted great influence in the affairs of the borough. He had the breadth of view which enabled him to see the importance of desirable living conditions in the community and directed much of his labor towards that end, making a record for public spirit and foresight which won him the name of being one of the most useful citizens of the town. He offered to bear a large share of the cost of laying out a small public park in the borough. As previously mentioned, the church was remodeled during his pastorate, the membership having shown a great increase during his control, reaching 1,500 to 2,000. The duties became so heavy that the Archbishop appointed an assistant, Rev. John Carey, who came in June, 1891, to lighten them somewhat, and besides looking after the congregation of St. Mary's they held services at Blackwood. There is now a separate church at Blackwood, which is a mission of Branchdale. In 1885 Father McDevitt had commenced holding services at Tower City, now also a separate parish, and as a result a congregation was gathered there which in a few years built a handsome church.

Rev. John J. McDevitt resigned on account of ill health in 1900, and died in St. Agnes' hospital, Philadelphia, in 1901. He was succeeded by Rev. Francis Ward, of Tower City. During Father Ward's pastorate of ten years he remodeled and decorated the interior of the church, built an addition to the rectory, and built a handsome mission church at Keffer's, on the Broad mountain (supplied by the priest of Tremont), in which the people of the neighboring mining villages worship. His assistants at various times were Rev. John Burk, now of Philadelphia, Rev. Bernard McKenna, now secretary to Bishop Shahan of the Catholic University of America at Washington, D. C., and Rev. Edgar Cook, who had labored for years on the Philippine missions. Father Cook's health became impaired by his hard labors in the Philippine Islands, and he was obliged to resign his curacy of Tremont; he died in Philadelphia in 1907. He was the last assistant at Tremont.

Father Ward was succeeded in Tremont by Rev. D. J. Melley May 11, 1911. During Father Melley's pastorate he has beautified the sanctuary of the church and completed the marble altar, which had hitherto remained unfinished, by placing a marble throne or baldachin over the tabernacle of the main altar. This throne was made from Carrara marble by Da Prato, of New York. It is of a very neat design, and crowned by a cap of Venetian mosaics, at a cost of four hundred and fifty dollars. Two hundred and fifty dollars of this amount was given for this purpose by Miss Julia Sheehan, of Tremont. The interior of the church as it appears to-day is the neatest in Schuylkill county. Father Melley renovated the rectory, both the interior and



exterior, so that to-day it is without exception the most beautiful rectory in this part of the diocese. Nor has he devoted all his time to the material upbuilding of the parish, the spiritual side receiving still greater attention. He has labored indefatigably for the welfare of his people, administering to their spiritual wants at all times. As evidence of this there are to-day attached to the church a Holy Name Society, large in proportion to the number of parishioners; a Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary; a branch of the League of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and an Altar Society—all of which he established; they are now in a prosperous condition.

Father Melley is a native of Schuylkill county, born at Newkirk, near Tamaqua, in 1872. His parents, Dennis and Anna (Campbell) Melley, were natives of County Donegal, Ireland, and they came to this country in 1855, spending the rest of their lives in Schuylkill county, Pa. After some years' residence at Tamaqua they removed to Newkirk, where they made their home for thirty years. Returning to Tamaqua Mr. Melley remained there until his death, which occurred on Christmas Day, 1895. He was engaged in mining. He was a most respected citizen of his section, and was repeatedly elected school director in Schuylkill township, holding the office for sixteen years. His widow now lives with a daughter at Atlantic City, N. J. Of the fourteen children born to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Melley, six are deceased. Of the eight survivors, Rose is a graduate nurse; Sister Stanislaus belongs to the Order of Notre Dame; Elizabeth, wife of Edward Smith, and Joseph are residents of Philadelphia; the remaining members of the family, except Father Melley, reside in Atlantic City.

Dennis J. Melley was reared in Schuylkill county, attending public school in Schuylkill township. His higher literary education was received at LaSalle College, Philadelphia, and Villanova College, and in 1892 he entered Overbrook Seminary for his theological preparation. In 1902 he received ordination, and for a short time thereafter was at Mount Airy, Pa. Then for a year he was stationed at Ashland, Pa., as assistant; for two years at South Bethlehem, Pa.; at St. Peter's Church, Reading, three months, and for five years he was assistant rector of St. Patrick's, at Pottsville, before coming to Tremont, in 1911. Father Melley is proving a worthy successor to the earnest workers who have preceded him at St. Mary's, trying to keep this church, as it has been from the beginning, among the potent forces for good in the borough and vicinity.

HENRY CALVIN KEHLER, of Locustdale, is a representative member of a family which has been foremost in the development and progress of this portion of Schuylkill county. For several generations the Kehlrs have had extensive and valuable interests in farming in Eldred township, where the town of Kehler and Kehler Run Junction perpetuate the name, and at present the butchering interests which constitute by far the greater part of the business wealth of Locustdale, in the adjoining township of Butler, are held principally by Kehlrs, the brothers H. Calvin and Irvin M. Kehler being among these. Their father, Franklin Kehler, was a drover and live stock dealer for over thirty-five years.

John Kehler, grandfather of Henry Calvin Kehler, was born in what is now Eldred (then Mahantongo) township, in Schuylkill county, of German ancestry. By trade he was a tailor, but he eventually settled down to farming and was one of the prosperous farmers there in the Mahantongo valley for

many years. In the pioneer days he secured a large tract of land in its primitive state, which his son Peter later owned, and the latter in turn was succeeded by his son, Felix F. Kehler. It was covered with hardwood timber, and years of hard labor were required to bring it into arable condition. John Kehler first cleared a spot for a cabin, and before the close of his life made a good start in the improvement of the property, though the early results were most discouraging. Thus he laid the foundation for the success of those who came after him, and also continued the work he so bravely began in the face of hardships and trials of which the present generation knows nothing except what the account handed down in history. John Kehler was a devout Christian, an earnest member of the Evangelical Church. His home was the stopping place of the early preachers who visited the region, and the log barn he erected was used for religious assemblages. When the first church building in the community was erected he assisted with the work. By his marriage to Elizabeth Hepler he had eight children, five sons and three daughters.

Franklin Kehler, son of John, was born March 11, 1829, in the Mahantongo valley, and died at Kehler Nov. 9, 1904. His death was quite sudden, for although he had reached the age of seventy-five years he was active to the last. He farmed, and kept a store at Kehler, in the upper Mahantongo valley, but his operations in live stock were his most important interests. In the early days he drove cattle from Buffalo to Ashland, this county. He married Lydia Snyder, who was born Nov. 3, 1833, in the Mahantongo valley, daughter of an early settler in that region, and she preceded him to the grave, passing away Jan. 1, 1898. Of the eight children born to them two died in infancy, six surviving the parents, namely: Franklin J., the eldest, is deceased; Henry Calvin is mentioned below; Charles Robert is engaged in the butcher business at Tremont, this county; Pruella M. is the wife of Henry H. Geist and they are living on the old Kehler homestead; Johanna, deceased, was the wife of Dr. J. D. Kiefer, of Mount Carmel, Pa.; Irvin M., of Locustdale, is in the wholesale and retail butcher business. The father was a prominent member of the United Evangelical Church, which he served thirty-five years as steward.

Henry Calvin Kehler was born in 1856 in the Mahantongo valley and was brought up there, receiving his education in the local schools. After leaving school for a time he went West, and on his return to Pennsylvania started business with his brother Frank at Locustdale. Some time later he moved to Centralia, a short distance over the line in Columbia county, where he was located for three years, at the end of that period coming back to Locustdale, where he established his present business thirty-one years ago. During the intervening time he has built up a trade of large proportions, apparently having the gift for success in this line so characteristic of the family. He has high qualifications for business, combined with a sense of fair dealing which has made him recognized as entirely trustworthy in any transaction. Practically all his attention has been given to his work, his principal interest aside from that being his church association, which is with the denomination supported by the family for several generations. He is a leading member of the United Evangelical Church, is serving on its board of trustees, and is teacher of the Bible class; for about twenty-five years he was superintendent or assistant superintendent of the Sunday school.

On June 26, 1880, Mr. Kehler was married at Locustdale to Mary A. Kepner, who was born Dec. 2, 1862, a native of Deep Creek valley, where her parents, Emanuel and Matilda (Updegraf) Kepner, were early settlers; her







*H. D. Lattimore*

father was a soldier in the Civil war. They died in Deep Creek valley and are buried there. They had a large family, three sons and eight daughters, of whom John T. is in the meat business at Ashland; George lives at Goodspring station, this county; Addie is the wife of David Jones, of St. Clair, a mine foreman; Katherine is the widow of Elmer Haslin; Louisa is the wife of Paul Karns, of Orwigsburg; Flora is married to Frank Ganglof, of Orwigsburg.

Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kehler: Victor Frank, born Dec. 29, 1881, now a butcher at Girardville, this county, is married to Martha Keller and has two children, Roy R. and Grace A.; Pruella M., born May 6, 1883, is the wife of Earl Warther, of Locustdale, and has one child, George Henry; Lottie P., born Nov. 6, 1886, is engaged as a nurse in Philadelphia; Harry C., born Feb. 23, 1889, is in business at Philadelphia; Winfield, born Aug. 30, 1890, is deceased; Lydia Matilda, born March 23, 1892, is at home; Robert L., born July 6, 1895, is at Girardville, working for his brother.

HARRY D. LATTIMORE, outside foreman and master mechanic at the Morea colliery in Mahanoy township, operated by Weston Dodson & Co., is a mine worker of long and varied experience and well fitted for the important duties which have been intrusted to him. Mr. Lattimore belongs to a very old Pennsylvania family, founded in this country in 1736 by one John Lattimer, as the earlier generations spelled the name. He was of the Scotch-Irish race which has made so notable a contribution to the best citizenship of the State. He lived in Northampton county, acquired high reputation for his strong character and integrity, and left an excellent family to carry on his name.

Robert Lattimore, son of John, married Nancy King, and among their children was William Lattimore, better known as General Lattimore, who was elected to the State Senate from Northampton county in 1805, his district including Wayne, Luzerne and Northampton counties. He was born in what is known as the Irish settlement in Northampton county, and lived and died there. His wife, Mary (Ralston), was the daughter of John and Christiana (King) Ralston, the former of whom took an active part in the Revolutionary war.

James Lattimore, son of Gen. William Lattimore, was for many years connected with the government land offices located at the cities of Lancaster and Harrisburg, Pa. He married Catherine Weaver, daughter of Michael Weaver, of Weaversville, Northampton county, a prominent farmer and leading member of the Lutheran Church. Mr. and Mrs. Lattimore had the following children: William W.; Ralston, who died in infancy; May, who died in 1902, unmarried; Alvida C., who married James Abbott; John, who married Nancy Chase; Lenora N. S., who married Herman B. Graeff; and Amelia D., Mrs. E. W. Abbott.

William W. Lattimore was born in 1820, and died in 1889. He is buried at Tamaqua, this county. The last twenty years of his life were spent at New Boston, Schuylkill county, where he settled in 1869 and worked for the coal company until his death. He took a keen interest in local affairs, serving as president of the Mahanoy township school board, was a Presbyterian in religious connection, and a member of the Masonic fraternity. He married Pauline L. Dithmar, of Northampton county, daughter of Henri (Hein) Jaques Dithmar, a native of France and of Huguenot ancestry. She still makes her home at New Boston. To Mr. and Mrs. Lattimore were born the following children: Caroline A. is the widow of Dr. Alonzo Amerman, who died at

Danville, Pa., Jan. 19, 1886 (they had one son, Alonzo, who died in 1912, at the age of twenty-seven years); William A. holds a position with the Coal Company at New Boston; Harry D. is next in the family; Walter A., of Norristown, Pa., married Nettie Richardson and has one daughter, Joan; Arthur R. married Loretta Cooney, of Canada, and has one son, Arthur William; Catherine W., unmarried, lives at home; Elizabeth D. is unmarried and living at home; Pauline S. is the wife of William Douden, of Millersburg, Pa., and has three children, William L., Herbert C. and Dorothy.

Harry D. Lattimore was born Nov. 14, 1861, at Tamaqua, Schuylkill Co., Pa. Coming to New Boston with his parents in 1869, he received his education principally in the schools of Mahanoy township. In 1872 he started work as a clerk in Mahanoy City. Later he was in the employ of the Mill Creek Coal Company for two years, after which he clerked again for a short time. When fifteen years old he went back to school, attending for five months, during which period he was under the capable instruction of the late John J. Dolphin, Esq. He then taught school for one term, clerked in a store at Mahanoy City for one year, loaded coal at the New Boston colliery for one winter, and for two years was engaged in running a mine fan engine and hoisting, until December, 1886, when he was appointed outside foreman, serving in that capacity up to 1889 at the New Boston colliery, following which he was engaged in public work, the driving of the Jeddo tunnel. His next position was that of master mechanic at the Buck Mountain and Vulcan collieries, operated by the Mill Creek Coal Company, with whom he continued until 1909, when those collieries became the property of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, with whom he remained as master mechanic until 1911. His skill and readiness in emergencies made him a valuable factor in the operations at the mammoth Buck Mountain breaker. In February, 1911, Mr. Lattimore became outside foreman and master mechanic at the Morea colliery in Mahanoy township, carried on by Weston Dodson & Co., who employ about five hundred men at these workings, and here he has remained to the present. A man of dependable qualities, thoroughly conversant with all the details of his work, trustworthy in all things and of upright character, he has exerted an appreciable influence in the successful conduct of the colliery and in maintaining satisfactory conditions among its employees. Most of this is due to his strong personality.

Mr. Lattimore married Ann D. Hay, daughter of Robert and Ann (Douthwaite) Hay. They have two children, Harry D., Jr., and Robert, the former now associated with his father as chief machinist for the Dodson Coal Company at the Morea colliery; from 1905 to 1907 he served an apprenticeship in the Baldwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia, and in 1910 associated himself with the Midvale steel works, first in the engineering department and later in the estimation department, and in 1911 took his present position. Robert Lattimore is engineer in charge of the pumping station at Morea colliery.

The family are Presbyterians in religious association. Socially Mr. Lattimore belongs to Mahanoy City Lodge, No. 357, F. & A. M., and to Mahanoy City Lodge, No. 695, B. P. O. Elks, and is highly esteemed among his fellow members. His eldest son also holds membership in these lodges.

WILLIAM IVY BACHERT, farmer and fruit grower of Walker township, is operating a modern farm noted especially for its fine orchards, to whose development and maintenance he devotes most of his energies. Mr. Bachert is a representative citizen of his section of Schuylkill county, and a

member of one of its old families, the Bacherts having been settled in East Brunswick township for several generations. There he was born July 25, 1869, son of Elias Bachert, now a prominent farmer and miller of East Brunswick township.

George Bachert, the great-grandfather of William I. Bachert, was a farmer in East Brunswick township, where he owned 100 acres of land, upon which he erected a log barn and stone house. He was a wheelwright as well as farmer. He had the following children: Jacob, John, Henry, Simon, Magdalena and Mrs. John Faust. George Bachert died aged eighty years, and is buried with his wife in a private graveyard on the homestead farm. He was a Democrat, and a member of the Frieden's German Lutheran Church.

John Bachert, father of Elias, was reared and educated in East Brunswick township, and during his youth assisted his father. Later he bought a farm of 100 acres near the old homestead, and carried on farming all his life. Politically he was a Democrat, and in religion a Lutheran, he and his wife belonging to the Frieden's Church; they are buried in its cemetery. Mr. Bachert married Elizabeth Zettlemoyer, who was born in Berks county, Pa., and the following children were born to this union: Jacob married Sarah Miller and both are deceased; Emmanuel died unmarried; James, deceased, married Flora Steigerwalt, who resides in West Brunswick township, this county; Daniel died young; Elias is next in the family; Elizabeth married Jacob Houser, and both are deceased; Laura married Aaron Eckroth; Mollie died unmarried; Katie died young. The father of this family lived to the age of eighty years, the mother dying at the age of sixty-eight.

Elias Bachert, son of John, was born Aug. 14, 1843, in East Brunswick township, where he now owns and operates a valuable farm and mill property. He married Hannah Merkle, and they have had a large family, namely: Albert Robert, William Ivy, Elizabeth (deceased in infancy), Cordelia, John E., Richard E., Howard J., Luther P., Thomas W. and Oscar P. A fuller account of this family appears in the biography of Elias Bachert.

William Ivy Bachert grew up in East Brunswick township and there obtained a good common school education. His business and agricultural training were highly practical, gained in assisting his father with the farm and mill work, and he continued thus until he reached the age of thirty years. Then he settled on his present property in Walker township, having bought the Dennis Leiby farm of fifty-three acres. Four acres are still in timber, the rest under cultivation, partly planted in fine orchards, the balance in general crops. Mr. Bachert has made fruit growing his particular care, and counts on his orchard products for most of his income, marketing them principally at Tuscarora and New Philadelphia, to which points he makes two or three trips weekly during the season. He has identified himself with the various local movements for the improvement of farms and farming conditions, and is an interested worker in the Patrons of Husbandry, being a fourth degree member of the Lewistown Grange. Beyond this, however, he has taken little part in public matters, though he supports good movements whenever he has the opportunity. He is a Democrat and a Lutheran, being a member and deacon of Zion's Church at Lewistown, Walker township.

When twenty-eight years old Mr. Bachert married Carrie Edith Leiby, who was born Oct. 9, 1879, in Walker township, daughter of Dennis Leiby, received her education in the local schools there, and remained at home until her marriage. She is a member of the Reformed congregation of Zion's

Church, at Lewistown. Mr. and Mrs. Bachert have had eight children, born as follows: William Dennis, June 27, 1898; Clarence Harvey, Dec. 10, 1899; Mamie Victoria, June 17, 1902 (died aged two years, eight months); Harry Edwin, Feb. 13, 1903; Verna Elizabeth, Sept. 12, 1905; Beulah May, Feb. 17, 1909; Leon Stanley, Sept. 15, 1911; Elva Margarite, June 9, 1913.

Daniel Leiby, grandfather of Mrs. Bachert, was born in West Penn township, this county, and was a shoemaker and a farmer. He was the owner of two farms in West Penn township, and later came to Walker township, where he bought a farm of over one hundred acres, much of which he cleared, having about eighty acres under cultivation. There he built a fine barn and made other improvements. He died on the farm at the advanced age of almost eighty years. His wife's maiden name was Steigerwalt, and they had children as follows: Dennis, father of Mrs. Bachert; Sarah, Mrs. John Schaller; Emma, Mrs. Adolph Berner; Amanda, Mrs. Mandus Hunsicker; Mary, Mrs. Thomas Schock; Jonathan, who married Sarah Reinhart; Daniel, who married Flora Miller; Israel, who married Lizzie Reiman; Alvena, unmarried; Elias (his wife was Mamie); and Susanna, who died in childhood. The parents are buried in the cemetery of Zion's Reformed Church in West Penn township, to which church they belonged. Mr. Leiby was a Republican in politics.

Dennis Leiby was born in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, July 25, 1845, and grew up there and in Walker township, receiving his education in the public schools of those townships. He worked for his father until he was of age, later was stable boss at Reevesdale for a mining company, holding that position two years, and then settled down to farming on his own account in Walker township, buying land which is the farm his son-in-law, Mr. Bachert, now owns. He carried on general farming there until 1906, when he sold the farm to Mr. Bachert, and is now living retired practically. Mr. Leiby has always taken a leading part in township affairs, having held the offices of school director, constable, supervisor and auditor, to the entire satisfaction of his fellow citizens. Like his father he is a Republican and a member of the Reformed Church, belonging to the Zion's congregation at Lewistown, in which he was formerly very active. Socially he holds membership in Washington Camp No. 57, P. O. S. of A., at Tamaqua.

Mr. Leiby married Emmaline Yost, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Merkle) Yost, and four children were born to them, viz.: Carrie Edith, Mrs. William I. Bachert; Gertrude May, who is married to George Schietman and resides at Tamaqua, Pa.; Harry Preston, who died aged twenty-four years; and Mamie Elizabeth, who is married to Milton Merkle, and resides at Lewistown, Walker township.

Mrs. Emmaline (Yost) Leiby was born near Frisbie, in West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, and died at the age of fifty-three years. She is buried at Lewistown, in Walker township. Mrs. Leiby was a member of Christ Church at McKeanburg, but after her marriage to Dennis Leiby connected herself with Zion's Reformed Church at Lewistown, and was a member there until her death.

Samuel Yost, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. William I. Bachert, was a farmer in West Brunswick township, the owner of a large tract of land, and also conducted a hotel for many years. He married Elizabeth Merkle, and they became the parents of a large family: Kitty married Charles Lurwick, and both are deceased; Eliza married Harry Gerhard; Caroline is the widow

of John Shutt; Sarah, deceased, married William Bretz; Susanna is the widow of William Leiser; Mary died unmarried; Emmaline was Mrs. Dennis Leiby; Phoebe, deceased, married a Mr. Nagle; Samuel married Sarah Gerhard; Frank married Kitty ———; Lewis completes the family. The parents died on the farm and are buried at McKeanburg. Mr. Yost was a member of Christ Reformed Church at that place and a Republican in political conviction.

WALTER E. UPDEGROVE, who is engaged in business as a shoe merchant at Muir, Schuylkill county, was born Nov. 28, 1875, at Orwin, Porter township, Schuylkill county, son of Theodore G. and Catherine (Shadle) Updegrove, grandson of Solomon Updegrove and great-grandson of Conrad Updegrove.

Conrad Updegrove, who was one of the earliest and best known among the pioneers of the Williams Valley, in Dauphin county, Pa., was a great hunter, and many stories are still told of his skill and prowess in this direction. During the days when game of all kinds was plentiful, he had many experiences with bears, and at one time would have been killed by one of these beasts had it not been for his faithful dogs. As it was he bore the marks of this encounter up to the day of his death. He was one of the sturdy, energetic, industrious men of his day who laid broad and deep the foundation for advancement and progress, and lived a long, active and useful life, passing away at the advanced age of ninety-four years, three months, fifteen days. His home at that time was on the present site of Williamstown, Dauphin county.

Solomon Updegrove, the grandfather of Walter E. Updegrove, was born in Dauphin county, Pa., and early adopted the trade of shoemaker, which he followed off and on during the greater part of his life, although he also engaged in other occupations. He was a local preacher of the Evangelical Church, and for some years was engaged in farming in Dauphin county, but in later life disposed of his property and moved to a farm in Juniata county, remaining there until he retired from active work. He then sold his farm and went to live at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William Long, at Forks, Porter township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he died at the age of seventy-five years. He was laid to rest in the cemetery at Williamstown. Mr. Updegrove was a man highly esteemed in the various communities in which he resided, being possessed of those sterling qualities which command respect. He married Barbara Rickert, who died at Williamstown, Pa., and they became the parents of the following children: John; Jacob; Conrad; Solomon, who fought in a Pennsylvania regiment of volunteers during the Civil war; Charles; Theodore G.; Catherine, who married Israel Helt; Elizabeth, who married Edward Hand; Elmira, who married John Hockenbrocht; Lucetta, who married Isaac Dressler; Sarah, who married Isaac Brooker; and Mary, who married William Long.

Theodore G. Updegrove, the father of Walter E. Updegrove, was born at Williamstown, Dauphin Co., Pa., and after attaining an ordinary educational training in the public schools started to learn the trade of shoemaker under the instruction of his father. After mastering his vocation, he followed it in Juniata and Columbia counties, and at Tower City, Schuylkill county, and later came to the community of Reiner City (Muir P. O.), where he began to build up a trade. Here, as he prospered, he built a residence and store, in which latter he established his place of business as a dealer in hoots and shoes,

and continued to be successfully engaged in this line right up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1899. He had inherited the qualities of industry, honesty and fidelity from his forebears, and in all his business dealings was known to be above-board and straightforward. He was a good and public-spirited citizen, who took an interest in the advancement of his community and who could be counted upon to serve it in any way he was able. Mr. Updegrove was buried in the cemetery at Muir. He married Catherine Shadle, a daughter of George and Maria (Guard) Shadle. George Shadle was a resident of Porter township, where he was stable boss for the Lincoln colliery, and met his death by being killed by a train while in the performance of his duty. Mr. and Mrs. Updegrove became the parents of the following children: Walter E.; Charles Howard; Henry O., who is deceased; Ella M., who is the wife of Prof. H. O. Unger, a teacher in the public schools of Muir; Laura A., who is the wife of Prof. George D. Nelson, a teacher in the public schools of Orwin; and Theodore G. Jr., who resides at Muir.

Walter E. Updegrove secured his education in the public schools of Porter township, which he attended when not engaged in working to aid in his own support. An evidence of his thrift and industry as a lad is found in the fact that from the time he was nine until he was sixteen years of age he, assisted by his brothers and sisters, carried the mail from Orwin to the people of Reiner City, this being before the establishment of the post office at Muir. He also gave his services to the farmers of his community and worked at the shoemaking trade, accepting whatever honorable employment came his way and performing all his tasks in an able, thorough and cheerful manner. When he was eighteen years of age he began teaching in the public schools of Porter township, and for twelve years continued to be engaged in work as an educator. At the time of his father's death, Mr. Updegrove took over the management of the business, which he conducted for his mother for seven years, buying it on July 5, 1906, since when he has continued to carry it on with much success. He has a carefully selected stock of the latest footwear, and is enjoying an excellent patronage among the people among whom he has lived for so long, and whose wishes and needs he well knows.

Mr. Updegrove was married to Nora M. Gamber, daughter of Henry Gamber, who resided in Clark's Valley, Porter township. To this union there have been born the following children: Prof. Harry H., a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown, Pa., class of 1915, and now teaching at Reinerton, Schuylkill county; Elsie M., a member of the class of 1916, of the Porter township high school; Esther M., who is attending the Porter township high school; T. Walter, who is attending school; and James Arthur and Norman Henry, at home.

Always a friend of education, Mr. Updegrove has long been well and favorably known in educational circles in this part of the State. During the last four years he has been secretary of the School Directors' Association of Schuylkill county, and from the time he ceased teaching school has been a member of the school board of Porter township, having served as president thereof and now being secretary of that body. Outside of his shoe business he has other interests, and for three years has been secretary of the Williams Valley Savings Fund and Building Association. Fraternally, he belongs to the Patriotic Order Sons of America, which he joined twenty-four years ago, and the Junior Order United American Mechanics, of which he became a mem-



ber sixteen years ago, and also holds membership in the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias. His good citizenship has never been doubted.

SAMUEL J. DEIBERT, deputy prothonotary of Schuylkill county, Pa., has been engaged at the courthouse for the last twenty years, in various capacities, and his obliging service and long continuance in public positions have made him a popular as well as familiar figure in the official circles of Pottsville. He was born March 31, 1858, at Schuylkill Haven, this county, where he maintains his home.

Samuel Deibert, father of Samuel J. Deibert, was the son of John and Christina Deibert, and was reared on his father's farm in North Manheim township, Schuylkill Co., Pa. He had such schooling as is common to the average country boy. He was born in the year 1818, and remained beneath the parental roof up to the age of twenty-five, when he engaged with his brothers John and Jacob at Schuylkill Haven in boatbuilding. After a brief period in that line he embarked in the mercantile business at the same place, which he successfully conducted until the time of his death, in 1867. To his first marriage, with Mary Essert, were born one son, Thomas, and one daughter, Emma, who became the wife of Martin Fisher. No heirs came of this alliance. His second wife was Mary A. Sterner, daughter of Jacob and Anna Sterner, and to this union were born three children, viz.: Alice, Thomas I. and Samuel J. It may be justly recorded that Samuel Deibert was a most modest man, and though prominent in business and benefactions shrunk from eulogy and praise, but he was a man revered, and one whose place cannot well be filled. In religious affiliation he was a Lutheran.

Samuel J. Deibert obtained a public school education at Schuylkill Haven, and learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for about twenty years. During Dr. Daniel Dechert's term as county treasurer he came as a clerk to his office, serving there one year. After that he became deputy treasurer under Elias Davis, holding that position for a period of almost three years, until the death of Mr. Davis, which occurred Nov. 11, 1899. The county commissioners appointed Mr. Deibert treasurer for the unexpired term, and he discharged the duties of the office for six weeks. In August, 1900, he became deputy prothonotary under W. S. Leib, and served to the end of his term, subsequently serving six years in the same capacity under Samuel H. Gore, and continuing under his successor, the present prothonotary, John W. Reese. Up to now he has been in the public service for twenty years. His courtesy and efficiency have combined to make him a most desirable official in the office and sought by those who have business there, his work being greatly appreciated by all who have had occasion to call for his services. His political association is with the Republican party. Mr. Deibert makes his home at Schuylkill Haven, and at one time served as assessor of that borough.

Mr. Deibert married Lavina Bitzer, daughter of Conrad and Anna Bitzer, and they have had four children, namely: Alice, Ralph, Samuel and Willis. Alice is the wife of Rev. William Schlappich, of the Evangelical denomination, now stationed at Perkasio, Pa. Ralph Deibert received his early education in the schools of Schuylkill Haven and Pottsville, later attending Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, Pa., and entering the ministry of the Evangelical denomination; he is now pastor of a church at Myerstown, Pa. Samuel, who is at home, is an assistant in the Schuylkill Haven Trust Com-

pany. Willis, also at home, is bookkeeper or clerk at the Schuylkill County Hospital for the Insane.

A. FRANK GEIST, of Hegins, is a business man who has attained honorable standing by giving his patrons the best accommodations to be obtained in the local market, and he is equally esteemed for his worth as a man.

The Geist family to which he belongs is of pioneer stock of Northumberland county, this State, where he and his father were born. His grandfather, Peter Geist, lived and died there, following his trade of blacksmith and also engaging in farming. The history of the family has been lately traced back to the year 1129. From the Official Register of the Holy Roman Empire, we find that the family has an official "Coat of Arms" and is of the nobility of Ravensburg, Germany. A copy of this "Coat of Arms" is in the hands of A. F. Geist, of Hegins, Pennsylvania. The word Geist has been spelled in six different ways. We find it first Gayst—Van Wildeneck, A. D. 1129, King. In 1300 we find it spelled Geyst, in 1590 Geist, in 1750 Goist in Germany, and in the Colonies of America Geist and Gist. In 1842 and to the present time it is spelled Guist in Germany and in the United States Guist and Geist.

The family to which A. F. Geist belongs and whose biography appears later, emigrated from Lorraine, Germany, with the Schwenkfelders' colony in or about the year 1725 and settled at Pottstown, Montgomery Co., Pa., where A. F. Geist's great-grandfather, Andrew Geist, was born on Jan. 26, 1755. This great-grandfather of A. F. Geist came to what was then and is yet known by some people as Swoven Creek or Green Brier post office, Northumberland Co., Pa., in or about the year 1777. He came to this place in his young manhood and took up a tract of land from the United States government about the time of the Revolutionary war, consisting of about three hundred acres situated half way between the Leck Kill and Green Brier post offices. He died Dec. 18, 1849, at the age of ninety-four years, ten months, twenty-three days, on the old homestead which he obtained from the United States government, and is buried at Himmel's Church, Roebuck's post office, or about four miles west from the old homestead. This church property consists of a beautiful church situated on a tract of land given by the United States government to the Reformed and Lutheran congregations for church and school purposes; said property is today under the control of these congregations and in its cemetery are buried some soldiers who fought in the Revolutionary war.

While great-grandfather Andrew Geist was working on this homestead in Swoven Creek, he had but one cow on these three hundred acres of land, and this cow had no tail. During this period the Revolutionary war was in progress and Andrew was drafted to serve in this great war for freedom, and not desiring to serve he sold this tailless cow in order to raise money to buy a substitute to serve in his place. It was during this time, from the landing of the Schwenkfelders' colony to the close of the Revolutionary war, that the word Geist was spelled Gist, appearing this way on official records and papers examined by R. P. Geist, justice of the peace, Green Brier, Northumberland Co., Pa., 1915.

On the homestead of Andrew Geist, the grandfather of A. F. Geist, Peter Geist, was born Dec. 21, 1804, and died at this place on Jan. 8, 1875, aged seventy years, eighteen days. He is buried at St. John's Reformed and Lutheran Church, Leck Kill, Pa. In his boyhood days Peter left the old homestead and went to Washingtonville, Montour Co., Pa. There he learned his

trade, that of blacksmith. He also married at this place and soon after moved back onto the old homestead in Swoven Creek, where he continued at his trade and did farming. Here Jacob, the father of A. F. Geist, was born Feb. 11, 1835.

Jacob Geist, father of A. Frank Geist, learned the trade of carpenter in his youth and followed that calling all his life. In 1881 he came to Hegins, Schuylkill county, where he continued work at his trade and resided to the end of his days, dying in the year 1898. His widow, whose maiden name was Catherine Schwartz, still lives in Hegins township, near Hegins, on the Geist home place. She was born in Hegins township, Schuylkill county, where her father, Abraham Schwartz, engaged in farming and made his home until his death. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Geist, four sons and four daughters, namely: Ellen is the widow of Samuel E. Schwalm and lives in Hegins township, at what was known as Kessler's gristmill; S. Calvin resides at Hegins; Elizabeth is the wife of S. R. Masser, who has a general store at Hegins; Cora is married to A. C. Kessler, a farmer of Hegins township; Katie is married to Harry Leonard, of Tremont, Schuylkill county, baggagemaster in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company; A. Frank is next in order of birth; Thomas J. is a graduate of the Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., and now engaged as a teacher at Ephrata, Lancaster Co., Pa.; Nathan Francis is doing a general hauling and teaming business at Hegins, where he lives.

A. Frank Geist was born in 1877 in Northumberland county, Pa., and has lived at Hegins from early boyhood. He began his education in the Hegins township schools, later attended graded school at Hegins, and supplemented his public school training with a course at the Shamokin (Pa.) business college, in his native county. In his young manhood he taught eight terms of school in Hegins township, during the winter season, finding employment the rest of the year at the carpenter's trade, which he learned partly under his father's tuition. It was only a step from that vocation to his present line. In 1907 he established the lumber trade and planing mill at Hegins which has since occupied most of his time. His experience as a carpenter has proved an extra qualification for the business he now follows, assisting him in judging the quality of materials and filling mill orders intelligently. No doubt his knowledge of building materials and requirements has had much to do with the prosperity of his enterprise, for it has been gratifyingly successful, and the plant is considered one of the most useful industrial establishments in the locality. Mr. Geist is looked upon as a trustworthy man in every respect. His fellow members in the I. O. O. F. lodge at Hegins have chosen him secretary, and he is serving at present as treasurer of the Reformed Church of Hegins, to which he and his wife belong. Fidelity to all his obligations is one of the most noteworthy characteristics he possesses.

In 1900 Mr. Geist married Katie Bair, a native of Hegins township, and five children have been born to this marriage: Allen H., Guy A., Lloyd W., Tillie V. and Earl B.

CYRUS W. BAIR, Mrs. Geist's father, was born in Perry county, Pa., and her grandfather, Joseph Bair, was also a native of that county. The latter was a farmer by occupation. The father learned the trade of plasterer, and besides following same farmed and taught school, following his profession for more than thirty years, in the Mahantongo valley, Schuylkill county, and in Dauphin county. He died in 1910, and is buried at Fountain, in Hegins township. He was twice married, first to Isabella Otto, a native of Hegins township, daughter

of David Otto, a farmer of that township. Mrs. Isabella Bair died about twenty-five years ago, and is buried in the cemetery at Fountain. She was the mother of two children, Mrs. Geist being the elder; the younger, Jesse A. Bair, lives at Ashland, Schuylkill county. For his second wife Mr. Bair married Mrs. Sarah Smith, of Barry township, Schuylkill county, and to this union were born three children: Lydia is the wife of Robert Eckler, of Hegins; Roy S. and Stephen A. also live at Hegins, making their home with their sister, Mrs. Eckler.

EPHRAIM YARNALL owns and occupies a beautiful farm property in Barry township which has been developed entirely by the Yarnalls. The family is one of old standing in this section of Schuylkill county and was established here by Isaac Yarnall, grandfather of Ephraim, who came from New Jersey and settled in the Mahanoy valley. He took up government land and followed farming. His family consisted of eight children, viz.: Anna, John, Jonathan, Francis, Asa, Elijah, Annie, and one that died young.

John Yarnall, father of Ephraim, was born in Mahanoy township, this county, and lived to the age of eighty-three years. He settled on the farm in Barry township where his son Ephraim now lives, cleared the land, and made great progress in the work of improvement, which he carried on for many years. He is buried in the cemetery near the farm. Mr. Yarnall married Mary Rodenbeier, who was born near Ashland, this county, daughter of an old settler in this part of the State, Jacob Rodenbeier. He kept the hotel known as the Red Tavern, near Centralia. Mr. Rodenbeier had ten children, namely: Jacob, Solomon, Peter, Philip, David, Rebecca, Mary, Lydia, Susan and Sarah. Mrs. Yarnall died near Ashland. Of her six children, Mary, Martha, John, Ephraim, Reuben and Ezra, Ephraim is the only survivor.

Ephraim Yarnall was born in 1837 in Barry township and grew up on the farm, attending school in an old log building nearby. During his school years he gave his spare hours to assisting with the farm duties at home, and subsequently devoted all his time to the operation of the home place, working in partnership with his father until the latter retired because of advancing age. Under his competent management the home tract has undergone steady improvement, Mr. Yarnall sparing neither thought nor labor in the advancement of his work. Modern methods, the intelligent application of various up-to-date ideas, have resulted in increased production along different lines, and Mr. Yarnall has also taken much pleasure in beautifying his surroundings, as the attractive arrangements and comfortable home conditions testify. His opinions on public questions, as in his chosen calling, are considered practical and worthy of attention, and his neighbors have shown their faith in his views and character by electing him to represent them in various capacities. In the offices of township supervisor and member of the school board he has done good work for the locality.

In 1860 Mr. Yarnall married Lucy Sigenfuse, who was born in the same part of Barry township as himself, her parents, Charles and Susan (Bixler) Sigenfuse, having settled there many years ago. Mrs. Sigenfuse was born in Mahantongo. She and her husband died when comparatively young. Their family consisted of six children: Betsy, now the wife of Elias Slopick, of Mount Carmel; Lydia, wife of Jacob Umlauf, of Mount Carmel; Susan, Mrs. Peter Bradbury, of Tamaqua, this county; Charles, a resident of Allentown, Pa.; Elias; and Lucy, Mrs. Yarnall.

Of the thirteen children born to Mr. and Mrs. Yarnall several are deceased; William and Franz live at home; Charles and Irvin are also located in Barry township; Sallie is the wife of Sam Kessler, a farmer of Barry township; Cora is married to Thomas Hoch, of Barry township; Katie is the wife of Albert Moser, of Pottsville. Mr. and Mrs. Yarnall are members of the United Brethren Church.

WILSON R. DINGER, a farmer of Porter township, was born in Hegins township Feb. 26, 1850, son of Jonathan Dinger, and grandson of Peter Dinger. The great-grandfather, Frederick Dinger, came from Berks county, Pa., to become one of the first settlers of Hegins township, Schuylkill Co., Pa. Subsequently he moved to Lower Mahanoy township, where he died upon farming property owned by him.

Peter Dinger, the grandfather, was an officer of the war of 1812. He was also a farmer of Hegins township, settling on the homestead, his farm being located about two and a half miles above the borough of Hegins, and comprising 225 acres of land. There he died. The maiden name of his wife was Magdalena Hand, and they had these children: Catherine, who married Jacob Crone; Elizabeth, who married John Horn; Mrs. Eliza Seitz; Peter; Daniel; William, and Jonathan. The latter was a farmer of Hegins township, the Dinger family forming a little settlement in this township, and there he resided until his death at the age of sixty-nine years. He is buried in Fountain cemetery. Jonathan Dinger married Catherine Dinger, a daughter of George Dinger, of Hegins township, and their children were: Joel, who was a hotel man of Pottsville, Pa., died in 1914; Frank is a resident of Hegins township; Wilson R. is mentioned below; Amanda married John Stutzman; Alice married (first) Aaron Heater and (second) Harvey Kline.

Wilson R. Dinger was reared on the family homestead, and made his home there until he was fifty-three years old, for many years having sole charge of the property. In 1913, however, he bought the Berger farm at Tower City, and has forty acres of land in an excellent state of cultivation. Mr. Dinger married Maria Lucas, a daughter of Emanuel Lucas, and they have one daughter, Irene Catherine, born Feb. 21, 1915. Independent in his political views, Mr. Dinger votes for the man rather than according to party regulations. He has served some years as township auditor. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and Mrs. Dinger is a member of the Church of God at Weishample. Fraternally he belongs to the K. G. E.

Mr. Dinger was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Hegins, and served on its directorate for five years, but refused further service, although elected, feeling that he was too far away from the bank. He is still a stockholder. The Dinger family is one of the best known and most highly respected in this part of the county, and the individual members are proving themselves worthy of their name.

HENRY W. KRAUS is one of the leading spirits in agricultural progress in Ryon township, where he has a fine farm and dairy, both branches of his business exemplifying his advanced ideas, which have had a noticeable effect on raising standards all over his section of Schuylkill county.

Mr. Kraus was born Feb. 17, 1862, at Mahanoy City, this county, son of William and Mary (Kraus) Kraus, both of whom were natives of Germany, the father born at Seise, the mother at Reigelsdorf, in the same vicinity. Wil-

liam Kraus came to America when seventeen years old, and first located at Tamaqua, Schuylkill Co., Pa., for a time following mining, but later turning to the butcher business. Moving to Mahanoy City he carried on business there for several years, until he purchased the John Schlear farm in Ryon township, a tract of 150 acres which is considered one of the finest properties in the valley. Most of the buildings on that place are of his construction, though part of the old house built in 1829 is still standing. There Mr. Kraus died in 1888, at the age of fifty-six years, and he is buried at Tamaqua. To him and his wife were born nine children, four of whom survive: Mary, who married Mack McMinity and settled in Meadville, Pa.; Anna, widow of John Lathan; William, of Rush township, this county; and Henry W.

Henry W. Kraus received his education in the public schools of Jonestown, Lebanon county, and Mahanoy City, meantime assisting his father in the butcher business until he reached the age of fourteen years. He has since been occupied with farm work. In 1896 he purchased the homestead place in Ryon township, above mentioned, and in the twenty years which have elapsed since has made numerous improvements thereon, his place being one of the most valuable in the locality. He has taken pleasure in developing the property, which shows the intelligent interest with which he has followed modern methods, everything about the farm being up-to-date. He has been foremost in enterprise among the farmers of his neighborhood in adopting new ideas for economy of labor and assuring good results, and his success has been an encouragement to others in many ways. Mr. Kraus has a fine dairy, operated in accordance with modern views on the production of clean, wholesome milk, which he ships daily. As a manager he has shown business ability beyond the ordinary, and he has not limited his activities to his farm work, supporting any movements which hold promise of benefiting the community. He is president of the Lakeside Rural Telephone Company, whose line has been a great convenience in the neighborhood. For six years he was a member of the township board of school directors, and he has taken an active part in promoting the work of the Grange in his locality, whereby many excellent ideas have been brought to the attention of the farming population. Socially he is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, and his religious connection is with the German Lutheran Church. His neighbors regard him as one of the most valuable citizens in this region.

In September, 1884, Mr. Kraus married Maude C. Iffert, daughter of John Iffert, and the three children born to this union are all living at home, viz.: Gertrude, widow of Herbert Mengle; John W., who married Hattie Matthews (he is a member of the school board of Ryon township at present); and Maude C.

ALEXANDER THOMPSON (deceased) was a native of Scotland, and came to this country during his young manhood. The rest of his life was spent in Schuylkill county, Pa., where he was widely and favorably known during his active, useful career. He first settled at Middleport, where he was engaged in hauling machinery, timber, etc., and later lived at the York Farm, near Pottsville, which he bought, cultivating that tract for many years. He also had small drifts opened on the property and sold coal to the public, this being the first coal taken from the workings later developed into the famous York Farm colliery. After a long residence there he removed to Porter township, in 1854, being one of the early settlers in this section, where he

bought a farm of 110 acres, from which he subsequently sold a number of building lots for the town of Sharadin, which was laid out in 1869. This was his home until his death, which occurred Dec. 4, 1873; he is buried in the Greenwood cemetery in Porter township. Besides farming, Mr. Thompson also engaged in milling in Porter township, building a gristmill upon his tract which was known in his day as Thompson's mill. It was sold to Grimm & Womer, and later to the Reading Company, the present owners of the land. Mr. Thompson was a man of intelligence and strong character, and in his day was one of the most influential men in this section.

By his first marriage, to Isabella Pennman, Mr. Thompson had nine children: George was killed at York Farm; David P., deceased, was a soldier in the Civil war; Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of Hiram Kimmel; Janette married Benjamin Houtz; William died while serving in the Civil war; Alexander is living at Lykens, Pa.; Robert is deceased; Isabella is the widow of George Powell; James is living in West Virginia. For his second wife Mr. Thompson married Mary Bast, daughter of Isaac Bast, and by this union there was also a large family: Isaac B.; George, who is now living in Alaska; Mary, wife of Daniel Stout; John, residing at Sharadin, Pa.; Andrew, a resident of Michigan; Charles, deceased; Abraham, deceased; Winfield S., of Michigan; William U. S. G., deceased; Elmer E., of Sharadin; and Rebecca M., wife of Hoplin Evans, living on the old Thompson homestead in Porter township.

Hon. Alexander Thompson, eldest surviving son of Alexander Thompson, has been a very prominent man in his district, a member of the Dauphin county bar and at one time a member of the State Senate. During the Civil war he served in the Union army. His home is at Lykens, Dauphin county, and he is also very well known in Schuylkill county. Since 1912 he has been blind, having lost his sight in an explosion on his farm at Lykens.

ISAAC B. THOMPSON, eldest son of Alexander and Mary (Bast) Thompson, was born Dec. 26, 1853, at York Farm, and had ordinary school advantages during his early boyhood. When twelve years old he began picking slate, and he continued to be employed about the mines for a period of twenty-eight years. Then he turned to carpenter work, which he has been following ever since. His home is at Sharadin, in Porter township, and he is one of the well known citizens of the valley, having taken an active interest in local affairs for a number of years. He has been a member of the Porter township school board, and served the township as tax collector for twelve years. Socially he belongs to the Knights of Pythias at Tower City. Mr. Thompson was one of the executors of his father's estate, serving with his brothers David P. and A. F. Thompson.

Mr. Thompson married Mary Goodman, daughter of William Goodman, and the following children were born to them: Cora, wife of Francis W. Shomber; Arthur; Charles; Ralph; Lillie, deceased; Roy; Mary wife of Wilbur Kaufman; Carrie, wife of Harry Shomber; Russell; Lester, deceased; and Leona, wife of Clarence Lenkert. The family are Methodists in religious connection. Mrs. Thompson died in January, 1911, and is buried in the Greenwood cemetery in Porter township.

GABRIEL B. DERR, an old resident of the borough of Tremont, now living retired after many years in the service of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, is a native of Schuylkill county and of old Pennsylvania



stock. His grandfather, John Derr, was born in this State, where the family has been established since the pioneer period, the earlier generations living in Lehigh county for many years and moving thence to Northumberland county. John Derr settled in the Shamokin valley in Northumberland county, remaining there until his death. He was a shoemaker by trade and also followed farming. Besides James, the father of Gabriel B. Derr, his children were: Benjamin, the eldest, who lived to be ninety-two years old; Peter, the second, who died at the age of eighty-nine years; Jacob, who attained the age of ninety; George, who died when fifty years old; Kate; Matilda; Elizabeth, who reached the age of ninety-six years; one that died in infancy; and Mary.

James Derr, son of John, was born in the Shamokin valley in Northumberland county in the year 1818, and moved thence to Schuylkill county, settling in the Mahantongo valley in 1836. Afterwards he moved to Porter township, and from there in 1860 to Tremont, where he passed the remainder of his days, dying May 9, 1890. During his residence in this county James Derr engaged in farming, and also followed the lumber business. In Porter township he married Catherine Haertter, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, daughter of Christ Haertter. Her father was also born in Bavaria, Germany, and when he came to America first located at Reading, Pa., later moving to Pine Grove, Schuylkill county, and then to Porter township, this county, where he died in 1852. By trade he was a brushmaker, and he followed farming as well. His children were: Christ, Jacob, Casper, Mary, Barbara and Catherine. Mr. and Mrs. James Derr had the following children: Regina, the eldest, now deceased; Gabriel B.; John, who lives at Tremont; Catherine, deceased; Mary, deceased; Emma, deceased; and George, deceased. All but Catherine died at Tremont, where they are buried.

Gabriel B. Derr was born, June 13, 1844, in Porter township, this county, where he was reared. In his early boyhood he helped with the farm work at home. When thirteen years old he came to Tremont, where he worked with his father in the timber business until 1868, in which year he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company. He began railroad work as a trackman, later became brakeman, and worked up to the position of conductor and baggageman, being so engaged for some time. He was retired July 1, 1914, and is now on the pension list.

Mr. Derr is respected by all his fellow citizens, among whom he had a wide acquaintance. He is a prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic, being commander of the post at Tremont. In 1864 he enlisted from Tremont, joining Company D, 16th Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, with which he served until the close of the Civil war, being mustered out at Richmond, Va., in August, 1865. He took part in the actions around Petersburg and in other important battles. Mr. Derr also holds membership in the P. O. S. of A. and the I. O. O. F., at Tremont, and is especially interested in the Odd Fellows, having passed all the chairs in the local lodge. He is a member of the Lutheran Church in the borough.

On March 27, 1873, Mr. Derr married Sarah Betz, and they have had children as follows: Emma and George (twins), Edward, Rutherford, Charles, Martha, and William, the last named deceased. George, who is living at Tremont, was in the service during the Spanish-American war, having enlisted from Philadelphia; Rutherford, who lives at Pottsville, this county, also served in the Spanish-American war; Edward is a resident of Allentown, Pa.; Charles lives at Tremont; Martha is the wife of Leo Frille, of Tremont.



Peter and Esther (Bowen) Betz, Mrs. Derr's parents, settled in Pottsville, Schuylkill county, in 1875, and he followed the trade of painter there for many years. The family subsequently moved to Berwick, Pa., where Mr. and Mrs. Betz ended their days, her death occurring in March, 1905, his in July, 1913. He was one of a large family, among his brothers being Daniel and Charles. Mrs. Betz was also a member of a large family, her parents having children as follows: James, Henry, William, Charles, Sarah, Katherine, Susan, Esther and Emma. We have the following record of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Betz: Henry the eldest, is deceased; Edward is deceased; Howard is a resident of Schuylkill Haven; George lives at Pottsville, this county; Charles is located at Berwick; Sarah, who was born at Lehighton, Carbon Co., Pa., is Mrs. Gabriel B. Derr; Frank is in Philadelphia. The last named is a veteran of the Spanish-American war. Peter Betz, the father, served three years in the Union army during the Civil war.

JOHN C. SCHILLING has been engaged in business at Ashland since 1900. He bears a name highly respected in this section, being a grandson of Peter Schilling, who emigrated to this country from Germany in 1855, settling at Ashland when it had but five houses on the present town site. He was employed at the mines. During the Civil war he served in the Union army, and he was a man of solid worth and one of the esteemed citizens of this region to the end of his days. At the time of his death he was living in Centuria, just over the line in Columbia county. He was the father of three children, Philip, John and Peter, all of whom are now deceased. John moved out to Minnesota, where he took up government land, became wealthy, and remained there until the end of his days.

Peter Schilling, son of Peter Schilling, was born in Bavaria, Germany, and was but a boy when the family came to America. He was soon afterwards bound out to a farmer, and continued to follow agricultural work until he became a young man, after which he was engaged on the railroad for forty years as foreman with the Philadelphia & Reading Company. In this capacity he built the Mine Hill railroad, the first railroad in this part of Pennsylvania. He was regarded as one of the substantial citizens of Ashland, where he was a member of the Washington Fire Company and interested in all the affairs of the locality. He was a member of the Roman Catholic Church, and helped to build the first German Catholic Church at Ashland. Politically he was a staunch Democrat. Mr. Schilling married Emma Schmidt, who was born at Reading, Pa., and died April 12, 1897, at Ashland. Of the children born to this union all died in infancy but John C. The father died at Ashland March 10, 1911.

Theodore Schmidt, father of Mrs. Peter Schilling, was a native of Germany, and learned the business of painting and decorating there, acquiring considerable reputation before his emigration to America. He settled at Reading, Pa., and afterwards came to Ashland, and followed his calling very successfully, being one of the finest in his line in this section of Pennsylvania. He died at Ashland when sixty-three years old. His wife's maiden name was Webber. He was the father of twenty-four children.

John C. Schilling was born Sept. 27, 1874, at Ashland, where he was reared and educated. In 1900 he commenced business on his own account, establishing himself at his present location at No. 1839 Centre street. He has always carried a complete general stock and in 1904 he added a meat market, which

has been continued ever since. By honorable methods and his accommodating disposition Mr. Schilling has succeeded in building up a profitable trade which has shown a wholesome increase from the beginning, and he has established himself among the substantial merchants of the borough. His thrift and reliability in business have attracted the attention of his fellow citizens, who have honored him with election as member of the council, in which body he has served two years, 1912-1914. His official duties are discharged with characteristic consideration for the best interests of his constituents. He is a member of St. Mauritius' Church at Ashland, and is a grand knight of Sarto Council, Knights of Columbus.

On May 26, 1896, Mr. Schilling married Mary Llewellyn, who was born in Ashland, daughter of David and Mary (Rhoades) Llewellyn, the former of whom died Nov. 21, 1901. He was an engineer at the mines. Mrs. Llewellyn, now (1914) sixty-one years of age, makes her home at Ashland. Their family consisted of sixteen children, and we have record of: David, who is foreman at the Excelsior colliery; Harry, a mason contractor; Mary, Mrs. Schilling; Hannah; William, head mechanic of the Excelsior colliery; Charles; Abraham, a graduate of Girard College, now engaged as a civil engineer.

To Mr. and Mrs. John C. Schilling have been born seven children, of whom but three survive: Leo (now aged thirteen years), Emma and Catherine. The others died in infancy.

VALENTINE W. QUIGEL, cashier of the First National Bank at Hegins, is considered one of the ablest financiers of his section of Schuylkill county. His reputation has been built up in years of exemplary service in positions of great responsibility, his present connection dating from the establishment of the bank, in 1908.

Mr. Quigel is a worthy representative of old Pennsylvania stock, the family having been founded here during the Provincial period. The name itself has been anglicized, its original form being Quickel. Quigel and its earlier variations are mentioned in a work on the "Teutonic Name System," by a German author, who claims that the root of the name is found in the ancient Norse language, the original meaning being "sword." The founder of the family was evidently a maker of swords or very dexterous in handling them, hence the surname. In the year 1736 there arrived at the port of Philadelphia, in the ship "Fantana," a number of German emigrants, among the passengers over sixteen years old being John M. and John P. Quigel, as well as other members of the family, including Christian, George and Peter Quigel. The "Fantana" sailed from Rotterdam, Holland, and it is probable the Quigels came to that port down the Rhine from their home in the Palatinate, in the Grand Duchy of Baden, where many bearing the name of Quickel are still to be found. Christian Quigel was a son of John P. Quigel, and they settled in Lancaster, the others in York county, Pa. (York county, however, was not separated from Lancaster until the late forties.)

Christian Quigel, who came to this country in the "Fantana" with his father, John P. Quigel, was the ancestor of Valentine W. Quigel. He lived in Manheim township, Lancaster Co., Pa., and enlisted from that township for service in the Revolutionary war, Aug. 27, 1776. He was a soldier in Colonel Swope's battalion, part of the troops of the celebrated "Flying Camp" commanded by General Washington on Long Island. Reference to his service may be found in the Pennsylvania Archives. Christian Quigel had six children: Peter, who



Valentine H. Quigel



was a soldier in the Revolution; Balzer, who removed to that part of Northumberland county now known as Lycoming, and was the ancestor of the family at Quigelsville; Nicholas, ancestor of the McElhattan (Pa.) Quigels; Philip, a Revolutionary soldier, ancestor of the branch of the family found at Pine Station, Clinton Co., Pa.; Michael, who settled in Northumberland county (he was the ancestor of Hon. A. J. Quigley); and Catherine, who married John Myers.

The descendants of these six children of Christian Quigel, as well as the other Quigels and Quickels who came to this country in the early days, have become scattered all over Pennsylvania, Ohio, the West and the South, and include a number of persons of distinction and renown, notably Hon. William B. Allison, United States senator from Iowa, and Hon. Hoke Smith, secretary of the Interior in Cleveland's cabinet. The Maclaurin family of South Carolina, and the Montgomery, Allen, Crawford, Crane, Stewart, McCormick, White, Williams, Grier, Baird, Welsh, Guise, Mobly, Hess, Simons, Shaw, Hanna and other well known families of this section of Pennsylvania, are also connected with the Quigels.

Balzer Quigel, son of Christian, married Rosanna Fink, by whom he had children: George, John and Michael.

George Quigel, son of Balzer, died in 1884, aged ninety-six years. He married Leah Kinley, and their children were: Michael, Jesse, John, Ambrose, Mary Ann, Catherine, Lydia and Sophia.

John Quigel, son of George, was born July 9, 1838, at Quigelsville, Lycoming Co., Pa., and was reared there. He had the common school advantages afforded in the home neighborhood, and followed farming throughout his active years. In religion he was a Lutheran, in politics a Democrat. During the Civil war he was in the Union service from September, 1862, to August, 1863, belonging to Captain Dodd's company, of the 77th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Mr. Quigel married Julia Ann Capple, a native of Germany, who came to America when two years old with her parents, George and Margaret Capple, both now deceased; the Capples resided in Lewis township, Lycoming county. Mr. and Mrs. John Quigel had three children, Valentine W., Sylvester and Margaret.

Valentine W. Quigel was born April 1, 1862, at Quigelsville, Lycoming Co., Pa. His education was acquired in the schools of his native county, and included instruction in the normal school at Muncy, Pa. In his early manhood he taught for three terms, but bookkeeping was his business profession, and he was engaged in that kind of work for years. In 1879 he went to Williamsport, Lycoming county, and entered the employ of J. C. Green & Co., with whom he remained until 1885. That year he became connected with the railway mail service, in which he continued during Cleveland's administration. For four years he was with the Gazette & Bulletin Publishing Association at Williamsport, served for five years as secretary of the Pennsylvania Beneficial Association, and in 1908 came to Hegins, where he has since been established. His comprehensive knowledge and understanding of financial questions was so generally recognized that he was called upon to serve the city of Williamsport as treasurer and the county of Lycoming as auditor, filling each office for two terms to the entire satisfaction of his fellow citizens.

The First National Bank of Hegins was organized April 23, 1908, with local capital, F. P. Barnd of Hegins being the first president and one of the original board of directors, his fellow members being: H. William Bressler, R. R. Artz,

Mr. D. E. Kurtz, W. R. Dinger, S. W. Kessler, G. W. Baum, S. A. Buffington, H. H. Geist, Dr. W. D. Karterman, Moses Schadel and John W. Heckert. Dr. Karterman is now president, and serving with him on the board of directors are H. W. Bressler, W. R. Dinger, H. H. Geist, W. W. Haas, M. W. Kessler, S. E. Kessler, H. Fred Lauer (of Ashland, Pa.), V. W. Quigel, Moses Schadel, L. L. Snyder and C. F. Otto. Mr. Lauer is secretary of the board. Mr. Quigel has filled the position of cashier uninterruptedly since the bank was organized, and his services and advice have been of inestimable value in the direction of its affairs. The capital stock is \$50,000, and there is at present a surplus of \$12,000, the undivided profits amounting to over \$2,000. The sound principles which have characterized the operation of the First National Bank of Hegins from the beginning have had an appreciably beneficial influence upon business activities in the town and adjacent territory in Schuylkill county. Much of the credit for the wholesome conditions it has helped to create and maintain must be assigned to Mr. Quigel's clear-headedness.

Mr. Quigel is a Democrat in politics, in which he takes a real interest, a member of the Lutheran Church, and socially connected with the Royal Arcanum and Modern Woodmen of America.

On July 8, 1886, Mr. Quigel married Jennie L. Smith, who died Jan. 5, 1887. On Jan. 3, 1889, he married (second) Caroline Hadtner, and they have one child, Beatrice E., now an employee in the First National Bank at Hegins; Miss Quigel holds a commission as notary public.

CHARLES A. SCHROPE, who is engaged in business at Tower City as a contracting miner, was born at Valley View, Schuylkill Co., Pa., in 1882, and is a son of George W. and Elizabeth (Smith) Schrope, grandson of Amos Schrope, great-grandson of John Schrope, and great-great-grandson of Andrew Schrope.

Andrew Schrope was born in Germany, and at about the time of the war of the Revolution became a pioneer of Valley View, Schuylkill county, where he took up a large tract of land. His operations were very extensive in scope, as may be judged from the fact that his property, now cut up, contained what is now six farms, all of great size. There he passed the remaining years of his life, one of the substantial and reliable men of his community, an influential voice in civic affairs and a force for progress and advancement along all lines. He died and was buried in the Sacramento community of Hubley township. He was the father of two sons, John and Andrew.

John Schrope, son of the pioneer, followed in his father's footsteps and when ready to adopt an occupation of his own took up farming. Through thrift, industry and good management his affairs prospered, and he became the owner of 325 acres of valuable land in Hegins township and a man of worth and substance in his locality. His life was devoted to the cultivation of the soil, and his death occurred near Sacramento, where he was laid to rest. Mr. Schrope married Maud Halderman, and they became the parents of four children: Amos, Jacob, Maria and Kate. After the death of his first wife Mr. Schrope was again married, to Lydia Haas, but there were no children born to this union.

Amos Schrope, the grandfather of Charles A. Schrope, was born on his father's homestead in Hegins Township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and there received his education and grew to manhood. When ready to establish a home of his own he secured a part of the homestead place, 105 acres, to the cultivation

and development of which he devoted the entire period of his active life. He still survives, in comfortable retirement, at his home at Valley View. Mr. Schrope has upheld the family name for public-spirited participation in civic affairs, and has served capably and faithfully in various offices, including those of school director and tax collector. Always a man of the strictest integrity, he has well merited the esteem and confidence in which he is held by those among whom his life has been passed. Mr. Schrope married Harriet Haas, daughter of Isaac Haas, of Mahantongo Valley, and four children were born to this union: Monroe, who is deceased; George W.; Ellen, who is the wife of Emanuel Schmeltz; and Webster, who resides with his father at Valley View.

George W. Schrope, father of Charles A. Schrope, was born at Valley View, Hegins township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., Oct. 10, 1864, and received his education in the public schools of that community. He remained at home on the farm, assisting his father, until he was seventeen years of age, at which time he secured employment as a laborer at the Brookside colliery. Later he turned his attention to mining, at which he was engaged for about fifteen years, then returning to the homestead and engaging in farming for eight years. Then he again went to the Brookside colliery, where for three years he was a miner, and through his efforts won promotion to the position of assistant inside foreman, a capacity in which he acted for seven years. In 1912 he was made foreman at the East Brookside colliery, and this post he continues to fill, being one of his company's most trusted men. Mr. Schrope married Elizabeth Smith, daughter of John Smith, of Mahantongo Valley, and to this union there were born the following children: Charles A.; John, whose death occurred when he was seven years old; Kate, who is the wife of Charles Long; Lillie, who is the wife of Harry Miller; George, who resides at Tower City; Robert, also a resident of that community; Minnie, who is the wife of A. Hoffer; Jacob, who is a student at Haverford College; Eva, wife of Charles Shuey; Mabel, who resides with her parents; and Harriet, who died when nine months old. The mother of these children died in April, 1913, deeply mourned by a wide circle of friends. Mr. Schrope is one of the well known men of his community and an influential factor in civic affairs. He has served capably as a member of the school board of Tower City. Fraternally he is affiliated with the local lodges of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Loyal Order of Moose.

Charles A. Schrope was still a lad when brought by his parents to Tower City, and here his education was secured in the public schools. He was but a boy when he secured employment in the mines, and when only seventeen years of age began to cut coal, a business at which he has spent the greater part of his life. For three years he was fire boss at the Silver Creek colliery, at the end of that time returning to Tower City, and he is now employed at the West Brookside colliery, where he is known as a highly efficient, reliable and faithful workman and skilled miner. As a citizen he has been a leader in movements which have made for progress and advancement, and has willingly given of his services in behalf of the elevation of educational standards, having served for some years as a member of the school board of Porter township. He also took the census of that township in 1910. Fraternally Mr. Schrope is a member of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, Improved Order



of Red Men, Knights of Pythias and Loyal Order of Moose, in all of which orders he has numerous warm friends.

Mr. Schroepe was united in marriage with Anna May Heartter, daughter of David Heartter, of Reinerton, Pa., and to this union there have been born five children, namely: Susie, Annie, Charles, Eva and Beatrice, who died when seven months old.

WILLIAM W. KAUP is undoubtedly one of the best known residents of Rush township, where he has a good farm which he cultivates, and also acts as mail carrier on Rural Route No. 2, out of Tamaqua, covering his home township and part of Ryon township. He has filled a number of public offices in the township, and in the discharge of all his responsibilities has shown consistent integrity and fidelity to the interests of his fellow citizens, in whose respect he feels well rewarded. Mr. Kaup is a native of the township, born July 16, 1851, son of William Kaup and grandson of John Kaup.

John Kaup was born Dec. 23, 1783, in Wurtemberg, Germany, and when he came to America settled in Schuylkill county, Pa., first in West Penn township, whence he removed to Rush township in the year 1830. He owned a farm of forty-seven acres about two miles from Tamaqua, which he cleared, and the stable which he built there in 1831 is still standing. He also erected a log house on the property. His death occurred Jan. 21, 1853, in his seventieth year, and he is buried at Dutch Hill, Tamaqua. His wife, Anna (Bensinger), born in April, 1788, died in January, 1849. Their children were: Lucetta, Mrs. William Kramer; William; Levi, who died in Illinois; Solomon, who died in Ohio; Priscilla, Mrs. Harry Bischoff; Benjamin, who died in Ohio; Maltida, Mrs. Abraham Boocher; Daniel, who died at Williamsport, Pa.; and Sarah Ann, Mrs. Charles Phillips.

William Kaup, son of John, was born in 1811, and died at the age of seventy-seven years. He was buried in the White Church cemetery in Rush township. He followed farming on his father's homestead, in Rush township, continuing to engage in agricultural pursuits throughout his life. He was one of three men who had charge of the teams that hauled the first engine, from Philadelphia, shipped from England for the Little Schuylkill Mining Company at Tamaqua. His progressive spirit is shown in his advocacy of the public school system, in the establishment of which he took an active part. He married Lydia Lindner, daughter of Samuel Lindner, whose wife was a Sensendorfer, member of a Revolutionary family; the Lindners were of German origin. Children as follows were born to this union: Isabella, who married Thomas Baker; Sevilla, who married William Reinhart; Solomon, who died when twenty-two years old; Mary M., who married Lewis Kline; Sarah Ann, who died in infancy; William W.; and Lydia E.

William W. Kaup was reared upon the homestead farm, where he now makes his home. He has not devoted all his life to agriculture, having for several years been associated with the American Ice Company as superintendent of their Schuylkill county plant. After his parents died he took the home property, which he has been improving materially ever since, having built a fine dwelling thereon in 1903. In 1904 Mr. Kaup was appointed to his position of rural mail carrier, in which capacity he has served efficiently since. Mr. Kaup has been a prominent worker in the Republican party for many years, and he has been elected to several local offices, having served for a long period as township clerk, and for twenty years he was general assessor.

In February, 1876, Mr. Kaup married Catherine Walter, and the following children have been born to them: John W.; Claude C., who married Annie Harris; Mary Ellen; Charles G., who married Minnie Parry; Elizabeth May; Bessie B.; and William Walter, who died young. The family are Lutherans.

John Walter, father of Mrs. William W. Kaup, was born June 6, 1829, in France, came to the United States in young manhood, and first settled at Tamaqua, Schuylkill Co., Pa. Later he removed to Rush township, locating at Stone Tavern. During the Civil war he enlisted for service in the Union army, and his death, which occurred March 2, 1867, was caused by exposure while in the army. He is buried at Tamaqua. His wife, Catherine (Bladel), was born in Germany, came to America when eighteen years old, and survived him many years, dying at the age of seventy-three. They had four children: Catherine, Mrs. Kaup; Rachel, Mrs. Charles Morgans; John, who died when thirty-seven years old; and Margaret, who married Francis Job, of England. The father of this family was a Democrat in political sentiment.

JAMES DEIBERT, a lifelong resident of North Manheim township, Schuylkill county, recently deceased, was a citizen especially helpful in local affairs by his efficient services on the school board. He was probably one of the most widely known men in his part of the county, where he was engaged in farming for many years on land which has been owned and occupied by his family since the middle of the eighteenth century.

Michael Deiver (as his generation spelled the name), great-grandfather of James Deibert, was the founder of this branch of the family in Schuylkill county. He was born in Germany, and came with his parents to America, the family settling in Bern township, Berks county, in the then Province of Pennsylvania, near Michael's Church. There were five children, three sons and two daughters: Michael, Christopher, Wilhelm, Mrs. George Huntzinger and Mrs. John Gevert. When the sons were grown they moved to Manheim township, Schuylkill county, and married, Wilhelm to a daughter of John Renschler, from Bern township, Berks county, Michael to Elizabeth Waver. In the year 1744 the brothers Wilhelm and Michael bought in partnership three hundred acres of land in North Manheim township, at the road leading from Schuylkill Haven to Landingville, Wilhelm's part being at the location occupied by Edward Peale in 1884, and Michael's where John Filbert lived at that time. The third brother, Christopher, went to Virginia in his younger years, and the family did not hear from him afterwards.

In the beginning Wilhelm and Michael Deiver had the Indians for their neighbors, and were molested considerably. Deer and bears were plentiful in the region at that day, and as they divided the meat with the savages when they shot any the Indians became more friendly. In the pamphlet published in 1884 by Daniel Deibert, a grandson of Wilhelm Deibert, we find this paragraph: "My grandfather said after the Indians went away, some of them came back again to rob them of their planting fruits. My grandfather and his brother Michael had to flee over the Blue mountain to their father's home. They buried their implements on the other side of the Schuylkill river, in the woods, that the Indians could not get them; but when they came back they didn't find them any more. And they didn't find them till the Schuylkill canal was made, then they dug them out again."

Michael Deiver (according to the same pamphlet) had five sons and three

daughters (only two daughters are named, however), Henry, Andrew, Michael, Christian, John, Catharine and Elizabeth. Henry married Miss Kriner; Andrew, Miss Luckenbill; Michael, Miss Luckenbill (they had no children); Christian, Miss Miller; Catharine, John Dewald; Elizabeth, Daniel Repp. The father, Michael, died on his property in North Manheim township, and is buried at the Red Church in this county.

John Deibert, son of Michael, was born in North Manheim township, and was a farmer by occupation. He is buried in the old cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. He was twice married, the maiden name of his first wife being Renchler, of his second Wagner. His children were as follows: Daniel, who lived in Schuylkill Haven; George; Jacob, who died at Schuylkill Haven; John, who died at Schuylkill Haven; Benjamin, who died at Pottsville; William, who died in the Upper Mahantongo Valley, Schuylkill county; Samuel; Hannah, who married John Humel, of Selinsgrove, Pa.; and Christine, who married Henry Shelly and lived at Pottsville.

George Deibert, son of John and grandson of Michael, born at the old homestead of his parents, followed farming all his life. He is buried in the Union cemetery. He had many interesting experiences in the early days. His father owned a large tract of land where Fishbach is now located (near Pottsville), then thickly wooded. When the timber was cut it was floated down the Schuylkill. One day, while going past what is now known as Mount Carben, he was followed by a wolf, and hastened to reach the river so that the animal might lose his scent when he forded the stream. When somewhat older he had another exciting time while plowing on the homestead, on the Second mountain. A deer ran out and got into a pond, and Mr. Deibert, thinking he could kill it, went into the water after it, but the animal almost drowned him. He also had some adventures with panthers. Mr. Deibert married Susanna Reed, daughter of James Reed, and she lived to the age of seventy-one. The following children were born to them: Charles V. B., of Schuylkill Haven; Sarah, who married Abraham Sharadin; Mahlon, who died when nine years old; Amanda, who married Harrison Berger; James, who settled on the old homestead in North Manheim township; Frank; George, living at Landingville; Hannah, who married Edward Schappell; Elwin, living at Schuylkill Haven; and William, who died when sixteen years old.

James Deibert, son of George, above, was born Oct. 18, 1847, on the homestead near the Half Way House in North Manheim township, and attended the local public schools. When fifteen years old he entered the employ of W. D. Kline, at Landingville, for whom he clerked three months, receiving six dollars a month. As his father needed his assistance he returned home, and thereafter cultivated the Deibert property, after his marriage renting the land, and purchasing the homestead upon his father's death. He had eighty-nine acres of valuable farming land situated along the State road, near Orwigsburg. He continued to reside there after retiring from the active work of cultivation, in 1909, but was preparing to remove to Orwigsburg at the time of his death, and had leased the property. There was no more highly respected citizen in the township. His activity in the promotion of all measures intended for the betterment of the locality, his upright life and well balanced ideas, were influences for good these many years. During the twelve years he was on the school board he showed his sincere desire to secure the best possible advantages for his township in the way of educational facilities, and spared neither time nor effort to fill his office with the highest regard for its

responsibilities. He was president of the board several years, and also acted as treasurer. Mr. Deibert was a Democrat in politics, and a Lutheran in religious connection. His death occurred at his home on the farm Feb. 9, 1915, after a few days' illness.

Mr. Deibert's wife, Mary C. (Faust), died in 1908, and is buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. She was a daughter of Daniel Faust.

Of the children born to this union four survive, all married: Newton A., who is a shoe manufacturer at Orwigsburg, this county; Elizabeth, wife of William H. Brommer, of Harrisburg, Pa.; Lillie B., wife of Milton Rohrer, a shoe manufacturer of Orwigsburg; and James R., a draftsman, and also engaged in the grocery business at Harrisburg.

JOSEPH H. LAUDIG, of Ringtown, is doing a thriving business in that borough and the neighboring territory as a general carpenter and contractor, and has many substantial structures to show for his activity in the quarter of a century he has been operating on his own account. For thrift in business and honorable dealings with all, he is considered a worthy representative of the Laudig family, which has been established in this region since the time of his great-grandfather.

Peter Laudig, a Revolutionary soldier, was born Jan. 28, 1760, and died Aug. 6, 1837. On May 16, 1780, he married Catherine Lantzer, who was born in Philadelphia June 12, 1760, and died Oct. 6, 1835. They are buried at the Old White Church near Ringtown, Schuylkill county.

Jacob Laudig, son of Peter, was born Sept. 28, 1786, and died July 17, 1863. The greater part of his active life was spent in Union township, whither he moved from Middleport, this county, and he was engaged in farming and milling, having a tract of about forty-eight acres and a gristmill where T. W. Rumbel now lives. This mill and farm he sold to John Maurer and then bought the place where W. H. Rumbel is now located, remaining there until his death. He was a Democrat in political faith, and his religious connection was with the German Reformed congregation of the Old White Church near Ringtown, in whose cemetery he and his wife are buried. Mr. Laudig married Elizabeth Wetstone, who was born Jan. 13, 1794, and died Sept. 26, 1863. Their children were: Solomon married Susan Zimmerman; William married Rebecca Rumbel; Frank died in young manhood; Jacob married a Stauffer; Leah married John Zimmerman.

Jacob Laudig, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Wetstone) Laudig, was born Feb. 15, 1836, in Union township, where he grew to manhood. He assisted his father with the farm work and remained with him until his death, on the place now owned by William H. Rumbel, continuing to live at the old homestead until 1880, when he removed to Zion Grove, in North Union township. There he purchased a tract of eighty acres (the farm now owned by Edward L. Indermuth), about three acres of which were in timber, and he followed general farming on that land until his death. Mr. Laudig was an expert butcher, and his services as such were in great demand among all the farmers in this section. In politics he gave his support to the Democratic party, and in religion he clung to the faith of the German Reformed denomination, belonging to the Old White Church, near Ringtown. He died July 17, 1898, and is buried at that church.

Mr. Laudig married Rachel (or Rebecca) Stauffer, who was born March 6, 1837, in Locust Valley, Schuylkill Co., Pa., daughter of George and Catherine

(Swank) Stauffer, and survives him, living in Ringtown. Children as follows were born to them: Joseph H.; Benjamin F., born June 15, 1864, who married Elizabeth R. Lessig and lives in Scranton, Pa.; George, born Dec. 2, 1865, of Ringtown, who married Mary A. Horn; Charles, born Dec. 3, 1867, who married Emma Mumme and lives at Zion Grove, this county; Elizabeth C., born Jan. 31, 1873, wife of William Deebel, of Ringtown; and Rose, born Oct. 28, 1874, wife of Henry Reich, of Ringtown.

Joseph H. Laudig was born Aug. 8, 1861, in Union township, his birthplace being now included in Ringtown borough. He worked with his father on the home place until 1880, meantime receiving good educational advantages in the public schools of the township, and then became a carpenter's apprentice with J. B. Kester, of Ringtown, with whom he remained for a period of eight years. During that time he had obtained a comprehensive knowledge of general carpenter work, barn and house building, and he felt competent to start out on his own account as a contractor. His success has fully justified the venture. Much of the most creditable construction work in and around Ringtown has been intrusted to him, and he is usually kept busy with his contracts in that vicinity. One summer he worked at Shenandoah for Mr. O'Hearn, lumber dealer and contractor, and he built a house for his brother in Scranton. Personally he is able to perform any kind of carpenter work, being very proficient with the tools of the trade and competent to do any of the skilled labor necessary in the erection of a building. His familiarity with the practical end of the business, combined with executive capacity, makes him a shrewd judge of workmen, and no one in the business hereabouts stands higher for reliability and responsibility in anything he undertakes. Affairs of local interest have always received their due share of his attention. He is a member of the Ringtown Fire Company, and was one of its trustees for several years. He belongs to Washington Camp No. 265, P. O. S. of A., of Ringtown, of which he was formerly recording secretary; and was a charter member of Ringtown Lodge, No. 287, I. O. O. F., of which he is a past grand, and he was its first secretary. Mr. Laudig is independent in politics, supporting the candidates and measures he thinks best, regardless of party. In his earlier years he was a member of the Old White Church (Reformed) near Ringtown, where he held the office of deacon for nine years, but he is now a member of the Reformed Church at Ringtown. For some time he taught in the Sunday school at Zion Grove, and he has always been a generous contributor to religious enterprises of all kinds.

Mr. Laudig married Susan Kersteder, who was born Oct. 18, 1861; her father and mother, Adam Kersteder and Hannah Long, were both natives of Schuylkill county, born in Mahanoy Valley. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Laudig: Mattie May, born July 27, 1884, is married to Elmer Kreiger, and has five children, Clarence E., Mary R., Roy A., Emily M. and Joseph D.; Daniel A., born Sept. 21, 1886, married Carrie Laudig and has two children, Guy H. and Grace; Sadie E. was born March 30, 1889; James A. was born May 31, 1891; Jacob W., born Dec. 8, 1893, married Eva Horne; Allen R. was born July 23, 1896; Perl R. was born Nov. 12, 1904. Mrs. Kreiger, Daniel, Sadie and James are graduates of the Ringtown high school.

MORRIS UPDEGRAVE, proprietor of the "Tower City House," at Tower City, Pa., was born Dec. 13, 1873, in Hubley township, near Sacra-

mento, Schuylkill county, son of Samuel and Lucinda (Undercoffler) Updegrave, and a grandson of Jacob Updegrave.

Jacob Updegrave was born in Germany, and as a young man came to the United States in search of his fortune, settling as a pioneer in Pine Valley, Schuylkill Co., Pa. There his affairs prospered, he became the owner of a good farm, was known as a substantial and reliable citizen, and passed all his life. He died there, and was buried at the cemetery at Sacramento. Mr. Updegrave married Catherine Kimmel, and they became the parents of the following children: Henry K.; Anetta, who married John Deibler; Cecelia, who married Daniel Geist; Catherine, who married John Pritchard; Elizabeth, who married Frank Stutzman; Jacob; Samuel; and Sevilla, who married Wilson Geist. Of these children, Henry K. Updegrave was connected with the early history of the coal industry in the West End, and was a large contractor in the supplying of timber for the mines. Later he became proprietor of the "Tower City House," which he conducted for a number of years. He looked after the land for Mr. Tower at a time when the entire locality was little more than a wilderness and later supplied the first timber for the Brookside colliery. His death occurred at Tower City when he was well advanced in years. Jacob, son of Jacob, and brother of Henry K. Updegrave, was a miner and the victim of one of the early accidents in this locality, in which his back was broken. He lived for nine years thereafter, eventually passing away at Tower City.

Samuel Updegrave, father of Morris Updegrave, was in early life employed with his brother, Henry K., and Henry Row, in driving team, hauling timber. He subsequently turned his attention to farming operations in Pine Valley, Hubley township, and in 1874 came to Tower City, where he was employed to drive a team at the mines. Later he was advanced to stable boss at the Brookside colliery and held that position until his death, which occurred June 29, 1909. Mr. Updegrave was well known in this locality and was the possessor of a host of friends. He married Lucinda Undercoffler, who died in 1911, and both are buried at Greenwood cemetery, Tower City. They had the following children: Elmer; Morris; Clara, deceased, who was the wife of Samuel Stephens; Fred; Cora, who is the wife of Edward Artz; Walter; Edith, who is the wife of Allen Schreiner; Harper; and Estella, who is the wife of S. Bruggy.

The education of Morris Updegrave was secured in the public schools of Tower City, and his boyhood was passed in much the same manner as that of his youthful companions, who early learned the lessons of industry and thrift, and who were taught to be self-reliant. He was only nine years of age when he began contributing to his own support as a slate picker, and one year later went inside to work, gradually becoming experienced in various lines. Eventually he became a miner, a vocation which he followed until reaching the age of twenty-four years, when, having accumulated some capital, he left the mines and entered the draying business by buying out Charles Masterson, at Tower City. For thirteen years Mr. Updegrave followed this business with a full measure of success, and then disposed of his interests to Troutman Brothers and removed to Atlantic City, N. J. A short time later he went to Philadelphia, where he spent eighteen months and was employed as a station agent by the Rapid Transit Company, returning to Tower City, where, April 13, 1914, he took charge of the "Tower City House." He has continued to conduct this hotel with success, and is very popular with the

traveling public. A solicitous host, he is eager to meet the wishes of his guests, and as a result this hostelry is gaining much reputation and patronage.

Mr. Updegrave married Agnes Brown, daughter of Samuel Brown, and they have five children: Mae, Allen, Vivian, Hazel and Dorothy.

Always progressive and enterprising, Mr. Updegrave has contributed to the entertainment facilities of this locality by the erection of what is known as Palace Hall, a structure 56 by 76 feet, located in the rear of the "Tower City House," which has been fitted up with a splendid dance floor, with all modern equipment, and accommodations for basket-ball matches and other entertainments. It is well lighted and heated, has a large seating capacity, and being the only structure of its kind it is largely patronized by the pleasure-loving public. It has been frequently the scene of entertainments given by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Tower City, the Knights of Pythias of Muir, and the Loyal Order of Moose, of Lykens, of which orders Mr. Updegrave is a popular member.

**SHAPPELL FAMILY.** In Perry township, Berks Co., Pa., which until 1853 was a part of Windsor township, is a prominent family bearing the name of Shappell, which is sometimes variously spelled Schappelle, Choppelle, Schobbel, Shobel, Schappel and Schappell. The original home of the family was in France, but through religious persecution its members sought refuge in Germany, making their home at Wittenberg. Among the 108 passengers on the good ship "Patience," which arrived at the port of Philadelphia Sept. 17, 1753, was a Jeremie Chappelle, and one Jean Pierre Chappelle. The kinship of these two emigrants is unknown, but it is doubted that they were relatives. What became of Jean Pierre after landing in the New World is unknown. Jeremias Schappelle (as it appears on the tombstone) or Schobel, and Eberhart Schoppel, brothers, were residents in Windsor township, Berks Co., Pa., in 1754 (see Rupp's history).

According to the tombstone inscription at Zion's Church, in Perry (formerly Windsor) township, Jeremias Schappelle was born in 1715, and he died Oct. 15, 1804. His wife, Catherine, born in 1724, passed away June 8, 1801. The will of Jeremiah Shappel (sic) is on record in the Berks county courthouse in Will Book A, page 505. It was made Feb. 11, 1803, and probated Jan. 7, 1805. At the time the will was made he was a resident of Windsor township. The following children were mentioned in the will: Jacob (who was made executor of his father's estate), Matthias, Jeremias, Magdalena and Catherine. In the cemetery at Zion's Church is a tombstone bearing the following inscription: "Elizabeth Schappelle, wife of Jeremias, formerly of Deutschland, born Feb. 16, 1771, died July 9, 1817, aged forty-six years, five months, twenty-three days." This probably refers to the wife of Jeremias or Jeremias, son of Jeremias (1).

No records of the descendants of Eberhart Schoppel are in evidence at Zion's Union Church. He may have left Windsor township after 1744, in which year he hewed his name on a stone now in the southeastern wall of the old graveyard. Tradition says that the stones upon which these names are carved (one bears the name of Jeremias) were once part of the wall of the first church. The fourth church was in process of construction in 1908.

Jacob Schappell, son of Jeremias, was better known as "Jockey," a nickname evidently taken from the German pronunciation of his name. He was born in Wittenberg, Germany, Feb. 2, 1744, and died Sept. 11, 1826. As stated



above he was the executor of his father's will in 1805. His wife, Susanna, was born Feb. 2, 1751, and died July 24, 1828. They are buried at Zion's Church. Jeremias, Eberhart and Jockey Schappell were founders of the original Zion's Church. Tradition says Jacob and Susanna had a large family, some of their children, however, dying in infancy and childhood. Of these may be mentioned those of whom there is record: Peter, born April 19, 1770; Col. Jeremiah, born March 20, 1774; Daniel, mentioned below; and Hannah, who married Georg Hoffman, a farmer of Perry township. There is a valley in Perry township known as Schappell's Dale, because of the many Shappells living there.

Daniel Shappell was born in Longswamp, Berks county, and followed farming all of his active life. He came to Schuylkill county at an early date, settling between Schuylkill Haven and Orwigsburg, where he purchased 500 acres of land. He was a taxable resident of North Manheim township in 1790, where he died, and is buried in the old cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. His children were: John, Charles, Daniel, Jacob, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Dengler, Mrs. Potts, Mrs. Roudenbush, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Krebs and Mrs. Waitman.

John Shappell was born on the homestead and was reared a farmer. He came into possession of 136 acres of the homestead, which he continued to cultivate until his death. For a short time he followed the occupation of boat-builder at Schuylkill Haven, also making several trips down the canal. He died at the age of seventy-nine, his wife, Caroline Bowen, passing to rest at the age of seventy-two years. They are interred in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. Mr. Shappell was a man of high repute throughout the countryside and his death was regretted by all with whom he had intercourse in life. His children were: Edwin, living in Cressona; James, of Schuylkill Haven; Hannah, wife of Elijah Boyer; Albert, living in Pottsville; John, who resides in Omaha, Nebr.; Daniel; Charles, who died in Cressona; Andrew J.; and a son who died in infancy.

ANDREW J. SHAPPELL was born on the homestead in North Manheim township Feb. 12, 1859, has followed farming all of his life, and is now half owner of his father's homestead. He was married to Ella Weaver, daughter of Charles Weaver, and to this union were born children as follows: Luther, Helen, Florence, Ida, Lester, Claude (deceased), and a daughter who died in infancy.

DANIEL SHAPPELL was born on the homestead in North Manheim township Dec. 19, 1854. He is now the possessor of half of his father's homestead of 136 acres, and in partnership with his brother Andrew J. carries on a general farming and trucking business there, disposing of his produce in the Pottsville and Schuylkill Haven markets. He married Anna Bubeck, daughter of John Bubeck, and their children are: Lottie, wife of Morris Becker; Clair; Daniel, Jr.; and Howard and Bird D., both deceased.

TIMOTHY F. BERNEY, postmaster at Tower City, Schuylkill Co., Pa., was born at Minersville, this county, Oct. 25, 1879, son of Patrick Berney. His father, who resides at Tower City, has for many years been connected with the Brookside colliery, and is adjudged one of the valued and reliable foremen in the employ of the Reading Company.

Timothy F. Berney was six years of age when brought by his parents to Tower City, and here his education was secured in the public schools. He was still a lad when he took employment at the West Brookside colliery, and

continued to work there for about two years, or until he learned the art of telegraphy at the Brookside station of the Reading railroad. This he followed as a vocation for one year, and was then promoted to a clerical position in the Brookside office of the company, having since that time been advanced to a place of importance. He is a Democrat in politics and has been prominent in the councils of his party in this locality. As a public servant he has served very satisfactorily in the capacities of member of the board of health, a position which he held for five years, and as auditor of Tower City borough, and on June 27, 1913, was appointed postmaster at Tower City borough by President Woodrow Wilson. He has worked faithfully in an endeavor to better the service from his office, and has proved a most popular official with the people there. Formerly he was a director and secretary of the Franklin Building and Loan Association of Tower City. His religious connection is with the Catholic Church, and at present he is a director of the Knights of Saint George, of Tower City, as well as president of the local organization of the A. O. H. In business, official and fraternal circles he is one of the most popular young men of Tower City.

Mr. Berney married Cecilia A. McDonald, a daughter of Archibald F. McDonald, of St. Clair, Pa., and they have one daughter, Florence Rita.

IVOR DAVID FENTON, M. D., is one of the younger physicians at Mahanoy City, but nevertheless a trustworthy member of the profession, and personally he bears the enviable reputation which has become attached to the name of Fenton in this part of Schuylkill county. His father, Patrick C. Fenton, has attained by his own efforts an honored position in mining circles. His grandparents were James and Mary (Phillips) Fenton, natives of Scotland and Wales, respectively, who lived and died in the latter country. James Fenton passed away in 1871, aged sixty-eight years, his widow in 1904, at the age of eighty-six.

Patrick C. Fenton was born Jan. 3, 1860, in Glamorganshire, Wales, and was reared in his native country. His early educational opportunities were meagre, for he began work in the mines when a boy, but he was ambitious and attended night school, both in Wales and after coming to this country. In 1878 he turned to America to improve his fortunes. After landing he proceeded directly to Shenandoah, Schuylkill Co., Pa., arriving there in September, and immediately sought work at the mines. He was employed at Shenandoah for almost a quarter of a century, during which time he won several promotions on his merits. For ten years he was a fire boss, inside foreman six years, and assistant superintendent two years. When he had been in this country eighteen years he made a visit to his old home in Wales, spending two and a half months on the trip. Returning to Shenandoah he resumed work as inside foreman of the Packer colliery, No. 3, where he continued until 1903, since when he has been engaged as a mine inspector. The duties of the mine inspectors are arduous and highly important to operators as well as employees. The company is divided into four districts, the Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth and Thirteenth Anthracite districts, each in charge of an inspector, and Mr. Fenton has held the position in the Eleventh district (known as the Mahanoy district) continuously since first chosen, now serving his fifth term. Though there has been official mine inspection since 1870, the Act of Assembly under which the Department of Mines, as at present constituted, was established was not approved until April 14, 1903. The office of mine

inspector is elective, the term three years, the responsibility great, the requirements very exacting. Supplementing his practical experience, Mr. Fenton in order to qualify thoroughly took the full correspondence course in mining of the International Correspondence Schools, Scranton, Pa., familiarizing himself with the theory of many details. At the general election in 1903 he was the successful candidate in the Eleventh district, where his ability was well known, and so well satisfied were the people with his performance of the duties intrusted to him that he was reelected without opposition in 1906. He has been the choice of the voters at each election since. There are nine collieries in the district, with about ten thousand employes, whose safety to a large extent is dependent upon the thoroughness of the inspector. He keeps a record of the ventilation—the condition of the mines with relation to the presence of gas and the methods employed to obviate its effects, the number of cubic feet of air supplied to each man, and the means employed to supply it; the extension of tunnels; abandonment of workings; installation of each new machine, and the reason for every change. All new workings are prosecuted under his direct supervision, and he must keep track of all the details of the working of every mine in his district, above and below ground. The information must all be embodied in his annual report to the chief of the Department of Mines of Pennsylvania. When we state that Mr. Fenton has passed several examinations with high marks, it is only doing justice to his comprehensive knowledge of mines and mining in the anthracite region and his conscientious interpretation of duty. His genial nature has made him many friends. He has his official headquarters on East Centre street, Mahanoy City, at his handsome home. He is also president of the Mahanoy-Mecholin Coal Company, whose mines are in Harrison county, Ohio.

On April 20, 1882, Mr. Fenton married Elizabeth Thomas, daughter of John T. and Mary Ann Thomas, then living at Shenandoah. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are natives of Glamorganshire, Wales. Mr. and Mrs. Fenton have had five children: Mary graduated from high school and taught school in Mahanoy City before her marriage to Charles Richards, now division superintendent of the mines at Mahanoy City; Ivor David is next in the family; Edith, a graduate of the Mahanoy City high school, lives at home; Caroline is attending high school; John is also at school. The family are members of the Welsh Congregational Church. Politically he is a Republican, and has always been active in party affairs and a leader in the locality. He is on the library committee which selects the public school books. Fraternally he is connected with the Ivorites, B. P. O. Elks and Fraternal Order of Eagles. Mr. Fenton is fond of music and a good singer, and has been active in musical circles for many years. His numerous and various associations have brought him into contact with a large number of his fellow citizens, and he commands their respectful esteem by his many admirable qualities. He is a self-made man, and has gained his high standing by the most commendable methods.

Ivor David Fenton was born Aug. 3, 1880, at Buck Mountain, Schuylkill county. He received his literary education in the public schools of Mahanoy City and Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa., graduating from the academy there and spending one year in the college. He then matriculated at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and after his graduation in 1912 was stationed for eighteen months in the Fountain Springs hospital at Ashland, Pa., where he had many advantages for supplementing his college work with actual experience. Since entering upon independent practice he has been

established at Mahanoy City, where he is building up a creditable patronage. His success is the reward of devoted labor, and well deserved. Dr. Fenton is a Mason, belonging to Mahanoy City Lodge, No. 357, F. & A. M., and a member of the B. P. O. Elks and Improved Order of Red Men. His religious connection is with the Welsh Congregational Church.

JAMES M. SHELLHAMMER, of Pottsville, at present a member of the city council, was engaged in the confectionery trade there throughout his business career. He attained a substantial position entirely through his own efforts, having begun life a poor boy, but he had the ambition and determination necessary to make headway against obstacles, and his success was well earned. Thus he merits the confidence which his fellow citizens have placed in him, and which he has never betrayed either in his performance of public duties or discharge of any of the obligations of daily life.

The Shellhammers are of German origin, Isaac Shellhammer, grandfather of James M., having been born in Germany. When he came to America he established his home in Schuylkill, where he lived and died. His children were Benneville, Jared, Samuel H. and Mary (Mrs. Jonas Rerig).

Samuel H. Shellhammer was born at West Penn, Schuylkill county, and spent all his life in the county. In early life he did farm work, and afterwards became a mine worker, acting as inside and outside boss at the Myersville colliery (owned by Henry Myers), near Mahanoy City, where he was employed for a period of seventeen years. For about four years after giving up this work he was on a farm in the same vicinity, at Locust Valley, from there moving to the Daniel Hummel farm, near Orwigsburg. He remained on that property until his death, which occurred there in 1887. Mr. Shellhammer is buried at McKeanburg, this county, near Orwigsburg. He married Priscilla Correll, of West Penn, this county, who survived him, dying in 1889. They had the following family: Charles, who is living at Bowmansville, Pa.; Mary, Mrs. William Mills; James M.; Clara and Elizabeth, both of whom died young; Joseph, living at Port Carbon, Pa.; Samuel, a resident of Schuylkill county; and Elizabeth (2), who married Emerson Trout and (second) Joseph Mengle.

James M. Shellhammer was born Oct. 31, 1860, in Schuylkill county, near the Berks county line. He was reared on a farm. His educational advantages were limited, as he was only a boy of eight years when he commenced picking slate at a breaker. He was employed about the mines at that and other work until sixteen years old, after which he farmed with his father for two years. He then came to Pottsville, where he learned the candy business with Henry Loechel, with whom he continued for about nine years, until ready to go into the business for himself. He was located at No. 15 North Centre street, and worked up a profitable trade by honest methods and satisfactory goods. During the fifteen years he carried on the business Mr. Shellhammer made a reputation for reliability which has evidently gained him a permanent place in the regard of his townsmen. He retired in 1905, and has enjoyed thoroughly the leisure which his release from business allows, taking a leading part in the social organizations of the city and devoting some of his time to the public service. In 1910 he was elected to the city council, and in November, 1913, was reelected, with the largest vote given to any candidate for the office on that occasion. As there was a hard contest in 1913, this indorsement of his good work was especially creditable. Though a Republican in principle,



*Joe M. Shellhammer*



Mr. Shellhammer votes independently, supporting the men he deems best fitted for the places to be filled.

Socially Mr. Shellhammer holds membership in the I. O. O. F. (Lily of the Valley Lodge), P. O. S. of A. (Washington Camp No. 36), K. G. E., Red Men, Heptasophs and B. P. O. Elks (Lodge No. 207), all of Pottsville; in the Ridgley Protective Association and Preferred Accidental. His religious connection is with the English Lutheran Church.

On Sept. 1, 1887, Mr. Shellhammer married Minnie H. Lord, daughter of Henry Lord. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Shellhammer occupy the handsome residence at the corner of Jackson and Greenwood avenues, on Greenwood Hill, which he built at the time of his retirement from business. The lot is 110 by 160 feet in dimensions, and beautifully situated, affording a fine view which adds greatly to the attractions of this beautiful home.

Elijah Lord, Mrs. Shellhammer's grandfather, was a pioneer settler in Pottsville, and died in the borough. He is buried in the Presbyterian cemetery. His children were: Seth, Charles, Peggin, Henry, Jeremiah, Isaac, William and Frank, all of whom lived and died at Pottsville.

Henry Lord, father of Mrs. Shellhammer, was born Dec. 23, 1819, at Pottsville, and passed all his life there, dying Feb. 7, 1889, as the result of injuries received in an accident. He was a carpenter, and followed contracting to the end of his days. His first wife, Ann (Williams), born Dec. 7, 1822, died Nov. 7, 1855, leaving four children: William, who was killed at the battle of Gettysburg; Susan, who married Charles Seaman, a veteran of the Civil war; Ellen, wife of Joseph R. Sowers; and Albert, now living at Shamokin, Pa. Mr. Lord subsequently married (second) Lucretia Hagar, of Orwigsburg, Pa., born Jan. 15, 1834, daughter of Peter Hagar. She survived him a year, dying March 19, 1890. To this union also were born four children: Minnie H., Mrs. James M. Shellhammer; Carrie, wife of Edward Boyer; Lulu, Mrs. Charles Hummel; and Hagar, who married Emma Brenneman.

WILLIAM G. STITZER, proprietor of Stitzer's Cafe at Schuylkill Haven, was born in that borough May 27, 1866, and is a son of William F. Stitzer. The family is of German ancestry.

David Stitzer, the first of the family on record in America, was born March 12, 1750, in Nova Scotia, whence he came to Philadelphia. He served in the Revolutionary war and at its close moved to Reading, Berks Co., Pa. His wife, Barbara Ann Elizabeth (Pafenhouser), was a native of Nova Scotia, born March 10, 1754, and came to Philadelphia in 1757. Among the children of this couple was John D., the grandfather of William G. Stitzer.

John D. Stitzer was born at Reading, April 18, 1799, and learned the trade of shoemaker. For a time he lived at Rehrersburg, Berks county, removing thence in 1844 to Schuylkill Haven, where he followed his trade for a number of years. He died at Mahanoy City, June 27, 1879, aged eighty years. He was originally a Whig, but became a Republican after the formation of that party, although he took no active part in politics. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. On Sept. 22, 1822, Mr. Stitzer was married by Rev. Mr. Muhlenberg, of Reading, to Sarah Hockaman, who was born Jan. 20, 1806, in Tulpehocken, Berks county, and died Sept. 18, 1884, at Minersville, Schuylkill county. Her father, Henry Hockaman, of Stouchsburg, Berks county, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and died in 1833 at the age of seventy-eight. Mr. and Mrs. Stitzer were the parents of thirteen children:



George W., born Nov. 17, 1823, at Reamstown, Lancaster county, died Oct. 28, 1901; Amelia E., born Nov. 19, 1825, married Morton Swartz, and died Jan. 6, 1906; Mary, born Feb. 28, 1827, married Anthony Lerch, and died in Ohio, June 14, 1904; Harriet S., born Oct. 31, 1828, died unmarried, April 6, 1847; Sarah Frances, born Jan. 21, 1831, married Engelbert Geiger, and died Oct. 14, 1902; John Andrew, born Feb. 1, 1833, died June 14, 1860; William Foster was born Jan. 2, 1835; a daughter, born Feb. 6, 1837, died in infancy; Ann Delilah, born April 19, 1838, lives in the South; Francis A., born Aug. 29, 1840, at Rehrersburg, became a private in the Union army April 17, 1861, and served throughout the war, being mustered out as a major July 27, 1865 (he served as deputy collector of internal revenue at Easton, Pa., for fifteen years, and Feb. 20, 1886, removed to Cheyenne, Wyo., becoming active in business and military circles in that State, and is at present serving as mayor of Laramie); David Henry, born June 7, 1843, served throughout the Civil war, afterwards had charge of the Gordon Plane in Schuylkill county for a time, and then removed to Kansas and engaged in farming, dying in that State Sept. 17, 1911; Catherine E., born Sept. 25, 1845, married Solomon Hoffas and is living in the South; Samuel, born Dec. 21, 1847, died Dec. 6, 1900.

William Foster Stitzer was born at Rehrersburg, Berks county, and attended the common schools there. When he was but nine years of age he became driver of a towing team on the Schuylkill canal, following that line of work for the next twenty-three years, becoming a captain in 1855. His boats plied between Schuylkill Haven and New York City. In 1868 Mr. Stitzer was elected constable of Schuylkill Haven, and served thereafter for twenty-four consecutive years, until he resigned. In 1869 he became borough tax collector, discharging his duties with such ability as to be chosen tax collector of North Manheim township three times and of Port Clinton once. In 1878 he collected \$10,000 in Shenandoah, and he attained the reputation of an expert collector of public money. He also followed auctioneering and real estate selling, for eighteen years being special officer for the Reading Railway Company, part of the time being active in the prosecution of the "Molly Maguires," a dangerous business in those times. On Feb. 9, 1892, Mr. Stitzer became proprietor of a hotel and restaurant—Stitzer's Cafe—which soon developed into a popular place under his management. In 1904 he sold out to his son William G. and retired.

In 1858 William F. Stitzer was married to Emma Hammas, daughter of the late John Hammas, of Oley, Berks Co., Pa., afterwards of Pottsville, where he died. To this marriage have been born eleven children, viz.: Charles A., born Jan. 11, 1859, a druggist, living in Nebraska, married Grace Traver; Horace E., born June 1, 1860, a saddler, is residing in Nebraska; Sarah, born March 7, 1869, died at the age of fourteen; Annie E., born Sept. 21, 1863, married Benjamin Kline, of Philadelphia; a daughter, born June 23, 1865, died in infancy; William G. is mentioned below; Katie M., born Oct. 24, 1867, married Lewis A. Graeff, of Pottsville; Emma R., born April 14, 1870, died in infancy; Mrs. Frank Heiser, born Nov. 14, 1871, died at Schuylkill Haven, leaving three children; Ella L., born July 8, 1874, is a deaconess at the Lutheran Mother House at Baltimore, Md.; Carrie, born Jan. 18, 1876, is at home; Garfield J. A. was born March 4, 1881.

William F. Stitzer has long been a member of the Lutheran Church. He

has been a lifelong Republican, and has taken much interest in local politics. He enlisted for the Union cause July 4, 1863, in Company I, Thirty-ninth Regiment, was honorably discharged in August of that year, and is a member of Helms Post, No. 26, G. A. R., of Schuylkill Haven.

William G. Stitzer attended public school in Schuylkill Haven, and began his business career by clerking in the hardware store of J. F. Thompson of that town. At the age of sixteen he went to Long Tree or Central City, Nebr., where he spent five years as a drug clerk and five years as a clerk in a hardware store. Returning to Schuylkill Haven he worked with his father for three and a half years, going then to Pottsville to work for Benjamin Zimmerman for a time, and subsequently for six years with Joseph Klitch. In 1904 he bought the cafe in Schuylkill Haven established by his father and conducted it at the old stand for three and a half years. He next purchased the "Union House," which he operated for a year, and then in November, 1912, bought the Huntzinger property on Main street, which is a fine location for his business. Here he has developed a large and lucrative trade. Mr. Stitzer is a member of the Retail Liquor Dealers' Association of the State and county, and is also a member of the Schuylkill Haven Hose Company.

William G. Stitzer was married Nov. 3, 1897, to Sarah A. Leitzel, daughter of M. E. and Elizabeth (Weiser) Leitzel, the latter a direct descendant of Conrad Weiser, one of the early settlers of the State of Pennsylvania. To this couple has been born one daughter, Marion Leitzel, born at Pottsville May 23, 1901.

CAPT. HANS C. CHRISTESON, deceased, who was for many years one of the leading men of his part of Schuylkill county, was born in Denmark March 13, 1825. He came of a sea-faring family, and was brought up on a vessel, so that he was familiar with his calling from childhood. For many years he followed the sea, rising to be captain, and became the owner of a vessel that carried merchandise between San Francisco and China ports, and between New York and South American ports, and also made several voyages round the world. When the gold excitement was at its height, in 1849, Captain Christeson went to California, and for several years thereafter was engaged in prospecting. Until after his marriage he followed the sea, and then spent some time in New York City. Subsequently he came to Pennsylvania, and with Charles E. Molly embarked in general merchandising at Pine Grove. He was also interested in a furnace at this point, and became a man of large affairs. After disposing of his mercantile interests Captain Christeson went to Mifflin, now Suedberg, where he bought a large tract of land, and opened a general store. He also conducted a hotel, and took an active part in having the Lebanon & Tremont branch of the Pennsylvania railroad built through this section of the county. Not only did he secure a post office for the station, but served as postmaster until his death, on Jan. 26, 1878. The name of the post office was changed from Mifflin, as it was originally known, to Suedberg in 1882.

Captain Christeson was married to Louisa Wies, of New York City, who was born in Alsace-Lorraine, France, Nov. 24, 1836, and died at Suedberg, Pa., Feb. 3, 1912. She succeeded her husband in the post office, and continued to operate his other lines of business, being a woman of unusual capability.

The following children were born to this couple: Charles, who is a traveling salesman living at Annville, Lebanon Co., Pa., was at one time postmaster at Suedberg; George lives at St. Louis; Louisa, who spends a portion of her time in the old homestead at Suedberg, was appointed postmistress of the post office at this point April 1, 1915; six other children are deceased.

Captain Christeson was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In religious faith he was a Lutheran, and he and his wife are buried in the Lutheran cemetery at Pine Grove. Few people of their day stood any higher in public esteem than these two, and they are remembered with affectionate reverence by those who had the honor of their acquaintance.

SAMUEL OHL ranks among the progressive farmers in Rush township, where he is operating a valuable farm of 150 acres. He was born in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, and the family has long been established in this section, his grandfather, Samuel Ohl, having lived at Lizard Creek, near the border line of Schuylkill and Carbon counties. He followed farming, and died there.

John Ohl, son of Samuel Ohl, lived for a number of years in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, where he was engaged at farming and carpenter work. He afterwards moved to Ohio, where he died. To his marriage with Sarah Behler were born the following children: Christina, who lives in Ohio; Moses, living in Berks county, Pa.; Samuel; Charles; Rosie; and Elizabeth, wife of William Balliett, living in Ohio.

Samuel Ohl, son of John and Sarah (Behler) Ohl, was born in 1857, and grew to manhood in his native township, becoming familiar with agricultural work as his father's assistant on the home place. When twenty years old he married and went out to Ohio, where he remained for a time, returning to Schuylkill county and locating in Tamaqua, in which borough he resided for eight years. At the end of that time he moved to Rush township, where he had bought a farm of 150 acres from Schmit & Campion, and he has since been engaged in general farming. He is favorably known among his neighbors, who appreciate his substantial qualities and the enterprise he has shown in developing his own property, which reflects credit upon the entire locality.

Mr. Ohl married Sarah Dietrich, daughter of Jacob Dietrich, and seven children have been born to them, namely: Cora, who is living in the South; Gertrude, who is now the wife of Charles Rank, of Mahanoy City; Earl, Roy, Emma, Dewey and Carrie, all living at home. The family attend the Reformed Church.

ALBERT BALDINGER, proprietor of a general store and confectionery at Cressona, in North Manheim township, Schuylkill county, was born Jan. 16, 1862, in Albany township, Berks Co., Pa., son of Frederick Baldinger, a native of Germany.

Frederick Baldinger, the father of Albert Baldinger, came to America when a young man and settled at Jacksonville, Lehigh Co., Pa. He was a tailor by trade, and conducted an establishment in Jacksonville until his death. He married Polly Bolmer, who died in Albany township, Berks county. To this marriage was born but one child, Albert.

Albert Baldinger was reared to farm work, and was employed by neighboring farmers throughout his childhood. Until six years old he lived with

George Greenawald, and he was employed in Albany township until twelve years old. He then came to Auburn, Schuylkill county, and followed carpet weaving for one year, and was with Dr. Quail for a year. He next turned to railroad work, being in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company from Jan. 10, 1881, until July 28, 1913. He came to Cressona April 25, 1896, and opened his present store on Railroad street in 1911. Mr. Baldinger carries a complete line of goods such as are usually found in a general store, besides handling ice cream and confectionery.

Mr. Baldinger was married at Jefferson, Schuylkill Co., Pa., to Alice Wike, of this county, and to them have been born five children: Charles, Irvin, Foster, William and Frederick; the two last named are deceased. Mr. Baldinger is a Republican in politics. He was elected councilman of Cressona in 1913, by a large majority, and takes a keen interest in local politics. He is a popular man in his borough and is known as an enterprising and progressive citizen. He is a member of the Reformed Church, of the Philadelphia & Reading Relief Association, and of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

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JOSEPH E. BOE, of Tower City, who has recently taken the position of inside foreman at the West Brookside colliery, has had a thorough experience in that capacity in the course of his long employment at local operations. He is very well known in fraternal circles, and highly esteemed among all his acquaintances.

Daniel Boe, father of Joseph E. Boe, was born in the Lebanon valley, in this State, whence he removed to Schuylkill county. He had followed the blacksmith's trade for some time, and was here employed as engineer at various collieries, first at the Lorberry, later at Rausch Creek and the Lincoln colliery. He died at Joliett, in Porter township, this county. To his marriage with Mary Fessler were born the following children: Ida, who married Henry Harvey; Thopolius, deceased; Annie, wife of John Minnig; Joseph E.; and Ellen Amanda, wife of Frank Schell.

Joseph E. Boe was born Jan. 3, 1870, in Tremont township, Schuylkill county, and attended public school there and also in Porter township. He began mine work at the age of eleven years, picking slate at the breaker, and was advanced to more responsible jobs as he became competent until he reached the grade of regular miner, being so engaged for about ten years. He was then made assistant inside foreman at the Lincoln colliery, serving as such until 1902, when he was promoted to inside foreman there, holding that position to the entire satisfaction of all concerned until July, 1915, when transferred to a similar post at the West Brookside colliery. Mr. Boe has attended to his duties intelligently and conscientiously, adding constantly to his good reputation by his strict adherence to the highest standards of efficiency in the work carried on under his direction. He has won his way forward entirely on his own merit, and deserves all the credit for his steady advancement. Socially he has numerous connections, belonging to the P. O. S. of A., the Knights of the Golden Eagle, Knights of Malta, Red Men and Royal Arcanum.

Mr. Boe married Daisy Shellenberger, daughter of Alonzo Shellenberger, of Shenandoah, this county, and they are the parents of four children: Daniel,

William, Jennie and Grace. Their home is at Tower City. The family are members of the English Lutheran Church.

E. C. MALARKEY, Girardville, Pennsylvania, district manager for the Cumingham Piano Company.

HARRY D. REED, of Schuylkill Haven, belongs to a family which has been resident in Schuylkill county for several generations and at all times represented among the best citizenship of this region. He himself has made a substantial success as a contractor and builder, for though he has been in business on his own account only a few years he has established a reputation for reliable work and conscientious attention to his obligations which inspires the confidence necessary to steady patronage.

John Reed, great-grandfather of Harry D. Reed, lived at Reedsville, Schuylkill county, and was one of the well known farmers of that section in his day. He owned the tract now in the possession of Oscar Mengle. He was twice married, his second wife being named Kimmel, and they are buried at Reedsville. To this marriage were born children as follows: George, William, Daniel K., Elias, Hannah (married Peter Reed) and Elizabeth (married William Fehr).

Daniel K. Reed, son of John, above, was born at Reedsville and like his father followed farming. He was also an auctioneer, his services being in great demand. After his marriage he removed to Wayne township, where he had a farm of eighty acres, and he died there at the age of fifty-four years; he is buried in the cemetery at Friedensburg. He married Susan Berger, daughter of Ludwig Berger, of North Manheim township, and they became the parents of the following children: Lyman G. is mentioned below; Mendon died at Friedensburg, this county; Elizabeth married Lewis J. Brown, who lived at Cressona (he was a school teacher for sixteen years, served as steward at the county almshouse, was at one time county commissioner, and was a justice of the peace); Arabella married William W. Berkheiser, and is living in South Manheim township; Ida married Lewis E. Brown, of Washington township, and both are deceased; Gordon D., who was also steward at the Almshouse, is the father of Frederick B. Reed, present postmaster of Schuylkill Haven; Sherman H. is a farmer and auctioneer, living near Cressona (he was jury commissioner for six years), Annie married George Emerich.

Lyman G. Reed was born at Friedensburg, Schuylkill county, where he continues to reside, engaged in farming and as an auctioneer, in the latter line having been in partnership with his brother Sherman H. Reed for over thirty years; their services are in great demand. Lyman G. Reed has also had the contract as Star route carrier from Friedensburg to Schuylkill Haven for eight years. He and his wife, Elizabeth (Werner), have spent all their married life on the farm. Eight children have been born to them, namely: (1) Harry D. is mentioned below. (2) Ida is the wife of Frank Dietrich, who lives on the old Neri Dietrich farm near Friedensburg and is a very successful agriculturist. They have one son, Claudie. (3) Katie is married to Robert Fenstermaker, and has two children, Norman and Elizabeth. They reside on Centre avenue, in Schuylkill Haven, and Mr. Fenstermaker is engaged as a carpenter at the Pottsville Union Traction car barn, Palo Alto, holding a responsible position. (4) James L., who lives with his parents, is engaged as a carpenter for his brother, Harry D. Reed, and gives every indication of becoming a successful

mechanic. (5) Estella is the wife of Samuel L. Weidner, who holds a lucrative position in an iron foundry at Reading, and they reside there, at No. 1654 North Tenth street. They have two children, Williard and Elizabeth. (6) George L., who is living at home on the farm, first attended the schools of Wayne township, graduated from Cressona high school, subsequently studied at the Keystone State Normal School (Kutztown, Pa.), and took a course at Conway Hall, one of the departments of Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., graduating therefrom. For three terms he taught school, being engaged at the Reed's school at Friedensburg, the Drehersville school and the grammar school at Quakake, and is now a law student, reading in the office of Charles E. Berger, Esq., one of the best lawyers at the Schuylkill county bar. For a brief period he was employed by the Rakestraw Pyle Company, of Kennett Square, Pa., as salesman, and had splendid success. During the existence of the Pennsylvania Chestnut Blight Commission he was appointed as field agent and located in western Pennsylvania, where he served with credit. (7) Robert R., the youngest son, living at home, helps on the farm, serves as assistant mail driver, and has also put in considerable time at carpenter work under his brother's direction. (8) Edna M., the youngest of the family, also lives at home, helping her mother and following dressmaking. She is a pianist of great promise. All of the family but Mrs. Reed and Edna have affiliated with the Reformed Church, the others being Lutherans.

Harry D. Reed was born Aug. 1, 1877, at Friedensburg, Schuylkill county, was reared upon the home farm, and attended the public schools of the locality. When twenty-one years old he began to learn the trade of carpenter, at which occupation he has since been engaged, following it in the employ of others until 1910, the year he commenced business on his own responsibility. He has had a number of contracts for houses and barns, having done considerable work in Schuylkill Haven, which stands as a credit to his workmanship and intelligent understanding of up-to-date methods and ideas in his calling. He keeps several men regularly employed. Mr. Reed has his residence and shop on the same property, at Union street and Avenue A. He has every promise of a prosperous career.

Mr. Reed is married to Estella Hughes, daughter of Isaac Hughes, and they have three children: Melvin, Gertrude and Frederick. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and fraternally belongs to Washington Camp, No. 264, P. O. S. of A., at Friedensburg; to Page Lodge, No. 270, F. & A. M.; and to the Owls and Heptasophs at Schuylkill Haven.

IRVIN L. LAUTENBACHER, member of the firm of Schwenk & Co., whose underwear mill at Schuylkill Haven is one of the growing industrial plants of the borough, is at present giving all his time to the direction of its operation, though until recently he was carrying other business responsibilities as well. Mr. Lautenbacher is a native of Schuylkill Haven and of German descent, being the youngest son of the late Charles Lautenbacher.

Charles Lautenbacher was born July 15, 1832, in Germany, being a native of Ballafengen, in the grand duchy of Baden. Coming to America when nineteen years old, he first located at Philadelphia, Pa., living there for some time, and he was employed in the construction of the stone work of the well known "Continental Hotel" in that city. Thence he removed to Baltimore, Md., and subsequently to Alexandria, Va., and Camden, N. J., his next location being at Kutztown, Pa., where he remained some time and married. From there he

came to Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill county, where he made a permanent home, engaging in his calling of marble and stone cutter until his death, which occurred Aug. 9, 1881. At Kutztown he met and married Sarah Ann Graeff, who was born Dec. 17, 1831, daughter of John and Mary (Kutz) Graeff, and died Aug. 17, 1904. To Mr. and Mrs. Lautenbacher were born three children: Jeremiah C., Irvin L. and Flora.

Mrs. Lautenbacher was a native of Kutztown, Berks county, which place was so named in honor of her maternal ancestors, who were early pioneers of that county. They experienced the usual hardships and dangers of the days when the Indians were numerous and hostile, and there is a well established tradition in the family that her great-grandfather had a secret cave to which he could retire with his family in emergency, and that the Indians never succeeded in locating this hiding place. George Kutz bought a tract of 130 acres from Peter Wentz in 1755, and there in 1779 laid out the town which has developed into one of the important boroughs of Berks county and still bears his name. The first tax list of the borough, made in 1817, records the following Kutzes: Peter, tinsmith; Adam, carpenter; Jacob, mason; John, tailor; Peter (who was a Revolutionary soldier); Daniel; and Solomon, butcher.

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

Irvin L. Lautenbacher was born at Schuylkill Haven Feb. 21, 1862, and received his preparatory education in the public schools of the borough, attending high school. He then took a course at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, graduating in 1885, and followed his calling at Schuylkill Haven for the three years succeeding. Removing to Williamstown, Dauphin county, this State, he engaged in the drug business on his own account, and was established there for a period of seventeen years. At the end of that time he returned to his native place, where he went into business as a confectioner and ice cream manufacturer, continuing in this line until the fall of 1913, when he sold out to give all his attention to the knitting mill in which he had become interested in the meantime. It was in 1910 that he took up the manufacture of underwear in partnership with M. G. Schwenk, and they have since been doing business as Schwenk & Co., having a well equipped plant at Schuylkill Haven. Their building is 40 by 75 feet in dimensions, and from thirty to forty people are given steady employment in the production of ladies' Swiss ribbed underwear, for which the firm has found a steady demand. Mr. Lautenbacher and his partner are men of high business principle, and their conscientious endeavors to put a high-grade product on the market have met with substantial approval in the form of wide patronage. Mr. Lautenbacher has proved his executive qualities and versatility in the success he has made of his various ventures, differing so widely in nature, and in all his associations he has shown the spirit of accommodation to patrons and efforts to meet their wants which cannot fail to attract trade. He is a man of commendable personal character,



a credit to a name which has always been synonymous in the community with honesty of purpose and dignified labor.

Mr. Lautenbacher married Kate E. Schwenk, daughter of Jacob R. and Mary A. (Crebs) Schwenk and member of an old family of Schuylkill Haven. They have had three children: Ivan L., now a clerk in the railway mail service and located at Tyrone, Pa.; Ruth A. and Kathryn, both at home. The family reside on Main street. They are members of the United Evangelical Church.

JAMES H. FISTER, late of Pottsville, passed most of his life in that borough, having moved here in boyhood. He was a native of Bloomsburg, Columbia Co., Pa., born in 1831, and finished his schooling at Pottsville. For several years he was in the employ of his uncle, Mr. Silliman, who was a large coal operator, acting for some time as superintendent of his mines. He then became a mail agent, between Pottsville and Philadelphia, on the railroad, leaving Pottsville at eight in the morning and returning at eight in the evening. He was so engaged for many years. At one time he was agent for the old Howard Express Company, when its offices were on South Centre street, Pottsville, where the Miller automobile store is now located. The business of this company was eventually taken over by the Adams Express Company. However, he was best known as justice of the peace, to which office he was first elected in 1890, succeeding Charles G. Reed, who had been appointed by Governor Beaver to succeed his father upon the latter's death. Mr. Fister continued to serve as justice of the peace until that office was abolished several years ago, by a new charter which Pottsville received, at the time of the annexation of Yorkville. He then took out a commission as notary public, and continued to act as such until his death, which occurred April 3, 1914, at his home, No. 300 Mahantongo street. Mr. Fister also maintained his office at that location, where he had been established for many years, and he was widely acquainted in Pottsville, his upright, unassuming life gaining him the esteem of all who knew him.

Mr. Fister was an Odd Fellow, and a Republican on political questions. He never married. He had several brothers and sisters who lived in Schuylkill county, but all predeceased him.

CHARLES K. BOWEN, engaged in the coal washing business at Adamsdale, Schuylkill Co., Pa., was born in North Manheim township, that county, Sept. 16, 1884, and is a son of Charles K. Bowen, grandson of Martin Bowen, and great-grandson of John Bowen, the latter a forgerman and pioneer farmer of Port Clinton, Schuylkill county.

Martin Bowen was a farmer during all of his active years. At the death of his father he inherited a third of the homestead (sixty-five acres), which he cultivated, later buying the old Kershner farm of fifty-four acres. Both of these properties were in North Manheim township. He died at the age of eighty-four years, and is buried in the cemetery of the Jerusalem Union Church at Schuylkill Haven, of which he was an active Lutheran member and one of the building committee which supervised its erection. Mr. Bowen was wedded to Mary Kershner, and to them these children were born: Charles K.; Amanda, deceased, who was married to Jacob Kirk; Matilda, who died at the age of sixty-nine years; Louis, unmarried, living in North Manheim town-

ship; John A., living in Schuylkill Haven; and Morris W., a prominent farmer of North Manheim township.

Charles K. Bowen, father of Charles K. Bowen, was born on the homestead in North Manheim township, and was an agriculturist all of his days. He married Mary Staller, by whom he had ten children, viz.: Harry, Gussie, Edward, William, Howard, Samuel, Elsie, Charles K., and two who died young. Charles K. Bowen died in his forty-fifth year, and after his death the widow married Morris W. Bowen, his brother. To this latter union two children were born, Warren and Lister.

Charles K. Bowen, son of Charles K., attended the schools of North Manheim township and worked upon the home farm for a time. He then went to Mount Carbon and worked in the Pennsylvania Railroad car shops for four years, after which he took up the occupation of coal washing, which he has followed ever since. He has his washery at Landingville, fitted with all the latest machinery, and is doing a large business, selling his coal both wholesale and retail. He was formerly associated in business with Irvin Alsbach.

Mr. Bowen is a public-spirited man and is popular with all classes of people in his vicinity. He resides in a beautiful home at Adamsdale. He is fond of automobiling and owns a fine seven-passenger touring car, from which he and his wife obtain a great deal of pleasure and recreation. Mr. Bowen was married to Anna Aulenbach, daughter of Pierce and Mary (Moyer) Aulenbach. They have no children. He is a member of Christ's Lutheran Church of Schuylkill Haven, is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America at Schuylkill Haven.

Pierce Aulenbach, father of Mrs. Bowen, resided at Adamsdale and was a carpenter by occupation. He married Mary Moyer, of Bernville, Berks Co., Pa., and they had children: Samuel, of Schuylkill Haven; Anna, wife of Charles K. Bowen; Cora, wife of Irvin Alsbach; Sadie; Robert; Hartie; Raymond, and Hannah. Mr. Aulenbach died May 5, 1906, at Adamsdale, and is buried in the cemetery of Zion's (Red) Church.

CHARLES QUANDEL, at present serving as fire chief of Minersville, is also one of the respected business men of that borough, where he has built up a profitable contracting business. Formerly he was also engaged in the burning of lime. He was born at Minersville, April 3, 1875, son of Emil Quandel. The father was a native of Berlin, Germany, came to America when a young man, and first settled at Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa. Later he removed to Minersville, where he became engaged in lime burning, following this business for many years. His death occurred suddenly at Shenandoah, this county, and he is buried at Minersville. By his marriage to Wilhelmina Vonder-Heiden he had three children: F. J. R., who is now a resident of Philadelphia, Pa.; William, of New Jersey; and Charles.

Charles Quandel grew up to manhood at Minersville and attended the public schools in his boyhood. In his early life he became employed at lime burning for a time, and also in the cement and concrete business, and in 1912 engaged in the lumber business, to which he has since added contracting and building. His combined interests offer him steady employment, and he is well known in his line for reliable dealings and uprightness in all his transactions. Since 1912 Mr. Quandel has been fire chief at Minersville, an honor which indicates unquestionably the confidence which his fellow citizens repose in him. He is well known in the local fraternal bodies, being a member of Minersville

Lodge, No. 222, F. & A. M.; of the chapter at Minersville; commandery at Pottsville, and Philadelphia Consistory, having attained the thirty-second degree; he also belongs to Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Reading, Pa. Besides his Masonic connections he holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Royal Arcanum and the P. O. S. of A.

Mr. Quandel married Bessie Noble, of Pottsville, daughter of William Noble, of Pottsville, Pa., and granddaughter of the late John T. and Sarah Noble; John T. Noble was the proprietor of the iron works which bore his name. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Quandel are: Adda M., Doris May and C. Nobel.

MAJ. JOHN F. OWENS, of Pottsville, has the distinction of being the oldest member of the National Guard in the State of Pennsylvania. He has been on the retired list of that body since 1909, but he is still connected with the service, being at present caretaker of the new State Armory at Pottsville. Major Owens was born in this city Aug. 16, 1851, son of Thomas Owens, a native of Wales, who came to the United States in young manhood and settled in Pottsville, Schuylkill county, where he followed mining. He died at Pottsville, and is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery there. His wife was Hannah Mitchel.

Major Owens received a common school education, and in his youth did day's work until he entered the employ of Mr. Spark, with whom he learned the trade of boilermaker. Subsequently he entered the shops of the Philadelphia & Reading Company, where he was employed at boilermaking until 1911—a long period of service with the same concern. Then for a few years he was tipstaff at the courthouse, and in January, 1914, he became caretaker at the new State Armory in Pottsville, which position he now holds. Major Owens is particularly well known in his long association with the Pennsylvania National Guard, in which he enlisted Oct. 1, 1870, as a member of Company G, 7th Regiment, Light Infantry of Pottsville. His record is as follows: "Corporal, Company G, 7th Regiment, N. G. of Pa., Feb. 10, 1877; Corporal, Company F, 1st Regiment, Inf. Vol., Aug. 23, 1877; Sergeant, Company G, 7th Regiment, N. G. of Pa., Dec. 8, 1877; First Sergeant, Company H, 8th Regiment, N. G. of Pa., June 5, 1882; second lieutenant, Company H, 8th Regiment, N. G. of Pa., July 2, 1880; first lieutenant, Company H, 8th Regiment, N. G. of Pa., July 19, 1880; captain, Company H, 8th Regiment, N. G. of Pa., April 23, 1894; Major, 8th Regiment, Oct. 18, 1892." On Aug. 12, 1909, Major Owens was placed on the retired list. He has a fine medal, presented to him in recognition of his extended service. His association with Good Intent Fire Company has covered almost as long a period, he having joined that organization forty years ago.

On Dec. 16, 1875, Major Owens married Mary McGinley, by which union he had three children: Frances, John and Anna (deceased). His second marriage was to Emma Heffner, daughter of the late Edward Heffner, who at one time served as Burgess of Pottsville, and to them were born two children: Harry, a civil and mining engineer, now located at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; and Arthur, a machinist, in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company at Pottsville. For his third wife Major Owens married Mary Flummer, and four children were born to this marriage: William, Anna, Thomas and Elizabeth.

The Major is a member of the Methodist Church. He does not identify

himself with any political party, voting independently on all questions. He is a citizen who holds the unqualified respect of his fellow men wherever known, and has made a record of faithful service in every capacity of which he may well be proud and which entitles him to high regard.

ELVIN W. KEITH, M. D., of Minersville, though just at the outset of his professional career has every promise of success in his chosen calling, for which he has had the good fortune to be thoroughly prepared. He is a native of Luzerne county, Pa., born Aug. 26, 1886, at Stockton. His father, George Keith, came to America from Germany when a child and made his home in Luzerne county, Pa., for many years. By trade he was a carpenter, and for many years was engaged in contracting in that line where he now resides. He is carpenter foreman at the Pine Hill colliery. He married Martha Schneider, and they have the following children: Orthia, Mrs. George Pettit; Anna, Mrs. Eilus Saylor; George, of Nazareth, Pa.; Regina, wife of Frank Snyder, postmaster of Minersville; Harry, of Minersville; Elvin W.; Stanley, of South Bethlehem, Pa.; and Hilda, Mrs. Fred German, of Paterson, New Jersey.

Elvin W. Keith attended public school and was graduated from the Minersville high school in the class of 1907. He then took his professional course, at the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in 1913. During the year following he was stationed at the Pottsville Hospital, on June 1, 1914, locating at Minersville, where he has since been engaged in general practice. He is a member of the Schuylkill County Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Dr. Keith has made an excellent start and is gaining steadily in the confidence and esteem of the residents of Minersville and vicinity. He is married to Helen C. Dougherty. The Keith family are Methodists in religious faith.

MANUEL W. BROMMER, of Landingville, Schuylkill county, seems to have found the solution of being "pleasantly and profitably employed" for himself, at any rate, and his beautifully kept little property is one of the features of the neighborhood, where enterprises similar to his are rare. For a number of years Mr. Brommer was an employee of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, and in that capacity and as hotelkeeper at Landingville, he has a very wide acquaintance. Born Nov. 6, 1857, in South Manheim township, Schuylkill county, he is a son of Lewis Brommer and grandson of Henry Brommer. The latter came to this country from Germany with his wife and one child, and settled at Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill Co., Pa. By trade he was a carpenter, and as such was employed at the locks when the Schuylkill canal was under construction.

Lewis Brommer, father of Manuel W. Brommer, was born in Wayne township. While living in Schuylkill county he followed farming, and in 1879 he moved out to Missouri, settling at Boonville, where he continued agricultural pursuits, also making a specialty of hog raising. He prospered and continued to reside there until his death. His wife was Eliza Reber, daughter of Samuel Reber, and they had children as follows: Manuel W., Morris, Harry, Robert, Francis, Fulton, Carrie, Jennie and Pearl.

Manuel W. Brommer attended public school during his boyhood, and later, in 1874-75, was a student of the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, Pa. In his young manhood he taught six terms of school in Schuylkill county, after which he entered the service of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad

Company. Following a short experience as brakeman he became conductor of a freight train, and soon afterwards a passenger train, for eight years being so engaged on the best train on his division, the "Cannon Ball," running between Pottsville and Philadelphia. His employment with the railroad company extended over a period of twenty years, and he retired in 1899, at which time he bought the hotel at Landingville. He conducted it as proprietor for seven years, leasing the property, and made a thorough success of his business, but gave it up to enter his present line, the raising of high-grade chickens.

Mr. Brommer has bought the small piece of ground on the road running west from Landingville, a short distance from the railroad station, two and a quarter acres, which was all woodland when it came into his possession. He put up a little two-story house, where he has since resided, and during the intervening years has improved the place with the idea of making it an ideal poultry establishment. Most of his land is on a hillside, and at the foot of the hill is a fine stream of clear water, a great advantage for his purpose. He has eight pens, 8 by 10 feet in size, with wire inclosures 10 by 100 feet for each, the latter extending down the slope of the hill to the creek at the bottom. The houses are of the open front variety, protected in the winter by muslin curtains. After considerable study of the various breeds of poultry, Mr. Brommer decided on the White Leghorns, which he keeps exclusively, and after importing a pen of Tom Barron Single Comb White Leghorns from Preston, England, he had such favorable results that he has tried no other kind since. At present he has about one hundred and fifty chickens, old and young, and the effect of scientific feeding and unremitting care is very well demonstrated, for often, even during the winter season, he gathers as many eggs daily as there are hens in the pens. The eggs are always very large, averaging nearly two pounds to the dozen, and he has been unable to supply the demand for hatching purposes. In one season from his small flock he has disposed of more than one hundred and fifty dollars worth in eggs for hatching purposes. Mr. Brommer has made a thorough study of feed, housing and the ideal conditions for his stock, and though he has taken infinite pains and neglected no precautions to keep the chickens in the best condition, his arrangements have been so perfected that he is able to accomplish all the necessary work with the minimum of labor. Cleanliness is the prime consideration, whitewash is used plentifully wherever needed, and all of the property is kept in a most attractive state, neatness and true economy being the most conspicuous characteristics. The feed house is one of the best arranged in the country. Mr. Brommer erected it especially for his purpose and it is admirably equipped, about 20 feet square and three stories high. The lower floor is used for the mixing of the feed and provided with two large mixing troughs, a grinder and a gasoline engine. After being mixed in the trough the feed is ground, and then placed in the hopper and fed. The hoppers are large enough to hold a week's supply of grain, thus eliminating much of the work of feeding. The second floor is so arranged that a team can back up against the front from the road and deliver the bags of feed right on the floor. The bins, six in number, with a capacity of 400 bushels, are on this floor, three on either side of the aisle. These bins are equipped on the bottom with chutes, leading into and operated from the basement, and when Mr. Brommer wants a certain kind of grain, he simply taps it from the bin. The third floor is used for storage purposes. Here he keeps his incubators when not in use, and various other articles.

Along with the raising of poultry Mr. Brommer has continued the clearing

of his land and its improvement in other lines. He plants a fair sized garden, raising enough vegetables for his own use, and he has set out fifty peach trees, principally to supply shade for the chickens when the brush and trees originally on the land have all been cleared away. Last year he set out a strawberry bed, 20 by 100 feet in size. His little establishment is a model of its kind, and though he has expended much time and means on its development the venture is paying him well. Combining study with intelligent labor he has worked out many problems of the business to which he now devotes his time, making experiments which assist his neighbors as well as himself, and showing the possibilities of the industry in this section he has accomplished at least one thing of distinct value to his neighborhood.

Mr. Brommer is a skillful watchmaker and jeweler, and while on the railroad he was well known as a reliable repairman, many of his fellow trainmen bringing their watches to him for care and adjustment. He continues to follow this trade as occasion demands. Mr. Brommer is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men.

JOHN F. SCHNEIDER, late of Pottsville, was a typical member of the thrifty German stock from which he came, a skillful tradesman, industrious, honorable in all his dealings and prosperous in business as a result of trustworthy methods and steady service to his patrons. He was one of a family of five children, of whom August died at Minersville, Pa.; Lena married a Mr. Burkhart; Sophia married Carl Spaulding; Catherine married August Orf.

Mr. Schneider was born in Saxony, Germany, in 1840. He grew up in his native country and was a young man when he came to America. From the time of his settlement in this country he lived in Schuylkill county, Pa., first at Minersville and later at Pottsville, where he resided until his death. A shoemaker by trade, he followed that occupation throughout his active years, and by frugality and good management he became the owner of several valuable pieces of property. Mr. Schneider was a man of fine qualities and became well and favorably known in this region, for whose interest he always had close concern. His death occurred Jan. 22, 1914, at his residence in Pottsville, No. 214 North Third street, and he is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery. He was a zealous member of Trinity Lutheran Church, and in his will bequeathed one hundred dollars to that church and a like amount to the Third Brigade Band of Pottsville.

Mr. Schneider married Elizabeth Klein, who was born June 17, 1855, in the northwestern part of Germany, daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Barnhart) Klein, both of whom died in Germany; they had six children, Mrs. Schneider's brothers and sisters being: Frederick, John, Bernhart, Josephine and Catherine. Mrs. Schneider came to America when fourteen years old, and lived in New York City for five years, at the end of that time coming to Pottsville, where she has since made her home. She continues to occupy the old residence on North Third street. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Schneider: John Frederick, who lives at Pottsville; August F., who died when twenty-two years old; Charles, who died young; Mary Elizabeth, who married John W. Brown, and has two children: Elma E. and Robert P.; and Charles F., living at home. The family are members of Trinity Lutheran Church at Pottsville.

CHARLES H. KRAMMES, proprietor of the "Anburn Hotel," was born in Wayne township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., Feb. 12, 1851, son of Benjamin B.



Krammes and grandson of Andrew Krammes. The family is one of the oldest of German ancestry in the State. Andrew Krammes lived in Wayne township and followed farming until the end of his days. He is buried at Summer Hill cemetery. His children were: Moses, Daniel, Benjamin B., Sarah, Elizabeth, Louisa and Matilda.

Benjamin B. Krammes was born in Wayne township, and followed boating on the Schuylkill canal during all of his active life. He died in Wayne township, and is buried near the old Summer Hill Church there. By his marriage to Lucy Ann, daughter of Daniel Krammes, he had these children: Benjamin L., W. W., Frank S., Levi (deceased), Charles H., James, David, Milton and Polly Ann (who married Levi Ditzler, of Washington township). After the death of Mr. Krammes Mrs. Krammes married Benjamin Heimbach. She is now deceased.

Charles H. Krammes obtained his education in the public schools. He followed boating on the canal for eight years, after which he took up the occupation of carpenter, which he continued for ten years. He then went into the hotel business, which he has carried on for the past nineteen years at the following places: Summit Station; "Red Lion Hotel," Washington township; Rock Station; Friedensburg; "Half-Way House," North Manheim township; "Springer Hotel," Cressona; and the "Auburn House," which he bought of John H. Fahl Feb. 1, 1911. He is conducting the most popular house in the borough of Auburn and caters to the best trade of the county. Mr. Krammes is a member of the Board of Trade of Auburn and in every way is a citizen of public spirit and enterprise. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Summit Station, and also of the P. O. S. of A. camp at the same place. In religious affiliation he is a Lutheran. Fraternally he is a Mason, with membership at Pottsville.

Mr. Krammes was married to Sarah Jane Roeder, daughter of Anthony Roeder, of Wayne township, and they have had twelve children, as follows: (1) Carrie V. is the wife of Jacob W. Clauser, of Auburn, Pa. (2) Mabel A., wife of Frank Wilson, is living in Reading, Pa. (3) Clara M., wife of J. D. Kantner, died at the age of twenty-five years. (4) Sallie A. married Henry H. Emerich, of Summit Station. (5) Fronie J. is the wife of Alvin Maidenford, of Washington township, this county. (6) Richard E. lives at Frackville, Pa. (7) Rufus V. lives at Schuylkill Haven and is the proprietor of the "Columbus Hotel." (8) Mary L. is the wife of Edward Moyer, of Pine Grove. (9) Elertie E. married Walter Fegley, of Palo Alto, Pa. (10) Brea C. lives at Pottsville, Pa. (11) Curtis E. lives at Schuylkill Haven. (12) Hattie F. died at the age of four years.

HENRY YERGER, retired resident of Palo Alto, was in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company for about forty-eight years. Mr. Yerger was born April 1, 1844, at Leesport, Berks Co., Pa., son of George B. Yerger, and his grandfather lived and died at Reading, Berks county. The latter had a family of six children, namely: John, Benjamin, George B., Mary, Lydia and Elizabeth.

George B. Yerger, father of Henry Yerger, was born March 15, 1820, at Reading, Berks Co., Pa., where he followed butchering. In 1845 he came to Pottsville, Schuylkill county, where he found employment with Mr. Spohn, who had a meat market here for many years. Mr. Yerger finally entered the business on his own account, and continued it until his death, in 1893. He married



Esther Shuck, and their family consisted of twelve children: Henry is the eldest; Ellen, born May 26, 1845, married a Mr. Marshall; Annie, born April 30, 1846, married Philip Smith, and is deceased; Frank, born Feb. 1, 1848, is living at Norristown, Pa.; Charles, born Oct. 17, 1849, died in Iowa; Mary, born Feb. 7, 1853, married Edw. Taylor, of Illinois; Alice, born Jan. 16, 1855, married a Mr. Applegate, and is living in Iowa; Agnes, twin of Alice, is unmarried and makes her home at Pottsville; William B., born Nov. 24, 1857, lives near Reading, Pa.; George, born Feb. 2, 1860, is living in Iowa; Sallie married Thomas C. Williams, of Pottsville; John, born June 5, 1866, died in 1913 in Iowa.

Henry Yerger was but one year old when his parents came to Pottsville, and he grew up here, attending the public school during his boyhood. He found his first regular employment in the Snyder foundry, and did that kind of work for about three years. He then spent one year in the rolling mill at Palo Alto, was at the car shop in the employ of the Reading Company one year, and for another year held the position of brakeman. He afterwards served successfully as conductor and fireman, and in 1874 began running an engine, continuing with that company in that capacity until his retirement, April 1, 1914. He is now on the pension list. For about twenty years he ran an engine on the Frackville and Mahanoy division, and he was one of the oldest engineers on the road at the time of his retirement. His trustworthiness and his intelligent attention to his important work were properly valued by his employers. He is a member of Anthracite Lodge, No. 285, F. & A. M., and of Mountain City Chapter, No. 196, R. A. M., of Pottsville, Pa. By reason of his service in the Civil war Mr. Yerger is entitled to membership in the G. A. R., belonging to Gowen Post, No. 23, of that body, as well as to Union Veteran Legion, No. 19, of which he is a past colonel. He has also been prominent in the "First Defenders" Association, serving as president in 1900, and as vice president from 1909 to 1914.

On April 18, 1861, Mr. Yerger enlisted in Company D, 25th Regiment, National Light Infantry, for three months, under Captain McDowell, being one of the "first defenders." He was discharged July 27, 1861, at the expiration of this term, and reenlisted Oct. 1st, following, for three years, becoming a member of Company G, 48th Pennsylvania Regiment, from which he received his discharge Oct. 1, 1864. From Sept. 1, 1861, to Oct. 1, 1864, it was attached to Batteries L and M, 3d Artillery, U. S. A. Mr. Yerger received one slight wound while in the service, being wounded at Charleston, W. Va., in the right ankle. In 1866 Mr. Yerger was married to Sarah Jane Lashorn, daughter of Daniel Lashorn, who was a native of Virginia. Five children have been born to this marriage: William D. is an engineer in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Company, and resides at Reading, Pa.; Morris E. is a member of the well known firm of Yerger & Jones, clothiers at Pottsville; George H., who lives at home, is a machinist in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Company; Frank H. is a telegrapher in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; Mary E. is the widow of Harry G. Miller, and resides at home. Mr. Yerger has served as a member of the council of Palo Alto.

ELWOOD T. EILER has been a recognized influence in the musical circles in Schuylkill Haven for a number of years, devoting practically all of his life to such interests, for he is not only a musician, but also engaged in business as a dealer in musical instruments and such merchandise. Mr. Eiler is the

leader of the Schuylkill Haven Band and also plays cornet in the Third Brigade Band of Pottsville.

The Eiler family, to which Elwood T. Eiler belongs, traces its ancestry to Johannes Eyler, who was born Dec. 6, 1772, and died Dec. 21, 1843. He settled at what became known as Eyler's Hollow (in Pennsylvania German as "Noosadaul"), in North Manheim township, Schuylkill county, followed farming, and died upon his farm, and is buried in the old cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. His children were: John; Daniel (1811-1869); Henry; Betsy, wife of Frank Mellon; and Kate, wife of Peter Strause. His children changed the name to its present form.

John Eiler, grandfather of Elwood T. Eiler, and son of John, above, was a large landowner in what is now known as Schuylkill Haven, and also at Eiler's Hollow. He was born on the homestead in North Manheim township, and died in that township at the advanced age of eighty-three years. He learned the trade of carpet weaver and followed it throughout his active life. His wife, Hannah (Schappell), daughter of Jacob Schappell, died at the age of forty-six years, and they are buried in the old cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. They had the following family: Mary married John Bubeck; Maria married Levi Reichert; Hannah married John Krietzal, who was killed during the Civil war, while serving as a member of the 48th Pennsylvania Regiment, and she afterwards married Samuel Bonberger, who was also a soldier in the Civil war; Emaline married Joseph Freeman; Susan married William Killian, a soldier of the Civil war; Israel died while serving as a soldier in the Civil war; Frank is the father of Elwood T. Eiler. Three children died young.

Frank Eiler, son of John and Hannah Eiler, was born April 13, 1840, in North Manheim township, and is now living retired at Schuylkill Haven, after a long service in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company. He began work for that company as a switchman, later becoming brakeman, and three years afterwards was promoted to fireman, finally becoming an engineer. He was thus engaged for thirty-five years, most of the time on the Mine Hill road, and he brought the old yellow cars then in use to the Mine Hill crossing, where they were loaded on the canalboats. Thus he has seen the development of the railroads from the complicated but inferior methods of the early days to the splendid system now in operation. Mr. Eiler was retired by the company April 13, 1910. He has been a member of the Philadelphia & Reading Veterans since the organization of that body, and has also belonged to the Relief Association since its organization. Mr. Eiler married Leah Baker, daughter of John Baker, and the following children were born to their union: Elwood T. Eiler is mentioned below; Harry and Clayton are barbers at Schuylkill Haven; George died young; Frank is a barber and music dealer at Spring City, Pa.; Robert, also a barber, is located at Landingville, Pa.; May is married to Arthur Rich, of Pottsville, Pa. The mother died Dec. 11, 1909, and is buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven.

Elwood T. Eiler was born Nov. 24, 1861, and obtained his education in the public schools. When a youth he learned the trade of barber, which he followed until 1903. He has since been in business at Schuylkill Haven as a dealer in musical instruments and music, selling pianos, player pianos, organs and other such instruments, phonographs and records. Mr. Eiler has made a thorough success in his mercantile venture, his understanding of the requirements of his customers and his familiarity with music fitting him to accommodate his trade to the best advantage. His store on Main street is up-to-date

and well stocked. Mr. Eiler began taking violin lessons when twelve years old, and later had instruction on other instruments, and has become an accomplished performer. He organized Eiler's Band, of Schuylkill Haven, which had an existence of about eighteen years, and was its leader during that time. Later he became the leader of the Schuylkill Haven Band, which he is still conducting, and he plays the cornet in the Third Brigade Band, of Pottsville, which was led by the late Frederic Gerhard until his death; Mr. Braun is the present leader. For the last twenty-seven years Mr. Eiler has been a member of the choir of the Second Reformed Church, to which he belongs, and has taken part in all the local enterprises of this nature. He has a high reputation, his work being of the best quality. Socially he is a member of Page Lodge, No. 270, F. & A. M., of the I. O. O. F. and of the Sons of America.

Mr. Eiler married Annie Rupp, daughter of John Rupp. They have no children.

Mrs. Eiler's grandfather brought his family to this country from Germany, settling at Schuylkill Haven, where he died. His children were: Joseph, Thomas, Mary, Barbara and John.

John Rupp, the father of Mrs. Eiler, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to America with his parents. He learned blacksmithing, which he followed throughout his active life at Schuylkill Haven, and his death occurred there. By his marriage to Charity Reed, daughter of Thomas Reed, he had the following children: Margaret, who married Frank Heiser; Joseph; and Emma, Mrs. Frank Sterner. For his second wife he married Catherine Himmel, and the children of this union were: Sarah, Annie (Mrs. Eiler), Barbara (deceased), Elizabeth (deceased), Charles, Thomas, Frank and George.

DAVID VETTER, one of the best known citizens of New Ringgold, Schuylkill county, is now living retired after a lifetime of useful labor in business and public service, assisting his fellow citizens in the upbuilding of the town and county, to whose interests he has become deeply attached in long years of intimate association. Mr. Vetter was born at Pottsville, Schuylkill county, Feb. 22, 1843, and is of German lineage, his grandfather, John Vetter, having spent the whole of his life in Germany.

John Vetter, father of David Vetter, was born in the Grand Duchy of Baden Feb. 26, 1815, and with his wife, Mary (Hetzel), who was also a native of Germany, emigrated to America in the year 1828. He first settled in the State of New York, and in 1840 removed to Pottsville, where he carried on the occupations of brickmaking and farming until 1864. In the latter year he moved to New Ringgold, where both he and his wife died, the former on Aug. 8, 1885, and the latter on April 20, 1883. In religious association Mr. Vetter was a member of the Lutheran Church. He had a family of six children, three sons and three daughters, all of whom grew to maturity.

David Vetter attended school at Pottsville and soon after leaving school became employed on the Schuylkill and Erie canal as boatman. When the Civil war began he became enthused with the prospect of fighting for his country and enlisted on Aug. 22, 1862, in Company H, 120th Regiment, New York Volunteers, at Kingston, N. Y. This regiment was assigned to the 2d Brigade, 2d Division, 3d Corps, Army of the Potomac, with which he served until the close of the war, participating in the battles of Chancellorsville, Fredericksburg, Cold Harbor, Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Gettysburg, and others of minor importance. After the war Mr. Vetter returned to New Ringgold and learned



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telegraphy, in 1870 entering the employ of the Reading Company, and serving for over twenty-one years as night operator. In 1891 he was promoted to the position of station agent at New Ringgold, which he held until he was retired, in 1913, with a pension, after a continuous service of over forty-three years with the company at that point. He was also agent for the United States Express Company at New Ringgold. Mr. Vetter was formerly a Republican, but soon after its organization joined the Washington Progressive party, and was its candidate for sheriff of Schuylkill county in 1913, being defeated by a small margin. He was also the Washington party candidate for General Assemblyman in 1914, but was again defeated by a small majority.

Mr. Vetter was elected to the office of justice of the peace in 1878, and has served continuously in that position ever since. He was a member of the borough school board for thirty-five years, being secretary during this entire period of service, and was a member of the borough council for five years. He has been a member of Washington Camp No. 100, P. O. S. of A., for forty-seven years, is a past president, has been recording secretary for many years, and has been representative to the State camp a number of times. He has also been a member of East Brunswick Lodge No. 802, I. O. O. F., for the last forty-three years, is a past grand, and has held all the offices within the gift of the lodge. By virtue of his Civil war service he is a member of the G. A. R., having been connected with Doubleday Post, No. 189, of Tamaqua, for over thirty years. He is a member of the General Council branch of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, has held all the church offices, and is also interested in the Sunday school, having been superintendent of the same for many years, and a teacher as well.

On June 15, 1863, Mr. Vetter married Mary C. Hetzel, a daughter of John and Christina Hetzel, of Ulster county, N. Y., and to them were born these children: (1) Sarah Esther, born Aug. 19, 1870, married Christian Miller, formerly of Mahanoy City, now an employee at the Bethlehem Steel Works, and they have six children, Lottie, Carrie, Gertrude, Ella, Edward and Barbara. (2) Mary Rebecca, born April 27, 1873, married George Sassaman, at one time a farmer of Barnesville, this county, now engaged as a carpenter at Tamaqua, Pa. They have two children, Goldie and Gladys. (3) Flora Louisa, born April 27, 1873 (twin of Mary), married Alvin Fussleman, a carpenter, for a time a resident of Slatington, Lehigh Co., Pa., now of Tamaqua, Pa. They have two children, David and Clarence. (4) John Howard, born Oct. 2, 1875, a shoemaker of Lititz, Pa., married Carrie E. Miller, and they have two children, William and Mary Ellen. (5) George William, born Aug. 14, 1878, a telegraph operator at Connellsville, Pa., is married to Emma Schwender, and they have one child, Helen. (6) Katie Magdalena, born Jan. 22, 1880, married E. R. Neiswender, station agent of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company at New Ringgold, Pa., and they have one child, Florence. (7) Carrie Emma, born May 10, 1884, married George F. Knittle, State health officer and telegraph operator, and they have three children, Robert, Miriam and Alma. (8) Lottie Pearl Altie, born April 27, 1889, married Walter Neiswender, a lumberman of New Ringgold, and they have two children, Mary and Dorothy. All of Mr. Vetter's children were born at New Ringgold and all of them are members of the Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Mary C. (Hetzel) Vetter, wife of David Vetter, was born Nov. 3, 1842, at Rondout, near Kingston, Ulster Co., N. Y., was educated in that part  
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of the Empire State, and resided at home until her marriage. She died Sept. 15, 1912, and is buried at the Frieden's Church, New Ringgold, Pennsylvania.

John Hetzel, father of Mrs. David Vetter, was born in Germany, and by occupation was a quarryman, employed at the Rosendale Cement Quarries in Ulster County, N. Y. He married Christina Steigmire, and they had the following children: John, the only survivor of the family, is a boatman on the North river for the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company (he has two children); George, Mary C. and William are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Hetzel were members of the Lutheran Church. Both are buried at Rondout, New York.

THEODORE D. SCHNEIDER, proprietor of what is known as the Schneider Pharmacy, in Pottsville, has been operating on his own account only a short time, but his varied experiences with responsible drug houses covering a long period of his business life should be a sufficient guaranty that he is well qualified for his chosen line. He has recently taken over the old established trade of George G. Hinterleitner.

The Schneiders are of German extraction. Theodore D. Schneider, the grandfather of Theodore D. Schneider, was born in Hanover, Germany, and when a young man left his country to escape the military service, taking refuge in France, whence he sailed for America. Locating at Ashland, in Schuylkill county, Pa., he became engaged as a butcher and drover, established a large business, and remained there until his death.

Lewis Schneider, father of Theodore D. Schneider, was born in Schuylkill county, Pa., and passed his entire life here, dying in September, 1913. From boyhood he was associated with his father in business as a butcher and drover, continuing to follow that line successfully at Ashland all his life. Politically he was a Democrat, and active in party and political affairs in his locality, serving ten years as a member of the borough council. He belonged to the German Reformed Church. He married Clara Hetherington, whose father, Jonathan Hetherington, was an Englishman, who was engaged in the mule and mine timber business at St. Clair, Schuylkill county, later moving to Ringtown, this county, where he followed farming. Mrs. Schneider is still living, at Ashland, Pa. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Schneider, namely: Theodore D. and Lottie, the latter dying when six years old.

Theodore D. Schneider was born at Ashland in 1880, and received an excellent education in the public schools of that place, graduating from the high school in 1898. He received his first training in the drug business under L. C. Voshage, of Ashland, where he remained for eighteen months. His next position was at Sunbury, where he was in the employ of a Mr. Kelley for three years, after which he spent four months at Bellefonte, Pa., and five months at Harrisburg. In January, 1904, Mr. Schneider came to Pottsville, where he spent seven years in the employ of William S. Cowen. His next change was to Hazleton, Pa., where he was connected with the Eble Pharmacy, as manager, for two years and three months. Returning to Pottsville, he purchased the well known drug store of George G. Hinterleitner, at No. 300 North Centre street, which he has since been conducting. Mr. Schneider has a thorough grasp of modern business methods, has kept up with the best ideas in his particular line, and has a high sense of responsibility attaching to his chosen calling, an important point which has gained him the absolute confidence of his townsmen in Pottsville. The wide acquaintance and high reputation he



gained during his association with Mr. Cowen, at Pottsville, has aided him greatly in establishing himself since he started business on his own account. Personally he is regarded as an excellent citizen in every respect, and is highly thought of by his fellow members in Ashland Lodge, No. 384, B. P. O. Elks. He belongs to the Reformed Church. Mr. Schneider is an independent voter, supporting the candidates he thinks best fitted for the office and the measures which in his opinion will confer the greatest benefit on the community.

On Sept. 16, 1913, Mr. Schneider married Elsie L. Kline, daughter of William H. Kline. Her father formerly conducted the well known Kline's cafe, on Centre street, Pottsville; he is now residing at Yellow House, Berks Co., Pa. Mrs. Schneider was born at Farmersville, in Lancaster county, this State.

WALTER WINFIELD SCOTT, a prosperous farmer, owning the only farm between Pottsville and Schuylkill Haven, was born Oct. 1, 1868, at Wadesville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of John Alexander Scott. The family is an old and honored one in England.

John Alexander Scott, father of Walter W. Scott, was born at Greatbridge, Staffordshire, England, and came to America when he was thirty-one years of age. He settled at Summer Hill, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and was employed by a man named Brown in a small mine near there. He then went to Wadesville, where he sank the first mining shaft in this section, by contract, the superintendent of the mine being a Mr. Althouse. After a time Mr. Scott became mine boss, having at one period four hundred men under his direct supervision. He took a trip to his old home in England after a number of years of labor in the mines, and upon his return went to Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where he followed mining for a time, but eventually returned to the Wadesville shaft, remaining there until 1875. Mr. Scott then bought the old Minnich homestead of seventy-three acres at St. Clair, a mile above Schuylkill Haven, on the main road, and there followed farming until his death, which occurred Aug. 30, 1880, at Cape Horn, on the Reading railroad, through an accident. He is buried in the borough cemetery at St. Clair.

John A. Scott was married to Matilda Reid, daughter of Joseph Reid. She was born half a mile from her husband's birthplace, and died June 30, 1912, and is buried in the Charles Baber cemetery at Pottsville, Pa. The following children were born to John A. Scott and his wife: John A., of Schuylkill Haven; Mary, wife of William Yeager, of Reading, Pa.; Walter W.; Ella; Frank; Edward; and two who died in infancy.

Walter W. Scott was born at Wadesville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and lived upon his father's farm until he was twenty-seven years old. He then obtained a position with the Atlantic Refining Company at Mount Carbon, where he remained for two years. Returning to the home farm he spent nine months there, after which he accepted the position of assistant farmer at the county almshouse farm, continuing there for one year. Again he returned home, for one year, next working on the local trolley road as motorman, for seven years, and then after five years' residence on the home farm he reentered the service of the Atlantic Refining Company, for eight and a half months. Having accumulated a competency, he invested in land, buying first the family homestead of sixty-eight and a half acres in 1913, and also thirteen acres of the old Mellet farm, and ten acres of the John Womer tract, adjoining. Mr. Scott now has one of the finest farms in the county, all good land, and the only one on the road between Pottsville and Schuylkill Haven. His farm and buildings are

kept in up-to-date condition, and he has adopted modern methods of cultivating the soil.

On Jan. 11, 1898, Mr. Scott was married to Anna Doretta Kear, daughter of William Kear, and they have had children as follows: Camilla May, Walter W., Elmer N., Luther R. and Mary Matilda. Mr. Scott is a Republican, and has served upon the school board of North Manheim township, and as committeeman and delegate to the county conventions. He and his family attend the Lutheran Church.

JEREMIAH FESSLER, one of the most respected residents of Cressona borough, now living retired, was born Jan. 28, 1845, in Panther valley, Wayne township, Schuylkill county. He belongs to an old family of German origin which has been in this county for several generations, his grandfather having been a pioneer in Long Run valley, Schuylkill county, where he followed farming and lived until his death. He was twice married, by the first union having two children, Joseph and John, and his second wife, whose maiden name was Confer, was the mother of the following: Andrew died in Schuylkill county; Michael died in Berks county; Abraham died in Shamokin, Pa.; William and George died in Schuylkill county; Molly married Solomon Luckenbill; Rebecca married Daniel Minich.

Of the above family, William Fessler, well known in his day as "Old Bill Fessler," was the father of Jeremiah Fessler. He was born in Long Run valley. Living in this section in the pioneer era he was a typical man of his day, a great hunter and fisherman, and shot several deer and bear in the Second Mountain district in Pennsylvania. He did railroad work during the early days of the railroad in this region, being one of the first men employed on the Mine Hill road, helping to lay the track, later hauling coal, and still later acting as roadmaster, which position he held until 1866. At that time he retired to his land, owning two farms in this section, and continued to live there until his death, which occurred when he was eighty-five years old; he is buried in the Union cemetery at Friedensburg, this county. Few men in this part of Schuylkill county were better or more favorably known. He and William Lark built the Union Church at Friedensburg, and he never lost his interest in church work, in which he took an active part. Politically he was a Republican. In his early days Cressona was known as West Haven. By his marriage to Elizabeth Luckenbill, daughter of Solomon Luckenbill, he had a large family, namely: William, who died in Wayne township, Schuylkill county; Catherine, who died young; four who died in infancy; Esther, deceased, wife of George Lark; George, who died at Cressona; Elias, who was a soldier in the Civil war; Jeremiah, now one of the oldest residents of Cressona; Elizabeth, widow of William Breninger; Henry and James, who live in Wisconsin; Josiah, a resident of Cressona; and Amanda, who married John Lengle, and lives at Cressona. The mother of this family lived to the age of eighty years.

Jeremiah Fessler began work for the Mine Hill Railroad Company in 1858, and when the Reading Railway Company took over the ownership of the road continued in the same employ. In 1864 he became fireman on the engine of a passenger train on the Mine Hill road, and in 1873 was promoted to engineer, in which capacity he was engaged until 1909. In 1911 he was pensioned, and has since lived retired at Cressona. Mr. Fessler was a charter member of the Reading Relief Association, and well known in that organization. In the course of his industrious life he has made many friends in the borough, and is

highly esteemed by all who know him, as he deserves to be. Mr. Fessler is a member of the United Evangelical Church, and has always been an active and interested worker in that direction. For over fifteen years he served as superintendent of its Sunday school.

By his first marriage, to Louisa Kantner, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Snyder) Kantner, Mr. Fessler had one child, Ida May, who married Dr. Frank Merkle; he died in Bucks county, and Mrs. Merkle now resides at Cressona and is engaged as a public school teacher. Mrs. Louisa Fessler died when twenty-seven years old, and Mr. Fessler subsequently married her sister, Caroline E. Kantner, by whom he has had three children: Charles, who died when seven months old; Thomas W., a merchant, of Minersville, Pa.; and Beulah, wife of Willard Weaver, of Cressona.

WILLIAM MARDIS, a venerable citizen of Pottsville, now living in retirement, has been a resident of Schuylkill county since 1845. He was born Oct. 10, 1822, in Cambria county, Pa., son of Samuel Mardis, a native of the State of Maryland and of Scotch descent. Samuel Mardis followed farming in Cambria county, and died in Indiana county, Pa. To his marriage with Abbie Yost were born the following children: Joseph died in Cambria county; John died in California; Jacob died in Cambria county; James is a resident of Iowa; George was killed by a robber in California; William is next in the order of birth; Samuel died young; Mary and Catherine complete the family.

William Mardis obtained his education in the public schools of Cambria county, where he was reared upon a farm. Coming to Schuylkill county in June, 1845, he settled in Mahanoy township. His first mine work was in the soft coal fields of the Alleghenies. For one year he was in the employ of the State, engaged at railroad building over the Allegheny mountains. Besides mining in Schuylkill county, he assisted in building the Tremont railroad, and was also engaged on the work of widening the old Schuylkill canal. For twenty years he carried on farming on his own account, and for several years conducted a dairy business at Pottsville. He moved to that borough about twenty-eight years ago, and for a few years was an employee at the Philadelphia & Reading shops, since which time he has been variously engaged. Though over ninety years old Mr. Mardis is remarkably active, and he is able to read without the aid of glasses. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and he has always been among the most respected residents of the borough. His home is at No. 710 West Market street.

Mr. Mardis married Margaret Hudson, who died in 1886, and is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Pottsville. They had one daughter, Catherine, who is the wife of John Mertz, and resides on East Market street, Pottsville. Mr. and Mrs. Mertz have one son, William Mertz, now a resident of Philadelphia, Pa., who married a Miss Reikert; they have one daughter, Margaret.

JOHN W. FREEMAN, of Schuylkill Haven, who has been in the grocery business at Centre and Garfield avenues since 1907, is one of the live young business men of the borough, and has shown commendable enterprise in the development of his trade. The Freeman family is an old and honored one in Pennsylvania.

Jurig (George) Freeman, the American ancestor of the family, was born in Germany in 1706, and came to this country in his thirty-third year, in the

ship "Samuel," commanded by Hugh Percy, landing at Philadelphia Aug. 27, 1739. It appears that he settled in Cumru township some time after 1750.

George Freeman, a descendant of Jurig, above, was born Jan. 10, 1783, and died in 1825. He married Elizabeth Gerhard, born in 1786, and they became the parents of children as follows: George, born Dec. 5, 1808; John; Catherine, born May 7, 1811; Jacob, born Oct. 17, 1813; Elizabeth, born May 28, 1815; Benjamin, born June 1, 1817; Cornelius, born Nov. 29, 1819; Peter; and Samuel. (It seems possible the son John of this family was the great-grandfather of John W. Freeman.)

Johannes (or John) Freeman, great-grandfather of John W. Freeman, was born in Berks county, and settled in Wayne township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he followed farming. He died there, and is buried at the Summer Mountain Church. His wife was Sarah Fehr, and they had children as follows: Joseph, William, Jonathan, Benjamin, Mrs. John Reichert and Mrs. Wert.

Joseph Freeman, son of John, was born March 16, 1830, in Wayne township, Schuylkill county, learned the trade of blacksmith, and followed that calling at Schuylkill Haven. He died on Centre avenue, in that borough, and is buried in the Union cemetery. By his marriage to Emma Eiler, daughter of George Eiler, he had the following children: Sarah married Charles Hoffman; Emma married Adam Moyer; Henry is living at Pottsville, this county; John is mentioned below; Joseph (2) is a resident of Philadelphia, Pa.; George and Joseph (1) are deceased.

John Freeman, son of Joseph, was born Nov. 27, 1860, at Schuylkill Haven, where he is still living. For several years he was engaged in boating on the Schuylkill canal, afterwards entering the car shops in the borough, where he is still employed. On Dec. 29, 1884, he married Clara Shappell, daughter of William and Sarah (Ochenbach) Shappell, and granddaughter of John Shappell. Three children have been born to this union: John W.; Mamie S., wife of John Mengle, living at Schuylkill Haven; and Sarah A., who died when nine days old.

John W. Freeman was born June 10, 1886, at Schuylkill Haven, and obtained the principal part of his education in the public schools there. He has also taken a course at the Pottsville business college. For a time he was employed by the Walkover Shoe Company at Schuylkill Haven, and on Dec. 15, 1907, engaged in business for himself, dealing in groceries, dry goods and notions. His store is at the corner of Centre and Garfield avenues, and he has a very creditable stock, carrying a large assortment of well selected goods, which supply the needs of a large patronage. Mr. Freeman deserves his prosperity, having built up his trade by unremitting attention to the wants of his customers, accommodating service and reliable goods. His circle of patrons is widening steadily.

Socially Mr. Freeman belongs to the Patriotic Order Sons of America and the Improved Order of Heptasophs. Politically he gives his support to the Democratic party. He married Grace Violet May Donn timer, daughter of Morris W. Donn timer.

G. EDGAR KLINE has proved his possession of stable business qualities in the management of the hotel and cafe at Pottsville which receives a liberal share of the local patronage. His father, who operated this place for seven years, had a long and successful career in the hotel business in different parts of Pennsylvania, and the son had the benefit of first hand experience from

early boyhood. Its value may well be inferred from his intelligent comprehension of the requirements of the business.

The Kline family are of old Lancaster stock. Hiram Kline, grandfather of G. Edgar Kline, was born in Lancaster county, Pa., and lived and died there, his death occurring at Lancaster Dec. 26, 1885. He was a well-to-do farmer. Hiram Kline married Barbara Beck, who still survives. Five children were born to this marriage: William H.; Emma, born Jan. 1, 1858, the wife of Samuel Miller, a farmer in Lancaster county; Ezra, who was born Oct. 10, 1860, a farmer on the old homestead in Warwick township, Lancaster county; Hiram, born Nov. 3, 1862, also a farmer in Warwick township; and Kate, born Jan. 21, 1865, who married Horace Sturgis and lives in the town of Lititz.

William H. Kline was born Jan. 14, 1854, at Lititz, Lancaster county, and received a public school education, attending in the home locality and at nearby town schools. He was reared to farming and followed that calling during his early manhood, until three years after his marriage. His next venture was as a merchant, and from merchandising he turned to hotel keeping, being so engaged at Farmersville and Lancaster in his native county for six years. Moving thence to the vicinity of Pottsville, he conducted the "Tumbling Run Hotel" for a period of about seven years, from 1892 to 1898, and was the first proprietor there to have a license. Mr. Kline was next located at Reading, Pa., where he remained for three years, successfully conducting the Spears Cafe, at No. 503 Penn street, which attained a high popularity, during his ownership. In 1902 Mr. Kline came to Pottsville, where he opened a hotel and cafe which he and his son, in turn, have since kept up. Mr. Kline had contemplated removing to Pottsville during his residence at Tumbling Run, which gave him a chance to observe the business in the borough, and his experience was sufficient to make the enterprise a success as long as he handled it. Kline's Cafe under his management became the most popular cafe of the kind in the town, the quality of the food served there and the service itself attracting many who demand the best. He equipped the place thoroughly and conveniently, and during the seven years he carried it on kept up the high standard which he established at the beginning. Several years ago he gave up the business, and has since been living at Yellow House, Berks Co., Pa., where he has a farm of seventy-five acres.

Mr. Kline was married Oct. 14, 1879, to Maggie Bowman, of Ephrata, Lancaster county, daughter of George L. and Fannie (Steinmets) Bowman. Mr. Bowman is deceased. Of the three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Kline George Edgar is the eldest; Elsie, who graduated from the Reading high school, is now the wife of Dr. Theodore D. Schneider, a well known druggist of Pottsville; William McKinley, who lives at home, was born in 1897, two days after the inauguration of President McKinley. Mr. Kline is a Lutheran in religious faith, while his wife is a member of the Reformed Church. Socially he belongs to the I. O. O. F., Knights of Pythias, Dramatic Order of Knights of Khorassan, Pottsville Gun Club and the Liederkrantz.

G. Edgar Kline was born Oct. 29, 1880, in Ephrata, Lancaster county, and received his education in the public schools of the various localities where the family resided during his youth, graduating from the Pottsville high school when sixteen years old. He assisted his father from boyhood, thus becoming familiar with the details of the hotel business from an early age, and in May, 1910, he became proprietor of Kline's Cafe, at No. 18 South Centre street, Pottsville, which his father conducted successfully for a number of years. He

succeeded his father directly in the ownership of this place. The hotel contains thirty rooms, including several dining rooms, the restaurant business being still the specialty. All the guest rooms are very desirable and well kept up, and Mr. Kline has the faculty of making the traveling public feel comfortably at home in his house. He has kept thoroughly abreast of the times in providing modern conveniences for his guests, and his unflagging zeal in catering to their wants has made him many friends among his patrons, local and otherwise. Aside from his hotel business Mr. Kline has been interested in the raising of fine chickens, and has been highly successful in this field, having taken many prizes in his own and other cities with his Black Orpington stock. Though he has done so well in this respect and has become widely known among chicken fanciers, he has followed the line for pleasure only.

Mr. Kline is very well known among local social organizations, belonging to the Elks Lodge at Pottsville, No. 207; to the Fraternal Order of Eagles; to the Liquor Dealers' Association of Pennsylvania; and to the Central Republican Club, Baxter Club, Turtle Club and Pottsville Game and Fish Protective Association.

J. FRANKLIN GEHRIG, assistant postmaster at Schuylkill Haven, was born in that borough Feb. 17, 1801, son of George E. Gehrig. He belongs to a family of German origin which has long been established in Pennsylvania, having settled in Berks county at an early date.

John Gehrig, his great-great-grandfather, lived at Leesport, Berks Co., Pa., and kept hotel at that point while the turnpike was under construction in that section. He died there in 1824. His children were: John, George E., Mrs. Beard and Mrs. Sallie Baker.

George E. Gehrig, son of John Gehrig, was born at Leesport, Berks Co., Pa., Jan. 17, 1801, and spent his early life in Berks county. In 1829 he removed to Milton, Pa., where he kept the "United States Hotel" for some time and later engaged in the milling business, which he continued to follow for a number of years. His death occurred in 1854. His wife, Elizabeth (Huey), died in 1883. They had these children: Jacob, George, B. Frank, Nice, James, Sophia, Joseph, Isaac, Albert, Elizabeth, Harrison and William.

B. Frank Gehrig was born Oct. 25, 1832, at Milton, Pa., and attended the public schools there. When a young man he learned the distilling trade. He came to Schuylkill Haven in 1852 and clerked for three and a half years, after which he engaged in the clothing and notion business, continuing same with success for seven years. For a year afterwards he shipped coal, and was then employed in the shops at Schuylkill Haven for one year. Then, in company with David Dreibelbis, he built a factory and engaged in the manufacture of soap, Mr. Gehrig selling out to his partner after conducting the business for one year. He next engaged in droving, traveling through central Pennsylvania buying and selling stock, and was so occupied for several years. For fifteen years following he carried on farming in North Manheim township, and he has since lived retired except for his duties as assessor of the North ward of Schuylkill Haven, which office he has filled for the last sixteen years. For eighteen years he was a member of the borough council, his long continuance in that position being a most substantial evidence of the estimate placed upon his services by his fellow citizens and their confidence in his trustworthiness and ability to handle the affairs of the borough. Politically he is a Republican. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.



Mr. Gehrig owns the old John Mackey hotel stand at Schuylkill Haven, which was well known in the days of the stagecoach. It is still a fine old building, and the Gehrigs have a comfortable home there. He married Isabella Barr, a daughter of John Barr, formerly of Kutztown, Berks Co., Pa., later of Schuylkill Haven, and she died June 2, 1913. They had a family of six sons: John is deceased; George E. is mentioned below; William is deceased; Harry is at home; Robert is a resident of Schuylkill Haven; Edward is at home.

George E. Gehrig, father of J. Franklin Gehrig, was born in Schuylkill Haven Nov. 1, 1861, and was educated in the public schools there. He worked for a time as a woodchopper with the Schuylkill Navigation Company, later was made foreman in the coal storage department of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, holding that position for a considerable period, and then became car inspector for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company at the Mine Hill Crossing, Schuylkill Haven; he is now a foreman in the Reading car shops at that place. Mr. Gehrig was married to Leonora Gehrig, who was born Oct. 10, 1871, a daughter of J. Brown Gehrig, a coal and coke dealer of Milton, Pa. They have one child, J. Franklin. Mr. Gehrig is a Republican politically, and socially a member of Webster Council, No. 23, Jr. O. U. A. M., of Schuylkill Haven, of which he is a past councillor. He is a member of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, member of the church council, financial secretary of the church, and has also been active in the work of its Sunday school.

J. Franklin Gehrig was educated in the grammar and high schools of Schuylkill Haven, and Pottsville business college, after which he spent about three years as a knitter in the underwear mills of the borough of Schuylkill Haven, first with D. D. Coldren and lastly with Jere Lautenbacher. On March 1, 1910, he entered the post office at Schuylkill Haven as assistant postmaster, which position he has since filled with satisfaction to all. On Sept. 28, 1913, he was appointed a member of the board of civil service examiners.

Mr. Gehrig was married to Sarah M. Cripple, who was born June 28, 1894, daughter of George W. and Araminta (Sierer) Cripple, natives of West Fairview, Pa. They have one child, Earl A. Mr. Gehrig is an adherent of the Republican party. He holds membership in Page Lodge, No. 270, F. & A. M.; Mountain City Royal Arch Chapter, No. 196; Webster Council, No. 23, Jr. O. U. A. M.; Washington Camp No. 47, P. O. S. of A.; and Conclave No. 1087, I. O. of H. He belongs to Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Schuylkill Haven, and is pianist of the Sunday School.

THOMAS B. GOLDEN, the present proprietor of the "New Park Hotel," is a well known citizen of Pottsville and of Schuylkill county as well, having been associated as player and manager with local baseball teams for a number of years. He is a son of William D. Golden, a native of England.

William D. Golden came to America when twenty-two years of age. He first settled at Pottsville, Pa., being engaged as a mining engineer. Removing to Canada he lived there for a time, but returned to Pennsylvania in 1874, locating at Stockton. In 1877 he went to Springfield, Ill., where he remained until his death. Before coming to America, he married Sarah Wilkinson, and to them were born seven children, of which the youngest is Thomas B.

Thomas B. Golden attended the public schools and, while still a boy, began work at a breaker, as a slate picker. He worked about the mines for several years, later learning the trade of watchmaker. In 1887 he began playing ball as a professional, a contract with one of the major league teams bringing him



East. In 1894 he came to Pottsville to play, and has managed teams for both Pottsville and Reading during the existence of the Atlantic League. In September, 1910, Mr. Golden bought the "Park Hotel," which he has renovated and improved. It comprises sixty rooms, equipped for comfortable service to patrons. Mr. Golden's sociable nature and obliging disposition have won him many friends wherever he has gone. Fraternally he is a member of the local lodge of the B. P. O. Elks. He is a citizen of unquestioned worth and thoroughly esteemed in his home city.

Mr. Golden married Emma, daughter of Henry and Margaret D. Schwartzhans, of Aurora, Ill. They have had the following children: Sarah (a teacher in the public schools of Pottsville), Thomas, William, Harry and Norman.

IRVIN W. EMERICH, of Schuylkill Haven, is a native of South Manheim township, Schuylkill county, and a descendant of one of the old settled families of this region. His grandfather, Jacob Emerich, lived in South Manheim township, where he was a pioneer, and followed farming on the place where he continued to reside until his death. He is buried in the Summer Hill cemetery. His children were Morgan, Jacob, Jonathan and Joshua.

Joshua Emerich, father of Irvin W. Emerich, was born in South Manheim township, Schuylkill county, and died in that township Oct. 5, 1895. He did day's work and was a man of industrious habits, respected by all his neighbors. By his marriage to Pietta Gruber he had children as follows: Nathan, who is deceased; Nathaniel, deceased; Filmore, who died when seventeen years old; Reuben, a resident of Pottstown, Pa.; Alvin, living at Schuylkill Haven, Pa.; Irvin W.; Lyman, who died in 1898; Sydney, living in Reading, Pa.; Kate, of Schuylkill Haven; Deborah, who died young; and Alida, of Schuylkill Haven.

Irvin W. Emerich was born Jan. 19, 1870, and was reared in his native township, where he attended public school. Until nineteen years old he was employed among the farmers of the district, in 1890 starting the business of painting and paperhanging which he has followed ever since. He is established in Schuylkill Haven, and has built up an excellent business, having a steady patronage which requires the services of several men. Mr. Emerich has kept up-to-date in his work, and has made every effort to give his patrons desirable service, and they, in turn, have shown substantial appreciation of his enterprise. Personally he has the respect of all his associates. He is a member of Page Lodge, No. 270, F. & A. M., of Schuylkill Haven; of the I. O. O. F., and the P. O. S. of A. In religious connection he is a member of the Reformed Church. In politics he is independent, supporting the men and measures he considers the most desirable regardless of party lines.

Mr. Emerich married Emma Moyer, daughter of William J. Moyer, of South Manheim township, Schuylkill county, and they have two children: Edith, a graduate of the Schuylkill Haven high school, and of the Keystone State Normal School of Kutztown, Pa., is now a public school teacher at Schuylkill Haven; Sallie, also a graduate of the Schuylkill Haven high school, lives at home and is engaged in sewing. The family reside on Canal street.

NEWTON M. WONDERS, of Pottsville, has been one of the most popular photographers in this part of Schuylkill county for over twenty-five years. Photography has been his life work, and as he has gone in for all the different branches of the art he has been able to keep in touch with the advances of the business, besides acquiring a varied experience of the greatest value. Though

he has done well from the commercial standpoint, his success has meant more than mere material prosperity, for he has natural taste for his chosen calling which has developed along with his proficiency, and he finds keen enjoyment in his vocation and the great progress which has culminated in recent years in undreamed of accomplishments.

Mr. Wonders was born in New Franklin, Stark Co., Ohio, Oct. 17, 1862. His father, Peter D. Wonders, was a native of Berks county, Pa., and settled in Stark county, Ohio, dying at Alliance, that county, in 1877. By occupation he was a carpenter and cabinetmaker. He married Fredericka Bammerlin, who was born in Berlin, Germany, and is still living, at the age of over ninety years, making her home in Cleveland, Ohio. Of the twelve children born to them five are deceased, namely: Mrs. Lucy L. McGlone, who died in 1898 at Los Angeles, Cal.; Allen, who died of fever while serving in the Union army during the Civil war, in his twenty-first year; Emma J., who died when eighteen years old; and Florence and Louise, who died in infancy; Lafayette is a resident of Alliance, Ohio; Benton M. lives in Cleveland; Mrs. Marietta Thomas, in Cleveland; Frances M. lives at Frankfort, Ind.; Mrs. Laura P. Teeters is a resident of Cleveland; Solon L. is at Baltimore, Md.; Newton M. completes the family.

Newton M. Wonders had common school advantages, attending at Alliance, Ohio. His school days over he commenced work for his brother, who was in the photographic business, becoming well grounded in the details of the work during this association. Subsequently for a time he was located at Cleveland, Ohio, and he afterwards spent three years in Chicago, Ill., and three years at Lebanon, Pa., before coming to Pottsville. He has been established here since 1891, in which year he purchased his studio, the location being at No. 10 West Market street until he removed to his present quarters, No. 7 South Center street. Mr. Wonders has built up a large business by strict attention to the wants of his customers, and by giving them the best that photography, as it is now understood, offers. He has probably the largest clientele in this section, and deservedly. Mr. Wonders is a member of the National Photographers' Association of America.

In 1889 Mr. Wonders was united in marriage with Anna E. Weitzel, of Lebanon, Pa., daughter of H. P. and Emma E. Weitzel, both of whom are deceased. Three children have been born to this union: Dorothy, who died when eight years old; and Jettie L. and Henry P., surviving. Mr. and Mrs. Wonders are members of the English Lutheran Church.

JOHN H. LENGEL, who is now serving as president of the school board of the borough of Cressona, has given his fellow citizens excellent service in that capacity. He is a man of estimable character, a member of a family which has been well and favorably known in Schuylkill county for several generations, his grandfather, John Lengel, living and dying in Washington township, this county, near Hetzel's Church, where he is buried. By occupation he was a farmer, one of the prosperous men of his day, owning three large farms. His children were: John, Reuben, Adam, David, Daniel, Mrs. Catherine Zimmerman, Mrs. Rebecca Zimmerman and Mrs. Sarah Hein.

Daniel Lengel, son of John, was born in Washington township, and learned the trade of wheelwright. He was also a farmer for many years, in his later life settling at Friedensburg, this county, where he conducted a shop, following his trade while living there. He died at Friedensburg when seventy-two years

old, and is buried at Cressona, where his wife also rests. She too passed away at the age of seventy-two years. Her maiden name was Catherine Berkheiser, daughter of William Berkheiser. Mr. and Mrs. Lengel had a family of seven children: Mary, deceased, who was the wife of Peter C. Bittle; John H.; Daniel, Kate and Sallie, all three of whom died young; Charles, deceased; and Carrie, who married John Heffner and (second) Oscar Bernheisel.

John H. Lengel was born Dec. 29, 1861, in Washington township, this county, and acquired his education in the public schools of Cressona. He was reared upon the farm, where he remained until twenty years old, in 1882 entering the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, as a track repairman. By efficient work he was promoted from time to time, and is now an engineer, which position he has held for over twenty years. Since 1892 he has been running between St. Clair and Philadelphia. His home is at Cressona. Mr. Lengel has always been interested in local activities, being a member of Phoenix Lodge, No. 75, F. & A. M., of Phoenixville, and of the Independent Order of Americans, and in politics he is associated with the Washington party. His principal work in public affairs has been along the line of improvements in the school system, and he has been faithful to his duties as member of the school board, on which body he has been serving since 1911.

In 1884 Mr. Lengel married Amanda Fessler, daughter of William Fessler, of Cressona, and member of a pioneer family of this locality. They have three children: Florence, James and Daniel, all of whom are at home with their parents.

CHARLES F. LONG was engaged during his earlier years at mining, a vocation which occupies a large proportion of the workers in Schuylkill county, but for a number of years past he has been a hotel proprietor, now successfully conducting the "United States Hotel" at Minersville. Under his capable management it has become one of the leading hotels in the borough.

Mr. Long is of German parentage, his father, Charles Long, having been born in Prussia, about forty miles from Berlin. He served in the German army in 1848, and was shot in the leg while marching through Poland. After his discharge from the service he came to America, in 1848, and settled at Wiconisco, Dauphin Co., Pa., where he passed the remainder of his life. After coming to this country he followed mining, and he died in Dauphin county, where he is buried, at Lykens. His wife, Christian (Seifert), was a native of the same place as her husband, died at Wiconisco, and is also buried at Lykens. Of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Long, Otto and one sister continue to reside on the old homestead at Wiconisco.

Charles F. Long was born July 6, 1862, at Lykens, Dauphin county. His early advantages were meager, for though he attended the common schools he was only eight years old when he commenced to pick slate at the Big Lick colliery, at Williamstown, Dauphin county. As he grew up he was given different kinds of work at the mines, advancing himself steadily by application to his duties, and he subsequently took a course on mining at the Scranton Correspondence Schools, which assisted him greatly in his work. For several years Mr. Long was inside foreman at the Silberton colliery, and was later similarly employed at the Buck Run colliery, where he did his last work as a miner. In 1902, having decided to change his calling, he purchased the "Decort Hotel" at Pottsville, Schuylkill county, which he conducted for two years, in February, 1904, buying the "United States Hotel" at Minersville, to

which he has since given all his time. Mr. Long has proved himself well adapted for this business, and the hotel has continued to draw a profitable patronage since he took charge. He has become very favorably known in the borough as a straightforward business man, and personally has the good will of a wide circle of acquaintances. Mr. Long was made a Mason Sept. 28, 1890, belonging to Ashlar Lodge, No. 570, F. & A. M., of Lykens, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Long married Amelia Kendter, daughter of George Kendter, of Tremont, Schuylkill county, and they are the parents of six children, namely: Edward, now of Pottsville, this county; and Arthur, John, Otto, Matilda and Alma, at home.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GERHARD, of Orwigsburg, is one of the best known residents of the lower end of Schuylkill county. As an agriculturist he has been thoroughly successful in cultivating a very valuable piece of property in North Manheim township and he has also undertaken other work, as opportunity offered, his industrious nature and proved reliability being appreciated wherever he has been employed.

Mr. Gerhard was born March 11, 1855, in West Brunswick township, son of Henry Gerhard and grandson of Henry Gerhard. His great-grandfather, Jacob Gerhard, was born in Germany, and on coming to America when a young man settled at Rehrersburg, in Tulpehocken township, Berks Co., Pa., where he followed farming and his trade, that of wheelwright. He lived there until his death. His children were: Peter, Heinrich (Henry), John, Jacob, William, Catherine, Lydia, Polly, Sarah, Elizabeth and Lavina.

Heinrich (Henry) Gerhard, grandfather of William Francis Gerhard, born May 1, 1798, at Rehrersburg, died Nov. 22, 1871. Like his father he was a farmer and wheelwright. Coming to Schuylkill county in 1828, he bought a farm in West Brunswick township April 5th of that year, the old Abraham Werner property, comprising 263 acres, 155 perches. He continued to farm there the rest of his life, dying at that place, and is buried in the Reformed cemetery at Orwigsburg. His wife, Maria Sarah, daughter of Philip and Maria (Gilbert) Hoy, was born in 1800, and died in 1863, at the age of sixty-three years, nine months, twenty-three days. They were the parents of six children: Maria, who married Daniel Alspach; Sarah, Mrs. Samuel Yost; Henry; Priscilla, who married James Anderson and (second) Edward Mengel; William; and Edward, the last named dying young.

Henry Gerhard, father of William F. Gerhard, was born Aug. 25, 1829, in West Brunswick township, in the house where he still resides. Part of this house was standing when his parents moved here, his father adding to it subsequently. Mr. Gerhard has been living retired since 1912. He attended school in the neighborhood, and farmed throughout his active years. After the death of his father he bought 148 acres of the home property, his brother William taking eighty-three acres, and their brother-in-law, Daniel Alspach, also owning a tract. The latter engaged in the undertaking business. While the cultivation of the property was under Mr. Gerhard's direct management he was one of the prominent farmers in his vicinity and attended the markets of Schuylkill Haven, Pottsville and Orwigsburg, where he was known as a thoroughly reliable dealer, all his transactions being above reproach. He is a Democrat, serving many years as school director of his township, and was one of the prominent members

of the Reformed Church, in which he held the offices of elder and deacon for many years.

On June 19, 1852, Mr. Gerhard married Diana Mengel, who died Jan. 3, 1857. She was the mother of three children: Charles, born July 16, 1853, died Oct. 8, 1854; William Francis; and Diana, born Nov. 5, 1856, died Nov. 10, 1857. On Nov. 5, 1859, Mr. Gerhard married (second) Eliza Yost, daughter of Samuel and Betsy (Merkel) Yost. Eleven children have been born to this union, as follows: Elwood P., born May 31, 1860, is living in Port Carbon; Mary E., born Aug. 2, 1862, is married to Joel Degler, and lives at Orwigsburg; Henry Y., born Oct. 5, 1864, is a shoe manufacturer of Orwigsburg; Samuel, born April 6, 1867, died aged nine years; Frank, born Feb. 5, 1869, is a farmer of West Brunswick township; Emma M., born Feb. 22, 1871, married Jacob Zuber, and is living at Allentown, Pa.; George A., born April 11, 1873, is a shoe manufacturer at Orwigsburg, with his brother; John, born March 11, 1875, is farming at Orwigsburg; Calvin L., born July 2, 1876, is farming in the borough of Orwigsburg; Hannah S., born June 20, 1881, married George Seltzer, and is living at McKeansburg, Schuylkill county; and Edwin R., born Oct. 20, 1884, is farming the homestead place in West Brunswick township.

William Francis Gerhard attended the public schools of the township and remained at home until twenty-one years old. At that time he located in Orwigsburg and undertook the cultivation of his father-in-law's farm, carrying it on until Mr. Moyer's death. He now has fifty acres of the place and thirty-six acres purchased from Daniel Moyer, and he operates the place very profitably, his up-to-date methods of cultivation having brought it to a most desirable state. Mr. Gerhard is also engaged in hauling coal, doing considerable in this line, and he is a busy, prosperous man, well liked and respected in the community where he has had so creditable a career. He is a member of the Evangelical Church, and has always taken an active part in its work, at present serving as trustee and class leader. Socially he holds membership in the P. O. S. of A.

Mr. Gerhard married Susanna Moyer, daughter of George K. and Susanna (Hoy) Moyer, and they reside at the old homestead of her parents. Two children have been born to them: Laura died when two years old; Sadie married Ralph Kauffman, and has two children, Marie and Leroy. Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman reside with her parents.

PAUL R. NAFFIN, one of the rising young business men of Schuylkill Haven, where he is engaged in general contracting and is proprietor of the roller skating rink, was born Jan. 24, 1886, at Colwalk, Pommern, North Germany, and is a son of Albert Naffin.

Albert Naffin, the father, was born May 20, 1844, in Germany, where he was a contractor and builder. He came to America with his family, landing at Pier No. 53, Philadelphia, July 27, 1896, and soon thereafter located in Reading, Pa. Remaining in Reading until July 4, 1897, he then returned to Germany, where he remained until November, 1912. Coming back to America at that time he stayed in this country only until Sept. 27, 1913, when he again went back to his Fatherland, dying there Dec. 12, 1913, at the age of sixty-nine. He is buried at Belgard, Germany. Mr. Naffin was married to Wilhelmina, daughter of Frederick Rabe, and a native of the same county as her husband, born Dec. 3, 1848. She is now residing at Schuylkill Haven. To Albert and Wilhelmina Naffin were born five children: Theodore, living at Riverside, N. J.:

William, living at Camden, N. J.; Paul R.; Gustave, residing in Schuylkill Haven; and Frieda, residing at home.

Paul R. Naffin was but ten years old when his father came to America. He had obtained some schooling in Germany, to which he has since added by study and observation. His first work was in the Mohns' hat factory, at Reading, Pa., where he remained for about five years. He then went to the Reading Hardware Company for a time, afterwards working at various places and learning the trade of carpenter, which he commenced July 18, 1904. He came to Schuylkill Haven July 20, 1907, and worked at his trade until October, when he began in partnership with his brother William to build the roller skating rink, completing it April 28, 1908. The rink is two stories in height and 67 by 140 feet in size, having one of the largest floors in this part of the State. Mr. Naffin also conducted a rink at Minersville, Pa., for two seasons with success, and ran a portable rink for two seasons. The firm was known as Paul R. Naffin & Bro. until March, 1913, when Gustave, the other partner, withdrew, leaving Paul R. Naffin as the sole owner. Mr. Naffin also does considerable contracting and building in Schuylkill Haven and vicinity. He resides at Schuylkill Haven, where he attends Christ Lutheran Church. He is a member of the Carpenters' Union of Pottsville.

On Oct. 1, 1914, Mr. Naffin was married to Helen Louisa Mulldore, who was born in Philadelphia, Pa., June 23, 1891. They have one child, Richard Spindler, born July 27, 1915.

SOLOMON A. BARKET, of Pottsville, has exemplified in his prosperous business career that the era of opportunities for willing workers is not over. Coming to this county in 1893, he has without the aid of friends or advantages, made his way to a substantial position in local business circles, conducting a useful industry, which has been valuable to the town as well as profitable to him.

Mr. Barket was born in Tripoli, Syria, in 1876, and came to America when seventeen years old, landing at New York City in 1893. Proceeding thence to Pottsville, Pa., he began to work as a peddler in Schuylkill county, being so engaged for two years and ten months. By that time he felt that he could take the responsibility of a store, and he engaged in the wholesale dry goods and notion business at No. 401 West Minersville street, where he has since been located. He continued his original line for twelve years, and in 1910 commenced the manufacture of hosiery, which he started June 27th. He has an up-to-date knitting mill and is engaged in the production of men's half-hose, the eighty-four-needle hose, known as the miner's sock, and the one hundred and seventy-six-needle hose, a fine grade. Beginning with five machines Mr. Barket has so increased his trade that he now has over sixty and employs from fifteen to twenty people steadily, the growing demand for his goods being a sure evidence of the satisfaction they have given to consumers. The product is disposed of mostly through jobbers. Mr. Barket has acquired the ownership of the property where his factory is located, and also of No. 405 West Minersville street.

On June 19, 1909, Mr. Barket married Matilda Ashwood, like himself a native of Syria, daughter of Faress Ashwood, the ceremony being performed at Pottsville by Fathers McGovern, Malley and Fiatt. Mrs. Barket was taken to Brazil when nine years old, and came to America two years later. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Barket: Elias, April 18,



1911; Gertrude, June 27, 1913, and Alfred Peter, April 29, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Barket are members of the Roman Catholic Church.

BRITTON W. SATERLEE (deceased) was stationed at Cressona, Schuylkill county, from 1903 until his recent death, acting as assistant trainmaster for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company at that point, to which he was transferred from Allentown. He was in the service of the company from 1890, and his various promotions during the quarter of a century he remained in its employ attested the value placed upon his ability and trustworthiness.

Mr. Saterlee's grandparents, Edward N. and Lucy (Falkner) Saterlee, were natives of northeast New York and northern Pennsylvania, respectively. His father, Britton W. Saterlee, Sr., was a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting in March, 1864, in Company L, 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry. The following month he died of typhoid fever. He married Lucy Fenderson, daughter of 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. After Mr. Saterlee's 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 union she had three sons and three daughters: Martha M., Mildred E. (deceased), John L., William T., Carrie S. and James E.

Britton W. Saterlee was born Sept. 4, 1864, at Karthaus, Clearfield Co., Pa. He attended public school in New York State from 1869 to 1875, and was at the soldiers' orphans' school at White Hill, Cumberland Co., Pa., from 1875 to 1880. His first employment was as a mechanic with the Lycoming Rubber Company, of Williamsport, where he remained for eight years. For one year he was with the Perkins & Miller Lumber Company, of Westlake, La., and in 1890 entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Company as clerk at Williamsport. In 1893 he was made freight agent at Shippensburg, Pa., 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 Cressona, where he was first assistant trainmaster. He died suddenly at his home in Cressona, March 5, 1915.

Mr. Saterlee proved a desirable citizen of the community, where he gained respect and esteem by his strict attention to duty and integrity in all his relations with his fellow townsmen. He was a Mason, belonging to Cressona Lodge, No. 426, F. & A. M., and a member of the Royal Arcanum (Pottsville Council, No. 965). Politically he did not pledge himself to the support of any particular party, voting as his conscience dictated.

On Sept. 10, 1882, Mr. Saterlee was married to Eda L. Managan, daughter of Thomas and Harriet (Bixby) Managan, of Tioga, Pa. Of the nine children born to this marriage four are deceased; Arletta, the eldest, is married to William H. Hansford, of Philadelphia, formerly of Richmond, Va.; Harriet B. is the wife of Rev. R. E. Vellines, of Minersville; Ida M. is at home; Gerald B. lives at Reading; Eda Hilma has received her higher education at the Wilson College for Women. The Saterlees are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Cressona, to which Mr. Saterlee also belonged.

CARL FREDERICK HOLDERMAN, late of Shenandoah, held an estimable place among his associates in every relation of life. His worth might be measured by the respect they showed in recognition of his substan-





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tial qualities, and no less by the friends he made through his admirable personal traits, which endeared him to many in social ties.

Mr. Holderman was a native of Baden, Germany, born Sept. 7, 1854, at Mosbach, son of Karl Frederick and Marie Holderman and grandson of George and Anna Holderman. George Holderman owned a large bakery at Mosbach, following that business all his life. He and his wife are buried at that place. Their children were: Henry, George, Karl Frederick, Anna, and Marie. The parents were members of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church, and active in its work.

Karl Frederick Holderman, son of George, was born at Mosbach, and died when about thirty-six years old. He was well educated, graduating with honors from the Gymnasium at Karlsruhe, Baden, where his picture was hung in tribute to his scholarship. He became a civil engineer. His wife, whose maiden name was Marie Mueller, lived in Mosbach until ten years before her death, then removing to Karlsruhe, where she passed away at the age of sixty-three years. She is buried at Karlsruhe, Mr. Holderman at Mosbach. They were members of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church at Mosbach. The following children were born to them: Carl Frederick; Marie, Mrs. Wieland, whose husband was overseer for the Duke of Baden; Helena, who was married to the late Albert Mueller, Chancellor to the Duchess of Baden; and Frederick L., who was Private Secretary to Baron von Rothschild.

Carl Frederick Holderman was reared at Mosbach, receiving his education there and at Karlsruhe, where he learned his trade of watchmaker. He followed it in his home town for some time, and later in Vienna, Austria, where he remained until after his marriage, which took place in 1876. In November of that year he came with his wife to this country, where he first found employment in the Hitchcock jewelry establishment on Broadway, New York City. Later he worked for Bailey, Banks & Biddle, in Philadelphia, and in the year 1879 he arrived at Shenandoah, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he made a permanent home. He began work at his trade with T. Cassidy, at No. 40 North Main street, remaining with him until he bought the establishment, in 1880, to continue it on his own account. Subsequently he removed the jewelry business to No. 131 North Main street, and a few years later purchased the site at No. 112 North Main street, where it has since been conducted. His home was also at that location. Mr. Holderman, though interested in the business until his death, had been in poor health for six months previously, and in the latter part of 1914 underwent an operation at the State Hospital at Fountain Springs, Pa. Though his condition seemed hopeful at times he never really rallied, and he passed away at his home on Jan. 11, 1915. Mr. Holderman traveled and read extensively and was a most interesting conversationalist, his active mind and keen powers of observation betokening unusual intelligence. In disposition he was genial and kindly, and his friendly attitude attracted many to him who will cherish his memory among their delightful experiences. Mr. Holderman is buried in the Odd Fellows' cemetery at Shenandoah. He was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and in politics was identified with the Republican party.

On April 12, 1876, Mr. Holderman was married in Vienna, Austria, by a Lutheran clergyman, to Anna Louise Holderman, who was born in that city June 1, 1857, and received her education there. Children as follows were born to this marriage: Charles Frederick, born March 15, 1877, in Philadelphia, now engaged as traveling auditor for the S. & S. Packing Co., of Chicago, Ill.; Frederica Louise, born Nov. 17, 1878, in Philadelphia, who

died when seventeen days old; Frederick William, born Oct. 17, 1879, in Philadelphia, now a resident of Hazleton, Pa., engaged as a mining engineer for the Lehigh Valley Coal Company; Emil Otto, born Sept. 25, 1883, a mining engineer in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company at Centralia, living at home; Bertha Anna Marie, born Feb. 9, 1882, who graduated from the State Normal School at Bloomsburg, Pa., from the Hazleton (Pa.) Business College, and from the Rochester (N. Y.) Business Institute, and now the commercial teacher in the Shenandoah High School; Henry Otto, born Jan. 5, 1886, who died when four months old; and Herbert Helmuth, born April 1, 1893, a student in the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, class of 1916. All of this family hold membership in the Reformed Church.

There are four grandchildren, all children of Charles F. and Jennie Holderman, as follows: Anna Louise, born at Pottsville, Pa., June 28, 1901; Marie Bertha, born April 3, 1903, at Shenandoah, Pa.; Karl Frederick, born at Chicago, Ill., Oct. 8, 1905; Frances Marguerite, born at Chicago, Ill., Jan. 28, 1914.

Mrs. Holderman now lives at 116 North Jardin street, Shenandoah, Pennsylvania.

ALFRED HEHN, a merchant and assessor of Pine Grove township, was born in Wayne township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., Oct. 13, 1849, son of William and Esther (Scheaffer) Hehn, and grandson of Jacob Hehn. The American founder of the Hehn family (also spelled Hain in the early days), was a native of France, and leaving that land reached the New World after a long and stormy voyage. He located near Hain's Church, in Berks county, Pa., where he spent the remainder of his life.

Jacob Hehn was born in Berks county, Pa., and in young manhood moved to Schuylkill county, locating in Wayne township on a farm known as the Farrabee property. There he carried on farming for many years, becoming one of the well known men of his community. When Schuylkill county was taken from Berks county, Jacob Hehn was made one of the first county commissioners, and he always took a deep interest in its growth.

William Hehn, a son of Jacob Hehn, was born in Wayne township, and like his father was a farmer. His farm was located in Washington township, where he died at the age of fifty-eight years. He and his wife had these children: Mary M., Angeline, Alfred, Matilda, Susan, Lucinda, John, Peter and Sallie.

After completing his studies in the schools of his district, Alfred Hehn became a farmer, but within a few years began working in the Lincoln colliery, where he continued for twenty-two years. He then saw an opening for a general store at Pleasant Valley, in Pine Grove township, and embarked in this line, in which he has since continued very profitably. Not only is Mr. Hehn serving in his second term as assessor of his township, but he was a constable of the township for four years, and is one of the well known men of his part of the county.

By his first wife, Annie, Mr. Hehn had one daughter, Annie. He married (second) Elizabeth Satticaln, daughter of Peter Satticaln, and they became the parents of four children: Matilda, Sallie, William A., and Paul S. Mr. Hehn belongs to the Reformed Church, in which he is held in high esteem. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Order of Odd Fellows, and enjoys his connection in this direction. An earnest, steadfast, hardworking man, he has earned all his possessions, and can well be proud of what he has accomplished.

EDWIN R. NEISWENDER, of New Ringgold, has become well known to the residents of the borough and vicinity in his long service at that point in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company. He has been located there since 1900, as station agent since March 1, 1913. Mr. Neiswender is a native of Ohio, but the family is of old Schuylkill county stock.

George Neiswender, his grandfather, was born about the year 1794, near Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co., Pa. He was a farmer all his life, and the owner of a large tract in West Brunswick township. His wife, Mary (Keim), born in 1800, died in 1878, was a daughter of Peter Keim. To Mr. and Mrs. Neiswender were born children as follows: George married Hannah Riegel; Daniel married Eliza Tyson; Samuel is the father of Edwin R. Neiswender; Polly married John Bensinger; Lydia married John Weaver; Sallie married Nathan Zimmerman; Hannah married Henry Geiger; Levina married Samuel Hillbish. The father was a Republican on political questions. His religious connection was with the Lutheran Church at Orwigsburg.

Samuel Neiswender was born at Tumbling Run, near Pottsville, April 28, 1834, was educated at Orwigsburg, and assisted his father on the home farm. After his father's death he bought the home place, a tract of 100 acres, and later came to own another farm, of fifty acres. After farming successfully in that section for a number of years, he lost all he had accumulated through a bank failure. Moving to Bowling Green, Ohio, he tenanted a number of farms there, returning to Schuylkill county in 1886. Thereafter he tenanted farms for several years, and also did work on the neighboring farms, but for the last ten years he has been living retired in his home at New Ringgold. Mr. Neiswender dealt in horses for some time and was an excellent judge, having been a jockey in his early days. On Oct. 27, 1862, he enlisted from Schuylkill county, and was mustered in at Reading, Pa., in Company I, 167th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, to serve nine months. He was under Capts. J. M. Shollenberger and Charles Knoder, and Col. J. D. Davis. The regiment was assigned to the 1st Brigade, 1st Division, and attached to the 1st and 6th Army Corps of the Army of the Potomac. The command went to Harrisburg and then to Baltimore, later to Washington, D. C., and to Suffolk, and was engaged in guard duty at the fortifications there. In the expedition to the Black Water his regiment engaged the enemy at Deserted Farm, Jan. 30, 1863; was in the siege of Suffolk, April 12 to May 4, 1863; and joined in the pursuit of Lee on his retreat from Gettysburg. Mr. Neiswender shared in all its movements and fortunes, and was honorably discharged at Reading, Pa., Aug. 12, 1863. He reenlisted Feb. 23, 1864, for three years or during the war, in Company I, 48th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving under Capts. B. B. Schuck and N. B. Koch, and Cols. G. W. Gowen and I. N. Brannon. Under this enlistment he was in the engagements of the Wilderness, May 5, 1864; Spottsylvania, May 8-18, 1864; North Anna River, May 23-27, 1864; Cold Harbor, June 1-12, 1864; Petersburg, June 15-30, 1864; Mine Explosion, July 30, 1864; Poplar Spring Church, Sept. 30, 1864; Fort Sedgwick, Nov. 5, 1864; fall of Petersburg; and was discharged at Petersburg July 17, 1865.

Mr. Neiswender was first married to Priscilla Halderman, who was born in West Penn township, this county, April 23, 183-, a daughter of Abraham Halderman. She died aged thirty-three years, the mother of the fol-

lowing children: Moses, born Sept. 24, 1856, who married Kate Dreher; Jonas, born July 17, 1859; Mary, born Aug. 24, 1861, wife of Jacob Frantz; Rena, born July 1, 1866, who married a Mr. Henderson and is deceased; Rosie, born May 11, 1868, widow of Nicholas Yocum; Eli, born in 1869; and Ida, born Aug. 18, 1870. For his second wife Mr. Neiswender married Katie Elizabeth Smith, who was born April 15, 1858, in the State of New Hampshire, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Smith) Smith. Children as follows were born to this marriage: Edwin R.; William H., born Nov. 3, 1878, who died Sept. 18, 1904; Minnie F., born Feb. 22, 1880, wife of William M. Koch; Lewis R., born Aug. 15, 1883, who married Gertrude Selgrath; and Agnes M., born Aug. 6, 1894, wife of Charles Hepler. Mr. Neiswender is a member of the Frieden's Lutheran Church at New Ringgold. He is a Republican in politics.

Edwin R. Neiswender was born March 20, 1875, at Bowling Green, Ohio, was educated in the public schools there and at Jacksonville, Lehigh Co., Pa., and Hecla, in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county. He spent six years at farm work, assisting on the farms of Daniel Schroeder, at Lynnport, Lehigh Co., Pa.; John Fetherolf, Jacksonville, Lehigh Co., Pa.; James Braucher, near Wessnersville, Lehigh Co., Pa.; Jacob Frantz, of New Ringgold, Schuylkill county; George Stamm, of East Brunswick township; and Alvin Frantz, of East Brunswick township. On Nov. 5, 1894, he entered the station of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company at New Ringgold to learn telegraphy with George W. Vetter. At the end of eleven months he was appointed extra operator and again agent for the company and served two years between Port Clinton and Mahanoy City, also on the Catawissa division as far north as Lofty, Schuylkill county. On Nov. 14, 1897, he went on duty as regular night operator in the Q. X. office at the Tamaqua yard, remaining there until April 1, 1899. On that date he changed to Tunnel Scale, where he was stationed until April 6, 1900, when he went on duty as regular night operator at Z. office, Tamaqua. He was there until transferred, June 1, 1900, as regular night man at New Ringgold, holding that position until April 1, 1905, when he was appointed regular day operator at New Ringgold. He was retained in that capacity until March 1, 1913, when he was appointed station agent at New Ringgold, succeeding David Vetter, retired. He also acts as agent for the American Express Company.

Mr. Neiswender has identified himself with the best interests of New Ringgold, and in recognition of his activity has been honored with various offices. He has been councilman of New Ringgold for six years, and State health officer for the townships of West Penn and East Brunswick for three years. He has been a zealous Republican, has acted as judge, inspector and clerk of elections, and he has been a delegate to county conventions a number of times. He is a prominent member of Washington Camp, No. 100, P. O. S. of A., at New Ringgold, is a past president and at present trustee; and has been delegate from his camp to the State convention. Mr. Neiswender also belongs to the Philadelphia & Reading Relief Association. A Lutheran in religious faith, he is one of the most valued members of the Frieden's Church at New Ringgold, and has been honored with its most important offices. Formerly he was a deacon, and he is now serving his sixth year as elder, and is also church treasurer. He was secretary of the church council for a number of years, and superintendent of the Sunday school for a long period. His varied experience in church work

has qualified him for effective service and he is conscientious in the performance of all his duties.

Mr. Neiswender married Catherine Magdalena Vetter, born Jan. 22, 1880, a daughter of David and Mary C. (Hetzel) Vetter, and they have had two children: (1) Florence May, born Dec. 20, 1895, began her education in the schools of New Ringgold and is a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, class of 1913. She is now teaching the primary grade in the New Ringgold schools. (2) Luther Edwin, born Dec. 9, 1900, died March 28, 1902.

Mrs. Neiswender obtained her literary education in the schools of New Ringgold, and spent seven years as a private pupil of Gilbert R. Coombs, principal of the South Broad Street Conservatory of Music, Philadelphia, graduating from the conservatory in piano, theory, harmony, history and ensemble, analysis, sight reading, and the normal training course. Subsequently she started a class of piano students in Tamaqua, Pa., which she continued for four months, until because of illness she was obliged to discontinue it, having contracted blood poisoning. After a lapse of one year she resumed teaching, at New Ringgold. She is now organist and chorister of Frieden's Lutheran and Reformed Church.

Mrs. Neiswender is of German lineage on both sides, being a daughter of David and Mary C. (Hetzel) Vetter, granddaughter of John and Mary (Hetzel) Vetter and great-granddaughter of John Vetter. Her father was station agent at New Ringgold for over twenty years, and is now living retired in that borough. An account of the Vetter and Hetzel families appears in his biography in this work.

JOHN O. J. BOYER, a popular engineer in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, located at Schuylkill Haven, was born Jan. 7, 1877, in that borough, son of Edward Boyer and grandson of Philip Isaac Boyer, all natives of Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania.

Philip Isaac Boyer, the grandfather, was born May 2, 1805, in Manheim township, this county, and was a farmer by occupation, residing in South Manheim township for a number of years. He then removed to Schuylkill Haven, where he died May 16, 1863, and is interred in the Union cemetery there. He was twice married, his first wife, Maria, born in South Manheim township Jan. 22, 1811, dying in Schuylkill Haven Nov. 15, 1829; she is buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. Edward Boyer was born to this union. For his second wife Philip Isaac Boyer married Catharine Heffner, and she was the mother of a daughter, Maria, who married Daniel Moyer.

Edward Boyer was born May 16, 1828, in South Manheim township, Schuylkill county, and followed farming during the earlier years of his working life. He spent some years in railroading, but most of his work was agricultural in character. His death occurred on the street in Pottsville, while he was waiting for a car to go on a visit, and before he could be conveyed to the hospital for treatment he passed away. His remains lie in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. Mr. Boyer was married to Sarah Ann DeLong, a daughter of Isaac DeLong, of Cressona, blacksmith and wheelwright. Nine children were born to this union: Celia, Philip, Catherine, Edward, Calvin, Mary, Luther, Mabel and John O. J.

John O. J. Boyer attended the public schools of Schuylkill Haven, and as soon as he was permitted to go to work selected the occupation of railroading. At the age of eighteen years he began to fire an engine, and in 1904 was given



charge of his first engine, on the run between Pottsville and Philadelphia. All of his railroad experience has been with the same company, and he has gained the respect of his employers and the friendship of his fellow employes and the traveling public. After running a passenger train on the Reading division of the Philadelphia & Reading road successfully he was promoted to the position of road foreman of engines on the Reading division, and is so engaged at the present time. Mr. Boyer resides on Dock street, in Schuylkill Haven, and is one of the respected citizens of the borough.

Mr. Boyer was united in marriage to Lillie I. Brownmiller, a daughter of Thomas Daniel Brownmiller, of Lebanon county, Pa., a sketch of whose family follows. Mrs. Boyer was born in Lebanon county, June 7, 1877. Mr. and Mrs. Boyer have two children, Paul and Edward. Mr. Boyer is a member of the Reformed Church, while his wife is an attendant of the Lutheran Church. Socially Mr. Boyer is a member of Page Lodge, No. 270, F. & A. M.; a charter member of Reading Lodge of Perfection (fourteenth degree); belongs to Philadelphia Consistory (thirty-second degree), and to Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is also a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M. and the P. O. S. of A.

The Brownmiller family, of which Mrs. J. O. J. Boyer is a member, was founded in America by Johannes Braunmiller who was born about 1712 in Germany, and emigrated to this country on the ship "Samuel," from Rotterdam, landing in Philadelphia Aug. 27, 1739. He is supposed to have settled in New Jersey, where he raised a large family.

Luttwick Braunmiller (Ludwig Brownmiller), son of the emigrant Johannes, located in Northampton county, Pa., before the Revolution, and from that place many of his family moved to Lenhartsville, Berks county, Pa. Luttwick Braunmiller served in the Revolutionary war, in Capt. Frederick Kern's company, and since that time the family has been represented in every war in which this country has been involved.

Nicholas Brownmiller, M. D., son of Luttwick, lived near Lenhartsville, Berks county, and owned what is now called the Yenser farm. On this farm is a private burial ground where many of the family are interred. His children were: Moses and Josiah, of Hamburg, and Nicholas, of Pottsville. Pennsylvania.

Frederick Brownmiller, son of Luttwick, lived in earlier life near Bath, Northampton county, and from there moved to Hoken dauqua, Lehigh county, and then to Lenhartsville. He was married to Barbara Noli, and their children were: George, Joseph, Daniel, Reuben, Samuel (died in the Civil war), Jeremiah and Benneville (a Methodist minister). All of the earlier members of the family were Lutherans.

Joseph Brownmiller, son of Frederick, was born Oct. 23, 1807, at Hoken dauqua, Lehigh county, and was a shoemaker. He was organist and chorister of Klopp's Church, in Lebanon county, Pa., for more than forty years. He died April 7, 1895. He married Hannah Stein, of Greenwich, Berks county, who died May 1, 1877, aged sixty-four years, six months, twenty-six days, and they had ten children: Helena; Maria, wife of Gideon Botz; Esther, wife of Eli Wolever; Amelia, wife of Samuel F. Steiner; Joel; Susanna, married to Jonathan Miller; Amanda, married to Isaac K. Wolf; Emma, wife of John H. Kreiser; Ephraim S.; and Thomas Daniel, father of Mrs. Boyer.

Thomas Daniel Brownmiller was born May 14, 1856, at Hamlin, Lebanon Co., Pa., and his death occurred Aug. 14, 1915. He was a graduate of Palat-

inate College, Myerstown, Lebanon county, was a professor of music, and for forty-six years was organist and chorister in the Lutheran Church. He married Fianna Gerhart, of Hamlin, and their union was blessed with five children: Lillie, wife of John O. J. Boyer; J. Harry, of New York City, at present a salesman in the Wanamaker store; Charles, of Cape May City, Cape May, N. J.; Roy and Annetta, living at home in Schuylkill Haven.

JOHN M. OREN, of Port Carbon, has been deputy recorder of Schuylkill county for several years, and his intelligent performance of the duties of that position has given much satisfaction to his fellow citizens. The painstaking attention he has given to his work and obliging courtesy to all who have had occasion to seek his services have made him deservedly popular at the county seat, and his long service has given him a familiarity with the records which is of the highest value in the correct transaction of the business of the office. Mr. Oren was born at Palo Alto, Schuylkill Co., Pa., Feb. 5, 1856, son of James Oren. His grandfather, James Oren, was a native of Ireland, and on coming to America settled at New Cumberland, in Cumberland county, Pa., where he followed farming.

James Oren, father of John M. Oren, was born in New Cumberland. He was only a boy when he came to Palo Alto, where he was in the employ of the Navigation Company for many years, being with them when the canal was first opened until it was discontinued in 1871. He rose to the position of harbormaster. After the canal was abandoned he was engaged as a railroad foreman for several years, and he died at Palo Alto at the age of sixty-seven years. By his first marriage, to Rosa Krause, of Lebanon, Pa., Mr. Oren had four children, Jennie, Elizabeth, John M. and Cora. By his second wife, Luthena (Chillson), daughter of Squire Walter S. Chillson, of Palo Alto, he had a family of six children: Jessie, Elsie, Edith, Olive, Mary and George.

John M. Oren had common school privileges during his youth, but was only twelve years old when he began work, loading canalboats. At the age of fifteen he began to learn the trade of machinist, with Robert Allison, in whose employ he continued for a period of twenty-eight years. In 1901 he took a position with the Reading Coal & Iron Company, and he was also employed at his trade in Virginia, Ohio and various places in Pennsylvania, being so occupied until January, 1909, when he assumed the duties of his present position, to which he was appointed. Mr. Oren has proved himself worthy of the confidence of his fellow citizens, and is looking after their interests well. He is a Republican on political questions, and socially holds membership in the local lodge of Elks, No. 207, and in the Sons of America.

On May 13, 1880, Mr. Oren married Annie E. Bailey, sister of Samuel S. Bailey, recorder of Schuylkill county. No children have been born to this marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Oren reside at Port Carbon.

DANIEL LOCH is the owner of valuable farm property in West Penn township, and is busily engaged in its cultivation and in lumbering, which he has carried on successfully for a number of years. He is a native of the township, born Jan. 22, 1858, on the place now owned by Daniel L. Miller, and is a grandson of George Loch, who founded the family here.

George Loch, the grandfather, came to this section from Lehigh county, and settled in West Penn township, where he worked at his trade of weaver all his life. He and his wife were members of Zion's Lutheran Church in

West Penn township, and they are buried at that church. He was a Republican in politics. His children, all now deceased, were: Samuel, Jonas (who married a Holshoe), George, Mary (wife of Daniel L. Miller, of West Penn township), Maria (who married George Schmidt, both dying in Philadelphia) and Amos.

George Loch, father of Daniel Loch, was born and grew up in West Penn township, receiving his education in the public schools. Farming was his life work. About the time he reached his majority he married, and after working around among farmers he bought thirty acres from John Hartung, where he followed general agriculture all his active years, retiring some five years before his death, which occurred at Mantz, in West Penn township, when he was fifty-nine years of age. He was a veteran of the Civil war, a staunch Republican in politics, and a sincere Christian, one of the valued members and workers of the Evangelical Church in his township, which he served as elder, deacon and in all the other offices. He was also superintendent of the Sunday school. Mr. Loch married Kate Beibleheimer, daughter of George and Kate (Yeager) Beibleheimer, natives of West Penn township, and children as follows were born to them: Joseph, who lives in West Penn township, married Sarah Lutz, and their children are George, Eva, Clinton, Pierce, Howard, Mamie and Sadie; Daniel is next in the family; Noah, a farmer and lumberman, residing at Sittler (Andreas), this county, married Mary A. Staudt, and they have had two children, Charles Edwin (deceased) and William A.; George A., who lives at Nesquehoning, Carbon Co., Pa., and is engaged as a section foreman on the Central railroad of New Jersey, married Emma Bachert, and their children are Edward and Mabel; Fred B., proprietor of the "Lansford House," at Lansford, Pa., married Annie Kemmerer, and they have one child, Gertrude; Kate, wife of William Freeman, of Allentown, Pa., fireman at a brewery, has children, Mazie, Erna, Robert, Allen and Herbert; Sallie is married to Edward Kern, of Lehigh, and their children are Harry, Florence, Edward, Guy, Leroy, Arline and Paul. The parents are buried at the Evangelical Church in West Penn township.

Daniel Loch was reared and educated in West Penn township, attending Bolich's school, and was trained to farming, working for his father until he left home, at the age of eighteen years. He was employed by various farmers until twenty-one years old, when he went to Shamokin, Pa., where he worked at the coal breaker for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company for four months, following which he spent over a year at Audenried, Carbon county, with Weaver & Dick, contractors, stripping coal. His next removal was to Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where he learned the carpenter's trade, serving an apprenticeship with George D. Silvis, under whom he became quite proficient at house building and similar work. Returning to West Penn township in the year 1882, he followed his trade at Sittler, his first job being on the erection of the store of the late T. E. Sittler. He remained at that location until May, 1883, when he married, thereafter continuing his trade for a number of years. For about three years he lived with his brother Noah at Sittler. In 1887 he built the house he has since occupied, in West Penn township in the vicinity of Sittler, and a few years later bought the old Rubrecht farm, adjoining his dwelling site, from Francis K. Mantz, a tract of one hundred acres, of which seventy-five are cleared. He bought another tract in West Penn township, containing fifty acres, and cut the timber from twenty acres of that property, all of which is now clear, Mr. Loch farming both his tracts and

finding profitable occupation in general agriculture. For a number of years he has also carried on lumbering, buying timber tracts, cutting the wood and hiring saw-mills for its manufacture, and then marketing the finished product. His operations in this line are all in West Penn township.

Mr. Loch is recognized as a thoroughly progressive character wherever his interests take him. He has long been a leading member of Washington Camp No. 615, P. O. S. of A., of Sittler, Pa., which he served eight years in the capacity of financial secretary, and he is at present treasurer of the organization. As a member of Blue Ridge Lodge, No. 1153, I. O. O. F., of Sittler, he is one of the best known Odd Fellows in this part of Pennsylvania, being a past grand of his own lodge and its present secretary, and he was a delegate to the State convention held at Harrisburg in May, 1909; he had the past grand degree conferred upon him at Harrisburg. In political principle he is a Republican, and he has been associated with the local activities of the party, having served as election inspector; though not an office seeker he is interested in the proper administration of township affairs, and he is serving as registry assessor of the Southeast district of West Penn. His religious connection is with Zion's Reformed Church in his home township.

Mr. Loch was married at Lehighton, Pa., by Rev. Abraham Bartholomew, to Fianna Rebecca Staudt, who was born April 13, 1865, at Bernville, Berks Co., Pa., daughter of John Fisher and Sarah (Snyder) Staudt, and obtained her schooling in West Penn township. She remained at home until her marriage. Mrs. Loch is a member of Zion's Reformed Church. By this union there is one child, Charles Calvin, who was born Sept. 8, 1884, received his education at Sittler, and has always worked with his father, whom he assists at both farming and lumbering. He is married to Amanda Hoppes, who was born April 28, 1890, in West Penn township, daughter of Solomon and Caroline (Eberts) Hoppes, farming people of that township, now living retired. They have one child, Hattie Caroline, born Feb. 2, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Loch also have an adopted child, her niece, the daughter of Frank Leiby and granddaughter of John F. Staudt. She has lived with them from the age of six years, and is now nineteen.

The Staudts are an old Berks county family, and Mrs. Loch is a daughter of John Fisher Staudt, granddaughter of Daniel Staudt, and great-granddaughter of Johannes Staudt who married a Christ. Daniel Staudt married Mary Ann Fisher, and their children were: Mary Ann, Adam, Joshua, Eliza Ann, Fayette, Alfred, Johannes Fisher, Emilie Sara Ann, Daniel Jared and Aaron.

John (Johannes) Fisher Staudt was born Feb. 18, 1841, in Penn township, Berks county, and spent his early life in that county. When he settled in Schuylkill county he carried on a feed and grocery business at Pottsville for one year, and has since been a resident of West Penn township, owning and operating what is probably the oldest mill property in the county. He has been county surveyor, postmaster at Staudtsville, and member of the township school board, and has been long regarded as one of the most useful members of his community. He is now living retired, but retains the oversight of all his affairs. All his children were born to his first marriage, with Sarah Snyder, viz.: Mary Ann (Mrs. Noah Loch), Sarah A. V. (Mrs. Frank Leiby), Hiram Henry, Alvin, Milton, Fianna R. (Mrs. Daniel Loch), Ellen (Mrs. James Muth), John, Charles William, Daniel Jacob and Clara (Mrs. William Stahl). For his second wife Mr. Staudt married Mrs. Carolina

(Osenbach) Schrack, widow of Aaron Schrack, and daughter of Daniel Osenbach. A full account of the Staudt family appears elsewhere in this work.

FRANK L. BENSINGER is farming the old Bensinger homestead in East Brunswick township, and is known as an estimable representative of a family whose members in every generation have been respected for intelligent citizenship and substantial character. He is one of the fourth generation of Bensingers in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, being a great-grandson of Frederick Bensinger, the progenitor of many of the name in this locality, who was born in Montgomery county, Pa., and settled in East Brunswick township before the Revolution. When the war broke out he was engaged in farming there, and he left his private affairs to go to the assistance of the Colonies. In his later years he received a pension for his services. He married Mary Weiman, and had a family of eight children, one of whom, Jacob, married Hannah Dreher, and was the ancestor of another branch of the family in East Brunswick township.

Michael Bensinger, son of Frederick, was a farmer in East Brunswick township, where he owned about seventy-five acres of land. He cleared that tract, erected a log house and barn, and carried on general farming the greater part of his life. He had the following children: Edward married Sarah Heiser, and both are deceased; William, deceased, married a Miss Fister; Franklin B. is next in the family; Benneville married Caroline Fahl, and both are deceased; Fred married a Miss Bock, and they reside at McKeanburg; Priscilla married Thomas Hartung, and both are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Bensinger are buried in the Steigerwalt cemetery in East Brunswick township. He was a Whig in politics.

Franklin B. Bensinger was born in East Brunswick township in March, 1822, was educated in the schools of the local district, and spent his youth and early manhood assisting his father on the farm. After his father's death he bought out the other heirs to the homestead farm, which he operated all his life. His wife, Catherine (Shuster), who was born in September, 1821, and died in March, 1899, was a daughter of Martin Shuster, whose wife was a Koons. Mr. Bensinger died in March, 1898. He and his wife had the following children: John went West, and is now deceased; Howard, a farmer in West Brunswick township, married Emma Leiby; Charles S. married Ida Baer; Frank L. is mentioned below; Harry, who is a foreman in a silk mill at Tamaqua, married Cora Albright; Thomas, deceased, married Elnira Horn, who resides in McKeanburg; Dora married W. S. Miller, of East Brunswick township; Mary married W. H. Yost, of Reading; Susan is the widow of James Shoener, and lives at Hamburg, Pa.; Lizzie is the widow of Oscar Kimmel, and makes her home at Port Carbon; Kate married J. A. Shellhammer, of Port Carbon; Carrie married J. A. Yost, of Ringtown, this county. Politically Mr. Bensinger was a Republican. He was an earnest member of the Church of God and very active in its work, serving as trustee and in other capacities. His wife was also a member. They are buried in the Steigerwalt cemetery in East Brunswick township.

Frank L. Bensinger was born Dec. 5, 1860, on the place where he now lives, the old Bensinger homestead. His education was acquired in the East Brunswick schools, and he worked for his father on the homestead farm until 1883, when he went to Ohio. After doing farm work there for one year he

returned home and entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, as coal flagman on the main line from Palo Alto to Port Richmond, Philadelphia, remaining with that company for two years, when he moved to McKeesburg. He worked for his father another three years, and then rented the Steigerwalt farm, near the Steigerwalt church (now owned by E. H. Kunkel), being tenant on that farm for nine years. At the end of that time he bought the homestead tract, where he has resided ever since, engaged in general farming and trucking. He makes two trips a week to the markets of New Philadelphia and St. Clair. Mr. Bensinger has found time to take part in the township government, has been elected school director and auditor, and has been associated with politics as a Republican. Socially he belongs to Washington Camp No. 100, P. O. S. of A., of New Ringgold, and to Protection Council, No. 935, Order of Independent Americans, of McKeesburg; at one time he was very active in the work of the latter organization, but never held any elective office. In religion he leans toward the teachings of the Evangelical Association.

Mr. Bensinger married Ida Albright, a daughter of Thomas and Catherine (Kershner) Albright, and they have had one child, Eva May; she was educated in the East Brunswick schools and the Keystone State Normal School, graduating with the class of 1913, and was married to Leon Kimmel in 1915. Previously she taught school at Rauschs and Kepners, in East Brunswick township.

Mrs. Ida (Albright) Bensinger was born and educated in West Brunswick township, and lived at home until married. Her grandfather, Joseph Albright, was a farmer in West Brunswick township, owning 120 acres, nearly all of which he had under cultivation. He married Esther Sharadin, and they had children: Thomas; Susanna, widow of Solomon Moyer; Morgan, who married a Deibert; Benneville, who married Mary Hicks (both are deceased); Lucian, deceased, who married Isabella Hoy; and William, who married a Miss Bodey. The father died when over seventy years old, the mother when over sixty, and they are buried at St. John's Reformed Church, Orwigsburg, of which Mr. Albright was a member. He was a Democrat politically.

Thomas Albright, son of Joseph, was educated in West Brunswick township and at the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, where he spent one year. He worked for his father on the farm until after his marriage. He operated his grandfather Kershner's farm at Dreherstown for about eight years, and then moved to Orwigsburg and lived retired for one year. His next removal was to the homestead farm, which he had bought from his father, and he operated it for eleven years, at the end of that time removing to Allentown, where he is now employed by Dr. Albright. Mr. Albright is now (1915) seventy-seven years old. He married Catherine Kershner, daughter of Daniel and Judith (Fegley) Kershner, and they had five children: Thomas and Lewis died young; Calvin married Ella Shoener, of Tamaqua; Ida is Mrs. Bensinger; Cora married Harry Bensinger. Mrs. Albright died in March, 1805, and is buried at Orwigsburg. Mr. Albright is a member of St. John's Reformed Church, of Orwigsburg, Pa. He is a Democrat in politics.

ALEXANDER KAUFMAN, who is now living in the borough of Gordon, was born March 23, 1850, at Schuylkill Haven, this county, where his grandfather, George Kaufman, settled about 1825. The latter was born Nov.



6, 1788, in Upper Bern township, then in Montgomery county, Pa., and on coming to Schuylkill Haven engaged in the flour and feed business, remaining there until his death, April 3, 1838. He had but one child, George.

George Kaufman, father of Alexander Kaufman, was born in Upper Bern township, Montgomery Co., Pa., March 25, 1811, and spent most of his life at Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill county, where he was a business man for over fifty years, engaged in merchandising. He served as county poor director one term, as school director at Schuylkill Haven, and held other offices. His death occurred at Schuylkill Haven Oct. 16, 1883. Mr. Kaufman married Elmiere Boyer, who was born Nov. 25, 1818, in Norwegian township, Schuylkill county, of which township her father, George Boyer, was also a native. He was a farmer there, owning what was called the Boyer tract, between Gordon and Pottsville. Selling this property he moved to Jefferson county, where he died. Of his seven children, four sons and three daughters, three survive: Benjamin, George and Hannah, all residents of Jefferson county, Pa. Mrs. Kaufman passed away Sept. 28, 1892. She was the mother of eleven children, namely: John G., the eldest, born Jan. 19, 1838, is deceased; Charles F., born Jan. 10, 1840, died Sept. 19, 1908; Elmira, born Feb. 22, 1842, died July 3, 1844; Emma L., born Oct. 13, 1844, died April 29, 1846; George B., born Oct. 3, 1846, died March 14, 1913; William L., born Feb. 16, 1849, died July 25, 1876; Alexander is next in the family; Alice R., born June 5, 1853, lives at Schuylkill Haven; Lewis, born Sept. 7, 1855, died May 1, 1910; Edward, born Oct. 5, 1857, is a resident of Philadelphia; Samuel L., born Feb. 25, 1861, lives at Schuylkill Haven.

Alexander Kaufman received his education at Schuylkill Haven, where his early life was spent. For a few years during his young manhood he clerked in a store at Raven Run, for E. H. Heaton, and then engaged in business at that place on his own account for about three years, at the end of which period he sold out. Coming to Girardville he again embarked in business, remaining at that point until his removal to Gordon, in 1890. He had come to the borough previously, in 1866, remaining until 1881, and had great faith in its possibilities as a business location, and he was not disappointed in his expectations, for he had a successful career as a merchant up to the time of his retirement. He has always been considered one of the substantial citizens of the place. In 1890 he was elected to the office of supervisor of Butler township, and reelected the next year. For thirteen years he has served as assessor of the borough of Gordon, discharging the duties of that office to the eminent satisfaction of all concerned. He is a member of the Lutheran Church of Gordon.

On Dec. 25, 1875, Mr. Kaufman was married to Josephine Kleber, who was born at Pottsville March 5, 1855, and died Jan. 15, 1915. The following children were born to this union, viz.: William died Oct. 13, 1891; Lewis, who lives at Gordon, is an employee of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company; Raymond, who lives at Gordon, is in the same employ; Carrie is the wife of Samuel Rubright, of Mount Carmel; Anna is the wife of Charles Rinehart, of Mount Carmel; Alexander died Dec. 2, 1881. Mr. Kaufman owns the home at Gordon which he occupies with his family.

Louis and Phoebe (Wikel) Kleber, Mrs. Kaufman's parents, were natives of Germany, the father born Dec. 28, 1828, the mother May 4, 1832. They were married in that country, and on coming to America first settled at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., thence moving to Cressona and later to Gordon.



Mr. Kleber was a coppersmith, and for many years was in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company. He died Nov. 10, 1899, and his wife survived him a number of years, passing away Feb. 20, 1914. Their family consisted of seven children: Josephine, Mrs. Kaufman; Lewis, who lives at Easton, Pa.; Charles, a retired butcher, of Gordon, Pa.; Anna, wife of Fred Dreher, a retired merchant of Gordon; William, a machinist, of New York; Ida, wife of John F. Dreher, a merchant of Gordon; and Harry, deceased.

BENJAMIN SHAPPELL is making a reputation for himself as a progressive agriculturist in North Manheim township, this county, where he owns over 200 acres of valuable land. He is giving all his time to farming operations, making a specialty of fruit growing and dairying, in both of which lines he has done particularly well. The branch of the Shappell family to which he belongs was established in Schuylkill county by Jacob Shappell, his grandfather, who moved hither from Berks county, where the name is of record from the days of its settlement.

In Perry township, Berks county, which until 1853 was a part of Windsor township, Berks county, is a prominent family bearing the name of Schappelle, Choppelle, Schobbel, Shobel, but now more commonly found spelled Shappell, Schappel and Schappell. The original home of the family was in France, but through religious persecution its members sought refuge in Germany, making their home at Wittenberg. Among the 108 passengers on the good ship "Patience," which landed at the port of Philadelphia Sept. 17, 1753, was a Jeremie Chappelle and one Jean Pierre Chappelle. The kinship of these two emigrants is unknown, but it is not doubted that they were relatives. What became of Jean Pierre after landing in the New World is not known. Jeremias Schappelle (as it appears on the tombstone) (or Schobel) and Eberhart Schoppel, brothers, were residents in Windsor township, Berks Co., Pa., in 1754 (see Rupp's History).

According to the tombstone inscription at Zion's Church, in Perry (formerly Windsor) township, Jeremias Schappelle was born in 1715, and he died Oct. 15, 1804. His wife Catharine, born in 1724, passed away June 8, 1801. The will of Jeremiah Shappel (sic) is on record in Berks county courthouse in Will Book A, page 505. It was made Feb. 11, 1803, and probated Jan. 7, 1805. At the time the will was made he was a resident of Windsor township. The following children were mentioned in the will: Jacob (who was made executor of his father's estate); Matthias, Jeremiah, Magdalena and Catharine. In the cemetery at Zion's Church is a tombstone bearing the following inscription: "Elizabeth Schappelle, wife of Jeremias, formerly of Deutschland, born Feb. 16, 1771, died July 9, 1817, aged forty-six years, five months, twenty-three days." This probably refers to the wife of Jeremias or Jeremiah, son of Jeremias (I).

No records of the descendants of Eberhart Schoppel are in evidence at Zion's Union Church. He may have left Windsor township after 1744, in which year he hewed his name on a stone now in the southeastern wall of the old graveyard. Tradition says that the stones upon which these names were carved (one bears the name of Jeremias), were once a part of the wall of the first church. The fourth church was in course of construction in 1908.

Jacob Schappell, son of Jeremias, was better known as "Jockey," a nickname evidently taken from the German pronunciation of his name. He was

born in Wittenberg, Germany, Feb. 2, 1744, and died Sept. 11, 1826. As stated above he was the executor of his father's will in 1805. His wife Susanna was born Feb. 2, 1751, and died July 24, 1828. They are both buried at Zion's Church. Jeremias, Eberhart and Jockey Schappell were founders of the original Zion's Church. Tradition says Jacob and Susanna had a large family, some of their children, however, dying in infancy and childhood. Of those of whom there is record may be mentioned: Peter, born April 19, 1770; Col. Jeremiah, born March 20, 1774; Daniel, who was a taxable resident in Manheim township, Schuylkill county, in 1790, where he reared a family and where his descendants still live; and Hannah, married to Georg Hoffman, a farmer of Perry township.

There is a valley in Perry township known to the local residents as Schappell's Dale, because of the many Shappells living there.

Peter Schappell, son of Jacob and Susanna, was born April 19, 1770, and died Nov. 18, 1851. He was a farmer in Windsor township, and he and his family all belonged to Zion's Church, and are buried in the cemetery there. His first wife was Elizabeth (Lenhart) (1768-1790), and his second Annie (Kosch) (1778-1841). His children were: Jacob, who located in Schuylkill county; Benjamin, who died young; Daniel, who settled in Schuylkill county; Samuel, who settled in Windsor township; John, who settled in Richmond township, Berks county; Mary, married to William Miller; Kate, married to Martin Eisenhaur; Elizabeth, married to Jacob Boyer; a daughter married to Anthony Adam; and Solomon.

Jacob Shappell lived at Shartlesville, in Berks county, until his removal to Schuylkill county, where he settled in North Manheim township with his family. Purchasing a tract of land, he followed farming successfully during the remainder of his days, dying here, and is buried in the old cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. His children were as follows: Jacob, who died in Northumberland county, Pa.; Samuel; David, who died in Schuylkill county; Mary, who married John Womer; and Lydia, Mrs. Long.

Samuel Shappell, son of Jacob, was born in 1825 at Shartlesville, Berks county, accompanied his father to Schuylkill county, and passed the remainder of his life here. After working several years as a boatbuilder he bought the J. Womer farm, in North Manheim township, comprising twenty acres, and later increased his holdings by the purchase of part of his father's homestead, as well as part of the Pryor estate. He also acquired part of the Osewald farm and some land from Fred Hinckle, having a total of 108 acres. He carried on general farming and was also in the timber business for many years, becoming a well known man in his day. He was a Democrat, and in religion a member of the Reformed Church, in which he was active, holding the position of deacon. Mr. Shappell married Sarah Oswald, who was born in 1823, daughter of Daniel Oswald, and lived to the age of eighty-two years, dying in 1906. His death occurred many years before, in 1884, when he was fifty-nine years old. Mr. and Mrs. Shappell are buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. They had a large family, namely: George W., an engineer, now living at Palo Alto, this county; Henry, who is a resident of Philadelphia; Sarah, deceased; Maria, Mrs. Frank Luckenbill, living in North Manheim township; Samuel, who went West; Benjamin; Hettie, wife of Jonathan Achey, of Allentown, Pa.; Mahlon and Galen, twins, the former deceased, the latter in the West; and Isaac, of Schuylkill Haven, who is in the employ of the Reading Company.

Benjamin Shappell was born Jan. 30, 1859, on the place in North Manheim township which he now owns and occupies. He was reared there, attending public school in the neighborhood, and lived at home until twenty-seven years old, assisting in the cultivation of the home farm. Then for six years he was in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, as a brakeman on the Mine Hill division. During this period he bought the homestead and the stock, and upon giving up railroad work returned to the property, where he has since remained, giving all his time to agricultural work. To the original 108 acres which his father owned he has added by various purchases, first buying sixty-two acres of the Charles Bealer estate and later sixty-four acres from Joel Fisher's estate, having sold ten acres to the borough of Schuylkill Haven for the waterworks. He has at present 215 acres, all excellent land, of which eighty-five acres are cleared and under high cultivation. Mr. Shappell has set out over five hundred peach trees, which have produced very profitably. He has also given considerable attention to dairying, keeping twelve milch cows, and retails the product himself, having a milk route at Schuylkill Haven. The intelligent system which he has followed in the improvement and development of his farm has brought him excellent results, his thorough business methods having been quite as important in his success as his careful agricultural work. He has served as school director of his township, but aside from that has given little attention to affairs outside of his business. Politically he is a Democrat, in religious connection a member of the Reformed Church.

Mr. Shappell married Susan Honickell, daughter of Philip Honickell, a native of Germany, who came to America when forty years old, and settled in Schuylkill county. Six children have been born to this marriage: Bertha is the wife of D. Fisher, of Schuylkill Haven; Philip died young; Alexander is at home; Frederick was accidentally killed when sixteen years old while hauling stone, the team running away; Amelia and John are at home.

JOEL A. DINGER, late of Pottsville, was a business man of Schuylkill county throughout his active years, and from the time of his removal to Pottsville was engaged in hotelkeeping. His widow is still conducting the "City Hotel," of which he was proprietor at the time of his death. Mr. Dinger belonged to a well known family of Hegins township, Schuylkill county, and he was born there April 8, 1851, son of Jonathan Dinger, a prosperous farmer of that section.

During his boyhood Joel A. Dinger had the advantages of the local public schools in Hegins township, and then, being ambitious for a higher education, attended Selinsgrove Academy and later the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, Pa. When a young man he taught school in Schuylkill county for several years, and was afterwards employed in the office of the Bright lumber yard, at Ashland, Pa., where he remained until 1887. That year he came to Pottsville and took charge of the "Eagle Hotel," which he conducted for nine years, after which for eleven years he carried on the "Exchange Hotel" in this city. He disposed of his interest there to take the "City Hotel," at No. 440 North Centre street, continuing his connection therewith until his death, which occurred Oct. 22, 1914. Mr. Dinger had many natural qualifications for the hotel business, and in his long experience became thoroughly familiar with its requirements. His obliging disposition manifested itself in sincere efforts to please his guests, and their appreciation was shown in continuous patronage. He made many friends in the course of his long career in the

hotel business, and was equally popular wherever known, among his fellow members of the local lodge of Elks and in the Lutheran Church, of which he was a member. He is buried in the Charles Baber cemetery at Pottsville.

Mr. Dinger married Kate Long, who was born in Cameron township, Northumberland Co., Pa., daughter of Daniel Long, who is still residing on the old homestead there. Mrs. Dinger has carried on the "City Hotel" very successfully since her husband's death. Two children were born to them: Neva O., who is the wife of Edwin E. Merrick, of Pottsville; and Sadie R., who is the wife of Prof. Walter F. Hertzog (they reside in California).

EDWIN E. MERRICK is widely known in Pottsville in his capacity as superintendent at the plant of the Eastern Steel Company. A Scotchman by birth, he was born in Glasgow Sept. 16, 1864, son of Noah Merrick, who upon coming to America settled at Troy, N. Y., where he was engaged as a roller in the steel mill. He now resides at Paterson, N. J. Edwin E. Merrick received a public school education, and in his youth began to learn the steel business at Paterson, N. J. After several years' employment there he worked in Chicago for a time, in May, 1906, coming to Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he took a position as roller with the Eastern Steel Company. Before long he was promoted to the position of superintendent of his department, and has since been serving as such, his competency and intelligent devotion to his duties recommending him to the confidence of the executive heads of the concern. Personally he is a man of high character, and has proved himself in various ways a desirable citizen in the town of his adoption. He is a member of the B. P. O. Elks Lodge at Pottsville.

On Feb. 4, 1910, Mr. Merrick married Neva O. Dinger, daughter of the late Joel A. Dinger, and they have a fine home at No. 2015 West Market street, Pottsville.

BENJAMIN FRANK JAMES was born Aug. 19, 1873, in Schuylkill county, and received such common school advantages as Shenandoah, his home town, afforded. After reaching his majority he attended business college at Elmira, New York.

The Welsh have been represented by many successful operators and capable miners in the Pennsylvania fields, and several of the James family have contributed to their reputation in the industry of leading importance in this State. Reared in the very heart and center of the Pennsylvania anthracite coal regions, and with his father interested in coal operations, Mr. James had the opportunity to follow his inclinations, and by the time he reached maturity had a familiar knowledge of the mineral deposits of the State and their development. At the time of the death of his father, Mr. James, with his three brothers, David R., John R., and William J. James, received the operation from their father which he had been conducting under the name of the Cambridge Coal Company. At the present writing they are still profitably working at that colliery. In 1906 Mr. James, with his three brothers before named, leased from the Gilbert and Sheaffer Estates the Girard Mammoth colliery, located at Raven Run, and worked this colliery very successfully. Previous to their having taken over this operation it had been operated by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company for a number of years.

Encouraged by what he considered the favorable outlook in the slate regions, he was one of a party who organized a company for the production and manufacture of all kinds of slate, his associates in the organization being



*B. F. James*



his three brothers, and J. C. McGinnis, of Frackville, Pa., and William Wilhelm, of Pottsville. They incorporated under the name of the Cambridge Slate Company, of Slatington, and are still carrying on extensive and profitable operations. The officers of the company are: David R. James, president; William J. James, secretary, and Benjamin F. James, treasurer and general manager.

In the year 1914 Mr. James made a venture in the Gilberton valley which has developed into a very promising operation. He was accompanied in the enterprise by his two brothers, David R. and William J. They leased from the Girard Estate, at Gilberton, Schuylkill county, the East Bear Ridge colliery. By the fall of 1915 they had completed preparations for its operation, and began same at once. Mr. James is giving his closest attention to its comprehensive development, as the vast workings reopened or newly opened show. He has entered into this big task fully aware of the responsibilities attaching to it, but with no doubt as to the outcome. He has the pluck and tenacity necessary to hold him to his duties until the realization of his ambitions is attained, and has the experience upon which much of his success must depend. The profitable management of the colliery will be an achievement of highest importance and will mean much to the prosperity of the district, where thousands look to the coal workings for their means of earning a livelihood. With the enterprising methods now in practice in the East Bear Ridge workings, and conditions as they now are, great promise is given of a large production.

In 1896 Mr. James married Mary A. Troutman, daughter of Emanuel and Sarah Troutman, and their children are: Mary, a cultured musician, who received her training in the schools at Oak Lane, Philadelphia, and Dayton, Va.; Viola, a student of the Pottsville high school; Elva May; Elsie, and Benjamin F., Jr. Mr. James and his family are associated with the Baptist Church. Fraternally he is a Mason, holding membership in the Blue Lodge at Shenandoah, Chapter and Commandery at Ashland, and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading, Pennsylvania.

William R. James, the father of Benjamin Frank James, was a native of Wales, born Dec. 2, 1838, in Glamorganshire. He was reared and educated there, being nineteen years old when he left that land for America. Immediately upon his arrival in this country he settled in Schuylkill county, Pa., where he found employment in the mines and continued to engage in that line of work to the end of his days. For many years he was an operator on his own account, in 1875 leasing coal lands at Shenandoah from the Philadelphia & Reading Company, and conducting business under the name of the Cambridge Coal Company until his death, in the spring of 1892. Mr. James married Elizabeth Thomas, nee Harris, who preceded him to the grave, dying in 1890, and they are interred in the burial plot in Shenandoah. His home was at Shenandoah for seventeen years, until his death. Their family consisted of five children: David R., John R., William J., Benjamin Frank (the subject of this sketch), and Mary, the last named being deceased.

JOHN HENRY SHOEMAKER has spent the greater part of his life on the farm in West Penn township where he is now residing, and which he has been operating successfully on his own account for a number of years. He was born in that township Nov. 10, 1869, son of Joel Shoemaker, and he is a great-grandson of Johannes Shoemaker, who established the family in



this country, coming from Germany and passing the rest of his days as a farmer in Lehigh county, Pa. He is buried in that county.

Jonas Shoemaker, son of Johannes, was born in Lehigh county, in what was then the township of Lehigh, and settled in Schuylkill county, where he became a very prosperous farmer and landowner. His holdings included five very good farms, comprising between 500 and 600 acres of land, and he lived on a 200-acre tract, most of which latter he cleared. When he retired he went to live with his son Joel, giving up active work about seven years before his death. He was a man of energetic nature, and interested in all things which concerned the community, taking an active part in the work of the Democratic party in his locality. He was a Lutheran member of Zion's Church in West Penn township, where he and his second wife are buried. He lived to the age of ninety-three years. He was twice married. By his first wife, whose maiden name was Bachert, and who lived to be over eighty, he had the following children: Polly, born Nov. 3, 1819; Priscilla, born Jan. 4, 1822, who was married to Jacob Loch and had one son, Noah; one child, born Feb. 22, 1824, who died unnamed; Joel, born Nov. 8, 1825; Sallie, born Jan. 7, 1828, who died young; Mary Ann, who married William Schaffer; her twin sister, Barbara, who married Ephraim Snyder; Johannes, born Jan. 24, 1830; Sallie, born Sept. 13, 1833; Giedon, born March 28, 1836, who married Levina Neifert; Samuel, born Aug. 26, 1838, who married Mary Moyer; a child, born July 21, 1841, who died unnamed; Leah, born April 14, 1843, married to Noah Houser; Elavina, born Jan. 15, 1847, who married Nathan Miller; Benjamin; and Susanna, Mrs. Simon Shellhammer. For his second wife Jonas Shoemaker married Mrs. Lavina (Kistler) Kemp, widow of Isaac Kemp, and to this union came one child, Adam, born Oct. 16, 1870, who died at the age of twenty-four years.

Joel Shoemaker, son of Jonas, was born Nov. 8, 1825, in Lehigh township, and received his education in his native county. He worked for his father until after his marriage, and his father then gave him the farm now occupied by Gottfried Knoedler, a tract of eighty acres in West Penn township, which he improved greatly during the seven years he resided thereon. He cleared most of the land, put up a number of outbuildings and a new house, and by his thrifty management increased the value of the place very materially. Then he removed to the place in West Penn township now occupied by his son John, the old Christian Crouse farm, comprising eighty acres of valuable land, all of which was cleared and under cultivation. He followed general farming there until 1901, and stayed with his son John until his death, in 1904. Mr. Shoemaker took some part in the administration of local affairs, serving as school director and collector of the school tax. He was a Democrat in politics and a Lutheran in religion, belonging to Zion's Church, where he and his wife were buried. He married Mary Ann Neifert, who was born June 4, 1835, daughter of Peter Neifert, and died at the age of sixty-seven years. We have the following record of their family: Amanda Matilda, born May 13, 1857, is the wife of Charles Johnson; James A. was born Oct. 15, 1858; Lavina Rebecca, born Oct. 8, 1860, died July 22, 1873; George McClellan, born Dec. 9, 1862, is now living in Kansas; John Henry was born Nov. 10, 1869; Rosie Cecilia, born Sept. 7, 1871, died Sept. 22, 1877; Clara Mary, born Aug. 12, 1878, married Theodore Gerber and (second) Milton Boyer.

John H. Shoemaker was reared and educated in West Penn township. He received his early training assisting his father, for whom he worked on

the home place until twenty-four years old. For a few months afterwards he was in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, at the Palo Alto car shops, was next engaged as a wood-chopper in West Penn township for a couple of months, and then rented the Gideon Zehner farm for two years. At the end of that period he returned to the old homestead in West Penn township, which he rented for one year before buying it, and he is still residing there and carrying on general farming. He markets his products at Tamaqua. The farm originally contained eighty-two acres, fifty-six perches, but a small part was sold to the railroad company, the tract now consisting of seventy-eight acres; about seven acres are in timber. Mr. Shoemaker devotes practically all his time to his agricultural work, taking no part in public affairs, though he is public-spirited in his support of all good measures. He is a Democrat, and a Lutheran, belonging to Zion's Church in West Penn township.

At the age of twenty-three years Mr. Shoemaker was married to Caroline Zehner, who was born Aug. 9, 1871, in West Penn township, received her education in the public schools there, and remained at home until her marriage. Like her husband she is a member of Zion's Lutheran Church in West Penn township, in whose work she has taken considerable interest, having served as Sunday school teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker have had four children: Cora Ellen, born Aug. 8, 1893, is the wife of Lee Yarbrough, of Tamaqua, Pa., and they have two children, Vera Leoda (born Dec. 25, 1912) and Elda Caroline (born Dec. 1, 1914); Carrie Irene, born Jan. 18, 1895, married James Houser, of Tamaqua, Pa., and they have one child, John Amandus (born Dec. 9, 1914); Harold Adam, born March 11, 1896, is attending the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, Pa., a member of the class of 1915; Nora Amelia was born Sept. 5, 1907.

Johannes Zehner, grandfather of Mrs. John H. Shoemaker, was born in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, where he died when over eighty-four years old. During the summer season he engaged in farming, operating and owning the place where Mr. George B. Adam now resides, and in the winter time followed his trade of cooper, making barrels, etc., continuing both lines throughout his active years. He was a Democrat and served as supervisor of his township. His religious connection was with the Lutheran congregation of Zion's Church, but he was not specially active in its work. He and his wife, Christina (Steigerwalt), daughter of Joseph Steigerwalt, are buried at Zion's Church. They had the following children: William, who married Polly Houser; Moses, who married a Miss Schwartz; Hettie, wife of David Halderman; Gideon, who married Sarah Houser; and John S., who married Rebecca Bennighoff.

Gideon Zehner, son of Johannes, was born April 20, 1832, in West Penn township, where he was reared and educated. He was trained to farming, working for his father until after his marriage, but he also learned the trades of stonemason and plasterer and later butchering, always doing his own work in that line. Immediately after his marriage he bought the farm now owned by his son Lewis A. Zehner, in West Penn township, and did most of the clearing of that tract, put up new buildings there, and for many years carried on both farming and butchering, his children operating the farm, while he gave most of his attention to the latter line. He carried his meats to Tamaqua, Coal-dale and Lansford to market. During the latter part of his life he devoted himself entirely to agricultural work. In the pursuit of his various interests

he became very well known in his section of Schuylkill county. For a number of years he taught singing school, and he was an esteemed member of Zion's Lutheran Church in West Penn township. He and his wife are buried at that church. In politics he was a Democrat. Mr. Zehner married Sarah Houser, who was born Sept. 16, 1832, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Wertman) Houser, and died Jan. 11, 1892. Mr. Zehner survived her a number of years, passing away May 20, 1905. They were the parents of the following children: Lewis Albert, who now occupies the home farm in West Penn township, married Amelia Tyson; Mary Elizabeth is the wife of David Steigerwalt, of West Penn township; Louisa died young; Elias died young; Emma Jeannetta is the wife of Charles Stout, of Summit Hill, Carbon Co., Pa.; Charles, deceased, married Emma Gerber, who resides in West Penn township; Caroline is the wife of John Henry Shoemaker.

Daniel Houser, father of Mrs. Sarah (Houser) Zehner, was a blacksmith by trade and also followed farming. He first owned a farm in West Penn township, now the property of Henry Baer, and after selling this place lived on the tract now occupied by Fred Schaeffer. Later he bought the farm now owned by Frank Steigerwalt, and besides looking after its cultivation had a blacksmith shop and followed his trade there. He died on that place. His wife, Elizabeth (Wertman), passed away at the age of eighty-one years, and they are buried at Zion's Church in West Penn township. Mr. Houser was a member of the Reformed congregation there, and a Democrat in political sentiment. Mr. and Mrs. Houser had the following children: Aaron, who married Amanda Kramer, lives in West Penn township; William, now deceased, was a soldier in the Civil war; Gideon died young; Sarah married Gideon Zehner; Priscilla is the widow of Stephen Steigerwalt, and now resides at Andreas, this county; Esther married Jacob Christman, and both are deceased; Betsy, widow of Levi Zehner, lives at Tamaqua, Schuylkill county; Kate, deceased, was the wife of Charles Woomer, of Summit Hill, Carbon Co., Pa.; one son died young.

LEWIS ALBERT ZEHNER is cultivating the old Zehner homestead in West Penn township, and by his thrift and up-to-date management of that property is showing himself a worthy member of a family whose name has long been synonymous with industry and the other substantial qualities which constitute good citizenship. He was born on his present farm June 30, 1860, son of Gideon Zehner and grandson of Johannes Zehner.

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Lewis A. Zehner was trained to farm work under the able direction of his father, with whom he worked until he reached the age of twenty-eight years. After leaving the home place he worked four years for his father on the other farm which the latter owned, and then returned to the homestead, which he bought, and where he has since been engaged in general agriculture. His parents continued to reside there until they died. Mr. Zehner markets his farm products at Tamaqua and Coaldale. He supports the Democratic party and is a Lutheran in religion, belonging to Zion's Church in West Penn township. Socially he is a member of Washington Camp No. 132, at Moyers (formerly Schwartz's), in the same township. He was married, at the age of twenty-seven years, to Amelia R. Tyson, who was born Sept. 15, 1865, at Tamaqua, this county, where she first attended school, living there until ten years old. She then removed with her parents to West Penn township and

remained home up to the time of her marriage. She is a member of Zion's Lutheran Church and has always been interested in its welfare, formerly taking an active part in its work as a teacher in the Sunday school. Mr. and Mrs. Zehner have one child, Ellen Irene, born Aug. 1, 1888, now the wife of Elmer Zehner, who was born Nov. 3, 1888, son of Thomas Zehner. He now cultivates his father's farm. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Zehner: Harry Elmer, Nov. 12, 1909; Cora Ellen, Sept. 24, 1913; and Mary Amelia, Jan. 25, 1915.

Jesse Tyson, grandfather of Mrs. Lewis A. Zehner, was born in Lehigh county and lived to the age of eighty years, dying in West Penn township, Schuylkill county. From his native county he first moved to the neighborhood of Allemaengel in Albany township, Berks county, later settling in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, where he spent the remainder of his days. By occupation he was a farmer. Politically he was a Republican, and in religion a Lutheran, belonging to the Windsor Castle Church in Berks county, where he and his wife, Maria (Rothermel), are buried. They had the following children: Jesse, who married Anna Kleckner; Joseph; Henry; Hannah, wife of William Miller; Maria, wife of Frank Heisler; Sarah, wife of Nathan Weissner; and Rebecca, wife of Francis Akerman.

Henry Tyson, son of Jesse, was born May 29, 1826, in Allemaengel, Berks county, and there spent his early life, receiving his education in the local schools. In his youth he worked around among farmers and learned the blacksmith's trade with Mr. Franklin in West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county. He followed his trade at different places until his removal to Tamaqua, where he worked for several employers until he obtained a position with Carter & Allen, with whom he remained for a period of twenty-three years. He then settled in West Penn township, on a farm of eighty acres which he purchased, and though he sold the farm after he had been living on it for fifteen years he continued to reside upon it as caretaker for some time afterwards. Meantime he worked for other farmers also. Eventually he removed to the Elsie Zehner farm, where he died June 22, 1909. He is buried at Zion's Church in West Penn township. Mr. Tyson was a prominent member of the Lutheran congregation of that church, which he served officially as deacon and he was also deeply interested in the Sunday school, in which he acted as teacher. Politically he was identified with the Republican party, and he held membership in Tamaqua Council of the Jr. O. U. A. M.

In West Brunswick township Mr. Tyson married Maria Elizabeth Mohl, and she survives him, now living with her daughter Mrs. Lewis A. Zehner. The following children were born to their marriage: George W., now a resident of Newark, N. J., married Amanda Seiberling; Frank L., of Weatherly, Pa., married Rose Holtshafer, and they have children, Harry Elmer, Minnie May, Morris Frederick, Helen Catherine, Dora Alice, Claude Irwin, George Alfred, Roy Franklin, Charles and Ada Maria; Harry F., of Chicago, Ill., is married to Emma Burns; Amelia R. is Mrs. Lewis A. Zehner; William A., of Normal, married Agnes Hartung, and their children are Edgar William, Mamie Katie, Lula Maria, Claude Irwin, Hilda Anna and Earl David (twins) and Arline; Charles L., who is unmarried, lives with his sister Mrs. Zehner.

Michael Mohl, grandfather of Mrs. Tyson, was a lifelong farmer, living in West Brunswick township, where he owned a large and valuable property. He was a Reformed member of Zion's Church (the old Red Church) in that township, and he and his wife are both buried there. Politically he was a

Democrat. His children were: Henry, Benjamin, John, Michael, Hannah, Sarah and Rebecca.

Michael Mohl, son of Michael, was born in West Brunswick township, and died at the age of seventy-three years. He was a farmer all his life, owning ninety acres of good land. Like his father he belonged to the Lutheran congregation of the old Red Church in West Brunswick township, and he was a Republican in his political conviction. He married Hannah Eveland, daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Medlar) Eveland, and she, too, passed away at the age of seventy-three years. They are buried at the old Red Church. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Daniel married Rebecca Walborn; Michael married Annie Ketner; Henry died young; Hannah married Washington Gross; Sarah married William Grief; Catherine married John Fraunfelder; Maria Elizabeth is Mrs. Tyson; Amelia married Peter Walborn.

JOSEPH SHOENER, who now lives retired at McKeansburg, spent his active years as a prosperous farmer in East Brunswick township. Industrious and successful, able in the management of business affairs and trustworthy in all his transactions, he enjoys the high standing characteristic of the Shoeners, than whom no family in southern Schuylkill county is more respected.

Born Jan. 14, 1842, in West Brunswick township, this county, he is a son of Henry Shoener and grandson of John Shoener, who was a farmer in what is now West Brunswick township, at that time a part of Berks county, Pa. He was born about 1767, settled on a large farm that had been cleared by his wife's father, built a log house and barn, and carried on farming the greater part of his life. He was a highly respected man in his neighborhood, died upon his farm, and is buried with his wife in the Reformed cemetery at Orwigsburg. He had a family of about twelve children, and we have record of George, Henry, John, Daniel, Solomon, William, Jacob, Anna and Susanna. Politically he was a Democrat, and his religious connection was with the Reformed Church.

Henry Shoener, son of John, above, was born in West Brunswick township June 23, 1813, was educated in the public schools of that township, and stayed on his father's farm until he moved to Orwigsburg, about 1874. He had a farm of over two hundred acres, part of which he cleared, and was a well known man in his day. His wife, Christiana (Sheip), was born Dec. 31, 1818, and died Oct. 6, 1893. Her father, Peter Sheip, born in 1784, died Nov. 25, 1845, aged sixty-one years. Mr. Shoener died Jan. 20, 1890, and he and his wife are buried in the Reformed cemetery at Orwigsburg. He was a member of the Reformed Church and was a Democrat in politics. Mr. and Mrs. Shoener had the following children: Lewis married Sarah Koch, and both are deceased; Joseph is mentioned below; Caroline, deceased, married Morgan Koch, who resides in McKeansburg, Pa.; Edward is a resident of Orwigsburg; William married Diana Sheip; John is deceased; Charles, deceased, married Anna Hummel, who resides at Orwigsburg; Clara married Charles Cook; Mary married James Dreher; Daniel married Alice Dieffenferfer; Albert, who married Anna Jenkins, lives at Orwigsburg; Thomas married Emma Faust.

Joseph Shoener began his education in the pay schools conducted in West Brunswick township during his boyhood, and later attended public school in the home district. From an early age he assisted his father with the work on the home farm. When eighteen years old he commenced to learn the trade



of shoemaker, but after serving nine months found he did not like the work well enough to follow it, and gave it up. Early in the Civil war he entered the Union Army, enlisting Oct. 25, 1862, at Orwigsburg, in the Pennsylvania militia, Company A, 173d Regiment, under Capt. Cyrus Sheetz, for nine months. He was discharged Aug. 17, 1863, at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, and on Feb. 23, 1864, reenlisted, for three years or during the war, joining Company I, 48th Pennsylvania Veteran Volunteer Infantry, in which he served under three captains, John R. Porter, Benjamin Shook and Francis D. Koch. Mr. Shoener was discharged July 17, 1865, near Alexandria, Va., and was mustered out at Harrisburg, with a fine record, having participated in the engagements of Newbern, Bull Run (second), Chantilly, South Mountain, Antietam, Frederickburg, Blue Springs, Campbell Station, Knoxville (siege), Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North Anna River, Tolopotomy, Bethesda Church, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Weldon Railroad, Poplar Spring Church, Boydton Plank Road and the assault on Petersburg.

Returning from the army Mr. Shoener spent the next year working in the coal mines of Lost Creek, and then went to farming in East Brunswick township on a 130-acre tract which he bought in 1867 and on which he remained thirty years. That farm is now the property of his son John. Joseph Shoener then bought the farm now owned by his son Charles, a tract of forty acres in East Brunswick township, remaining there until April 28, 1904. He improved both properties, putting up new buildings and developing the land intelligently, and retired in 1910, after a useful life, moving to McKeesburg. He still owns 400 acres of timberland on the Second mountain.

Mr. Shoener married Mary Paul, who was born Feb. 7, 1845, a daughter of Daniel and Kate (Yeager) Paul, and they had the following children: George, Maggie, Lizzie and Robert died young; John married Bessie Aker; Charles married Cora Bachman; Fred married Kate Wagner. The mother died June 13, 1901, and is buried in the Steigerwalt cemetery. On Aug. 1, 1903, Mr. Shoener married (second) Emma Kunkel, who was born Dec. 31, 1864, daughter of John and Mary (Long) Kunkel, and three children have been born to this union: Mary Christiann, July 7, 1904; Naomi Pearl, Dec. 11, 1906; Joseph Edward, April 30, 1909. They are all attending school. Mr. Shoener has been interested in local politics as a Republican, and has served his fellow citizens in the offices of school director and supervisor. He is a zealous member of the Church of God at Steigerwalt. Mrs. Shoener belongs to the Frieden's Church at New Ringgold.

Georg Kunkel, the founder of a pioneer family of Albany township, Berks county, lived near Wessnersville, on land now occupied by one of his descendants, Nathan Kunkel. Georg Kunkel (also spelled Kunckell and Kungel), a native of Germany, located in Albany township some time prior to 1754, and it appears that he reared a large family. In Rupp's History of Berks county (1886), his name appears on the list of taxables of 1756 as "George Kunkell." In 1759, according to Montgomery's History of Berks County (1886), his name is listed as George Kungel; in the latter year he paid a tax of six pounds. At the Kunkel homestead is an old grandfather's clock that bears the date of 1772. It was brought into this house at the same time the house was being built, and is the workmanship of George Miller, of Germantown. It has kept good time all these years. On the brass face appear the letters "I. G. K." The Kunkel tract has been in the family name since 1754. Georg Kunkel was a farmer, and his farm has been divided and sub-divided



since his time. His land at one time included all the upper end of Stony Run. He is buried at Wessnersville. His children were George and Peter.

Peter Kunkel, son of Georg, born Dec. 20, 1774, in Albany township, died Oct. 28, 1830. After his marriage he moved to Lynn township, Lehigh county, where he engaged in farming, and also operated a distillery on his farm. Later he lived near Wessnersville, where he owned a tract of 275 acres, which is now owned by a descendant, Charles Kunkel. In 1797 Peter Kunkel married Maria Magdalena Rausch, born Nov. 10, 1778, died April 12, 1846. They had fourteen children, eleven of whom survived their parents (sixteen grandchildren also surviving). Among these were: Daniel, David, Andraes, Benjamin, Joseph (married Catharine Snyder and had twelve children), Peter, Polly (married Jacob Elbert), Catharine (married John Dietrich) and Sophia.

Daniel Kunkel, son of Peter, was born in Albany township, Berks county, March 2, 1798, and died Oct. 26, 1863. He was a farmer, owning two tracts, one of two hundred acres, the other of sixty. He owned and lived on the farm which later became the property of his son Jacob, who sold it to Henry Bauscher, his brother-in-law, in 1870, for \$10,000. It comprises 127 acres of excellent land, situated in the potato belt, and is now tenanted and cultivated by Daniel Bauscher, son of Henry. The present barn on the place was built by Daniel Kunkel. He married in 1821 Maria Magdalena Zimmerman, born Feb. 27, 1797, died July 14, 1859, and they are both buried in the Frieden's Church at Wessnersville. They had a large family, thirteen children, among whom were: A daughter who married Daniel Brobst; Catharine, who married Reuben A. Dietrich; Mary, who married a Mr. Derr; Benjamin, who married Sarah Hartman; John, who lived and died at McKeansburg, Pa.; Jacob, born in 1841, died in 1900; and Sarah, who married Henry Bauscher.

John Kunkel, son of Daniel, was born in 1823 in Albany township, Berks county, and received his education there. He worked on his father's farm until 1850, when he left Albany township and removed to Bensinger's Valley, in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, locating at what is known locally as Schmaltzdale, in the vicinity of McKeansburg. There he bought 120 acres of land, upon which he remained the rest of his days, engaged in general farming and raising of truck, which he sold himself, having a route to Middleport, this county. He married Mary Long, daughter of Christopher Long, a native of Albany township, Berks county, and she survived him many years, his death occurring Feb. 27, 1875, when he was fifty-two years old, hers on April 15, 1901, at the age of seventy-seven years. They are buried in the cemetery of the Frieden's German Lutheran Church at New Ringgold, to which both belonged. Mr. Kunkel was one of its prominent members, filling all the church offices. Politically he was a Democrat. The following children were born to him and his wife: Sarah married Samuel Bolich, who is deceased, and she lives in Albany township; Jonas married Lavina Trexler; William married Mary Nester; Mandus married Lena Neiswender and they reside in Nebraska; Mary died young; Levina died young; Lewis married Caroline Leiby, and both are deceased; Henry (deceased) married Ella Dundore, who survives him and is living at Springmont, Berks county; John, deceased, married Lena Merkel, of Orwigsburg, Pa.; Daniel died unmarried; Emma married Joseph Shoener, of McKeansburg.

NATHAN EVANS, late of Pottsville, was one of the most progressive men of the borough in his generation. The various enterprises to which he devoted his energies were typical of the man, whose alert mind and keen foresight were substantial factors in the development of his adopted town. He contributed his full share towards the work of progress in his day, and the history of his career forms part of the history of the locality.

The Evans family has been established in eastern Pennsylvania for over a century. John Evans, a native of Wales, came to America when a young man, and settled in the Conestoga valley, in Lancaster county, Pa., where he owned a large tract of land and followed agricultural pursuits. He died Aug. 12, 1813, when comparatively a young man. On April 9, 1799, he married Margaret Jones, who was born June 28, 1776, and survived him a number of years, dying Sept. 24, 1826. She was a member of the Jones family, well known in the city of Reading and elsewhere in Berks county. She remarried after Mr. Evans's death, becoming the wife of John T. Bechtel. Six children were born to her union with Mr. Evans, namely: Reese, John C., Nathan, George, David, and Ann (who died young).

Nathan Evans, son of John, was born in 1807 in Conestoga Valley, Lancaster Co., Pa. When a young man he became employed as a clerk at the Joanna Furnace in Berks county, and when about twenty-one years old he came to Pottsville, Schuylkill county, with which place he was identified the remainder of his life. Here he was engaged in the shipping of coal, in which line he was a pioneer in this section, and he had a line of canalboats occupied with his trade. Later he and Samuel Silliman were associated in coal operations, having a colliery at what was known as Crow Hollow, in Schuylkill county. They did a successful business, and Mr. Evans continued his connection therewith for several years. In company with John Ruch he built a mill at what is now the corner of Norwegian and Railroad streets, Pottsville, the first steam flourmill to be constructed in this locality. They were engaged in its operation for many years, Mr. Evans retiring when he withdrew from this business. He passed his last years in the enjoyment of well earned leisure, dying in 1884, and is buried in the Charles Baber cemetery. He was a member of Bloomsburg Lodge, F. & A. M., of Pottsville, and highly respected among his brother Masons, as he was wherever known.

Mr. Evans married Ann B. Barde, daughter of Samuel Barde, of Birdsboro, Berks Co., Pa., and she lived to her ninety-fourth year, passing away in 1894. Nine children were born to this union: Sarah, who died young; Louisa B.; George; Anna, deceased; Charles B.; Mary, deceased, who was the wife of Lewis P. Garrigus; Clement, deceased; Annie S.; and Howard, of Colorado. The daughters Louise and Annie, and son Charles B., continue to occupy the old home at No. 1313 West Norwegian street, Pottsville. The family are members of the Episcopal Church.

CHARLES B. EVANS, son of Nathan, was born at Pottsville March 17, 1839. He served in the Union army throughout the Civil war, enlisting April 17, 1861, with the "First Defenders," and received his honorable discharge in July, 1865. He became a private in the Washington Artillerists, April 18, 1861; was made corporal of Company G, 48th Pennsylvania Veteran Volunteer Infantry, Aug. 20, 1861; sergeant of same command, 1862, serving as such until 1865. At the second battle of Bull Run he was wounded, the bullet passing through the calf of his left leg. He is an honored member of Gowen Post, No. 23, G. A. R., and of the Union Veteran Legion. After the war Mr.

Evans returned to Pottsville, where he was engaged in the lumber business for many years, at present leading a retired life. He and his sisters are among the most highly esteemed residents of Pottsville. [Charles B. Evans died in December, 1915.]

ALLEN JOSEPH DEIBERT is engaged in the cultivation of valuable farm land at Orwigsburg which has been owned in his family for three generations, during which time the Deiberts have filled a place among the most substantial and respected citizens of this section of Schuylkill county. Honest, industrious and capable, they have won the esteem of their neighbors in every relation of life by sincere effort, and deserve the high standing they enjoy. Allen J. Deibert is a son of Nathan Deibert and grandson of Joseph Deibert.

Joseph Deibert, the grandfather, born Nov. 5, 1810, was a prosperous farmer in the vicinity of Orwigsburg, owning two tracts of land, about two hundred acres in all, much of which was cleared by his own labor. He lived on the place now owned by Jacob Moyer, and died there Feb. 22, 1895. His wife, Elizabeth Sheipe, born April 7, 1816, died May 31, 1896, and they are buried in the cemetery of St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Orwigsburg. Joseph Deibert was a faithful member of that church, which many of his descendants have also attended and supported. Politically he was a Democrat. To Joseph and Elizabeth (Sheipe) Deibert were born the following children: Diana, who married William Freed, of Orwigsburg, Pa.; Henry; Charles, who married Mary Riegel; William, who was twice married, his second wife being Susan Riegel; Daniel; Joseph; Nathan; Elizabeth, wife of William Yeager; Rebecca, who married Joseph Boyer; and Sarah, wife of Joseph Swalm.

Nathan Deibert, father of Allen Joseph Deibert, was born Dec. 29, 1845, on the homestead farm, and obtained his education at Orwigsburg, attending the pay schools. He worked for his father until he attained his majority, and continued to assist him for four years afterwards, though in the meantime he went to live on a tract of twelve acres which he owned, the place where his son Allen now resides. Then he bought some land from the homestead tract, increasing the area of his property to forty-one acres, all of which was cleared and under cultivation. Mr. Deibert continued to operate this tract until his death, which occurred March 31, 1911. He did general farming, and marketed at Pottsville. Diligent, and honorable in all his transactions, he was a creditable member of a family generally known for solid worth, and like his father was a Democrat and a Lutheran, belonging to St. Paul's Church at Orwigsburg. Mr. Deibert married Susanna Gerber, who was born June 22, 1848, daughter of John and Louisa (Bock) Gerber, natives of East Brunswick township, this county. Mrs. Deibert died a few months before her husband, on Sept. 27, 1910, and they are buried in the cemetery of St. Paul's Church. They had the following children: John Franklin, born Sept. 9, 1871, married Kate Heine; Annie Elizabeth, born Aug. 20, 1872, married Wellington Lingle; Allen Joseph is next in the family; Edwin Lewis, born Oct. 12, 1874, married Sallie Meek; Sallie Louisa, born Nov. 25, 1875, married Harvey Fisher; Gertrude May, born Jan. 5, 1877, married Paul Lingle; Ada Rebecca, born Jan. 25, 1878, is unmarried; Charles Walter, born Nov. 13, 1879, married Maude Milton; Mary Alice, born Feb. 7, 1881, is unmarried; Howard Nathan, born Nov. 16, 1882, married Jennie Fessler; George Abner, born May 29, 1884, married Gertrude Horton; Oscar Luther, born June 13, 1885, married Sadie Sechler; Florence Hannah, born Jan. 8, 1887, is unmarried; Elmer Robert, born March 31, 1889, is unmarried; Alice Mabel,

born June 20, 1891, died Oct. 15, 1896; Clayton Gerber, born April 13, 1892, married Mabel Frantz; Richard Ellsworth, born March 11, 1894, died Sept. 30, 1900.

Allen Joseph Deibert, born July 26, 1873, in the borough of Orwigsburg, was reared and educated there, and received his agricultural training principally at home, working for his father until eighteen years old. After that he hired out to other farmers for several years, and then turned to railroad work, entering the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railway Company, by whom he was engaged as section hand for a period of fifteen years. In 1913 he bought his father's farm from the estate, and there he has since carried on general agriculture with steady success. He sells some of his produce in his own borough and some at Pottsville, and finds a ready market for all his crops. Mr. Deibert devotes practically all his time to his own business, but he is always found on the side of progress and local improvement in movements affecting his section. His political support is given to the Democratic party, and his religious connection is with St. Paul's Lutheran Church, the religious home of his family for several generations. Socially he belongs to Industrial Council, No. 437, Order of Independent Americans, of Orwigsburg.

Mr. Deibert married Amanda Heim, who was born Feb. 19, 1871, in Pickaway county, Ohio, where she began her schooling. Then the family moved to Chase county, Kans., where she also attended school four years, receiving the rest of her education in West Brunswick township, Schuylkill Co., Pa. She was sixteen years old when she left home, thereafter working out until her marriage. With her husband she belongs to St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Orwigsburg. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Deibert: Nathan Allen, born Feb. 15, 1902; Lillian Amanda, Oct. 22, 1903; Stella Levira, Dec. 12, 1905; Mahlon Edwin, Jan. 6, 1909. All have attended school in Orwigsburg.

Benjamin Heim, father of Mrs. Allen J. Deibert, was born on Sculp's Hill, in West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, and lived to the age of seventy-five years. By trade he was a carpenter, and he also followed agricultural pursuits, he and his brother Jonathan owning in partnership a farm of 103 acres, of which about eighty acres were cleared. After farming on that place for a number of years Benjamin Heim sold his interest therein to his brother, and subsequently worked as a boatbuilder at Landingville, this county, until his death. He was a member of Zion's (Red) Church in West Brunswick township. Politically he was a Democrat. Mr. Heim's first wife, Sarah (Heckman), was born May 4, 1840, in East Ringgold, Ohio, and died Sept. 30, 1881, in Chase county, Kans., where she is buried. Subsequently he married Susanna Miller, who died at the age of sixty-one years, and is buried with him at Zion's Church. All his children were by the first union, viz.: Amanda is Mrs. Allen Joseph Deibert, of Orwigsburg; Sarah Alice is married to John Flammer; William Ellsworth died when sixteen years old; Eliza Henrietta married Morris Faust; Benjamin Herlin is deceased; Lucy Ellen married John Moyer; Jacob Franklin married Gertrude Follweiler; Jonathan Monroe married Lizzie Wilshire.

WILLIAM H. SIEFERT, one of the leading manufacturers in his line at Cressona, Pa., is proprietor of the Cressona Wagon Works, which he established in 1905. He was born in the city of Lancaster, Pa., March 30, 1865, and is a son of William Siefert, the family being of German descent,

many of the name coming from the Fatherland and locating in various parts of the United States.

William Siefert, the father, was a resident of Lancaster, Pa., where he ran a blacksmith shop for many years, also building wagons for his patrons in the surrounding country. His children were as follows: William H.; Peter; Jacob; Annie, wife of Lee Albert; Charles; Joseph; George; Leonard; and Elizabeth, who is married and lives in England.

William H. Siefert received his education in Lancaster, Pa., where he learned the trade of wagonmaker with Jacob Norbeck. At the age of nineteen years he left Lancaster, and thereafter worked at different places, following his trade until he settled at York, Pa., where he remained for fourteen years. In 1905 he came to Cressona and established his present business. He now has a large number of men in his employ and commands a fine patronage, carrying a line of carriages and wagons at all times, besides building them to order.

On Jan. 30, 1896, Mr. Siefert was married to Emma Jacobs, of York county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Siefert have had no children, but they have reared a son, Albert Louis Tones, who is employed with his foster father in the wagon works. Mr. Siefert and his family are members of the Roman Catholic Church. He is a man of prominence in the community where he resides and is respected by all with whom he comes in contact.

JACOB WILLIAM CLAUSER, painter, decorator and paperhanger, of Auburn, Schuylkill county, was born Oct. 5, 1867, in Upper Bern (now Tilden) township, Berks Co., Pa., son of Simon Clauser and grandson of Wilhelm Clauser, all natives of Pennsylvania and of German descent. The name of Clauser (or Klausner) is well known in the eastern part of Pennsylvania, many of the prominent families of that section being in some way connected with it by ties of blood. It is not known who was the founder of the branch of the family to which Jacob William Clauser belongs.

Wilhelm Clauser, the grandfather, was a farmer in Upper Bern township, where he cleared and cultivated a farm of seventy acres. He was a Democrat politically, and he and his wife were active members of St. Michael's Church in Upper Bern township. Both lived to beyond threescore and ten, and are laid at rest near the church which they so faithfully attended in life. By his wife Elizabeth (Kauffman) Wilhelm Clauser had seven children, as follows: William married a Sausser; Daniel married Catherine Lindermuth; Simon is mentioned below; Kate married Joseph Savage; Harrison married Rebecca Snyder; Adam married a Nunnemacher; Jacob married Sarah Long.

Simon Clauser was born in Upper Bern township, Berks county, and followed farming all of his life. He had a tract of twenty acres which he brought to a high state of cultivation and thereby supported a large family. He was a Democrat and a zealous member of St. Michael's Reformed Church in Upper Bern township, having served in all of the offices within its gift. He and his wife are both buried in the cemetery adjoining the church. Mr. Clauser married Mary Kline, a daughter of John Kline, and they had these children: Kate married Jacob Haas and lives in Reading, Pa.; Amelia married Nathaniel Kalbach, and both are deceased; Emma married Henry Weidman and resides at Bern Station, Pa.; Simon J. married Sarah Kramer, and is living at Summit Station, Pa.; Frank married Amelia Knoll and lives in Tulpehocken township, Berks Co., Pa.; Alice married William Kirst, of Ham-

burg, Pa.; Joanna married Frank Dunkelberger and died at the age of twenty-four, of diphtheria; Agnes died when three months old; Mary married a Mr. Bowers, of Reading, and is deceased; Sallie married Howard Nunnemacher, and is deceased; Jacob W. is mentioned below; Lillie married Claude Reber, of Hamburg. Simon Clauser died at the age of eighty-one years, and his wife at the age of sixty-seven.

Jacob William Clauser was educated in the township schools and assisted his father on the farm until he was fifteen years of age. Then he went to Wayne township, Schuylkill county, where he became apprenticed to his brother Simon J., learning paperhanging, decorating and painting. After the end of his apprenticeship he remained with his brother for three years more, and then went to Pottsville and entered the employ of Spehrey & Shappell, with whom he continued in the same line of work for eight years. He then went into business for himself at Summit Station, Wayne township, continuing there for seven years, but as the greater portion of his business engagements were in Auburn he decided to settle there. Since his removal to Auburn twelve years ago he has built up a business of about three hundred rooms a year (decorating and papering), and employs on an average six painters all the year round.

Mr. Clauser married Carrie V. Krammes, who was born near Summit Station July 2, 1869, daughter of C. H. Krammes, of Auburn. By this marriage there have been born five children: Alberta Agnes, born Oct. 13, 1887, married to Wilson Reed, of Auburn, Pa.; Earlin Francis, born July 8, 1891; Clarence Clayton, born July 17, 1899; Reynold Ray, born March 30, 1905; and Arthur Jacob, born June 26, 1908. Mr. Clauser is a Democrat, has held the office of auditor of Wayne township for two terms of three years each, and is now serving his third three-year term as councilman of the borough of Auburn. He is a member and past president of Washington Camp No. 507, P. O. S. of A., of Summit Station, was financial and recording secretary of his home camp for thirteen years, and has been delegate to the State camp. Formerly a member of the Summit Reformed Church, he is now a member of the Reformed Church at Auburn.

John Kline, maternal grandfather of Jacob W. Clauser, was a farmer of Upper Bern township, Berks county, where he cultivated a piece of ground comprising thirty acres. He married a Nunnemacher, and they had three children, only one daughter surviving at this writing. Both parents died in extreme old age, and are buried in St. Michael's cemetery, Tilden township, Berks county.

The Krammes family, of which Mrs. J. W. Clauser is a member, is of German origin and is one of prominence in this section of the State. A detailed sketch of the family will be found in the personal sketch of C. H. Krammes, of Auburn, elsewhere.

ERNEST GRUBE is one of the notably progressive farmer citizens of East Brunswick township, enterprising in the management of his business undertakings and public-spirited in all matters involving the general welfare. His praiseworthy attention to public affairs and to the religious activities of the locality has won the approval and gratitude of the best element, and he has surely had his reward in the good results which have marked the wake of his efforts.

Mr. Grube belongs to a substantial German family which was founded in

the township over fifty years ago. His grandfather, Christian Grube, lived in the province of Hanover, Germany, and was a silver miner by occupation. He died at the comparatively early age of thirty-six, leaving a wife and five children, namely: Charles, the father of Ernest Grube; Charlotte; Louisa, Mrs. Charles Heberling; Dorothy, Mrs. John Weist; and William, who was one year old when his father died. The mother, whose maiden name was Hannah Shear, was a native of Hanover, Germany, and died at the age of seventy-seven in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., at the home of her son-in-law, Charles Heberling. She was a member of the German Lutheran Church, and is buried in the Frieden's Church cemetery. Mrs. Grube came to America with her children eighteen years after her husband's death, the family settling in Baltimore, Md., for two years, and removing thence to Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania.

Charles Grube, son of Christian, was born in Klausthal, Province of Hanover, Germany, and he was reared and educated there. Like his father he became a silver miner, and continued to follow that occupation until twenty-five years old, when he came to America with his brother William, landing at Baltimore, Md. After some residence there the brothers came to Schuylkill county, Pa., locating at Lewistown, in Walker township, and for a time worked out among the farmers of that section. Subsequently they settled in East Brunswick township, this county, where they bought a tract of about sixty-six acres, which they cleared and settled on, each brother putting up his own farm buildings, though the land was operated in partnership. They continued to live there for a period of about thirty years, and at the end of that time Charles Grube sold his share of the tract to his son-in-law, Henry Weast. Then he returned to Baltimore, where he had a dairy and milk route for a few years, giving it up to take employment in the William Wilkens bristle works, as a joiner. There he remained as long as he was able to work, retiring about four years before his death, which occurred about 1909, when he was seventy-seven years old. While a resident of Schuylkill county Mr. Grube belonged to the Frieden's Lutheran Church of New Ringgold. Politically he was identified with the Democratic party. All of his children were born to his first marriage, to Melsena Depmeier, who died aged forty-eight years and is buried in the Frieden's Church cemetery. His second marriage was to Mrs. Julia Smith, who is also deceased, and is buried with Mr. Grube at Baltimore. We have the following record of his family: Malinda is the wife of Frank Kroll, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Hannah married Daniel S. Bock, of Lehighton, Pa.; Louisa married Henry Weast (deceased) and (second) Henry Keffer, and is a resident of Leesport, Pa.; Ernest is next in the family; John, of Scranton, Pa., married Hannah Dillinger; Christian, who lives in East Brunswick township, married Clara Dennis.

Ernest Grube was born Aug. 17, 1862, in East Brunswick township, where he grew to manhood and received a common school education. He worked for his father until he attained his majority. When he commenced life on his own account he went to Philadelphia, where he was employed as a driver by the Knickerbocker Ice Company, and assisted in unloading vessels. Going West, for a time he was located at Janesville, Wis., where he was employed as a telegraph operator, and from there went to Chicago, where he remained for two years as operator in the employ of the Western Union Company. His next change was to Hamilton (now Savage), Minn., where he was employed as a telegraph operator by the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railroad



Company, and he subsequently worked at Windom and Le Sueur, that State, remaining two years at the latter place, where he was married. Returning to Savage, he was again stationed there for a considerable period, working for the railroad company mentioned ten years in all, and on leaving that employ returned to his old home in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county. Here he bought the Frank McGorvin farm of 148 acres, forty of which are under cultivation, devoted to general crops. Mr. Grube has had excellent returns for his labor, and markets his produce at Tamaqua. He has taken an active part in local affairs, was formerly auditor of the township, and is at present a member of the board of school directors, of which body he served seven years as secretary. He is independent in politics, giving his support to the men and measures he likes best, regardless of party. Mr. Grube is a Lutheran in religious faith, belonging to the Frieden's Church at New Ringgold, in which he holds the office of trustee at present.

Mr. Grube married Minnie Catherine Ipsen, who was born at Elmshorn, Holstein, Germany, Oct. 24, 1867, and received her education there, being twelve years old when she came to America with her parents. She is also a member of the Frieden's Lutheran Church at New Ringgold. Mr. and Mrs. Grube have had the following children: Melsena, born Feb. 22, 1893, attended the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, Pa., class of 1915; Lucy, born Feb. 12, 1895, died in infancy, and is buried at Le Sueur, Minn.; Harriet, born Feb. 17, 1896, is teaching at the Bachert school in East Brunswick township; Erna was born Jan. 26, 1900; Doris, June 26, 1902; Jessie, Oct. 20, 1904; Ernest, March 15, 1907; Marian, July 26, 1910; Marvin, June 2, 1913.

Mrs. Grube's grandfather was a native of Elmshorn, Holstein, Germany, and passed all his life at that place, where he was engaged as a mail clerk. He and his wife died and are buried in Germany. They were faithful members of the German Lutheran Church. Their children were: August, Carl, Ferdinand, Herman, Edward, Adolph, Minnie and Louisa.

Adolph Ipsen, father of Mrs. Grube, was born Dec. 18, 1842, at Elmshorn, was reared there, and received an excellent common school education. When twenty years old he became a mail clerk in the post office with his father. About thirty-five years ago he came to America with his family, landing at New York City, whence they proceeded to Le Sueur, Minn., where he still makes his home. He was in the employ of the same railroad company as his son-in-law, Mr. Grube, retiring after a service of twenty years. His wife, whose maiden name was Anna Catherine Schumacher, was also a native of Germany, born Aug. 14, 1844, daughter of Peter and Lucy (Kelling) Schumacher, and the following children were born to this union: Augusta, now the wife of John Buckland, of Crookston, Minn.; Minnie Catherine, Mrs. Ernest Grube; Carl; Margaret, who died in Germany; Ferdinand, who died in Germany; Celia, who died when twenty-two years old; Julius and Jessie, at home; Lucy, Mrs. Henry Bocker, of Mankato, Minn.; and Adolph, who lives at home. The parents are members of the German Lutheran Church, and Mr. Ipsen is a Democrat in his political views.

FRANK J. HUMMEL, of Minersville, is a son of a worthy resident of that borough, Engelhart Hummel, who established the name there in 1850, and father and son have been associated with the same line of business in the sixty-five years which have elapsed since. The father was a cabinet-

maker and Frank J. Hummel is the leading undertaker at Minersville, and also engaged as a furniture dealer.

Engelhart Hummel was born at Hofheim, Germany, July 21, 1824, and there grew to manhood, meantime learning cabinetmaking. Coming to America in 1849, he landed at Baltimore, Md., where he found employment for a short time in a piano factory. The same year he removed to Pennsylvania, locating at Pottsville, Schuylkill county, whence in 1850 he removed to Minersville, at which place he made his permanent home. For about the first two years, until 1852, he was in the employ of M. Weiser, was afterwards with Ambrose McGee until 1853, and then returned to Mr. Weiser for a brief period. In 1854 he formed a partnership with John Brock, and though they were burned out the same year, they kept up the business, remaining in partnership until 1856. In 1857 Mr. Hummel embarked in business on his own account, and was so occupied until 1884. He was a skilled workman and a typical German artisan, and he made the first walnut casket ever produced in Minersville. He was a substantial citizen and took an intelligent interest in the general affairs of the town, serving as a member of its council from 1861 to 1864, and as a member of the school board from 1864 to 1901. His death occurred Dec. 13, 1902, when he was aged seventy-eight years, four months, twenty-two days, and he is buried in the German Catholic cemetery at Minersville. Mr. Hummel's first wife, Barbara, whom he married in Baltimore Nov. 25, 1849, was born in 1822 and died in 1865. His second marriage was to Gertrude Gehn and took place June 27, 1869. To them were born two sons, Frank J., on March 15, 1870, and Engelhart, on May 15, 1871. The mother died in 1872, and in October, 1874, Mr. Hummel married (third) Mrs. Barbara Ritzel.

Frank J. Hummel was born at Minersville, where he passed his boyhood in attendance at the public schools. As his father's assistant he became thoroughly grounded in the details of the furniture business, and in 1890 went to New York City, where he clerked in a hardware store, meantime also taking a course at a school of embalming, from which he was graduated in 1898. Returning to Minersville, he established his present business on Feb. 15, 1901, and he has had a steadily increasing trade ever since. His location is at the corner of Fourth and Sunbury streets. He has coaches for hire, deals extensively in fine furniture and conducts the leading undertaking business in this section, having had charge of 2,600 funerals. Mr. Hummel has been thoroughly progressive about keeping abreast with the modern ideas and methods in his line, and he is untiring in his efforts to give the utmost satisfaction to all his patrons, his reputation in this respect being proverbial. He has gained a substantial position in the business world, and is also regarded as a trustworthy public official, having given three years of efficient service on the school board.

Mr. Hummel married Margaret Connelly, and they have five children, Engelhart P., Gertrude and Regina (twins), Helen and Jack.

REV. HENRY HEPLER has been a minister of the United Evangelical Church for over twenty-five years, and though now retired to some extent from active duties still retains his interest and connection with the work, giving useful service to the denomination in his own locality or wherever he is called.

The Hepler family has been in Schuylkill county from pioneer days, and

Jacob M. Hepler, father of Rev. Henry Hepler, was born here, in the Mahantongo valley. He learned blacksmithing and followed his trade entirely during his earlier years, devoting the later part of his life to preaching as a minister of the Church of God. At the time of his death, which occurred in 1894, he was making his home with his son Henry. He married Elizabeth Haupt, who was born in the Mahanoy valley, this county, and was also of pioneer stock. She died in 1892. We have the following record of the ten children born to them: Catherine, the eldest, now deceased, was the wife of Joseph Kehler, of this county; Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of William Stitzer; Sarah, deceased, was the wife of George Krause, of this county; Polly, deceased, was the wife of Daniel Snyder; Hettie, the widow of Louis Lybolt, lives at Tamaqua, this county; Henry is next in the family; Samuel, deceased, was in the Union service during the Civil war; Lydia, deceased, was the wife of John Phillips; Harriet married Isaac Christ and both are deceased, his death occurring first; Elmira is the wife of Michael Sickinger, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Henry Hepler was born Nov. 2, 1838, in the Mahantongo valley, this county, where he was reared, receiving his education in the public schools of the neighborhood. In his boyhood he started to learn the trade of carpenter, which he has followed practically all his life, although for many years much of his time was given to the work of the ministry, upon which he entered in the year 1888. He has been one of the efficient servants of the United Evangelical denomination in his section, doing valuable work for the church and Sunday school, and still continues his activities, although not to the same extent as formerly. Meantime he has also followed the occupation of carpenter very successfully. Mr. Hepler has not been associated with public affairs directly, but he has always been a public-spirited citizen, and during the Civil war gave almost four years of service to the Union cause, enlisting in September, 1861, in Company E, 55th Pennsylvania Infantry. He became sergeant of his company. Considerable field service fell to the lot of his command, and he took part in sixteen battles, including: Edisto Island, Pocotaligo, Old Town Creek, Proctor's Creek, Derry Creek, Cold Harbor, Corroctory Hill, Signal Hill, Hatcher's Run, Chapin Farm, capture of Petersburg and Appomattox. Mr. Hepler was mustered out in August, 1865, at Petersburg, Va., and received an honorable discharge. Returning to his home after the war was over, Mr. Hepler resumed work at his trade. In 1879 he moved to Ashland, where he has since resided, and he has owned his present home at No. 1219 Arch street for several years.

In 1866 he was married to Fietta Schwalm, who was born in Schuylkill county, daughter of Jacob and Christana (Klinger) Schwalm, who lived and died at their birthplace in Schuylkill county. Mr. Schwalm was a carpenter and farmer all his life. Mrs. Hepler was the eldest of his thirteen children, the others being: Samuel, now deceased; Catherine, deceased, who was the wife of Abram Carr, of this county; Hannah, who is the widow of Gerald Faust, of Reading, Pa.; Chestina, wife of Charles Hoffman, of Schuylkill county; Nathaniel, a resident of Williamstown, Pa.; Henry, who lives on the old homestead in Schuylkill county; Mary, the wife of Samuel Herb, of this county; Monroe, a farmer in Schuylkill county; Ellen, the wife of Victor Blyler, of this county; George, deceased; Polly, deceased; and Victoria, deceased.

Eight children have been born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Hepler: Eliza-

beth is married to Thomas Hughes, of Ashland; Oscar is a resident of Ashland; Catherine is the wife of David Grove, of Northampton, Pa.; the other five are deceased. Mrs. Hepler, like her husband, is a faithful member of the United Evangelical Church.

JACKSON M. SHELLHAMER has recently established himself in business at Orwigsburg, where he acquired his early experience in the furniture trade and undertaking with Mr. Greenawald, one of the old merchants of that place.

The Shellhamer family is of German origin, and former generations spelled the name Schellhammer. They were among the early settlers of Berks county, this State. Jared Shellhamer, grandfather of Jackson M. Shellhamer, was a native of Strausstown, Berks county, and came to Schuylkill county when a young man, settling at McKeansburg. He was a tailor by trade and followed that calling at McKeansburg during his active years. He died there at the age of seventy-seven years. His children were: Albert, Willoughby, James, Louisa and Geonous.

Geonous Shellhamer, father of Jackson M. Shellhamer, was a carpenter, and followed his trade at McKeansburg and throughout the adjoining territory. His death occurred in 1885. His wife, Josephine, was a daughter of Charles Shellhamer, and they were the parents of four children: Rosa, Cora, Harrison and Jackson M.

Jackson M. Shellhamer was born Nov. 3, 1882, at McKeansburg, Schuylkill county, where he was reared and educated, attending the public schools. He remained on the farm until the age of sixteen years, when he came to Orwigsburg and entered the employ of Mr. Greenawald, with whom he remained seven years, learning the details of the undertaking business thoroughly under his efficient tutelage. Having decided to embark in the business on his own account, Mr. Shellhamer established himself at Pine Grove, where he had a successful trade. After several years, however, he concluded that Orwigsburg offered a wider field and better promise for expansion of trade, and he entered business in that borough April 1, 1914. Both as a dealer in furniture and as an undertaker he has a large trade, with every prospect of becoming one of the leading men in his line in Schuylkill county. He is ambitious and willing to work to further his enterprises, and he has the substantial qualities which win and hold confidence.

In June, 1914, Mr. Shellhamer married Beulah Martin, of Pine Grove, daughter of John Martin. Fraternally Mr. Shellhamer is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Improved Order of Red Men. While at Pine Grove he became a member of St. John's Lutheran Church there.

EDWARD KLASE, a prosperous and prominent farmer and dairyman of Butler township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., was born in Germany, in the kingdom of Saxony, son of Ferdinand and Amelia Klase, both also natives of that country.

Edward Klase was educated in the schools of Germany and for a time worked in the mines there. At the age of fourteen years he came to America, in the year 1861, settling at Ashland, where he found work in the mines, continuing to be so employed until 1881. He then bought a tract of twenty-eight acres, the beginning of his present farm of ninety-eight acres, and has

since developed all its possibilities agriculturally until it is one of the best in the county. He also runs a dairy in connection, selling his milk to residents of Girardville.

On June 2, 1872, Mr. Klase was married, at Girardville, to Barbara Wickline, who was born in Germany July 15, 1848, and died April 2, 1914; she is buried in the Island cemetery, near her home.

To Mr. and Mrs. Klase were born six children, as follows: Edward, who is in Nebraska; August, who is at home on the farm; William C., a shoe merchant, of Ashland; Frederick, at home on the farm; Anna, wife of Louis Schlee, of Girardville; and Eva, wife of Charles Trummetter, of Gordon, this county. Mr. Klase and his family are members of the German Lutheran Church. He is one of the directors of the Island cemetery.

HENRY LEONHARDT, proprietor of a bakery and confectionery at Girardville, Schuylkill county, was born in Fountain Springs, this county, July 30, 1867, son of Peter and Louise (Uhl) Leonhardt.

The family is of German descent. Peter Leonhardt was born in Germany, and came to America at an early date, settling in Schuylkill county, Pa., where he worked in the mines all the remainder of his life, dying in April, 1904. For a time he lived at Fountain Springs. His wife was a daughter of George Uhl, who came to America in the early forties and settled in Schuylkill county, where he farmed until his death. Mrs. Leonhardt died in 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Leonhardt had these children: Henry; Barbara, wife of Frank Weiss, of Philadelphia; George, who is a baker of Mahanoy City; John, deceased; and one child that died in infancy.

Henry Leonhardt was educated in the schools of Girardville, his parents having come here in 1868. He worked for a short time in the mines, and then at the age of seventeen began to learn the trade of baker. After he completed his apprenticeship he was employed at Shenandoah and Hazleton, and twenty-two years ago came to Girardville, where he went into business for himself. He has made a success of his chosen work, now owning the building in which he has his store. Mr. Leonhardt was married Feb. 16, 1892, to Annie Gillespie, a native of Carbon county, daughter of Peter and Anna Gillespie, early settlers of that county. To this union five children were born: Marie, Anna, Raynond, Louise and Clara, the two last named being deceased. The mother died Jan. 15, 1904, and on April 17, 1906, Mr. Leonhardt was married to Katie, the daughter of Thomas and Mary Durkin, deceased, of Girardville. Mr. Leonhardt is a member of Fort Sheridan Council, Knights of Columbus, of which he is treasurer, and of the Order of Foresters. He and his family are members of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, of Girardville.

AMOS R. LAMBERSON, of Tremont, settled in Schuylkill county shortly after the close of the Civil war and has been a resident of the borough for over thirty years. He has been a highly useful citizen, doing his share in the maintenance of social and religious activities, and taking a helpful part in all local affairs of general interest. His birth took place in Luzerne county, Pa., and the family is of Welsh extraction, the ancestor who came to this section from Wales first settling in Maryland. Jacob Lamberson, grandfather of Amos R., came thence to Columbia county, Pa., making his home near Catawissa, where he engaged in farming and remained until his death. His

family consisted of six children: Nicholas, John, Samuel, Aaron, Esther and Elizabeth.

Samuel Lamberson, father of Amos R. Lamberson, was a native of Columbia county, Pa., and passed all his early life there. Moving to Luzerne county, he lived a number of years in the Black Creek valley, from which region he eventually removed to Schuylkill county, where he spent his remaining years. He died in this county. Mr. Lamberson was a shoemaker by occupation, and took an active part in politics during his residence in Luzerne county, his fellow citizens honoring him frequently with election to township offices. He served faithfully and intelligently in every trust. Samuel Lamberson married Elizabeth Fenstermacher, like himself a native of Columbia county, where her father was a pioneer settler; he followed farming, and died in Columbia county. Mr. Fenstermacher had children as follows: Eli, John, Peter, Franklin, Deborah, Rebecca and Elizabeth (Mrs. Lamberson). The last named died in Schuylkill county. She was the mother of five children, namely: Jacob (the eldest) and Eli are deceased; Aaron died in the Soldiers' Home at Hot Springs, S. Dak.; Amos R. is the youngest son; Rebecca is the wife of William Zimmerman, a farmer of Schuylkill county. All the sons were Union soldiers during the Civil war, Aaron serving in the 129th and 52d Regiments, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and remaining in the army until the war closed.

Amos R. Lamberson was born Oct. 31, 1842, in Luzerne county, Pa., and grew up in Black Creek township, receiving his education in the common schools there. After leaving school he took up telegraphy, learning the work in Lehigh county, Pa., and he followed it until he entered the service during the Civil war. He enlisted twice, the first time from Whitehall township, Lehigh county, as a member of Company E, 27th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which he served about two months. Reenlisting in Company G, 52d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, he continued in the service until the war ended, principally engaged in guard duty along the Atlantic coast. His command was attached to Sherman's army. Mr. Lamberson was mustered out at Salisbury, N. C., and received his discharge at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

For about two years after his return from the army Mr. Lamberson was in the service of the Lehigh Company in Lehigh county, was subsequently in Luzerne county for a time, and soon came to Schuylkill county, where he has since made his home. After six years' service as chief of police at Tamaqua he located at Tremont, and here for thirty years he has been special officer for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company. His long retention in their service is the best comment on his fidelity to duty and reliable character.

Mr. Lamberson is a prominent member of the G. A. R. post at Tremont, has filled all the offices, and is serving at present as adjutant. He is a local leader in the Improved Order of Red Men, in which he has passed all the chairs, and he has also served in all the official positions in the Methodist Church, of which he is an active member.

On Nov. 26, 1867, Mr. Lamberson was married, in Luzerne county, to Mary E. Hape, daughter of William and Catherine Hape, natives of Germany who came to America many years ago, and settled in Luzerne county, Pa., where Mrs. Lamberson was born, in Conyngham township. Mr. Hape was a farmer by occupation. He and his wife died in Luzerne county. Mrs. Lam-

person died Aug. 30, 1906, the mother of six children, viz.: Eugene, the eldest, is now a resident of Clifton, N. J.; Carrie is the wife of Clarence E. Bierce and lives at Oak Lane, near Philadelphia; Martha, widow of J. Newton Kaufman, lives in Philadelphia; Dora is the wife of Frank H. Kaufman, of Tower City, Pa.; Minerva is the wife of Dr. Fegley, of Tremont; Harvey, of Clifton, N. J., is manager of an asphalt plant.

On Aug. 28, 1910, Mr. Lamberson married (second) Mrs. Mary E. (Hess) McElwee, of Adams county, Pennsylvania.

JOHN A. STIEF, of Ashland, who has recently assumed the duties of postmaster at that borough, has been one of its lifelong residents, and his father was one of the most respected business men there for a period of forty years.

The family is of German extraction. Michael Stief, father of John A. Stief, was born in Bavaria, Germany, and coming to America in 1855 first located at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa. The same year he removed to Ashland, where he engaged in business as a grocer, continuing this until his death, which occurred in 1894; he is buried at Ashland. He was married to Mary Tretter at Pottsville, who, like himself, was a native of Bavaria, and came to Schuylkill county when young, with brothers. She survives her husband, and though now (1914) eighty-one years of age is in good health. Eleven children were born to her and her husband of whom Elizabeth, Mrs. Knoblach, lives in Mount Carmel, Pa.; John A. is mentioned below; Herman J., a resident of Ashland, is engaged in the hardware business; Michael lives at Shamokin, Pa.; Peter lives at Mount Carmel, Pa.; Mary is the wife of Theodore Lentas, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Joseph G. is a business man at Ashland; Josephine is living at home; Lena is the wife of John Felker, of Mount Carmel. The father was a Democrat in political sentiment.

John A. Stief was born in May, 1857, at Ashland, where he received his early education in the public schools. Later he attended St. Vincent's College, at Latrobe, Pa., and after leaving school was in the store with his father for a time. In 1873 he commenced to learn the trade of stonemason under Frank Grantz, at one time county commissioner of Schuylkill county, and he continued in his employ after completing his apprenticeship, eventually buying him out, in 1894. He has since conducted the business in his own name, and has been very successful, his thorough workmanship and reliable character gaining and holding the confidence of his patrons. His high reputation in business has been supplemented by a most desirable record in public service. In 1900 he was elected burgess, holding that position until 1903, and was re-elected in 1906, his work during both terms showing commendable public spirit, and strengthening the confidence of his fellow citizens in his ability and trustworthiness. For about four years he was deputy coroner at Ashland, and for five years he filled the position of health officer, in both capacities discharging his duties with intelligence and the utmost fidelity. In 1913 he was appointed postmaster, in which position it may reasonably be expected he will acquit himself with characteristic efficiency. He has always been a Democrat in political connection. The Stiefs are Catholics, and he belongs to St. Mauritius' Church at Ashland, of which his family are also members.

In August, 1877, Mr. Stief was married to Mary Pelstring, a native of Schuylkill county, daughter of Anthony and Lena (Killbower) Pelstring, who were born in Bavaria, Germany, and came to Schuylkill county many years



ago. They settled at Ashland, where Mr. Pelstring died in 1905, and where his widow is still living at the age of seventy-seven years. He was a soap and candle maker by trade. Mr. and Mrs. Pelstring had a family of five children, some of whom are living in Philadelphia. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Stief: Louis, who is assistant to his father in business, married Olla Fulton, of Girardville; Frank, who is also in his father's employ, married Minnie Leverentz, of Ashland, and three children have been born to them, Louis, Frank and John; Joseph, who lives at Mount Carmel, following the profession of music teacher, married Ellen Young, of that place, and they have one child, Helen.

GREGORY ACHENBACH, of Pine Grove, has displayed versatile ability in the prosecution of his various activities, which have included professional, business and official occupation. At present he gives all his time to his duties as justice of the peace, which office he has held since 1896.

The Achenbach family is of German origin, and of old standing in Schuylkill county, William Achenbach, grandfather of Gregory, having been born in this section. By calling he was a farmer. Removing to Pine Grove, he made his permanent home there. His children were: Reuben, who is deceased; William; Henry, a resident of Nebraska; Emanuel, of Kansas; Israel, of Lebanon, Pa.; Louis, who lives at Iowa; Jacob, deceased; Angeline; Catherine, wife of Charles Brommer, of Philadelphia; and Cecilia, wife of Solomon Gottschall, of Elizabeth, Dauphin Co., Pennsylvania.

Reuben Achenbach was born near Pine Grove, and having learned the trade of blacksmith established himself in business in the borough, being so engaged until his death, June 24, 1905. He held a creditable place as a trustworthy citizen, his diligence, honesty and straightforward character winning him the good will of all his fellow men. He married Rebecca Sotzin, who was born in Pine Grove, daughter of Henry Sotzin, a native of Switzerland, who came to America many years ago and settled in this vicinity, where he carried on farming until his death. His children were: Matthias, Henry, Samuel, Susanna, Mary, Elizabeth and Rebecca (Mrs. Achenbach), all now deceased. Mrs. Achenbach died Dec. 1, 1884. She was the mother of nine children, namely: Isaac, a wheelwright, who lives at Pine Grove; Mary Ann, wife of F. F. Brommer, of Pine Grove; Reuben, of Pine Grove, a retired blacksmith; Daniel, of Schuylkill Haven, employed as a blacksmith by the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company; Gregory; Andrew, who died young; and others who died in infancy.

Gregory Achenbach was born in 1871 in Pine Grove township, was reared near the borough, and began his literary training in the public schools there. After graduating from high school in 1888, he entered the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, which he attended in 1892, obtaining an excellent education. In his young manhood he taught school for eleven terms in Pine Grove township, later turning his attention to business. He had a bakery at Pine Grove for eighteen years, building up a wide trade by courteous treatment of his patrons and solicitude for their wants. He continued the business until 1913, when he gave it up in order to devote all his time to official responsibilities. Mr. Achenbach was first elected justice of the peace in 1896, before he gave up teaching, and has filled that position continuously since. He has also given three years' service on the board of school directors,

and in every trust to which he has been called has proved his fitness and shown himself worthy of the confidence of the community.

Mr. Achenbach has numerous fraternal affiliations, belonging to Lodge No. 148, I. O. O. F., of which he is a past grand; to the Knights of the Golden Eagle, of which he is a past chief; to the Independent Americans; and to the Royal Arcanum, of which he is a past regent.

On May 25, 1889, Mr. Achenbach married Mary E. Lehman, a native of Pine Grove, daughter of Isaac and Angelina (Huber) Lehman, both now deceased, who were residents of Pine Grove in pioneer days. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Achenbach, viz.: Laura R., deceased; Mae E.; Alma A., deceased; Harvena M.; Arthur A.; Stanley E.; Lyman I.; Grace E.; and Ruth F., deceased. The family home is an attractive residence on the main street of the borough.

ELISHA FILER, JR., of Mahanoy City, has made a wide circle of acquaintances among officials and lawyers in Schuylkill county during his several years' experience as court crier and law librarian. He has been serving as such, by appointment, since 1909. Mr. Filer is a native of Mahanoy City and his early life was quite typical of Schuylkill county, having been spent in work at the anthracite mines.

Born July 13, 1870, he is a son of Elisha Filer, who was born in Wales and came to this country when a young man. Settling at Mahanoy City, Schuylkill Co., Pa., he followed mining for a number of years, later obtaining employment with the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company. He was given charge of the local work train, and still fills that position.

Elisha Filer, Jr., received his education in the public schools of Mahanoy City. When a boy of nine years he began work as a slate picker at the breaker of what is now the Tunnel Ridge colliery, under John Shipman, who was the outside foreman. He continued mine work until the year 1905, filling various positions, for thirteen years in the capacity of coal inspector for the Lehigh Valley Coal Company. Becoming a clerk for Harrison Ball, lumber and hardware dealer, he remained with him three years, after which he was a clerk in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company at Centralia, Columbia Co., Pa., for a time. Meantime he had been in the insurance business for eighteen months. In 1909 he was appointed, by Judge Brumm and ex-Judge Shay, as court crier and librarian at the courthouse of Schuylkill county, and has served creditably in that capacity ever since. He also maintains his office at No. 334 East Centre street, Mahanoy City, doing considerable business as a fire insurance agent and in the handling of real estate; he represents several of the old-line insurance companies. Mr. Filer has served one term as school director of the borough, and has also been borough auditor, and in all the public service he has undertaken has made a most creditable record. In political activities he has always been associated with the Republican party, and one of its most reliable workers in his section of the county. He holds membership in several fraternal bodies—Mahanoy City Lodge, No. 357, F. & A. M.; the Jr. O. U. A. M.; the P. O. S. of A., and the local lodge of B. P. O. Elks. He also belongs to the Schuylkill County Historical Society. In religious connection he is a Baptist, and in all his associations, business, official, social and purely personal, he has the unqualified respect of his fellows as an all-around good citizen.

Mr. Filer has been twice married. By his first union, with Eliza Jenkins,

he had three children, Earle, Myrtle and Wilbur. After their mother's death he was united to Lottie Webb, by whom he has one son, Paul W.

CHARLES H. MAY, one of the oldest native-born residents of Port Carbon, is now living retired. In former years he was associated with various activities in the borough of a public nature or common interest, but except for his work in the United Evangelical Church he has withdrawn from participation in such matters. He was born Feb. 16, 1845, son of Philip H. May, a native of Germany who came to America in young manhood and was an early settler at Port Carbon, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he died at the age of seventy-four years. He is buried there, in the Lutheran cemetery. Mr. May followed the trade of carpenter. He had six children: Charles H., Sallie, Rosie, Mary, Wesley and John.

Charles H. May received his education in Port Carbon, and when yet a boy began work in a sawmill. He learned the trade of machinist in the Boyer establishment at Port Carbon, and followed it for about forty-nine years in all, for many years in the shops of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company at Pottsville, this county. A few years ago he retired to enjoy well earned leisure. Mr. May is independent on political questions, supporting the policies he likes best regardless of their origin. He has served three years as borough councilman. During the Civil war his sympathies were with the Union, and in 1862 he enlisted in the 129th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry for nine months' service (during which the regiment was part of the State militia), participating in the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. The regiment was organized in August, 1862, and five companies were recruited in Schuylkill county. He reenlisted in the 48th Pennsylvania Regiment, and served to the close of the war; in front of Petersburg he was wounded in the left shoulder. Mr. May was a charter member of the old Grand Army post at Port Carbon, and he is now a member of Allison Brothers Post, No. 144, of his borough, of which he has been commander. He was an early member of the United Evangelical Church at Port Carbon, and he has been a class leader for many years, still serving in that capacity, and also as trustee. For many years he took an active part in the work of the Sunday school.

Mr. May married Emma L. Krecker, who is deceased. They became the parents of the following children: Fred, Charles, Raymond, Harold, Florence, Elsie, Beulah and Olive, the last named deceased.

DAVID STARR, of Branch township, is a member of the fourth generation of his family in Schuylkill county, and in intelligence, good citizenship and other worthy qualities a typical representative of the name he bears. From the time of his great-grandfather, who settled in Schuylkill county when he came to this country from Germany, the Starrs have been counted among its most useful, substantial residents, thrifty in business and alive to the general welfare, showing their interest in public-spirited service to their fellow citizens at every opportunity.

Peter Starr, Sr., grandfather of David Starr, was born in Schuylkill county. He learned the trade of tailor, at which he worked in Branch and Reilly townships, and was a well known man in that section in his day. He lived to the great age of ninety-eight years, seven months, fifteen days, and is buried in the old Frieden's Church cemetery near Llewellyn, in Branch township. His

children were: Abraham, Peter, Jr., John, Jacob, Elizabeth, Susan, Maria and Catherine.

Abraham Starr, father of David Starr, was born and reared in Schuylkill county, and passed all his life here, dying when sixty-eight years old. He is buried in the cemetery of Frieden's Church. He always worked by the day. By his marriage to Rebecca Zechman he had a large family, five of whom still survive: Charles, William, Jacob, Abraham and David.

David Starr, son of Abraham, was born Feb. 28, 1845, at Llewellyn, in Branch township. When but six years old he came to the place where he has since made his home, the farm of his uncle, Peter Starr, Jr., who reared and educated him, having no children of his own. David Starr remained with his uncle until the latter's death. He assisted with the farm work, and is still engaged in cultivating what he retains of the tract, having sold the part upon which the famous Black Diamond colliery is situated. In his uncle's day it was worked by independent operators, but it is now owned by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company.

Mr. Starr is one of the best known men in his locality. The efficient management he gave to his own affairs attracted the attention of his neighbors and business associates generally, and he was picked as a desirable candidate for the office of township treasurer, was elected, and gave great satisfaction in the performance of its duties. He succeeded his uncle Peter as supervisor of Branch township, holding that office six months. Mr. Starr has been a prominent member of the Reformed Church, and has filled the position of elder.

By his marriage to Mary M. Henry, Mr. Starr has had nine children: Sarah R. is unmarried; William A. is in the hotel business; Catherine is the wife of Fred A. Barras and lives in Boston, Mass.; Jane G., wife of Milton Starr, lives in Branch township; Samuel O. is at home; four died young.

PETER STARR, JR., the uncle by whom David Starr was reared, was a prominent resident of Branch township, well known in and around the town of Llewellyn. He kept store, carried on a huckster business, and owned a farm of one hundred acres, much of which proved to be valuable coal land. He was also in the timber business, and was successful in all his undertakings. He and his wife are both deceased.

PETER J. SCHNEIDER, of Locustdale, has been a resident of Schuylkill county for thirty years and has become one of the substantial business men of his section. As postmaster he comes into contact with most of the members of the community, and the universal respect in which he is held is a fair indication of the honorable methods which have characterized all his dealings with his fellow citizens.

A native of Germany. Mr. Schneider was born Aug. 24, 1864, son of Frank W. and Catherine (Utterbaugh) Schneider. The mother died in Germany, and the father subsequently came to America with three sons and one daughter. They located at Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and the father died in March, 1901.

Peter J. Schneider was reared and educated in Germany, where he lived until twenty years old, coming to this country with his father in the year 1884. Previous to this time he had begun work in the mines, and he followed mine work during the first fifteen years of his residence here also. He had accompanied his father to Ashland, but remained there only a short time, and has since been at Locustdale. Some fifteen years ago he embarked in business as

a general merchant, and has been so engaged until the present time, having established a profitable trade by obliging attention to the wants of his customers. In 1913 he was appointed postmaster, in which office he has been giving highly satisfactory service. Mr. Schneider has proved himself a man of thoroughly reliable character, and is trusted unreservedly by his fellow men.

In 1891 Mr. Schneider married Elizabeth Mellon, of Schuylkill county, daughter of Joseph and Theresa Mellon, who are residents of this county, and six children have been born to this union: Frank, Anthony, Marie, Veronica, Elizabeth and Retta. Mr. Schneider's religious connection is with the German Catholic Church.

SIMON HARTMAN, a merchant of Valley View, has been in business since he settled there, in 1906, and has built up a profitable trade and creditable reputation by dealings which stamp him as being worthy of the confidence of his fellow citizens. He is a native of Dauphin county, Pa., where the family has been known and respected from the early days. His grandfather, Simon Hartman, was born at Gratz, that county, and followed farming in Dauphin county.

Amos Hartman, father of Simon Hartman, was born at Gratz, where he farmed throughout his active years, now living retired. He married Sallie Paul, a native of Northumberland county, daughter of George Paul, who resided near Herndon, that county, until his death; he was a mason by trade. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman have had six children, namely: Jennie, the eldest, is the wife of Maurice Zerfing, of Gratz, Pa.; Allen is a farmer at Gratz; Wilson is deceased; Simon is next in the family; Sallie and Lloyd are at home.

Simon Hartman was born at Gratz, Dauphin county, where he was reared and educated, attending the public schools. After he undertook his own support he lived for a time at Philadelphia, Pa., and for six years was at Chicago, Ill., in the service of the Pullman Company, settling at Valley View, Schuylkill Co., Pa., in the year 1906. Here he has been engaged in business on his own account, having the largest and best assorted stock of the kind in the town and vicinity. He carries a well selected line of general hardware and builders' supplies, and is always willing to give customers the benefit of his advice as well as good service, his accommodating disposition and familiarity with his chosen line bringing customers from all over this part of the county. He has become identified with other interests in the town, being a member of the Valley View Odd Fellows lodge, and has earned a name for himself among the substantial citizens of his adopted place.

In 1910 Mr. Hartman married Sallie Klinger, a native of Gratz, Dauphin county, daughter of Tobias and Emma (Shaffer) Klinger, the former now deceased, the latter still a resident of Gratz. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman have two children, Florence and Mae.

GEORGE BOND, late of Tamaqua, was a pioneer blacksmith of that place and one of the successful business men of his day there, founding many years ago the establishment which is still conducted by his son. A proficient mechanic and man of practical executive ability, Mr. Bond combined with good business qualities an admirable personal character which made him worthy of the esteem of his fellow citizens, among whom he occupied for many years an honorable position.

Mr. Bond was born in England in 1826, and his father, John Bond, was

also a native of that country. The latter brought his family to America, and first settled at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., later removing to Port Clinton, same county. He was twice married, and by his first wife had one son, George. To his second marriage was born a daughter, Angelia, who became the wife of Dr. George Nice, of Port Clinton.

During his boyhood George Bond attended public school at Tamaqua, making his home there with his cousin, John Bond. For a time he lived at Port Clinton, returning to Tamaqua in 1847 and here serving his apprenticeship to the blacksmith's trade, which was his life work. Starting in business on his own account when yet a young man, he built up a wide patronage by reliable work and honesty in all his transactions, and in time had a large plant with all conveniences for first-class work, of which he always had plenty. He carried on the establishment until his death, in 1900, and it has since been operated by his son George. George Bond is buried at Tamaqua. He was a member of the local Masonic lodge, No. 238, and of the Knights of Pythias, and was a Presbyterian in religious connection.

On March 24, 1851, Mr. Bond married Miranda Boughner, who died in 1905. The following children were born to this union: John C. is now a resident of Montana; Catherine, deceased, was the wife of John Masterson; Emily C. lives at the old home in Tamaqua; William, Albert and George live at Tamaqua, the last named continuing the business his father established.

Abraham Boughner, father of Mrs. George Bond, lived for a time in Rush township, this county, later settling at Tamaqua, where he died. He served as county commissioner in the later thirties, when the courthouse was located at Orwigsburg. Mr. Boughner married Catherine Fetter, and their children were: Mary married John Brady, who was a contractor, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Catherine married Gideon Wetstone; Caroline married Albert Dewel, of New York State; Miranda was the wife of George Bond.

JOHN HERMAN KEILMAN is considered one of the most valuable citizens of Rush township, where his helpful activity in all good works has furthered many a cause for the general welfare. Public-spirited, intelligent and unselfish in devoting his efforts to conserving the best interests of the community, he well deserves the influential position he enjoys among his neighbors and fellow townsmen generally.

The Keilman family is of German descent. John Herman Keilman, Sr., father of John Herman Keilman, Jr., was born at Hoenebach, Germany, and came to America in young manhood, in 1855. Locating at Mahanoy City, Schuylkill Co., Pa., he followed mining for a number of years, and in 1871 settled in Rush township, where he had purchased a farm. It was all bush land then, but he cleared it and devoted the remainder of his life to its cultivation, dying Feb. 20, 1888. He is buried at Mahanoy City. His wife, whose maiden name was Susanna Young, was a native of Suess, Germany, and came to America on the same ship as Mr. Keilman, whom she afterwards married. She is now living at Allentown, Pa., with her daughter Mrs. Weil. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. John Herman Keilman, Sr.: Margaret, who is now the wife of Rev. J. G. Steinert, a Reformed minister; Mary, married to John A. Weil, of Allentown; Susan, wife of William Moeller, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Dora, who married Alphinous Gouldner, and died in Detroit, Mich. (she is buried at Mahanoy City); and John Herman.

John Herman Keilman was born Dec. 31, 1870, at Mahanoy City, Schuyl-

kill Co., Pa., and was a young child when the family settled on the farm in Rush township. There he spent his boyhood, received his education in the public school at Barnesville, and was early trained to farming, which he has followed most of his life. However, during his young manhood he held the position of assistant postmaster at Barnesville, was assistant station agent there, and also clerked in a store, spending four years thus. He married in 1898 and then took upon himself the operation of his father's farm, renting it first and buying the property Feb. 22, 1907. It consists of fifty-two acres located near Barnesville, and under his systematic care has increased steadily in value, being now one of the best cultivated tracts in the vicinity. Mr. Keilman has given his work the strict attention necessary to make it prosper, but he has also found time for other interests, and he is one of the men who have assisted in bettering local conditions and endeavored to put township affairs upon a solid basis. He has served four years as member of the school board, of which he was vice president for six months and is now secretary; for three years he was a clerk on the election board, chosen by the Democratic party; for twelve years he has been a deacon of Christ Reformed congregation, and he is secretary of both the Reformed and Evangelical Lutheran congregations which worship at Christ Church. He has always taken an active part in its enterprises, and for many years was one of the energetic workers in the Sunday school. Socially he belongs to the Patrons of Husbandry, having been a charter member of Lakeside Grange, No. 1418, which he helped to organize. His cooperation is always sought in any cause which has for its object the promotion of local interests.

On March 16, 1898, Mr. Keilman was married, in Iowa, to Anna L. Scherer, daughter of Calvin and Tillie (Merely) Scherer, and six children have been born to them: Mabel E.; Roy H.; Ruth D. and Mildred C., twins; John Harold, and Elmer L.

JOHN R. DOLBIN, of Minersville, is a descendant of an old Schuylkill county family, founded here by his grandfather, Goodman Dolbin, who came from Wales.

Goodman Dolbin lived at Minersville, Pa., for a short time after his arrival in Pennsylvania. He then removed to what is now known as Forestville, a small village in Cass township, and was a pioneer at that place. He was a man of energetic character, well fitted for leadership in promoting the development of a young community, having a progressive disposition and plenty of initiative. He was one of the pioneer independent coal operators there, and in that business was in partnership for a time with David Rodgers, under the firm name of Dolbin & Rodgers. Some of their contemporaries who had small operations in the locality were Robert Patten, Thomas Lloyd, William Britton and a Mr. Bristow. Mr. Dolbin took an interest in all the affairs of the locality, and was one of the organizers of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church of Forestville. Before its establishment the people of that faith walked to Pottsville to divine services. Mr. Dolbin died at his home in Forestville, and is buried in the Union cemetery at Minersville. He married Mary Thomas, and they reared a large family, having become the parents of nine children, namely: John, who married Elizabeth Robertson; Robert, who married Caroline Groom; David, who married Harriet Groom; Margaret, Mrs. Samuel Taylor; Annie, Mrs. William Moore; Elizabeth, Mrs. Edward Griffith; Jennie, who married



John Woolcock, of Pottsville; Mary, Mrs. Richard Brennan; and Sarah, who lives with her sister Mrs. Woolcock.

John Dolbin, son of Goodman Dolbin, was born in 1835 at Minersville, Schuylkill county. He lived at Forestville from the early days of that town, and in 1876 engaged in the mercantile business at that place. For many years he was also a mining contractor, afterwards becoming an engineer at the collieries. He retired about six years before his death, which occurred in 1903, and he is buried beside his father in the Union cemetery, at Minersville. Like his father John Dolbin was one of the foremost citizens of Cass township, highly respected for his useful life and his public spirit in furthering the interests of the community. In 1857 he married Elizabeth Robertson, a native of Scotland, daughter of John Robertson, who was an uncle of the late Andrew Robertson, a prominent coal operator in the anthracite fields. Mrs. Dolbin, now past eighty years of age, continues to reside in the old homestead at Forestville. She is known to all the residents of that district, and held in affectionate esteem by her many friends. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dolbin, namely: Mary, the wife of Archie Dunlop, of Forestville, who has three children, John R., Nelson R. and William R.; John R., who is mentioned below; Andrew R., born April 28, 1871; William, deceased; Goodman, deceased; James, living at home; and George, of Minersville, who married Mary Jenkins and has had three children, Elizabeth, George, and one deceased. Of this family Andrew R. Dolbin was employed at the mines until twenty-one years old, and then for four years followed the trade of blacksmith. He has since been carrying on a wholesale liquor business at Forestville, and makes his home there, living with his aged mother. He has never married. Mr. Dolbin is a vestryman of the Episcopal Church, of Forestville, and one of the prominent citizens of that town.

John R. Dolbin was born Nov. 29, 1860, at Forestville, Cass township, and had such educational advantages as the local public schools afforded. Like most boys of the coal region he began work when very young, being only eight years old when he started to work at the mines, where he was employed until he reached his majority. He then went to Mount Carmel, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he became engaged in the grocery business, meeting with success in this line, in which he continued for twenty-two years. Returning to his old home at Forestville some time ago, he became interested with his brother Andrew in the wholesale liquor business, and they are engaged as bottlers as well as dealers. Mr. Dolbin is an able business man and his various ventures have prospered under his careful management. Like all representatives of his family he is a citizen of recognized worth, and holds a substantial position in his home town.

Mr. Dolbin married Amelia Hoffman, by whom he had a family of seven children, namely: Elizabeth, deceased; William, deceased; Clyde, at home; Andrew, deceased; Florence, deceased; Donald, who is a student at the State College, Pa.; and Mary, deceased. For his second wife Mr. Dolbin married Ida Morgans, and to this union also have been born seven children, namely: Delroy, who is at home; Margaret; George, deceased; James, at home; Kenneth, deceased; and Elizabeth and Florence L., both at home.

HENRY C. KREIS, of Middleport, Schuylkill county, is a man of solid standing in business circles and held in the highest respect for his personal qualities, which have gained him the favor and good will of his associates in

all the relations of life. He is a native of Schuylkill county, born Jan. 23, 1863, at Brockton, son of Henry C. and Charlotte (Schlimmer) Kreis.

The parents were both natives of Germany, the father born in Kreissau-brücken, Prussia. He was a youth of about eighteen years when he came to America, and first settled in the Tumbling Run valley, in Schuylkill county, Pa., where he did farm work. Later he went to Coal Hill and followed mining for a time, thence removing to Patterson, Schuylkill county, where he was engaged in the hotel business for three years. From there he came to Middleport, where he also had a hotel, carrying it on for twenty years. His death occurred at Middleport when he was forty-seven years old, and he is buried in the Lutheran cemetery there. To his marriage with Charlotte Schlimmer were born the following children: Peter, Charlotte, Dorothy, Sophia, Henry C., William and Mary.

Henry C. Kreis acquired his education in the public schools of Middleport. His early years were spent in mine work. He began picking slate at the Palmer vein colliery, and later did different kinds of work about collieries, until he received the appointment of health officer of the 713 district, which includes Blythe township, Schuylkill county. After filling this position capably for five years he determined to start in business on his own account, and in 1910 he opened the store at Middleport which he has since carried on, having a good stock of general merchandise and commanding his full share of the local patronage. His store is up-to-date in every particular and his customers receive prompt attention and first-class service, of which they have shown their appreciation in a very substantial manner.

Aside from business Mr. Kreis has been interested in a number of local enterprises. He is serving as president of the Citizens' Fire Company, No. 1, of Middleport; for the last twenty years he has been secretary of the P. O. S. of A. camp in the borough; for the last ten years secretary of the Odd Fellows lodge there; and he also holds membership in the B. P. O. Elks at Tamaqua. Politically he has been associated with the Republican party, and for six years he held the office of tax collector at Middleport. Every good movement there receives his hearty support.

Mr. Kreis married Emma Singley, daughter of John and Sarah (Yost) Singley. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Kreis are members of the Lutheran Church.

AARON STRUBHAR is occupying the place at Suedberg, in Pine Grove township, where he was born, and he belongs to an old family of Swiss origin which was planted in Pennsylvania in the early days.

John George Strepbauer, the first of his ancestors to come to America, was born in Switzerland. On his arrival in this country he first lived in Berks county, Pa., thence moving to what is now Suedberg, Schuylkill county, where he bought a farm upon which he resided for many years. It was the property where his great-grandson, Aaron Strubhar, now lives, and his son George, grandfather of Aaron, built the house which the latter occupies. The great-grandfather and grandfather were both lifelong farmers, and they died at Suedberg, where they are buried. They were the parents of two children. George Strepbauer was born in Berks county.

John Strubhar, son of George, was born in the house on the farm which his father built July 31, 1819, and lived to the age of eighty-one years, dying Feb. 9, 1901. Throughout his life he was engaged in farming and prospered

in his work. Mr. Strubhar married Mary Reed, who was born March 2, 1820, in Berks county, Pa., died Feb. 18, 1886, and is buried in the cemetery at Suedberg. She was one of the large family born to Jacob Reed, a farmer, at one time living in Berks county, whence he removed to Schuylkill county in an early day, settling in Pine Grove township. He died at Suedberg. Mr. Reed belonged to a large family. Of the three children born to Mr. and Mrs. John Strubhar Aaron is the only one now living.

Aaron Strubhar was born Dec. 10, 1842, was reared at his birthplace, and has been engaged in farming there ever since he began work. He has been highly successful, and the thrifty condition of his property shows that he has spared neither thought nor effort to achieve results. Wherever his interests have called him among his fellow men his worthy character has called forth expressions of respect and confidence from his associates. He has been elected school director and tax collector of his district, and discharged the duties of both offices acceptably. He is a prominent member of the Church of God, and is serving the congregation as trustee and elder. He was a charter member of the P. O. S. of A. camp at Suedberg, held the position of treasurer for eleven years, and has been chaplain and senior vice commander of Wolf Post, G. A. R., of Pine Grove, where he is very popular with his Civil war comrades. He enlisted from Suedberg during 1865 in Company F, 93d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Heckman, and remained in the service to the close of the war, being mustered out at Washington, D. C., in June, 1865. He was wounded at Petersburg, March 25, 1865.

In 1862 Mr. Strubhar married Anna R. Reed, and the following children have been born to them: Mary D., the eldest, is now the wife of Charles Christenson, of Annville, Lebanon Co., Pa.; Iva E. is the wife of Alorris Krickbaum, of Pine Grove township; Lyman E. is a resident of Palmyra, Pa.; Harvey lives at home; George, the youngest, is at Pottstown, Montgomery Co., Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Strubhar was born near Orwigsburg in Schuylkill county, daughter of Daniel and Esther (Faust) Reed, both natives of this county, the former born near Orwigsburg, the latter at Llewellyn. They had three children, Thomas F. still living on the old homestead of his parents; Phoebe Ann is the wife of Joseph Conard, of Kansas. Thomas Reed, Mrs. Strubhar's grandfather, settled near Orwigsburg, and died at Friedensburg, this county. He was a farmer by occupation. His wife also died at Friedensburg, where they are buried.

ROBERT CHARLES BRAUN, of Pottsville, has exercised an appreciable influence upon musical culture in this part of Pennsylvania in bringing possibilities of musical enjoyment into the lives of local communities and first-class instruction to ambitious students.

Born in Port Carbon, Pa., Feb. 18, 1886, he is a son of Charles T. Brown, cashier of the Pennsylvania National Bank of Pottsville, and a descendant of Johannes Braun, of Wurtemberg, Germany, who came to America and settled in Pennsylvania, near McKeesburg. The great-grandfather's son, Charles Maul Braun, came to Pottsville, and he changed the spelling of the name to Brown, as C. T. Brown writes it. Robert Charles takes the original form Braun. Charles T. Brown married Sarah Frances Pugh, who was of Welsh descent and a fine contralto singer. Robert Braun was brought to Pottsville when one year old. His mother died when he was five years old,



Robert Braun



leaving him with a brother, Edgar D., one year old. The father and two sons then lived with Frederic Gerhard, an uncle by marriage, from 1891 until the father married again, in 1904.

It is to Frederic Gerhard that Mr. Braun owes all of his early teaching and inspiration. Under Gerhard he studied violin at the age of six; took up piano in his seventh year, and continued with Mr. Gerhard until sixteen, receiving a thorough grounding in technic and ensemble playing. The Beethoven piano and violin sonatas were daily bread. He made a tour through Pennsylvania at the age of eleven as a "boy wonder." In his fourteenth year he played piano in theatre orchestra, later double bass, and became a member of the Third Brigade Band. He learned a number of orchestral and military band instruments, studying saxophone with Ferdinand Paul, of Sousa's Band, and oboe with Max Lachmuth, of Philadelphia, and Doucet of the Paris Conservatoire. In the summer of 1912 he was oboe soloist with the Allentown Band.

Mr. Braun was a graduate in the honor division, class of 1904, Pottsville high school, class prophet, organized the High School Glee Club in 1902, and composed the high school marches for 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904. He also composed the march accepted for the Pottsville Old Home Week Centennial, 1908, and arranged all of these for military band and orchestra.

In 1902 Mr. Braun went to Philadelphia weekly to study piano under Constantin von Sternberg, technic under Mattie B. Moulton, and theory under G. A. A. West, also boy choir training. He studied pipe organ with S. H. Unger, and occupied an organ position with the English Lutheran Church, Pottsville, from 1903 until 1905. He was then appointed organist and choir-master of Trinity Episcopal Church, Pottsville, which had a boy choir of sixty-five. Under his direction they gave the St. Cecilia Mass by Gounod. In 1905 he taught private pupils in Pottsville; played Beethoven and Schumann Concertos in Witherspoon Hall, Philadelphia, in 1905-06. In 1907 he opened the Reading branch of the Sternberg School of Music.

In the spring of 1909 Mr. Braun sailed for Europe, traveling through Italy, Switzerland and Germany with his teacher and friend—Constantin von Sternberg, in the summer. Then he entered the Royal Conservatory of Music in Leipzig, exempt from technic, under Teichmüller, piano (finishing class), and Schreck, theory, received his certificate the following Easter, and left for Vienna to study with Godowsky, but arrived too late in the year. Besides studying with Pugno, while he was concertizing in Leipzig, Mr. Braun made weekly trips to Berlin to study systematic memorizing with Vernon Spencer. After touring through France and England he returned to America in the fall of 1910. He remained in Philadelphia until the spring of 1911, going on short concert tours through the State; received an appointment as organist and choir-master of St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Forty-second street and Baltimore avenue, West Philadelphia; and shortly after began to make weekly visits to Pottsville to teach a few private pupils. This was the beginning of the Braun School of Pianoforte Playing first conducted in his home, at No. 805 West Market street. It was not long before the school grew to such proportions as to warrant an assistant. In June, 1912, the school was moved to the old Whitney building, formerly occupied by the Pottsville Club, Nos. 223-225 South Centre street. Its name was changed to "The Braun School of Music," and violin and vocal departments were added. This was the first school of its kind organized in this section, and at present has a faculty of twelve instructors.

At this time Mr. Braun opened a studio in the Greble building at Philadelphia, and later moved to the Estey building, at Seventeenth and Walnut streets, where a branch of his school was established. In June, 1913, a thrifty branch was opened in Minersville and in November of the same year a branch was opened in Reading. At the death of Professor Gerhard, Oct. 7, 1913, he was appointed conductor of the Gerhard Symphony Orchestra. He has been conductor of the Pottsville Liederkrantz since 1912, and of the Tamaqua Maennerchor since 1914.

On Monday, June 16, 1913, Mr. Braun married Miss Frances Zerbey, daughter of J. H. Zerbey, proprietor and editor of the Pottsville *Republican*. Mrs. Braun is a talented violinist, and she was the first woman to be admitted to the bar of Pennsylvania as a full-fledged lawyer. Mr. and Mrs. Braun reside at Fifteenth street and Howard avenue, Pottsville. He is a member of the Outdoor Club, Pottsville Club and Rotary Club, of Pottsville; of the Musical Art Club and Philadelphia Sketch Club, both of Philadelphia; and of the English Lutheran Church, Pottsville.

JONATHAN BULL, Sr., bears a name which has been respected in Port Carbon for three quarters of a century and more. His father, Ross Bull, was one of the leading citizens of the borough in his day. Mr. Bull's grandfather lived near Springfield, Chester Co., Pa., where he died. By occupation he was a blacksmith.

Ross Bull came to Port Carbon at an early day and here followed his trade of shoemaker. He was one of the most effective workers at the time of the organization of the borough, in 1852, was honored with election as its first chief Burgess, and later was elected justice of the peace, filling that office for many years. He was also major of the State militia at Port Carbon. He assisted in founding the Methodist Church here and was one of its most faithful officials, serving as choir leader and for many years was superintendent of the Sunday school. His death, which occurred Dec. 10, 1892, was regarded as a loss to the entire community. He is buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Port Carbon. Mr. Bull married Maria Garis, a native of Berks county, Pa., who was the mother of a large family, namely: Thomas G., who was one of the "First Defenders" during the Civil war; Sarah, wife of Charles Morgan; Jonathan; Maria, who died young; William; Martha, who married James Hess and (second) Ed. Seddon; Philip; Margaret, who married William Fry and (second) Ed. Thomas; James; George; Charles; Lillie, who married Thomas Nichols; and Mary, who married Harry DeHaven.

Jonathan Bull, Sr., was born Oct. 21, 1839, at Port Carbon, where he was reared and educated. During his boyhood he worked for a short time at the coal breaker. In 1855 he started to learn the trade of molder at Port Carbon and served twenty-one months, after which he went to work for his father at shoemaking. In 1859 he entered the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company in Easton, Pa., as a blacksmith, remaining there about eighteen months, and enlisted at that town in Company C, 1st Pennsylvania Regiment, upon the first call for troops at the breaking out of the Civil war. Under this enlistment he served three months. In 1862, on the emergency call, he enlisted in the 4th Pennsylvania Regiment, under Colonel Litzinger and Capt. B. L. Eshelman, and served as second sergeant. On his third enlistment he became a member of Company A, 39th Pennsylvania Regiment, in which he was third sergeant. Later he enlisted in the 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry of the Twenty-



fourth ward, Philadelphia, and he received his last discharge Aug. 23, 1865. Returning home after the war, Mr. Bull in 1866 entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company at St. Clair, Schuylkill county, and he remained in its service for the long period of forty-three years, six months, being retired in 1909 with a pension. He has since been spending his days in leisure at Port Carbon. Mr. Bull has never taken any active part in public affairs, but he has been an interested worker in Allison Brothers Post, No. 144, G. A. R., of Port Carbon, and is a past official of that organization.

On June 6, 1863, Mr. Bull married Amanda Maria Kailey, daughter of Seteriah Kailey, of Schuylkill county. On June 6, 1913, Mr. and Mrs. Bull had the pleasure of celebrating the golden anniversary of their wedding, and on that occasion entertained ninety-six relatives at their home in Port Carbon. Their children are all living, namely: Margaret, Mrs. William Major; Thomas W., who is a resident of Huntington, W. Va.; Ross, of Port Carbon; Jonathan, Jr., of Port Carbon; James, of Port Carbon; Elizabeth, Mrs. Robert Hamilton; Ida, Mrs. A. L. Fletcher; Carrie, Mrs. Samuel Reeber; Frederick, Howard and Amanda, the last three at home. The family are Methodists in religious connection.

PAUL WOLFGANG has been a lifelong resident of Hegins township and is operating a well established business at Valley View, where he has carried on a prosperous trade in the manufacture and repair of wagons for a period of forty years. His grandfather, Jonas Wolfgang, was a farmer in the Mahantongo valley, in this section of Schuylkill county, many years ago, and there John Wolfgang, father of Paul, was born.

John Wolfgang also followed farming most of his life. He moved eventually into the town of Valley View, where he purchased the home which he occupied until his death. He was in the Union army during the latter part of the Civil war, serving from Hegins township. He married Sophia Updegrave, who was born in Hubley township, this county, where her father, Henry Updegrave, passed all his life. He was a farmer and shoemaker by occupation. Mrs. Wolfgang died at Valley View, in the house where her son Paul now lives.

Paul Wolfgang was born in Hegins township, where he was reared and educated, attending the public schools. During his boyhood and early youth he did farm work, and he learned his trade with Jacob Wolfgang. For a short time after completing his apprenticeship he remained working for Mr. Wolfgang, but he commenced working on his own account over forty years ago, and during all that time has been engaged principally in the manufacture of wagons. He has become known as an all-around reliable mechanic in his line, and the long continued patronage of many of his customers is sufficient to show their appreciation of his thorough workmanship. Personally, he enjoys the same high standing in all his associations. He is a trustee of the United Brethren Church, of which he and his wife are devoted members.

When twenty-one years old Mr. Wolfgang married Catherine Schwalm, a native of Hegins township, this county, where her parents, Samuel and Elizabeth (Klinger) Schwalm, were also born. Mr. Schwalm was a farmer. He was a Civil war veteran, having been a captain in the 50th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He is survived by Mrs. Schwalm, who is now (1915) eighty-six years old. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wolfgang: Isabella, the eldest, is now the wife of William Troutman, of

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Hegins township; Amelia is married to J. G. Romberger, a miller, of Hegins township; Mary is the wife of John Rickert, of Valley View; Clara is the wife of Charles M. Underkoffler, of Valley View.

CHARLES M. UNDERKOFFLER, son-in-law of Paul Wolfgang, was reared and educated in Valley View, and is now doing business there in association with his father-in-law, Mr. Wolfgang, being a wheelwright by calling. He learned the trade at Valley View. He is well and favorably known in this section, a leading member of the P. O. S. of A. camp of the town, which he is at present serving in the capacity of treasurer.

SAMUEL QUICK, of Butler township, bought the farm he now occupies thirty years ago, and has been devoting his time to its cultivation with very satisfactory results. With the exception of five years in California, during his early manhood, he has passed his life in Schuylkill county, and by wisely directed energy he has become one of the well-to-do agriculturists of his section.

Born March 13, 1842, at Pottsville, Mr. Quick is a son of Samuel and Maria (Stephens) Quick, natives of England, who came to this country in 1837. At that time they had one child. Locating first in Philadelphia, Pa., they subsequently removed to Pottsville, Pa., Mr. Quick being a miner by occupation. Thence they removed to Ashland, this county, where Mr. Quick remained until his death. His wife died in California while visiting her son Samuel. Of the children born to Samuel and Maria Quick, fourteen in all, only two survive, James and Samuel, the former a resident of Columbia county.

In 1856 Samuel Quick accompanied his father to Ashland, where he spent the next few years. Reared and educated at Pottsville, he began work in the mines when a boy, and was thus engaged for some time. In 1860 he went out to California, where he spent about five years, returning to Schuylkill county in 1865. Becoming engaged in teaming in Girardville, this county, he continued to follow that occupation until 1882. In 1884 he bought his present farm in Butler township, which he has operated continuously since. His industry and systematic attention to its cultivation have been well rewarded, and his useful life has earned him the regard of all who know him.

In 1867 Mr. Quick was married to Ann Harlan, who was born at Centralia, Columbia county, where her parents resided. Thirteen children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Quick, of whom eight survive, five sons and three daughters: Samuel, living at home; William, of Mahanoy City, this county; Aaron, of Ashland; Hannibal, of Mahanoy City; John, located at Harrisburg; Maria, of Pottsville, wife of John Trout; Anna Jane, married to R. Seitzinger; and Sallie, wife of Gustav Klase.

JOHN IFFERT, late of Rush township, was in his day one of the foremost citizens in that part of Schuylkill county. His high character made him universally respected, and his industrious life brought him prosperity, the substantial reward of thrift and energy well directed.

Mr. Iffert was a German by birth and grew to manhood in his native land, coming to America at the age of nineteen years. During most of his residence in this country he was a citizen of Schuylkill county, Pa., first settling at Tamaqua. While there he followed mining, at which he was also employed after his removal to Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Later he was engaged in farming at Wilkes-Barre, whence he removed to Locust Valley, in Ryon township, Schuyl-

kill county, remaining there one year. He then bought the Neifert homestead in Rush township, this county, a tract of about sixty-five acres, where he passed the rest of his life, dying there April 13, 1905. Mr. Iffert was buried in the cemetery of the White Church, in which congregation he had been an active worker, having served as deacon for thirty years.

In Tamaqua Mr. Iffert married Martha Vurburg, who was born in Germany and came to America when twenty-one years old, and she survived her husband, passing away Sept. 9, 1914, at the age of eighty-one years. She is also buried at the White Church, in Rush township. The following children were born to this worthy couple: (1) William, who is engaged in business as a merchant at Tamanend, this county, married Louisa Zimmerman, and they have three children, Jacob, Susan and Annie. (2) Mary married Henry Hauck, and is living at Tamanend. They have had two children, Frederick and Clarence, both deceased. (3) Henry, now a resident of Hazleton, Pa., married Elizabeth Baughman, and their children are Adam, Harry, Florence, Clayton, Irene, Walter and Helen. (4) Christine is the wife of Henry Krouse, of Ryon township, and has children, Gertrude, John and Martha. (5) John F. P. is proprietor of the "Stone Tavern" in Rush township. He married Ella Gearhart, and their children are Bessie and Elmer. (6) Conrad is a foreman in the Bethlehem steel plant. He married Emma Herring, but they have no children. (7) Annie is the wife of Martin Fritz. (8) Martha married Thomas Kearns and has three children, Earl, Harold and Mildred. They live in Philadelphia.

MARTIN FRITZ, who now owns and occupies the old homestead of his father-in-law, John Iffert, in Rush township, was born Sept. 22, 1876. His father, Henry Fritz, lived and died at Locust Valley, in Ryon township, and worked by the day. He married Angeline Bankes, who also died there, and they were the parents of a large family: Malinda, Henry, Frank, Joseph, Jane, Lucy, Annie, Martin, Alvin and Gabriel.

Martin Fritz had ordinary common school advantages in his boyhood and was trained to farm work from his youth. At an early age he began to work for John Iffert, by whom he was employed for seventeen years, a fact which speaks well for his capability and diligence, which were much appreciated by Mr. Iffert. He and his wife now own the Iffert homestead, which they occupy, and he gives all his time to farming, in which he has met with unusual success. He is held in high esteem by his neighbors and friends everywhere. Mr. Fritz is a member of the P. O. S. of A., but he pays little attention to affairs outside of his home interests.

Mr. Fritz married Annie Iffert, daughter of John Iffert, and three children have been born to them: Clarence, Arthur and H. Russell.

ALBERT L. MOSER has an up-to-date farm and home in Union township and is considered one of the most enterprising agriculturists of that section. He belongs to an old family of Berks county, Pa., and his ancestors for generations have been prosperous farmers.

William Moser, grandfather of Albert L. Moser, was born in Albany township, Berks county, where he spent all his life. He farmed a tract of 150 acres. The Mosers are Lutherans, and he belonged to St. Jacob's Church at Jacksonville, which is just across the line in Lehigh county. He took an active part in its work, and he and his wife are buried there. In politics he became a Republican when the turn in national affairs drew him into sympathy

with the principles of that party. His wife's maiden name was Kuntz, and they had the following children: James, deceased, a farmer and miller in North Union township, Schuylkill county, who married Cordelia Wanamaker (she lived at Allentown, Pa.); Thomas, deceased; Charles; William K.; Albert, who died when about twenty years old; Ellen; Mary; Kate; Sarah; Amanda; and Lucy.

William K. Moser, father of Albert L. Moser, was born in Albany township, Berks county, near the Lehigh county line, and attended school in Lehigh county. He followed agriculture and sawmilling, having two farms in Albany township, and lived to be about sixty-seven years old. Like his father he was a very zealous member of St. Jacob's Lutheran Church at Jacksonville, and a Republican in his political convictions. He married Sarah Lutz, who was also born in Albany township, where her family were farming people, and she died in 1913, when about seventy-one years old. Mr. and Mrs. Moser are buried at St. Jacob's Church. They had children as follows: William, who married Carrie Stroup, lives at Chester, Pa.; Edward married Mabel Christ and lives at Steinsville, Pa.; Robert, married to Anna Colver, is living at Reading, Pa.; Albert L. is next in the family; Lena is the wife of Francis Keller, of Reading; Clara is married to Lewis Lenhart, of Reading; Nellie and Daisy also live in Reading.

Albert L. Moser was born May 12, 1874, in Albany township, Berks county, and obtained his schooling at the neighboring town of Steinsville, across the line in Lehigh county. Up to the age of twenty years he gave his services to his father at home, and after that worked one year on the home place for wages. Then for nearly a year he was in the employ of his uncle, James Moser, at Zion Grove, in North Union township, Schuylkill county, and for the three years following was a tenant on his uncle's farm, which he operated on shares. Buying a farm from Fred Hosler, he settled at Zion Grove and followed general farming on his own account, having a tract of 102 acres, of which all but twenty were cleared. For eleven years he continued to operate that place, which he then rented for two years, on shares, at the end of that time selling it to Cyrus Moyer. In March, 1911, Mr. Moser bought his present farm in Union township from Nathan Fitzgibbons, and he has been living there since and devoting his time to its cultivation. At the time he purchased the place it comprised 213 acres, of which 113 acres were cleared, the balance covered with sprouts, and he has sold fifty-four acres of the sprout land to the Girard Estate Water Company. His cleared land is planted in general crops, and he has been especially successful in growing potatoes, cabbages and other vegetables. He attends market at Shenandoah. Mr. Moser has made remarkable progress in the improvement of the property during the few years it has been in his possession. He has remodeled the dwelling, and equipped it with all the modern conveniences, running water, hot water heat, gaslight, etc., and he has been equally enterprising about putting the other buildings into excellent shape, everything about the place being kept in the good condition which he has found to be profitable economy. His fellow citizens availed themselves of his services for different purposes, and he served them very efficiently as road commissioner. He is a Republican and was much interested in politics, taking an active part in local elections, at which he served as judge and inspector. He belongs to the Mount Zion Lutheran Church at Zion Grove, in North Union township, and was one of the deacons.

When twenty years old Mr. Moser was married to Millie Geneva Oswald,

who was born Sept. 3, 1877, at Lynnport, Lehigh county, where she was brought up and educated. She lived at home until her marriage. Like her husband she is a member of the Mount Zion Lutheran Church. They are the parents of five children: George Raymond, born March 28, 1895; Pearl Cleo, May 26, 1900; Ralph Lewis, Oct. 22, 1902; May Ella, Jan. 10, 1910; and Olive Oswald, Dec. 22, 1911. They are all still at home. George was educated in the Johnson school at Zion Grove, and the others have attended in Union township.

Samuel Oswald, grandfather of Mrs. Moser, was born at Lynnport, Lehigh Co., Pa., where he farmed all his life, living to seventy-four years of age. His wife, whose maiden name was Catherine Fetherolf, died when seventy-one years old, and they were the parents of four children: Edward, who is deceased; Lewis; Kate, wife of Charles Kressley, of Jacksonville, Lehigh Co., Pa.; and Mary, living at Jacksonville. The parents are buried at St. Jacob's Reformed Church, and Mr. Oswald was an active member of that organization. Politically he was a Republican.

Lewis Oswald was born Sept. 12, 1842, at Lynnport, where he grew to manhood and received his education. He worked on the farm for his father until twenty years of age, was married two years later, and became a well known farmer and merchant of that locality, buying a farm of over one hundred acres at Lynnport, where he also had a general store and served for many years as postmaster. After conducting his farm and store for a number of years he sold out, and though he is now doing a little huckstering is practically retired. He is a stanch Republican in politics, and a member of St. Jacob's Reformed Church at Jacksonville, where he and his wife attend services. Mr. Oswald married Mary Ann Faust, who was born April 12, 1843, in Albany township, Berks Co., Pa., and they have a family of five children: Charles Samuel, who is now carrying on his father's old business at Lynnport, married Messina Smith; Ellen Jane is the wife of Wilson Werley, of Bernville, Berks county; Lena Alice is married to Nathaniel Shearer, of Lynnport; Millie Geneva is the wife of Albert L. Moser; Cora Mamie is the wife of William Mader, of Roscoe, South Dakota.

Charles Faust, Mrs. Oswald's father, was a farmer in Albany township, owning a large tract of land, and spent all his life in that section. He and his wife are buried at the New Bethel Church in that township, and he was one of the leading workers in the Reformed congregation of that church. In political faith he was a Republican. He married Mary Ann Zettlemoyer, and their children were: Amandus, who married Eliza Trexler; Albert, who married Malinda Sechler; James, who married Kate Christ; Sarah, Mrs. Elias Fetherolf; Cordelia, Mrs. Isaac Deisher; Ellen, Mrs. Obediah Shuler; Malinda, Mrs. John Hunsicker; Jeanetta, Mrs. Samuel Loy; Mary Ann, Mrs. Lewis Oswald; and Mrs. Isaac Smith.

THOMAS A. FARRELL is one of the popular residents of Middleport, where he is serving his fellow citizens at present in the capacities of postmaster and justice of the peace. Mr. Farrell belongs to the third generation of his family resident at that place, his grandfather, James Farrell, having settled there in 1845.

James Farrell was a native of County Carlow, Ireland, and in 1832 landed at Quebec, Canada. From there he went to Steuben county, N. Y., and in 1844 settled at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he did not remain long, removing thence to Middleport, where he made his permanent home. By

trade he was a butcher, but he did not follow that calling long, working at the mines after locating at Middleport. He died there in 1878, at the age of seventy years. His children were: Matthew, James T., Andrew, John and William. Of these, James T. Farrell became a member of Company E, of the famous 48th Regiment of Pennsylvania, and was wounded in the second battle of Bull Run, dying in the Eighth Street hospital, at Washington, D. C., Sept. 25, 1862. He is buried at Port Carbon, this county. His nephew, Thomas A. Farrell, has in his possession several letters that he wrote home during his service in the army.

Andrew Farrell, son of James Farrell, was born in Steuben county, N. Y., and came to Schuylkill county with his parents. He was a mine worker all his life, employed at the Big Vein, and made his home at Middleport, where he died June 16, 1910. His brother William died June 18th, and they were buried at New Philadelphia, in one grave. Andrew Farrell married Catherine Muldowney, who survived him nearly five years, passing away Feb. 21, 1915, and is buried at New Philadelphia. Nine children were born to this marriage: James, Mary, Thomas A., William, Ellen, Sarah, Lucy C. (deceased), Andrew and Matthew.

Thomas A. Farrell was born Nov. 28, 1876, at Middleport, and attended the public schools of Blythe township. When a boy he began picking slate at the Big Vein breaker, where he was employed for twenty-six years in all, during sixteen years of that time having charge of the lamps. He also ran a pump and hoisting engine there. In 1914 he made a change, taking his present position at the Maryd colliery. Mr. Farrell has always maintained an interest in local affairs, working zealously in the furtherance of good movements, and he has been active in the Democratic party, in whose councils he has served as committeeman. In 1911 he was elected justice of the peace, and on Oct. 13, 1913, he was appointed postmaster at Middleport, continuing to fill both positions, in which he has given general satisfaction by his conscientious attention to their duties. In his various associations he has made numerous friends in his section of Schuylkill county.

Mr. Farrell married Rose E. Gallagher, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Tolan) Gallagher, and they have had two children, Andrew and Thomas; Andrew died Nov. 4, 1915.

ANDREW W. HUBER, of Pine Grove, is one of a numerous family whose members have shown themselves worthy of the high regard in which they are held in that borough. He is a native of Pine Grove, born July 4, 1844, son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Minnick) Huber and grandson of John Huber, one of the pioneers of this section. By occupation John Huber was a farmer. Washington Huber, a resident of Harrisburg, Pa., is now the only survivor of his family of ten children, viz.: John, Jacob, Isaac, William, Jefferson, Washington, David, Mary, Rachel and Sarah.

Isaac Huber was born in 1817 in Pine Valley, Schuylkill county, and died Oct. 24, 1896, in Pine Grove, at the age of seventy-nine years. He was engaged at mine work near that borough. His wife, Elizabeth (Minnick), was born Feb. 15, 1820, in Schuylkill county, and reached the age of ninety-two years, dying July 9, 1912. She was a daughter of John Minnick, also a native of Schuylkill county, a wheelwright and farmer, who was the father of eight children, Mrs. Huber's brothers and sisters being: John, Jonathan, Henry (a half brother), Dena, Barbara, Kate and Mary (a half sister); Henry, Barbara



and Mary are still living. To Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Huber were born the following children: Andrew W.; William A., who died Nov. 11, 1911; Isaac A., a resident of Tremont, Schuylkill county; Mary, deceased, who was the wife of William Heimbach; Lilla, widow of George W. Stuckey, of Harrisburg; Ellen, wife of Walter Miller, of Omaha, Nebr.; and Laura, widow of Edward Zimmerman, of Bristol, Pennsylvania.

Andrew W. Huber was reared and educated at Pine Grove, and upon leaving school began work at the mines. For a number of years he was employed by the Philadelphia & Reading Company in different capacities, for several years before his retirement being engaged as engineer at one of the collieries. For thirteen years he held the position of loader boss at the Lincoln colliery. During the last few years he has been living in comparative retirement, enjoying well earned rest after a life of steady industry and conscientious attention to duty. He is serving as janitor of the Pine Grove borough annex school.

In June, 1863, Mr. Huber enlisted from Pine Grove in Company H, 36th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Col. James Nagle, and after serving that term reenlisted, in August, 1864, joining Company G, 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry, with which he served to the close of the war. His command was attached to the Army of the Cumberland, and he participated in eight important battles: Vinnings Station, Ga.; Columbia, Oct. 1, 1864; Rome, Ga.; Leeds Cross Roads, Nov. 1, 1864; Bardstown, Ky., Dec. 29, 1864; Selma, Ala.; Columbia, Ga., April 16, 1865; and Macon, Ga., May 5, 1865. He was discharged at Nashville, Tenn., June 23, 1865, by reason of the close of the war, and returned to his home and his work, proving his good citizenship as much in his private life as in his military service. He is the present commander of Wolf Post, No. 203, G. A. R., of Pine Grove; has been a member of the P. O. S. of A. since 1869; and belongs to the Independent Order of Americans. He has served his fellow citizens at Pine Grove on the board of health, of which he is still a member. For fourteen years Mr. Huber was a member of the famous Huber Band of Pine Grove, which had fourteen Hubers in its membership. He has been quite prominent in the local Evangelical Church, which he has served as trustee, and his wife also belongs to that congregation.

On Nov. 3, 1866, Mr. Huber married Lizzie A. Berger, a native of Wayne township, this county, daughter of Daniel and Eva (Auman) Berger and granddaughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Mumbeck) Berger, who lived in Williamsport, Pa. Henry Berger died there, his wife passing away near Reading, Pa. They had two children, Daniel and Mary, both now deceased. Daniel Berger was born in this section, possibly in Wayne township, and died Oct. 24, 1907, when eighty-two years old. He was a plasterer, and also owned a farm. His wife, Eva (Auman), was born in this section of Schuylkill county, and died Feb. 11, 1859. She was a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Goliff) Auman, who had a family of eight children: Eva, Mrs. Berger; Jacob; Solomon; Gabriel; Hannah; Kate; Julia, and Harriet. To Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Berger were born six children: Mrs. Huber; Levi, of Pottsville, Pa.; Henry, of Lisbon, Iowa; Rebecca, the wife of Samuel Mangle, of Auburn, Pa.; Ella, wife of Henry Zweig; and Mary, widow of Frank Burkhiser, living in the State of Indiana.

To Mr. and Mrs. Huber have been born two children: (1) Agnes, the eldest, is the wife of Frank Harvey, of Pine Grove, and they have two children, Myrtle and Olive; Myrtle is the wife of Howard Hughes, of Pine Grove, and they have one son, Luther; Olive is the widow of Harry Christ. (2) Gertrude



is the widow of Peter Hehn, who was a hotelkeeper of Landingville, this county, and has two children, Agnes (wife of John Peiffer, of Auburn) and Robert. Mr. and Mrs. Hubert have also raised an adopted son, Benjamin H., who still lives at Pine Grove; he married Lillie Stahler, of Cressona, and they have two children, Ruth M. and Paul A.

SAMUEL MOORE has been a lifelong resident of Schuylkill county, and since September, 1909, has been stationed at Port Carbon as superintendent of the mines of the Port Carbon Coal Company, independent operators. He has been a mine worker from boyhood, is thoroughly familiar with the business, and is widely and favorably known in that connection all over the county.

Mr. Moore was born Aug. 14, 1873, at Tremont, Schuylkill county, son of Richard Moore, a native of England, who has lived in this country since two years old. Mr. Moore began picking slate at the North Franklin colliery in boyhood, and eventually became a full-fledged miner, following this work for a period of twenty-eight years. He then gave up mine work, moving to Philadelphia, Pa., where he is now employed at the Midvale Steel works. He married Harriet Faust, daughter of the well known Samuel Faust, and member of a family which has long been prominent in the southern part of Schuylkill county, and they became the parents of the following children: Samuel, Mary, Emma, Sadie, Elizabeth, Minnie, William and Edward (who died in infancy).

Samuel Moore received his education in the public schools of Tremont and Minersville, this county. His first work was picking slate at the Lincoln colliery. After a time he became pumpman and engineer, and when competent was promoted to foreman, his first position of that kind being at the Crystal Run colliery, where he remained for nine years. In September, 1907, he came to Port Carbon, where he took charge of the mines of the Port Carbon Coal Company, operated by Slattery Brothers. They ship a very fine grade of coal, and the works are ranked among the most successful in this district. The development of the workings has gone forward steadily under Mr. Moore's efficient management, and the highly satisfactory conditions which prevail at the mines are credited to his good judgment and superior executive ability. Since assuming his present duties Mr. Moore has made his home at Port Carbon, where he has many friends. Formerly he resided at Frackville, this county, and he was considered one of the most valuable citizens of that borough, where he served his fellow citizens as councilman for nine years, and had the honor of being president of the council. Fraternally he holds membership in the Jr. O. U. A. M. and the Royal Arcanum. The family are Lutherans in religious connection.

Mr. Moore married Carrie Reber, daughter of William Reber, of Schuylkill county, and children as follows have been born to this marriage: Harriet, George, Clair, Olive, Mary, Ruth, and Harvey.

JOHN F. HANNEY has been a prosperous blacksmith of Pottsville, Pa., for over twenty years, having combined skillful workmanship with excellent business methods in acquiring a profitable patronage. He and his brother are doing business together under the style of Hanney Brothers, and their establishment, at No. 551 North Centre street, is well equipped for prompt attention to all customers.

The Hanney brothers are sons of John Hanney, a native of County Galway,

Ireland, who was a young man when he came to America and settled in Norwegian township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., near Pottsville. The father followed mining throughout his active years. He became very well known in this part of Schuylkill county, having served his township for thirty years as tax collector, and he also held the county office of jury commissioner, giving the public good service in both capacities. Politically he was a Democrat. He and his wife, Mary (Cumings), died at their home in Norwegian township. They had the following children: Catherine, Patrick, Sarah, Thomas, Martin, Edward J., John F. and Mary.

Edward J. Hanney, son of John, above, was born at the homestead in Norwegian township in 1863, and worked at the mines for several years before learning the blacksmith's trade, beginning as a slate picker. He learned his trade with Joseph Schablein, with whom he remained two and a half years, and in 1892 he engaged in business with his brother, John F. Mr. Hanney has been prominent in local affairs, particularly as a member of the township school board, on which he has served for twenty-five years, part of the time acting as president and also as secretary. Politically he is a Democrat. Mr. Hanney is unmarried and makes his home with his brother John.

John F. Hanney was born March 3, 1867, in Norwegian township, Schuylkill county, near Pottsville, and obtained his education in the local public schools. When a boy he began picking slate at the Wadesville colliery in New Castle township, continuing at this work for about four years. Subsequently he drove mules at the colliery for a time, till he began to learn the trade of horseshoer with Thomas Brennan, of Pottsville. After four years in Mr. Brennan's employ he spent a short time in Philadelphia, was later employed for about one year in a lumber camp in Potter county, Pa., at his trade, and then returned to Pottsville, where he and his brother started their present business in 1892. Thoroughly conversant with all the needs of their business, they have given solicitous attention to all their patrons, who have showed due appreciation of the high-class service which may be obtained at their establishment. Mr. Hanney has taken considerable interest in keeping abreast of the times in his line, and he is a prominent member of the Master Horseshoers' Association of Pottsville, of which he is at present financial secretary. Movements for development in any line have also had his hearty support, but he has never cared for public office, preferring to do his share by choosing reliable officials and supporting good causes with his influence. Politically he is a Democrat. He and his family belong to St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church.

In 1904 Mr. Hanney married Florence V. Carr, daughter of John Carr, of Schuylkill Haven, and they are the parents of five children, namely: Esther and Edward, who are attending school; John; Thomas; and Martin, who died March 10, 1914, when he was one year, six months old.

JAMES CURRAN, of Gordon, Schuylkill Co., Pa., now living retired after fifty years' service in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, was born in Ireland in October, 1830. His parents, Edward and Catherine (Cowan) Curran, were natives of King's County, Ireland, where they died. John Curran, the paternal grandfather of James, lived to the age of 105, while his wife reached the still greater age of 108 years.

James Curran came from Ireland to America in 1849, landing at New York City on April 8th of that year. He remained there but a short time, before the end of the year going to Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, and from

there to Carlisle, Pa. In 1854, when the Indians of the West became troublesome, Mr. Curran enlisted in the United States army, serving until the end of the disturbances. He then came to St. Clair, Schuylkill county, where he went to work for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, during the next four years assisting in the construction of the road, being foreman of a construction crew. After the completion of the work he came to Gordon, where he continued work for the same company until he had rounded out a service of fifty years, when he was pensioned.

In 1860 James Curran was married to Anna Riley, daughter of Bartlett and Anna (Murphy) Riley, natives of Ireland, who emigrated to America in an early day. The father returned to Ireland, where he died, but the mother passed away in this country. Mrs. James Curran died in November, 1904. She was the mother of children as follows: Katherine, deceased; Mary, widow of Michael Conway, who has two children, James and Margaret (Mrs. Conway is housekeeper for her father); James, postmaster at Gordon; Edward, Julia and James, all deceased. Mr. Curran is now the only member of his parents' family alive, and coming of a remarkably long-lived race, he bids fair to hold their record for age and vitality. He and his family have always been devout members of the Roman Catholic Church.

EDWARD SHOENER, at present an official of Orwigsburg, is a native of West Brunswick township, this county, and a member of one of the old families of that section. The family is of German extraction, and his first ancestors in America settled in Berks county, Pa., the branch here under consideration moving to southern Schuylkill county, where its members have been prominent for many years.

John Shoener, grandfather of Edward Shoener, followed farming in West Brunswick township, and was a highly respected man in his neighborhood. He died upon his farm, and is buried in the Reformed cemetery at Orwigsburg. His children were: Henry, John, Daniel, William, Jacob, Anna and Susanna.

Henry Shoener, son of John, was born July 23, 1813, in West Brunswick township, and died Jan. 20, 1890. He is buried with his wife in the Reformed cemetery at Orwigsburg. He followed farming in his native township, clearing part of his land, and was a well known man of his day. His wife, Christiana (Schipe), daughter of Henry Schipe, was born Dec. 31, 1818, and died Oct. 6, 1891. Her father died Nov. 25, 1879. Mr. and Mrs. Shoener had a large family, viz.: Lewis, Caroline, Joseph, Edward, William, John, Charles, Albert, Daniel, Thomas, Clara and Mary.

Edward Shoener was born April 1, 1844, in West Brunswick township, and obtained his education there in the public schools. He was a youth of nineteen when he enlisted for service in the Civil war, joining Company I, 48th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which he served eighteen months, being in the army until the close of the war. Among the battles in which he took part were those of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania Court House, North Anna River, Cold Harbor, Shady Grove, Poplar Road Church, and the actions around Petersburg, including the mine explosion. After the war he returned home and for a short time was engaged in agricultural work, subsequently spending two years as an employe in the coal mines. Then he engaged in the contracting and building business at Orwigsburg, where he put up many residences and also the first factory of the H. S. Albright Shoe Company.

There are many barns of his construction in southern Schuylkill county. He retired from the contracting business in 1907, but he has not withdrawn entirely from active life, still holding the office of tax collector for the borough, which office he has filled for the last twenty-five years. He has had other connections with the administration of the municipal government, having served one year as chief burgess, one year as assessor and eight years as special policeman, to which position he was appointed. Politically he is a Republican, and prominent in the local activities of the party. He is a member of the Reformed Church, of the Independent Americans, and of Jere Helms Post, No. 26, G. A. R., of Schuylkill Haven. There are few citizens in Orwigsburg or that vicinity more generally known.

Mr. Shoener married Carrie E. Porter, daughter of Plini Porter, and they have had two children: Plini, deceased; and Elizabeth, wife of Morton Zulick, an electrician, of New York City.

FRANKLIN WAGNER, a resident of Pine Grove since 1891, is now enjoying his leisure years after an industrious early career. He has spent all his life in Schuylkill county, having been born June 6, 1843, in Washington township, where he lived until his removal to Pine Grove, with the exception of the period of his absence while in the army during the Civil war. He is a son of Philip Wagner and grandson of a pioneer of the county, a substantial agriculturist of his day.

Philip Wagner was born in Washington township, where he followed farming, as well as his trade of plasterer, all his life. His wife, Susan (Harring), was also a native of Washington township, where her father was an early settler and farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Wagner had a family of eleven children: Lydia, now deceased; Louis, deceased; Mary, deceased; Franklin; John, deceased; Eliza, wife of George Moyer, of Washington township; Jonathan, who lives on the old homestead in that township; Susan, wife of Frederick Theil, of Lebanon, Pa.; Henry, living in Washington township; Tillie, wife of Jacob Knausz, of Lebanon; and Emma, wife of Reuben Keefer, of Pine Grove township.

Franklin Wagner was reared on the home farm in Washington township and attended the local schools in his boyhood. When he took up the business of earning a livelihood on his own account he did farm work for one year, and then learned his father's trade, plastering, at which he was profitably engaged until his retirement, meantime, in 1891, settling at Pine Grove, where he has had his home since. High class work and dependable service were at the foundation of his success and drew a patronage which kept him busy as long as he continued at his calling. He has had a thoroughly domestic life, his only association outside of his business being his membership in Wolf Post, No. 203, G. A. R. (which he is serving as officer of the day), and in Salem Lutheran Church in Washington township. He is entitled to connection with the Grand Army by reason of his two terms of service during the Civil war. During the emergency of 1863 he enlisted in Company F, 26th Pennsylvania Regiment, and on Feb. 1, 1864, he joined Company F, 116th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war. He was mustered out at Washington July 14, 1865, with the rank of corporal, to which he had been promoted June 1, 1865, and was honorably discharged at Washington July 24, 1865. His command was attached to the 2d Corps, Army of the Potomac, and he saw service in a number of important engagements, including

the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Po River, Todd's Tavern, North Anna River, Pamunkey River, Tolopotomy, Cold Harbor, Williams Farm, Deep Bottom, Strawberry Plains, Hatcher's Run, Dabney's Mill, Sunderland Station, Amelia Court House, Sailor's Creek, Farnville and Appomattox.

Returning home at the end of his military service, Mr. Wagner was married shortly afterwards, in 1866, to Elizabeth Kemmerling, who was born in Washington township, daughter of Jonathan and Salome (Fenstermacher) Kemmerling. She died May 14, 1882, the mother of four children: Louisa A.; Mary, wife of Charles Schwambach, of Reading; Alice, wife of George Schneck, of Washington township; and Eva Savannah, deceased.

ROBERT W. C. HOOPER, late of Pottsville, was one of the most respected citizens of that borough throughout his residence there. A native of Cornwall, England, he was a son of Robert Hooper, who lived and died in Cornwall.

Mr. Hooper learned the trade of blacksmith, and after settling at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., was engaged as such in the Reading shops, where his skill as a mechanic and admirable personal character made him valued as a reliable employe. For twenty years he served as a local preacher of the Methodist Church in Pottsville, and was specially well known in that capacity, having been an earnest Bible student and a forceful speaker. Local public affairs also came in for a share of his attention, and at the time of his death he was serving as a member of the borough council, in which position he acquitted himself honorably and to the thorough satisfaction of his fellow citizens. Politically he was a Republican. He died at his home in Pottsville, No. 1107 West Market street, Feb. 9, 1898, aged fifty-eight years.

Mr. Hooper was married in England to Mary J. Spry, daughter of Richard and Ann (Job) Spry. Like her husband she was born in Cornwall, England, and three of her children were born in that country, the family coming to America in September, 1868. They landed at Castle Garden, N. Y., and lived at various locations for a number of years before coming to Pottsville. Mrs. Hooper continues to reside in her home there with her daughter, Mrs. Miller. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hooper, namely: (1) William John Spry, born Nov. 6, 1859, is now employed as a foreman in the Baldwin Locomotive Works at Philadelphia. He married Mary Casper, and they reside in Philadelphia. They have two children, May and Susanna, who are married respectively to Harry Snyder and John Snyder, brothers. (2) Ann Job, born Oct. 16, 1860, is the wife of Edwin Miller, of Pottsville, Pa., wire clerk for the Western Union Telegraph Company at this point. They live with her mother, Mrs. Hooper. (3) Josephine, born Jan. 8, 1863, is the widow of James Buddell, and resides at Pottsville. She has a family of six children: Robert Hooper, Annie Laverne (Mrs. Roy Hartranft), Beatrice Josepha (Mrs. Julian Schwartzwald), Clair, Winifred and Evelyn. (4) Robert, born Jan. 22, 1874, is a linotype operator at Jersey City. He married Martha Gutzell. (5) Mary Winifred, born Nov. 20, 1876, died Oct. 10, 1901. She was the wife of Charles Alter.

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Ananias and Ann Job had the following children, all born in England: Ananias, Feb. 28, 1784; Mary, Sept. 26, 1785; Ann, May 8, 1788; John, June 11, 1790; Thomas, March 13, 1793 (died in infancy); Thomas (2), May 3,

1795; Zephaniah, Sept. 14, 1800; Ann (2), April 16, 1802; James, Dec. 7, 1804.

JEREMIAH SEITZINGER, the oldest living resident of Port Carbon, now retired from active pursuits, is a worthy representative of an old family founded here by Col. Nicholas Seitzinger, his grandfather.

The Seitzingers are one of the families descended from Hessian soldiers who remained in America following their services in the American Revolutionary war, and no family in this section of Schuylkill county is more deservedly honored. Col. Nicholas Seitzinger was a German by birth. He was sent to this country as one of the Hessian soldiers hired by England, and thus came to take part in the Revolution, but his sympathies were with the Colonies, and after the war, in which he served as a colonel, he did not return to the old country. For a time he lived in Bucks county, Pa., removing thence to what is now Schuylkill county, where he took up 1,600 acres of land. The region was then a wilderness, but he set bravely about the task of making a home for himself and family, and it was he who established the town of Fountain Springs (near Ashland), which was really named in his honor. He is buried in the cemetery there. His family consisted of children as follows: Catherine, who married Samuel Scott and (second) Henry Fisher; George; Peter; Samuel; Harry; Nicholas; Edward; John; and Jacob W. Jacob built the "Exchange Hotel" at Pottsville.

Samuel Seitzinger, father of Jeremiah, was born at Reading, Pa., in 1800, and came to Port Carbon in young manhood. He was a blacksmith by trade, and did canal work in that line, and later built the "Port Carbon House." On April 1, 1834, he removed to Fountain Springs, where he followed his trade for two years. On April 1, 1836, he returned to Port Carbon, where he continued to work at blacksmithing until his death, which occurred March 25, 1871. He is buried in the Presbyterian cemetery in that borough. His wife, Hannah (Reed), was born in 1807 at Minersville, Pa., daughter of Thomas Reed, and died July 25, 1886. She is buried at Port Carbon. Children as follows were born to this marriage: Augustus, who is deceased; Charity, deceased; Jonathan; Lucinda, deceased; Eliza, deceased; Samuel, who was killed at the battle of the Wilderness May 6, 1864, while serving with the 96th Pennsylvania Regiment; Matilda, deceased; Ellen, Mrs. James Teasdale, now living at Reading, Pa.; Thomas, who served during the Civil war in the 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry; and Jeremiah.

Jeremiah Seitzinger, son of Samuel, was born Nov. 22, 1828, at Pottsville, Pa. When a boy he worked with his father, and he was but eleven years old when he commenced boating on the canal, in which work he was engaged for four summers, meantime attending school in the winter season. He then learned the trade of blacksmith with Tobias Wintersteen, with whom he remained until 1850. He continued to follow that calling until he retired, for over thirty years in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Company, for whom he worked from 1855 until December, 1887. For a few years afterwards he was employed in the Franklin Iron Works at Port Carbon, retiring when he gave up his position there. Mr. Seitzinger has always led a quiet life, and to this fact he attributes his old age and good health. However, he never failed to do his duty in any of the positions he held, having an excellent reputation for industry and faithfulness to every obligation. He is an Odd Fellow of

long standing, having joined Schuylkill Lodge, No. 27, of Port Carbon, Dec. 6, 1849; he is a past grand of that body.

Mr. Seitzinger married Mary Martin, who was born Aug. 15, 1824, daughter of Peter Martin, a native of Ireland. She died Jan. 5, 1896, and is buried at Port Carbon. Children as follows were born to this marriage: George, who lives in Philadelphia, Pa., married Rose Martin; Margaret, deceased, was the wife of James Rowe; Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of James Burke; Samuel, of Philadelphia, married Catherine Gilmartin; Peter is deceased; Thomas resides at Port Carbon and is married to Mary Flannery; John died when two years old; Jeremiah is a resident of Philadelphia; Mary F. is the wife of Robert Harron.

ROBERT HARRON was born in Blythe township, Schuylkill county, June 22, 1865. His parents, John and Elizabeth (Steen) Harron, were natives of Ireland and Scotland, respectively, came to the United States when young, and settled in Blythe township, Schuylkill Co., Pa. John Harron was a mine superintendent for many years, and one of the early coal operators in Schuylkill county. He died at Palo Alto, this county, and is buried at Port Carbon. His children were: Alexander, William, James, Isabella (wife of Bernard Murray), Samuel, Robert, and Mary (who died in infancy).

Robert Harron has spent his entire working life in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, and is at present employed as flagman from Pottsville to Silver Creek. He makes his home at Port Carbon, where he is well known and a member in good standing of the I. O. O. F., P. O. S. of A. and P. O. of A. lodges. On Aug. 28, 1889, he married Mary F. Seitzinger, daughter of Jeremiah Seitzinger, and they have three children: Robert L., Ruth E. and Anna C. The family are Presbyterians in religious connection.

JOSEPH F. MOLONY (deceased) was known personally to many of the residents of Palo Alto, his long service in the ticket office of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, his experience in the hotel business and as tax collector at Palo Alto, having brought him into touch with many of his fellow citizens.

Mr. Molony was born at Palo Alto Feb. 22, 1860, son of William Molony, a native of Ireland, who came to this country in 1847. He soon located at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and for a number of years was an employe of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, with whom he continued until his death, at the age of sixty years. In his native country he had married Catherine McDermott, who was also born in Ireland, and the young couple emigrated to America shortly afterwards. Ten children were born to them, several of whom died young. Of those who reached maturity Christopher was well known as a train dispatcher for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company; Edward W., deceased, is mentioned farther on in this article; Frank died when twenty years old; Catherine is the wife of Frank Phillips, and they occupy the old homestead at Palo Alto.

Joseph F. Molony obtained his education in the local public schools. At an early age he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, with whom he remained for a period of twenty years, during much of this time as ticket man at the local office. He sold the last ticket issued by the company at the old station. In 1897 Mr. Molony engaged in the



hotel business at Palo Alto, which he carried on continuously thereafter until his sudden death, on May 1, 1915. His friendly disposition was as much of a factor in his success here as his methodical business ways. In 1899 Mr. Molony was elected to the position of tax collector at Palo Alto, in which he continued to serve to the end of his life, though he was independent politically, giving his support to the men and measures he favored most, regardless of party ties. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church at Pottsville. Mr. Molony married Catherine C. Lee, a daughter of the late Ralph Lee, of Pottsville, who was well known as superintendent of the Philadelphia & Reading shops there. Mr. and Mrs. Molony had no children.

EDWARD W. MOLONY, brother of Joseph F. Molony, was for many years a representative of the newspapers of Schuylkill county, Pa. He died March 20, 1902. His arduous and exacting labors as a telegraph operator and newspaper reporter for years had undermined his health, and when he was stricken with a severe attack of pneumonia his greatly weakened system gave way under the strain. Mr. Molony was born in Palo Alto, Pa., Aug. 15, 1851, and after a few years of school took up the study of telegraphy. He was employed as operator in Philadelphia for a time and later entered the service of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, for whom he worked until 1890. During the "Molly Maguire" troubles and subsequent pursuit he was intrusted with many secret messages, the knowledge alone of which was a dangerous thing to have. He had many an exciting experience, and in all of the incidents in which he had a part displayed the tact and courage for which he came to be noted. The last years of his telegraph service were under Superintendent Ohlhausen in Jersey City.

When he came to Schuylkill county Mr. Molony took up the work of receiving the Associated Press reports for the *Miners' Journal*, holding the place for two years. After that time he became a local correspondent, writing up the suburban news for the newspapers of Pottsville. Next he was offered the position of "general utility" man on the *Chronicle*, and later he filled the same position on the *Republican*. After a time he was made court reporter, gathering the news from the courthouse with a fidelity to detail and broadness of comprehension that was gratifying alike to his employers and to the officials. This position he held at the time of his death.

Mr. Molony was a favorite with all who came in contact with him, and his genial smile was never dimmed by personal feelings or the illness from which he suffered at the last. His wit was proverbial and never carried with it the sting of malice. Even among his rivals in newspaper work he was remarkably popular, and few there were who did not miss his ready reply and kindly influence. He was always ready to unite in progressive movements for the benefit of his fellow men, and he was a prominent member of the old Schuylkill County Pen and Pencil Club. With the successive members of the borough council he was always popular, having reported the proceedings of that body for many years.

Mr. Molony was a brother-in-law of the late William A. Duffy, the lamented rector of St. Patrick's Catholic parish, and his wife, Catherine C. (Duffy) Molony, was left to mourn his early death with several children, William, Walter, Edward, Leroy and Vivian.

HENRY LANDEMANN, formerly a mine foreman, now living retired at Minersville, is a citizen of German extraction whose industrious and upright

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life is a credit to his nationality and also to the community of his adoption. Mr. Landemann was born in Bavaria Nov. 15, 1841, son of Philip and Louisa (Meyers) Landemann. The mother died in Germany and the father came to America alone, settling at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he died. He followed railroad work and was employed at the mines a short time, living retired for three years before his death.

Henry Landemann was twelve years old when he came to America, and he has since had his home at Minersville. He began work as a slate picker at the breaker for Kear & Company, in whose employ he continued from 1858 to 1870, for a number of years acting as boss for this concern. For forty years afterwards he was with the Reading Coal & Iron Company, first as foreman at the Mine Hill Gap colliery and later at the Beechwood and Richardson collieries, at the Oakdale washery, at Phoenix Park, and at the Thompson colliery, where he continued until his retirement in November, 1911. He has since been living retired at Minersville. Mr. Landemann's long and faithful service with the Reading Company gained him a wide acquaintance in his field of work and he made many friends among his associates, his high character and conscientious attention to duty winning him the esteem of all with whom he came in contact. During the Civil war Mr. Landemann served nine months as a member of Company A, 129th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and he is a prominent member of George J. Lawrence Post, No. 17, G. A. R., which he is at present serving as commander. In religion he is a member of the Reformed Church.

Mr. Landemann married Caroline Gable, of Columbia county, Pa., and they have had a large family, viz.: Hannah, now the wife of George Dieruff; Charles, deceased; Matilda, wife of W. Jenkins; William A., living at home; Bertie, who married Harry Prescott; George; Caroline, wife of William Williams; and three children who died young.

STEPHEN REESE has been a lifelong resident of Schuylkill county, having been born at Pottsville Oct. 13, 1839, and resided there until his removal to Ashland. He is of Welsh extraction, his parents, Stephen and Johanna (Lloyd) Reese, having been natives of Wales, where they were reared and remained until after their marriage. On coming to this country, in the early fifties, they settled at Pottsville, Schuylkill county, where Mr. Reese soon established himself as an enterprising business man. He carried on a flour and feed store, and for several years operated a breaker at the mines, and also owned and carried on a general store at Pottsville. He continued to reside at that place until just before his death, passing away in 1859 at New Berlin, where he had gone to live. His wife had died in 1845. They were the parents of sixteen children, of whom but three survive: Stephen, John and Isaiah, the two last named living at Harrisburg.

Stephen Reese received a good common school education, and when a boy began to learn the trade of shoemaker, which he followed throughout his active years, in early manhood coming to Ashland, where he has ever since made his home. For some time past he has been living in retirement, enjoying the ease which he deserves after an industrious life. He built the home on Centre street he now occupies.

As a veteran of the Civil war, Mr. Reese naturally took great interest in the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic, he himself assist-

ing in the organization of Joseph Hooker post, of which he was a charter member, and one of the earliest commanders. He served in the Civil war under three enlistments. When the war broke out he was living at Ashland, and he was the first man to enlist from that place, becoming a member of Company I, 5th Pa. Vol. Inf., on April 12, 1861. At that time he entered the service for a period of three months, subsequently enlisting for nine months in Company G, 129th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Leib, and the third time joined the emergency service for the defense of the State. He took part in many engagements, and at the battle of Chancellorsville was wounded in the ear. He was mustered out at Harrisburg. Mr. Reese has always been a Republican in his political views, and has been quite an active worker for the success of his party in the borough. His religious connection is with the Methodist Church.

On June 15, 1863, Mr. Reese married Regina Ebert, a native of Schuylkill county, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Ebert, who were early settlers at Ashland. They died there, and are buried at Fountain Springs.

Mrs. Reese passed away April 30, 1910, the mother of eight children: David, who is a resident of Ashland; Ella, deceased; William, deceased; Martha, deceased; Harry, deceased; Maude, wife of Joseph Merther, of Chester, Pa.; Edward, who lives at Ashland; and Lillie, wife of Edward Blank, of Ashland.

REV. HOWARD H. KRAUSS, A. B., A. M., was born near East Greenville, Pa., March 7, 1876. When he was quite young his parents, Henry Schultz and Amanda (Hoffman) Krauss, moved to Kraussdale, Lehigh Co., Pa., and he received his early education in the public school of the village. His teachers during his public school days were Beneville X. Schell, Michael N. Weidner, Rev. C. D. Zweier, Rev. E. E. Schantz, Prof. C. E. Dietz (A. B. Princeton), Prof. Preston B. Rothenberger (A. B. of Muhlenberg College). In the years 1894-95 he attended Perkiomen Seminary, at Pennsburg, Pa., and prepared for the profession of teaching. From 1896 to 1899 he taught the public school at Corning, in Lower Milford township, Lehigh county, the same school at one time taught by Rev. C. S. Kriebek, D. D., now principal of Perkiomen Seminary at Pennsburg, Pa. From 1899 to 1902 he taught the public school at Kraussdale, his home school, formerly taught by Rev. Dr. E. F. Krauss, now president of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Chicago. During his last year of public school teaching he also finished his preparatory studies at Perkiomen Seminary and entered Muhlenberg College, at Allentown, Pa. During his freshman year he was president of his class and became a member of various literary organizations. During his sophomore year he was elected librarian of the Euterpean Literary Society and had charge of the library, and was also appointed assistant librarian of Muhlenberg College. He was tutor in Mathematics during his junior and senior years. Mr. Krauss was elected Proctor of the college during his senior year, and graduated in 1906 with the A. B. degree in the first honor group, delivering the German oration on commencement day. In the fall of the same year he entered Mount Airy Seminary of the Lutheran Church, at Philadelphia, Pa. In addition to pursuing his course in theology he taught at Perkiomen Seminary, Pennsburg, during the spring and summer terms of 1907 and 1908, having charge of the teachers' classes, and over one hundred of the public school teachers of Pennsylvania were instructed by him.

During the summer term of 1908 he taught Ancient and Roman History and Psychology and Pedagogy. His graduation thesis at Mount Airy Theological Seminary was "The Doctrine of Predestination." He graduated in 1909, and at the commencement exercises of Muhlenberg College in the same year he received the A. M. degree, having submitted in addition to the regular required studies a thesis on "The Strength and Weakness of Pietism." On June 7, 1909, he was ordained to the office of the holy ministry in Holy Communion Church, Philadelphia, Pa., at the 162d annual convention of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania of the Lutheran Church of the General Council. He accepted his first parish, on being unanimously elected, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Berrysburg, Pa., where he rendered excellent service in reorganizing the work of the congregation and bringing the constitution into harmony with Synod, graded the Sunday school, organized the Luther League, and largely raised the benevolent contributions; all this besides improving the church property, adding many to the church, and establishing a healthy religious atmosphere. In the summer of 1912, having twice declined calls, he accepted the urgent call to the newly formed Auburn parish in Schuylkill county, and entered upon his duties Oct. 16th. This parish consists of St. John, Auburn, organized 1845; Zion, West Brunswick, organized 1755; St. Paul, South Manheim, organized 1784, and St. John, Friedensburg, organized 1791. In the three years he has served in this field he has baptized 104, buried sixty, married twenty-seven couples, confirmed 142, received twenty-five by letter or otherwise, and raised for benevolent purposes over five thousand dollars.

Mr. Krauss has served on various committees of Synod and Conference, serving at the present time as statistician of Conference; is visitor to the Topton Orphans' Home in Berks County; is a member of the Church Efficiency committee, Sunday School committee, Executive committee of the Luther League, and of the committee "to investigate the apportionment system and report a plan for adoption to Synod;" besides acting as correspondent and contributor to the "Lutheran," the official church paper of the Synod, and other periodicals. In local affairs he is a member of the borough council, having at the last election been reelected for the full term of four years. He takes a very prominent part in the educational affairs of the community, and is also a member of the Board of Trade.

In 1905 Mr. Krauss was united in marriage to Miss Susan W. Kriebel, daughter of Henry S. Kriebel and his wife, nee Catharine Wiegner, Rev. William Wackernagel, D. D., professor of German in Muhlenberg College, performing the ceremony. The following children have been born to this union: Frances, Winifred, Frederick and Alberta (twins), and Ida May.

The ancestors of the Krausses, Hoffmans, Schultzes, Kriebels and Wiegners came from the Palatinate, Germany, and located in the upper end of Montgomery county, Pa., and in what is now lower Lehigh and lower Berks counties. The Krausses are descendants of Balthasar Krauss, who with his mother, Anna Krauss, a widow, in September, 1733, came with some of the first Schwenkfelders to this country. He married Jan. 16, 1736, Susanna Hoffman (who followed him from the old country in September, 1734), and settled in the most southern part of the present township of Lower Milford, Lehigh Co., Pa. (Kraussdale), in the year 1749. He purchased a farm of two hundred acres, which was surveyed Sept. 29, 1734, to a George Schumacher. Krauss obtained a patent on this land Dec. 16, 1749, for thirty-one





ZION'S (OLD RED) CHURCH

Original church built 1755, burned by the Indians 1756; next church completed 1770; rebuilt of stone, completed 1803; stone church razed and replaced with present building 1883

pounds. He sold the same to his son, Balthasar Krauss, Jr., for seven hundred pounds, and died two years later, Feb. 25, 1774, aged over sixty-eight years, leaving one son, Balthasar, and four daughters: Rosina, married to George Heydrick; Susanna, married to Baltzer Yeakel; Barbara, married to George Urffer; and Maria, married to Mathias Gerhard.

Balthasar Krauss, Jr., had three sons and four daughters: John, Andrew, George, Helena, Susanna, Regina and Lydia. John Krauss was a well educated man, having attended the well conducted schools of the Schwenkfelders. He became a prominent surveyor, and also a machinist. Andrew, with his brother, John, became an organ builder, and when he was nineteen years old made the first pipe organ in Pennsylvania, in the year 1790. They made a number of pipe organs for the churches in the community. Later George and Joel, sons of Andrew, made a bass viol. In 1828 George and Samuel made a melodeon, which is believed to have been the first one ever made. Later still George and Samuel made an ingenious globe, turned by a clock which they also made; the painting and printing were put on by George, his copy being a map of the world which was printed in London. This globe turned by the clock works once in twenty-four hours. The clock is still in existence.

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ZION'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (RED CHURCH), of West Brunswick Township, Schuylkill Co., Pa. About the year 1750 a few German Lutherans left their homes in Berks county, Pa., to prospect the country beyond the Blue Mountains, at the same time having in view the planting of a new settlement, if their expectations would be realized. Being pleased with the general appearance of the country, and the apparent fertility of the soil—for it is related that they witnessed in the valleys through which flow small streams of pure water an indescribably luxuriant growth of grass—they concluded to make the newly explored region their future home. How they acquired the large tract of land comprising nearly half of the district known at present as Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, cannot be accurately ascertained. From the language used in the old indentures, it is probable that it was granted to them by the proprietors of Pennsylvania, or their deputies, for a mere consideration, namely, that it be occupied and improved. The principal movers in this new enterprise were Peter Weyman and Peter Schmeltzer, who subsequently became very prominent in the history of Zion's church. The way having been made clear, others soon followed. Some of these settled on the tract held by Weyman; others penetrated still further into the interior and received new tracts not as yet taken up. Thus by the year 1754 a considerable number of German families had settled in this new territory, designated at that time as the land beyond the Blue Mountain.

These Germans, like many others of our forefathers, were a brave, noble-minded and enterprising people, and withal a people imbued with right religious principles. Their object, therefore, was not simply to take possession of so much new territory, and clear and cultivate it to advance their temporal interests, but likewise to establish a community with whom should be associated certain lofty and precious principles. Hence they commenced at an early period of their settlement to agitate the subject of organizing a church on the basis of the principles they had learned and lived in the Fatherland. In this undertaking they were greatly aided and encouraged by Rev. Daniel



Schumaker, at that time laboring as a missionary in the counties of Lehigh and Berks, who occasionally visited them, sometimes crossing the mountain on foot, and preached to them, baptized their little ones, and instructed and confirmed their sons and daughters. His self-denying labors among them commenced as early as the year 1755 and continued to the year 1781, inclusive.

Ten years after Rev. Mr. Schumaker commenced to visit this people, i. e., in the year 1765, they began the erection of a house of worship, and completed it in 1770, at which time they reorganized the congregation under the name and title Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, and adopted a constitution. But for the exceedingly formidable obstacle in the way, they evidently would have begun at an earlier period this much desired object of their heart, namely, the presence of numerous Indians, who seemed at that time to have been more bent upon committing outrages than in former periods in the history of the Province. Being much exposed to their depredations, and not knowing how soon they would be obliged to flee for safety beyond the mountains and yield the soil to the savage sons of the forest, they did not feel secure enough in their abodes to attempt such an enterprise. That they were actually driven from their homes by the Indians may be inferred from the following allusion to their trials in a memorial found in the old Church Record: "Inasmuch as we felt it a duty resting on us to erect a church, after having suffered almost unendurable calamities from the savage and heathenish people, the so-called Indians, 1756, etc., but afterwards succeeded by the grace of God to re-establish peace and quiet once more to live in our former abodes, we, therefore resolved to build a new church; which was finally completed in 1770."

From the above it appears then that the first settlers in these parts were very much annoyed and disturbed by the savages. Indeed, many terrible stories of Indian horrors and cruelties are related by their descendants. From the fact that there are no baptisms recorded in Schumaker's record (at present in the hands of Dr. Schumaker), between 1760 and 1765, this seems to have been the period of greatest suffering. They were in consequence forced to flee for safety.

As already stated, the first church erected was commenced in 1765 and completed in 1770. It was solemnly dedicated to the service of the Triune God on the First Sunday in Advent by Rev. Mr. Schumaker in the presence of a large concourse of people, who had come from near and far to attend the services. The joy felt and expressed by these people on this happy occasion must have been great. And they had reasons to be joyful in the Lord. The thought that they were happily delivered from the atrocities of savage men, and that after having endured innumerable hardships they had now a church of their own, could well fill their hearts with joy and gratitude to Almighty God. That the erection of the church was effected through much self denial may be imagined when we remember that it was five years in building. The men most prominent in this work, as evidenced in the record, were Peter Schmeltzer, Peter Weyman, Jacob Schaeffer, Michael Deibert, Gottfried Berger, Paul Heim, Phillip Pausman, Christopher Schaber, Casper Prag, and George Hunsinger. The numerical strength of the congregation at this time cannot be definitely stated, as the list of the membership as well as of the communicants is wanting in the record. It may, however, be estimated as not less than one hundred, if the number of those who were confirmed in a single year may be taken as correct data to go by. These were of course scattered over a large territory, as this was the only church in this section of the country, so that

this is in fact, the oldest congregation in Schuylkill county. The ministers who served this congregation, after Schumaker, were: Frederick De Milter, 1782-83; Abraham Gottlieb Deschler, 1784-88; Daniel Lehman, 1789-91, and John Frederick Obenhausen, 1792-1803.

The membership having considerably increased since the erection of the first church, so that it was impossible to suitably accommodate all who desired to worship there, the members determined, in the year 1799, to erect a new house of worship, larger and more commodious than the old one. The cornerstone of the new building was laid on the 14th day of October, in the same year, by the Rev. J. F. Obenhausen, who preached from Isaiah xxviii:16. The memorial placed in the cornerstone, a copy of which was preserved, exhibits the lofty principles which governed our Lutheran forefathers in their actions, as well as their strong conviction of the correctness of the doctrines they believed and maintained, as the following extracts will plainly show:

"Since it has pleased Almighty God to prosper this State, so that it has become a blooming and delightful garden, and this largely through the instrumentality of the Germans, a few of this nation, living in this country and in this vicinity, cherished the sincere desire not only to confess until death the Christian religion which they had learned in Germany and accepted and kept as a perfect confession of the truth of God's Word which is able to make wise unto salvation, and to publicly serve God in their adopted country, but also to see to it that in years to come the same be confessed, loved and lived by their children. They, therefore, erected in this place, a house of prayer, in which should be taught the pure Word of God, and the sacraments administered according to the explicit command of our dear Lord, Jesus Christ. After many trials and hardships their object was finally attained. The church erected to the God of their fathers was solemnly dedicated, and publicly confessed and declared to be and remain an exclusively Lutheran church to the end of time. Inasmuch, however, as this church, built by the fathers under many trying circumstances, has been occupied for twenty-nine years, and in the meantime has greatly prospered and increased in numbers, and has therefore become too small for our present purpose, the congregation has, therefore, resolved by the blessing of God to build a new and more commodious house of prayer to His honor and to the glory of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, in order that in future we may have a more convenient place to worship God and thereby be prepared for eternal salvation." The following solemn invocation of blessings is the conclusion of this paper: "And Thou, my faithful God and Father, have mercy upon the whole Christian Church, but especially on this, thy congregation! Preserve among them peace and brotherly love, and bless and keep from danger and accident those who labor at this house! Be and remain, O Lord, their God and Saviour, who are now and will hereafter be connected with the church! Bless the parents and guide them by Thy Holy Spirit, that they may train their children to walk in the right way, and teach them the true doctrine of Jesus Christ, in order that after their departure hence, they may belong to the true people of God, who have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ! We commit this house of prayer into thy gracious keeping, so that it will truly be the house of God and the gate of heaven." This second church, commenced in 1799 and completed in 1803, was dedicated to God's service on the 29th and 30th of May, 1803, the dedicatory services being performed by Rev. Daniel Lehman, J. F. Obenhausen and David Schaeffer.

Contrary to the wishes of its founders, this church is at present occupied

by both the Lutheran and Reformed congregations and hence no longer exclusively Lutheran. The Reformed church, situated a few rods from the site of the Lutheran, having been started in 1795, becoming dilapidated, its members made application to the members of the Lutheran church to unite with them in the formation of a union church. Their application was favorably received by the Lutherans, acted upon, and finally articles of agreement made to sell half of their rights and claims to the Reformed. This unhappy state of things was brought about in the year 1833, at the time when the Lutheran church here was passing through strange experiences and losing members on all sides. Some left and connected themselves with other Lutheran congregations then beginning to spring up in the surrounding neighborhood; others left and joined the sects who were at that time manifesting considerable power in deceiving and drawing away the unwary.

In the year 1803 this congregation, which had been until then supplied, united with four others to build a charge. This charge called as its pastor Rev. John Knoske, who served it from 1803 to 1811, eight years. In the year 1811, Rev. George Mennig received and accepted a call to this pastorate, and labored in it until 1833, when he was followed by Rev. William G. Mennig, whose labor here extended to the year 1845. The following are the ministers who served this congregation after William Mennig: Nathan Yeager, 1845-51; G. W. Scheide, 1852; Julius Ehrhardt, 1853-64; J. Leonberger, 1865-69; G. F. Woerner, 1870; D. K. Kepner, 1871-72; I. N. S. Erb, 1873-1888; H. A. Weller, 1889-1911; H. H. Krauss, 1912.

Early in the year 1883 plans were undertaken for the building of a new church, and the present church building resulted. On Aug. 19th of this year the cornerstone of the new building was laid, sermons being preached by the Revs. R. S. Appel, Reformed, and D. K. Kepner, Lutheran. On Jan. 6, 1884, the first sermon in the new church building was preached in the basement by the Lutheran pastor, Rev. I. N. S. Erb; text, Luke ii, 36-37. The Reformed pastor, Henry Leisse, preached his first sermon also in the basement, on the following Sunday, Jan. 13th. The new church building was formally dedicated on the 27th and 28th days of September, 1884.

Early in the year 1905 a movement was set on foot to observe the 150th anniversary of the founding of the congregation of the Lutheran church in West Brunswick. William B. Ketner, Joseph A. Walborn, Henry J. Wagner, Francis L. Matz, Jonathan H. Walborn and Mandon S. Fegley were duly appointed a committee of arrangements. Oct. 7 and 8 were the days appointed for the celebration, and printed invitations were issued to all known descendants of the congregation. The Historical Society of Schuylkill County was invited to participate in a body and have charge of one of the sessions. When the appointed days had come the results of the devotion of the committee became visible in the great concourse of several thousand people from near and from far. Descendants of the fathers, now scattered over the wide land, came to spend the days and participate in the notable services which were prepared. On this occasion sermons were delivered by Rev. F. J. F. Schantz, D. D., Rev. R. S. Apple, Rev. W. D. Stoyer, and addresses by Rev. H. A. Weller, pastor, Mr. John N. Heim, Hon. D. C. Henning, Rev. J. H. Umbenhien, Ph. D., Rev. J. H. Eastman, D. D., Rev. S. L. Whitmore, D. D., Rev. W. F. Rentz, Rev. Carl G. Karsch, Rev. Henry Leisse.

The pipe-organ originally dedicated Oct. 16, 1808, and which has served

the congregation all these years, is still in active service each Lord's Day, and has as sweet and melodious a tone as any of modern make.

The Sunday school rooms are at the present time being improved and gas-lights are being installed. There are active Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies connected with the congregation. The congregation has just approved and adopted the "duplex envelope," has a graded Sunday school, and is in a prosperous condition. The congregation is old in years but young in activity.

GEORGE W. WALTER, of Tamaqua, is a business man of good standing and also respected for his personal character, in which he shows the traits which have been typical of his family in all the time it has been identified with the borough. Its members have always ranked with the substantial element, doing their duty as citizens and proving themselves reliable in all the relations of life.

John C. Walter, grandfather of George W. Walter, was born in Stuttgart, Germany, and spent his early life there. Coming to America when a young man he settled at Tamaqua, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he engaged in the butcher business, carrying it on successfully until his untimely death, in 1856, when he was but forty-two years old. He was killed by a cannon used at the celebration in honor of President Buchanan's election, and is buried at Tamaqua. His wife, whose maiden name was Fredericka Gephart, was also born in Germany, and came to America when a child. Their family consisted of the following children: John C.; Rosie, who married John E. Tiley; Emma, who married Levi Stagerwalt; Mary, who married Michael Bonshoff; and Gottlieb, who died when six years old.

John C. Walter, son of John C. and Fredericka (Gephart) Walter, was born Dec. 18, 1849, at Port Carbon, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and was one year old when brought to Tamaqua, where he has since resided. In his youth he clerked for a time in a store for Mr. Lutz, and was afterwards a freight conductor on the Philadelphia & Reading road, remaining in the employ of the railway company for five years. In 1874 he embarked in the freight and express business on his own account in Tamaqua, and he has continued the same successfully since, having a profitable patronage in and around the borough. In 1890 he purchased the livery business of Shiverstine & Glassmoyer, which he has carried on up to the present in connection with his original line. His place of business is at the rear of the "United States Hotel." Mr. Walter has mingled in local politics and government to a considerable extent, being well known as an effective worker in the Republican party. He has been elected to several offices, having served as a member of the Tamaqua school board and as high constable of Tamaqua, having filled the latter office for the last seventeen years. In 1912 he was a candidate for the lower house of the State Legislature, but was defeated, losing by only ninety-six votes. In the social orders he is well known, belonging to the Improved Order of Red Men, Independent Americans and Citizens' Fire Company, of which latter he was a charter member. The family are Methodists in religious connection.

Mr. Walter married Lavina Wagner, daughter of Michael Wagner, who was the first to engage in the express and freight business at Tamaqua; he died when eighty-two years old. Mr. and Mrs. Walter have had a large family: William, who lives at Tamaqua; John, deceased; George W.; Sarah, who married Olive Folweiller, of Tamaqua; Harry, of Philadelphia, Pa.;

Mary, who married Harold Yost and is living in Reading, Pa.; Harold, deceased; Clara B., wife of Irvin Rex, living at Mauch Chunk, Pa.; twins who died when six months old; Samuel, of Tamaqua; and Curtis, of Tamaqua.

George W. Walter, son of John C. and Lavina (Wagner) Walter, was born at Tamaqua in 1877 and has spent all his life there. His education was acquired in the public schools, and he began business life as a clerk, being so engaged for ten years. He has since been with his father in the lively business, in which he has become thoroughly experienced, and much of the present prosperity of the enterprise may be attributed to his energetic methods and prompt attention to patrons, who appreciate the obliging and efficient service which the Walters have always endeavored to render to their customers. Like his father Mr. Walter is a staunch Republican and has taken some active part in local politics. He served three years as borough auditor. He is a member of the B. P. O. Elks, of the I. O. O. F. and Encampment, and of the P. O. S. of A.

Mr. Walter married Annie Brodbeck, of Tamaqua, daughter of George Brodbeck. They have two children, Donald and Ethyl.

JARED HAFER owns the large farm in East Brunswick township on which he resides, but he is not now actively engaged in its operation, having practically retired. Most of his mature life has been spent in this portion of Schuylkill county, but he is a native of Berks county, Pa., born March 11, 1842, in Upper Bern township. The name Hafer is an old one in that county. One Matthias Hafer settled there, a mile east of Reading, in Alsace township, upon his emigration to this country from the Province of Alsace, on the borders of the Rhine. He carried on farming until his decease. His wife was Julia Schmid, and they had eight children, seven sons and one daughter, namely: John, Matthias, George, Benjamin, Isaac, Daniel, Henry and Maria (Mrs. Jacob Hill). We do not know whether the son Daniel was the grandfather of Jared Hafer or not.

Daniel Hafer, grandfather of Jared, was born in Oley township, Berks county, was a farmer by occupation all his life, and died when over seventy-seven years old. His children were: Nathan married Rebecca Blatt; Daniel married Polly Spatz; Samuel married a Miss Reeser; Jacob is mentioned below; Julia married Jacob Hoak; Polly married Samuel Dunkelberger. The parents are buried at Bellman's Church in Berks county. Daniel Hafer was a member of Spiess's German Reformed Church in that county, and highly respected as a good Christian man. Politically he supported the Democratic party.

Jacob Hafer, son of Daniel, was born in Oley township, Berks Co., Pa., in April, 1806, and died in February, 1879. He worked for his father until he was twenty-four years of age, and learned the weaver's trade, but though he followed it for many years he also continued farm work. He owned a tract of twenty acres in Center township, Berks county, which he operated while working at his trade, and on selling this tract removed to Bern township, Berks county, where he tenanted different farms until his death. He also taught German in the schools of that township. He served his fellow citizens in the township offices of supervisor and assessor, and also as election inspector, taking a close interest in politics as an ardent member of the Democratic party. His religious connection was with Bellman's German Reformed Church, where he and his wife, Catherine (Koch), are buried. She

was a native of Center township, Berks county, daughter of Jacob Koch. Mr. and Mrs. Hafer were the parents of these children: Levi married Kate Ludwig, and both are deceased; Jacob married Mary Matz, and both are deceased; Daniel married Anna Weinhold, and both are deceased; Abraham died young; Levina married Eli Daubert, and both are deceased; Jared is mentioned below; Catherine, deceased, married Charles Baltser.

Jared Hafer was educated in the public schools of Berks county and was reared to agricultural life, working out among farmers until he was fifteen years old. He also assisted his father, to whom he gave all his earnings until he was twenty-four years of age. When he married he located at New Ringgold, Schuylkill county, and was engaged at the washery near by for about six months. Then he removed to West Penn township, this county, and bought a tract of fifty-four acres and the mill now owned by John F. Staudt. He developed this property, remodeled the mill, built a sawmill, and operated that place for about eleven years, until he removed to his present tract in East Brunswick township, having bought the same, 260 acres, from Lewis Audenried. Of this 100 acres are under cultivation. Mr. Hafer has made numerous improvements on the place, remodeled the dwelling house, and erected many outbuildings, all the surroundings bearing witness to his success and thrift. He carried on general farming, and though now practically retired still markets his products once a week to Tamaqua. His progressive disposition and public spirit have been manifested chiefly in his interest in school affairs, for which he worked zealously during his term of three years as school director. In politics he adheres to the Democratic party. Mr. Hafer was formerly a member of Washington Camp No. 100, P. O. S. of A., of New Ringgold, and of the Odd Fellows lodge in West Penn township. He belongs to Zion's Reformed Church in West Penn township, at one time held the office of deacon, and was committeeman of Weaver's Sunday school in East Brunswick township.

Mr. Hafer married Catherine Osenbach, a daughter of Daniel and Kate (Dreisbach) Osenbach, and we have the following record of their large family: (1) Daniel Jacob, born Oct. 16, 1866, married Annie Trexel, and they reside at Reading, Pa. Their children are Edith, Ruth, Mary, Erma and Grace. (2) Kate Isabella, born Feb. 4, 1868, had one child (now deceased), by her first husband, Charles D. Rapp. After his death she married (second) Elmer Diener, and they live in East Brunswick township. (3) Jared Milton, born Nov. 18, 1869, lives in Rush township, Schuylkill county. He married Rosie Hoppes, and they have had children as follows: One that died in infancy, Elma (deceased), Bertha, Cora, Raymond, Nathan, Calvin, Oliver, Mary, Eva, Abner and Mildred. (4) Anna Rebecca, born July 13, 1871, married Lewis Gerber, and they have had two children, one that died young and Mary. They reside in West Penn township. (5) A son born Jan. 14, 1873, is deceased. (6) Sarah Alice, born Dec. 24, 1873, is the wife of Charles Hoppes, of West Penn township. Their children are Alvin, Jennie, one deceased, Leon and Raymond. (7) Freddie Edwin, born Feb. 21, 1875, married Mary Zellner, and has one child, Elsie May. Their home is in East Brunswick township. (8) Moses William, born May 13, 1876, is deceased. (9) Calvin, born Sept. 28, 1877, is unmarried. (10) Caroline, born May 16, 1879, married Henry Weaver, of East Brunswick township. (11) A son born Dec. 6, 1881, is deceased. (12) Samuel Aaron, born May 19, 1883, is unmarried. (13) Frank Howard, born Aug. 28, 1884, married Katie Baer,

and their children are Florence, Leroy, Stella and Dorothy. They live in Reading, Pa. (14) Clara Agnes, born July 5, 1886, is deceased. (15) Mary Levina, born Sept. 15, 1888, is unmarried. (16) Jennie May, born March 22, 1890, is deceased. (17) Eva Minerva, born July 27, 1893, is unmarried.

Mrs. Catherine (Osenbach) Hafer was born Feb. 17, 1850, in East Brunswick township, was educated there, and lived at home until her marriage. She is a daughter of Daniel Osenbach and granddaughter of Christian Osenbach, of East Brunswick township. He followed farming and charcoal burning all his life, dying when about sixty years old. His wife, Catherine (Gottshall), died in May, 1874, aged ninety-seven years, and they are buried at the Frieden's Church in New Ringgold. He was a member of the Lutheran congregation there, and served faithfully as deacon. On political questions he was a Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Osenbach had a large family, but the names of several of their children are not obtainable. We have record of the following: Daniel was the father of Mrs. Hafer; Christian married Sarah Gottshall, and both are deceased; William married Brigetta Kemmerer, who is deceased; John married a Miss Halderman, and both are deceased; Joseph married Mary Beableheimer, who is deceased; Kate married Daniel Bankes, and after his death a Mr. Snyder, and they are now deceased; Mary married John Baer, and both are deceased; Sarah married John Kemmerer, who is deceased; Susanna married Charles Beableheimer.

Daniel Osenbach, father of Mrs. Jared Hafer, was born Feb. 5, 1819, in East Brunswick township, and died in that township in November, 1882. He was reared and educated in East Brunswick township, learned the wheelwright's trade, and farmed for many years. He and his son-in-law, Jared Hafer, owned farms together in West Penn township, and came to East Brunswick township together. Mr. Osenbach owned forty-three acres of the original 260 acres in the Hafer farm, which he later traded for another piece of land; this tract of forty-three acres is now owned by Mr. Elmer Diener. Mr. Osenbach had a shop on his farm and followed his trade along with farming. He was a Democrat, and kept in touch with local politics and public matters, was elected to the offices of school director and supervisor, and served his fellow citizens capably in both. Church work was always one of his chief interests, and he was very active as a member of the Frieden's Lutheran Church at New Ringgold, which he served as deacon. Mr. Osenbach married Catherine Dreisbach, who was born Oct. 31, 1817, and died when over seventy years of age. She is buried with her husband in West Penn township, Schuylkill county. Children as follows were born to them: Carolina married Aaron Schrack (deceased) and (second) John F. Staudt; Rebecca died when nine years old; Catherine is Mrs. Jared Hafer; two children died unnamed.

FREDERICK W. BRACHMAN, of Tuscarora, has spent all his life in that section of Schuylkill county and is deservedly held in esteem as one of its most creditable citizens. By diligence and the most honorable methods he has made his way up until he is now one of the notably successful business men of his locality. The large wholesale and retail meat trade which he commands has been developed through his judgment and foresight, which have never been at fault in estimating the opportunities of the region in which his operations have been carried on. His faith in local possibilities has not



only given him the courage to branch out in his own enterprise, but has been a factor in encouraging other activities.

Mr. Brachman is a native of Brockton, Schuylkill county, born April 6, 1866, son of the late Frederick W. and Margaret (Gross) Brachman. The father was born in Germany July 13, 1823, and spent his early years in that country, coming to the United States when a young man of nineteen. He was one of the first settlers at Patterson (now Brockton post office), in Schuylkill township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he spent the rest of his life, at first doing mine work there, until 1864. Then he engaged in the hotel business, which he continued until his death, Sept. 18, 1888. He is buried in the Lutheran cemetery at Middleport. A man of intelligence and progressive ideas, he took a genuine interest in the welfare of the community and the proper administration of local government, and himself served as tax collector and school director, holding the latter office for many years. He was a Lutheran in religious doctrine. Mrs. Brachman died March 20, 1910, and is buried at Brockton. They were the parents of the following children: Caroline died in infancy; Kate married Richard McBreen; John is a resident of Middleport, this county; Mary is married to Frank Wadlinger; Sophia married Fred Krantz; Peter is a resident of Tamaqua, this county; Lena (deceased) was the wife of the late Peter L. Hoffman; Frederick W. is next in the family; Margaret (deceased) was the wife of Lewis Lawrence, district superintendent for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, at Shenandoah, Pa.; Matilda married Michael J. Hoffman; Emma married Michael Bonenberger; Harry J. is a business man of Brockton.

Frederick W. Brachman received a public school education at Brockton. Until he was twenty years old he was employed about the collieries, beginning as a slate picker at the Boston Run breaker. Then he went to work for Charles Miller, a butcher at Tuscarora, with whom he had been engaged but one year when he and his brother Peter bought out Mr. Miller, conducting the business under the name of Brachman Brothers. They carried it on in partnership until 1907, when Frederick W. Brachman purchased his brother's interest, and he has continued it since as sole proprietor. Under his management it has been increasing steadily, his trade now extending all over the territory adjacent to Brockton. Mr. Brachman has forged ahead by strict application to the building up of his business, but he has found time also to serve his fellow citizens in public trusts, having been a member of the board of school directors in Schuylkill township for nine years; he was president of that body, and also treasurer for four years. On political questions he has stood with the Republican party. At one time Mr. Brachman was a member of the Elks lodge at Tamaqua.

Mr. Brachman married Sarah Schroner, daughter of Daniel Schroner, of Lewistown, Schuylkill county, and children as follows have been born to them: Ida, now the wife of William DeLay; Margaret; Fredericka, who died when three and a half years old; Harry; Herbert; Lloyd; Norman; Beatrice, and Ruth. Mr. Brachman and his family have their religious connection with the Reformed denomination.

BENJAMIN J. YOST, who is now holding the honorable position of chief burgess in Tamaqua borough, is an official of proved fidelity and trustworthiness, favorably known in the several sections of Schuylkill county where he has resided. He is himself a native of Pottsville, this county, a

son of Benjamin K. Yost, and belongs to a family whose members have long been respected for their adherence to high principles and upright lives.

The Yost family is of old standing in Pennsylvania. Daniel Yost, great-grandfather of Benjamin J. Yost, was born in Montgomery county, Pa., in 1759, and removed at an early day to what is now McKeansburg, Schuylkill county, where he died in 1839. He was an active, enterprising man in his day. A Whig in political faith, he always interested himself in public affairs, believing it the duty of every good citizen to protect and foster the common good, and he stood deservedly high in the community, not only because of his honorable character but also for his intelligence and good judgment. He was called to various positions of trust, being justice of the peace for a number of years in his township, and discharged the duties of the office with such marked ability and signal impartiality to all concerned that he was called up higher, being elected associate judge of the county. Judge Yost married Barbara Hillogus, and they had a family of ten children.

Jonathan Yost, son of Daniel, was born in Montgomery county, Pa., in 1797, and died in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, in 1866. He came to this county with his father, learned the blacksmith's trade, and followed it a number of years, but gave it up to go farming, which was his work during the last twenty years of his life. He was an active and ardent member of the German Reformed Church at McKeansburg, serving in nearly all the official positions in the church organization. He married Mary Kleckner, a daughter of Andrew Kleckner, one of the earlier emigrants from Germany into East Brunswick township, this county, where he followed farming and where he died. To this union were born twelve children, six sons and six daughters.

Benjamin K. Yost, son of Jonathan, was born in Schuylkill county. He learned the trade of shoemaker, and later operated the "Rising Sun Hotel" at Pottsville. For a time he was located near New Philadelphia, this county, lived for three years at McKeansburg, and in 1861 went to Mahanoy City, removing thence to Lofty, where he resided for three years. He then spent six months at Reading before he settled at Shenandoah, Schuylkill county, where he carried on the hotel business, and later the shoe business, until his death. He is buried at McKeansburg, this county. Mr. Yost was a member of the Masonic fraternity. Five children were born to his marriage with Mary Wagner, namely: Jonathan; S. W., who died in June, 1914 (he was cashier of the Shenandoah National Bank); Oscar, who died in 1915; Mary, who is living with her mother in Pennsylvania; and Benjamin J.

Benjamin J. Yost was born Aug. 20, 1853. He received his education in the public schools, principally at Shenandoah, and during his youth clerked for some time in a store there, also learning the trade of barber. Soon after this he turned his attention to the work of organizing camps for the Patriotic Order Sons of America, in Schuylkill, Union, Centre, Snyder, Clinton, Clearfield and Columbia counties, and was so engaged for a period of eighteen months, meeting with notable success. Returning to his trade he followed it for a few years, until appointed deputy clerk of the Schuylkill county courts, in which position he served one term. After that he resumed his trade at Shenandoah for two years, until he took charge of the "Lakeside Hotel" at Lakeside, Pa., which he carried on for eleven years. For another year he was in the restaurant business at Lansford, Pa., in September, 1911, coming to Tamaqua and going back to his trade. In June, 1914, he was appointed

chief burgess of the borough, by the Schuylkill county courts, and he is giving faithful attention to the duties of this responsible office, striving earnestly to promote the best interests of his town and fellow townsmen. Mr. Yost made an excellent record in his previous public service, having acted as health officer of Rush and Ryon townships, this county; as deputy coroner; and for seven years as a member of the council in Shenandoah.

Mr. Yost has always kept up his active connection with the P. O. S. of A. He holds membership in Washington Camp No. 112, of Shenandoah, has served as State marshal, and has attended twenty State and National conventions.

Mr. Yost was united in marriage with Martha R. Kohler, who died in June, 1914, and by whom he had the following children: Robert, Gertrude, Martha, Emma and Edgar.

WILLIAM R. BUCKLEY, M. D., one of the younger physicians in practice at Schuylkill county, is now acting as first assistant surgeon in the State hospital at Fountain Springs, with which institution he has been associated since his graduation, in 1913. Dr. Buckley was born at Girardville, this county, March 10, 1886, son of William and Mary (Horan) Buckley.

William Buckley, the father, was born in the Mill Creek district, near Pottsville, Schuylkill county. His father, Peter Buckley, a native of Ireland, had settled there upon coming to this country. He remained there until his death, working as an engineer at the mines. William Buckley came to Girardville when nineteen years old, and has been a resident of that place ever since. He has been engaged in mine work all his life, for years serving as superintendent and outside foreman at the Otto colliery, near Girardville, one of the large coal workings in Schuylkill county. His wife was born at Minersville, this county, daughter of Thomas Horan, who was born in Ireland and came to the United States at an early date, living for a time at Minersville and later moving to Girardville, where he conducted a hotel. He also served as tax collector of the latter place, and died there. Mr. and Mrs. William Buckley have had a family of nine children: Catherine, who is the wife of B. J. Duffy, an attorney, of Coaldale, Schuylkill county; Thomas V., a physician and surgeon, located at Lansford, Carbon Co., Pa.; William R.; John, deceased; Mary, who is engaged in teaching school at Branchdale, this county; Ella, also a teacher, at present engaged at Bridgeton, N. J.; Florence, Walter and Edwin, at home.

William R. Buckley obtained his preparatory education at Girardville. In 1909 he entered the Medico-Chirurgical College, at Philadelphia, and completed the course in 1912, graduating with the degree of M. D. Shortly afterwards he was appointed a member of the staff of the State hospital at Fountain Springs, in his native county, and he has since been appointed first assistant surgeon at that institution, which position he now holds. It affords exceptional facilities for experience, and Dr. Buckley's training has been such as to enable him to take advantage of this. Though he is just at the outset of his career he has already gained the reputation of being a thoroughly reliable surgeon, and his personal qualities as well as his professional attainments are such that he has every promise of a useful and successful future. He is a member of the Schuylkill County Medical Society, the State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Socially he belongs to Sheridan Council,

Knights of Columbus, for which organization he is medical examiner. In religious faith he is a Catholic, belonging to St. Joseph's Church.

JOHN GREGORY (deceased), of Shenandoah, son of Simon and Hannah (Webb) Gregory, was born Nov. 30, 1861, at Wadesville, Schuylkill county. He attended schools at Wadesville and Shenandoah, but his opportunities were limited, for at the age of nine years he began picking slate at Shenandoah, working at this for one year, when he left to take a position as clerk in the hardware store of Mr. Leuburg, at Shenandoah. In that store he remained until the year 1894, when he finally decided to enter business himself. Not having sufficient capital he succeeded in interesting H. W. Titman to venture with him into the business world as a partner, and on June 4, 1894, they deposited in the Merchants' National Bank an equal sum of money for the purpose of transacting business as above stated, the earnings of said company to be equally divided, John Gregory serving as manager for the concern, which was known as "The City Supply Co." On July 3, 1906, H. W. Titman sold his interest to John Gregory, wiping out the firm of the City Supply Co. and leaving John Gregory the sole owner. Under his capable management he built up a large wholesale and retail hardware business, and contributed his share towards establishing the high modern standards of business now characteristic of commercial life in the borough of Shenandoah, where all of his active years were spent. Though he started out without means, Mr. Gregory won his way steadily forward to a prominent position among local merchants, and by his sterling personal traits came to hold an equally high place in social relations. His business operations have left a permanent impression of improved conditions in mercantile interests in the community. On Sept. 1, 1913, while out automobiling, he had an accident, receiving injuries which resulted in his death Oct. 17, 1913.

Mr. Gregory was beloved as well as respected. It has been said that he never had any enemies. High-minded, just and sensible, he displayed most excellent qualities in all his associations, was esteemed for his goodness and kindness, and admired for his notable accomplishments in business. With his wife he belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church in Shenandoah, and took a genuine interest in its work, serving as librarian of the Sunday school. Fraternally he belonged to the Odd Fellows, holding membership in the lodge at Shenandoah. He was one of the directors of the Merchants' National Bank of Shenandoah and took an active part in its development.

On Sept. 22, 1885, Mr. Gregory married Eliza R. Evans, and of the children born to this marriage four reached maturity; Dollie E., who is actively engaged in managing her father's hardware business; Lillie M., who is attending the Peirce Business College in Philadelphia; Harold J., who is in the military school at Wenonah, N. J.; and Ruth M., in school at home.

Mr. Gregory's parents were natives of England and his father was a mine foreman in the local anthracite fields. He met his death, on the evening of Sept. 1, 1880, through the agency of an explosion of a quantity of an unknown explosive gas, while on duty at the Kehley Run colliery, Shenandoah, Pa. He had three brothers and one sister, all born in England, John, Richard, Mary and Elsie.

Mr. Gregory's mother, Hannah (Webb) Gregory, born in September, 1836, was the daughter of John Webb, who came to this country from England. He worked as a laborer and driver at the colliery, serving also as



*John Gregory*



stable boss, and died at the age of eighty-two years. He married in England Elizabeth Miles, and they had five children, the eldest, Charles Webb, born in 1834; Hannah was born in 1836; William, born in 1839, was killed at Raven Run; George, born in 1841, died at Wadesville; Henry John was born in 1854. The only surviving member of this family is Mrs. Hannah (Webb) Gregory, mother of John Gregory. She has had six children: Lillie (deceased), William, George, Emma, John (deceased) and Alfred S.

Lot Franklin and Phoebe Evans, grandparents of Mrs. John Gregory, were both of Quaker stock. They had children as follows: Thomas, now a clerk in his son's store in St. Clair, Schuylkill county; Baldwin, who clerks in a store at Glen Carbon, and is a shipper at the Pine Forest colliery; Frank, now deceased, who was mine boss at Pine Forest; Elizabeth, who married John Bowen, superintendent of one of the mine districts of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company; Sarah, who married Austin Darrah (they are deceased); and Lot Franklin. All had families.

Lot Franklin Evans, father of Mrs. Gregory, was born in Chester county, Pa., and was engaged as a stationary engineer at colliery No. 2, Lost Creek, near Shenandoah. He married Elizabeth Hammer, and they had a family of ten children, viz.: (1) Clara married Ambrose Titus, a mine engineer, of St. Clair, and they had children, Edward and Benjamin. The parents are deceased. (2) Albert, a carpet weaver, of Shenandoah, never married. (3) Phoebe, unmarried, lives at Shenandoah with her sister, Mrs. Gregory. (4) Isabella died unmarried. (5) Alonzo died at the age of fourteen years. (6) Lot F., employed as an engineer at the mines at St. Clair, married Sarah Pearson. They have no children. (7) Sarah is the wife of David Phillips, who is employed at outside work at the Scranton (Pa.) mines, and they have eight children, Roy, Jennie, Claud, Harry, Albert, Elizabeth, Thelma and Dolly. (8) Eliza R. is the widow of John Gregory. (9) Dolly died at the age of twenty-three years. (10) Sanford, deceased, married Saphronia Roth, who resides at Shenandoah. They had children: Elizabeth, who married Will Davis, of Stamford, Conn.; Myrtle, unmarried; Ethel, and Florence, the three last named living with their aunt Mrs. Gregory. All the members of this family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church at Shenandoah.

HENRY SACHS, of Nuremberg, Schuylkill county, is one of the best known residents of North Union township, his duties as postmaster and merchant bringing him into daily contact with most of his fellow citizens. He was born July 18, 1871, at Eckley, in Luzerne county, Pa., and is of German descent, his grandfather, John Sachs, having lived and died in Germany. He was a blacksmith at Eba, and is buried there. His wife came to America, and is buried at Nuremberg, Schuylkill Co., Pa. They were the parents of the following children: Daniel Martin; Elizabeth, widow of Henry Hill, living at Hazleton, Pa.; Adam, a retired miner and hotel-keeper of Freeland, Pa., who married Barbara Wiegand; Gertrude, wife of John Benner, watchman at the Hazleton National Bank; and Jacob, a miner, of Hazleton, who married Mary Heimbach. The parents adhered to the German Reformed faith.

Daniel Martin Sachs, son of John, was born Oct. 26, 1842, at Eba, Germany, and grew up in his native land, receiving ordinary educational advantages. When sixteen years old he made the journey to America alone, landing at New York and proceeding thence to Lofty, Schuylkill Co., Pa., whence



he walked to Eckley, Luzerne county. There he found work in the coal mines, first for Leisering & Co., later for Wentz & Co., and in time became foreman for the company. When he had been in this country about one year he sent to Germany for his mother, who joined him at Eckley. He removed from that place Aug. 15, 1881, to Deringer, Luzerne county, where he was mine foreman for Coxé Bros. & Co., and later was promoted to general mine foreman, holding that position until his death, which occurred at Deringer March 7, 1909. He and his wife, Anna Elizabeth (Wiegand), are buried at Nuremberg, Pa. He was a member of the German Reformed Church, a Republican in political sentiment, and at one time belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was elected to the office of school director, and was one of the highly respected members of the community in which he resided. To Mr. and Mrs. Daniel M. Sachs were born the following children: Elizabeth resides at Nuremberg, Pa.; William, of Hazleton, Pa., a surveyor, married Mary Spiece; Henry is next in the family; Anna Catherine is the wife of John Rabuck, draughtsman for the L. & N. Railroad Company, at Louisville, Ky.; Daniel Martin, of Oil City, Pa., vice president of the Northern Pipe Line Company, married Olive Lobach; Anna Donatas is a public school teacher at Weston, Pa., and lives at Nuremberg.

Mrs. Anna Elizabeth (Wiegand) Sachs was born in 1848 in Germany, and came to America with her parents when two years old, the family settling at Stockton, Luzerne Co., Pa. Her father, Christopher Wiegand, was a blacksmith, and after following his trade for a time turned to hotelkeeping, conducting the "Wiegand Hotel" at Freeland, Pa., up to the time of his death. He and his wife are both buried at Freeland. He belonged to the Reformed Church at that place, and in politics was associated with the Republican party. His children were: Gertrude, widow of William Sipple, living in Philadelphia; Anna Elizabeth, Mrs. Sachs; and Barbara, who is married to Adam Sachs, of Freeland.

Henry Sachs attended public school at Eckley and Gowen, Pa., and the Orangeville Academy in Columbia county, this State. When but eleven years old he commenced work at the Deringer breaker, picking slate, and was employed there for three months. Later he was in the office of the mine boss, as errand boy, in time was promoted to clerk, and held that position until he reached the age of twenty years. Then, being ambitious to better his condition, he took a commercial course at the Wyoming Seminary, in Luzerne county, and upon its completion returned to Deringer and took the position of warehouse man at Fern Glen for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. While so engaged he learned telegraphy, and he remained there for a year, until June 2, 1893. On June 2, 1894, he was appointed telegraph operator at Gum Run tower, for the same company, being stationed there two years; was next employed at the Deringer colliery of Coxé Bros. & Co., for a few years, shipping coal; and was transferred thence to the company store at Fern Glen, as bookkeeper, holding that position a few years. Resuming telegraphy, he became operator for the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company at Park Place until October, 1898, when he entered the employ of Lentz & Co., in their company store at Park Place, being retained there until Jan. 1, 1905. Mr. Sachs had to give up his work there on account of illness, and when he went back to work it was as station agent at Shepton, Schuylkill county, for the D. S. & S. Railroad Company, now the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company. He continued to discharge his duties as such until May, 1907,

when he became extra telegrapher for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and was so engaged until 1911. On July 17th of that year he bought the store of M. Griffith at Nuremberg, and has since conducted that establishment very successfully, dealing in shoes and clothing. The store has gained steadily in popularity under his management, and he has made a place for himself among the reliable merchants of the town, where he is held in high regard for his sterling personal qualities, shown in all the relations of life. On Nov. 16, 1911, Mr. Sachs received the appointment of postmaster at Nuremberg, and has filled the office since to the thorough satisfaction of his fellow citizens. His ability as an accountant is well known, and since May, 1906, he has been private auditor for the Central Pennsylvania Quarry Stripping & Construction Company and for the Benjamin Iron & Steel Company, both of Hazleton. He is secretary and treasurer, as well as a director, of the Conyngham Valley Telephone Company; is a past president and trustee of Washington Camp No. 96, P. O. S. of A., of Nuremberg; has been director of the Nuremberg Cornet Band since 1911, and plays the cornet with that organization; is affiliated with Camp No. 226, Woodmen of the World, at Rock Glen, Pa.; and is a leading member of Emanuel Reformed Church at Nuremberg, which he is now serving as deacon, trustee and secretary of the Sunday school. On political questions Mr. Sachs is a Republican. He has served as school director of North Union township.

On Feb. 22, 1896, Mr. Sachs was united in marriage with Edna Estella Breisch, who was born July 6, 1879, at Nuremberg, where she began her education in the public schools. Later she attended the public schools of Bloomsburg, Pa. She is a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church at Nuremberg, and a Sunday school teacher there at present. Mr. and Mrs. Sachs have had a family of four children: Larue A., born July 1, 1897, was educated at Nuremberg, graduating from the high school in 1915, and is a helpful worker in the Lutheran Church, singing in the choir and teaching in the Sunday school; Edgar Theodore, born Jan. 22, 1899, died March 16, 1899; Daniel Ray, born May 3, 1902, at Park Place, is attending school at Nuremberg; Walter Henry, born Aug. 13, 1908, is attending school at Nuremberg.

George Breisch, great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Sachs, moved from Bucks county, Pa., to Columbia county, and was one of the pioneer settlers in that region.

John Breisch, great-grandfather of Mrs. Sachs, died Oct. 29, 1873, aged seventy-seven years, one month, twelve days. He was a pioneer in the Catawissa valley, in Schuylkill county, farming in Union township, his property there belonging at present to the heirs of Henry Breisch. His wife, Elizabeth (Shuman), died Aug. 22, 1869, aged sixty-nine years, two months, twenty-nine days, and they are buried at the old White Church in Union township. Mr. Breisch held to the principles of the Republican party. His children were: Washington, who died when about twenty years old; Rudolph; Jacob, who married Fayette Zimmerman; Adam, who married Mary Rarig; Henry, who married Rebecca Reich; Josiah, who married Susanna Zimmerman; and Susanna, wife of John Maurer.

Rudolph Breisch, son of John, was born Jan. 5, 1826, was reared in Schuylkill county, and died Sept. 10, 1906. He and his wife are buried in the cemetery of the Old White Church, and he was one of the very active members of the Evangelical Lutheran congregation there, serving as elder, deacon, and in other important positions. In early life he was a Republican, but later he

voted independently. He served as a school director while living in Black Creek township, Luzerne county. For a time Mr. Breisch kept hotel at Middleport, Schuylkill county, later farmed in Black Creek township, and was subsequently engaged in merchandising at Brandonville, Schuylkill county, also lumbering near that place. On Jan. 26, 1847, he married Missouri Ann Zimmerman, who was born July 5, 1827, daughter of Roland and Elizabeth (Focht) Zimmerman, of Catawissa Valley, and died Feb. 19, 1913. They had the following family: Barbara E. married Benjamin Seltzer, and both are deceased; Theodore A. is mentioned below; John B., who lives at Mahanoy City, married Mary Boyer (deceased) and (second) Sallie Fisher; Montgomery R. died aged four years, nine months; Jeffrey A. married Hattie Miller and lives at Orwigsburg, Pa.; Minerva C. is the wife of Frank Davenport, of St. Clair, Pa.; Jacob W., deceased, married Carrie M. Stauffer, who lives at Nuremberg; Oliver A. is deceased; Oscar C. married Elma Fish, and they live at Kansas City, Kans.; Cyrus E. married Mayme Hagenbuch, and their home is at Mahanoy City.

Theodore A. Breisch was born Aug. 31, 1850, at Middleport, Schuylkill county, was reared in this county, and received his education in the public schools of Union township and at Wyoming Seminary, in Luzerne county. He began life as a clerk in the general store of Jacob Breisch at Zion Grove, in North Union township, where he remained for three years. In 1871, in partnership with J. M. Stout, he embarked in the general mercantile business at Nuremberg, and four years later bought out his partner, after that conducting the store alone until 1881. Then he became associated with his brother, Jacob William Breisch, and they did business together until the latter's death, April 26, 1915. Mr. Breisch is now carrying on the store on his own account. He also owns and operates a private water supply, having a large storage tank on his property, from which he supplies water to the inhabitants of the town. There is a water tower to produce pressure, and a full pumping outfit, and the service is very satisfactory, thirty-eight families patronizing this plant. It is typical of Mr. Breisch's progressive disposition. He has served North Union township as school director and tax collector, was auditor of Black Creek township, Luzerne county, and has twice been elected justice of the peace, but has never qualified. He is a Republican and a Lutheran, belonging to Emanuel Church at Nuremberg, of which he has been treasurer for several years.

On Sept. 1, 1872, Mr. Breisch married Mary C. Stauffer, who was born April 27, 1854, daughter of David and Maria Anne (Andreas) Stauffer, and an account of her parents and earlier ancestors appears elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Breisch is a native of Ringtown, where she was reared and educated. During her girlhood, until her marriage, she sang in the choir of the Old White Church near that borough. She is now a member of Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church at Nuremberg and has been a teacher in the Sunday school for many years, having been superintendent of the primary department and now teaching a young people's Bible class. Mrs. Breisch has also been active in the choir, having led the singing in church for a number of years. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Breisch: Erdie B., born June 10, 1873, is now the wife of Josiah Singley, who is engaged as a traveling salesman and resides at Wilkinsburg, Pa.; their children are Mary L. and Walter H. Gertrude M., born June 5, 1875, died Dec. 6, 1877. Lottie L., born Aug. 4, 1877, died March 24, 1881. Edna E. is the wife of

Henry Sachs. Willard E., born Nov. 13, 1881, assists his father in the store; he married Mayme King, and they have a family of four children, Harold A., Theodore W., Elva M. and Viola May.

OLIVER MILLER, of McAdoo, Schuylkill county, has been a resident of that borough from young manhood, and after a varied experience is now doing business there on his own account, having recently bought the interest of W. F. Miller in the only ice plant in the vicinity. He had been in Mr. Miller's employ for several years before he acquired the ownership of the business, which he is well qualified to continue successfully.

Daniel Miller, father of Oliver Miller, was born in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, and followed farming there until his death. His wife, whose maiden name was Susanna Runkel, is also deceased, and they are buried at the White Church in West Penn township. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Miller had two children, Oliver and Alice, the latter now married to Pierce Bear and living in Berks county, Pennsylvania.

Oliver Miller was born July 22, 1868, in West Penn township, this county, where he grew to manhood, obtaining his education in the public schools of the home locality. He was reared to farming, and after leaving home was engaged at such work in Rush township for about four years, at the end of that time settling at McAdoo. During the first four years of his residence in the town he drove team for Mr. Spangler, and was afterwards employed in different positions about the collieries. Then for six months he operated the electric light plant at McAdoo, and for the next seven years was in the employ of W. F. Miller, who conducted the ice business which Oliver Miller bought from him in the spring of 1915. In the winter season Mr. Miller does considerable hauling, and with both branches of his business is kept constantly busy. He is a man of recognized ability and trustworthiness, and has exercised a good influence in the public affairs of the borough, in which he has taken an active part for some time. In 1913 he was elected by a large majority as a member of the local school board, and is treasurer of that body. His political support has been given to the Republican party. Socially he affiliates with the P. O. S. of A. and the Order of Independent Americans.

Mr. Miller married Dora Frank, and two of the children born to this marriage died young, the survivors being: Edna, Harry, Mabel, Florence and Helen. The family are Lutherans in religious faith.

GEORGE B. MCCLELLAN HORN, late of East Brunswick township, was a prosperous farmer and substantial citizen of that township until his death, which occurred when he was in his prime. His widow, who now resides at McKeansburg, is a member of the Albright and Fegley families, both highly respected in this section, where they have long been associated with good citizenship and progress.

Mr. Horn was born in Lehigh county, Pa., Oct. 8, 1862, son of Jonathan Horn and grandson of Christian Horn. The father was also a native of Lehigh county, born Jan. 7, 1827, in Heidelberg township. At the age of twelve years he was apprenticed to learn the blacksmith's trade, at which he continued to work until forty years old, and he was considered one of the best blacksmiths in Lehigh county. In 1866 he purchased a fine farm in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, from William Albright, for

\$9,000. He was a good manager, and soon bought another farm, from William Bolich, for \$10,000, which later became the property of his son George and is now owned by the latter's widow, Mrs. Hattie Horn. The first farm is now owned by George K. Zimmerman. Mr. Horn also bought a farm from Reuben Jones, for \$2,700, which property is now owned by his son Jonathan P. Jonathan Horn married Sophia Louisa Bock, who was born Aug. 20, 1833, in Albany township, Berks Co., Pa., daughter of George and Rebecca (Henninger) Bock, also natives of Albany township. Children as follows were born to this marriage: Hannah Louise, born April 3, 1850, died June 3, 1850; Lucetta Rebecca, born June 9, 1851, married Dr. P. C. Detwiler, a dentist, of Schuylkill Haven, Pa.; Josiah Franklin, born June 4, 1853, married Agnes Koch; Thomas Henry, born March 20, 1855, died July 7, 1861, aged six years, three months, seventeen days; Elmira Missouri, born June 16, 1857, is the widow of Thomas Bensinger, and lives in McKeansburg, Pa.; Jonathan Peter, born Aug. 26, 1859, married Rebecca Rarick; George B. McClellan, born Oct. 8, 1862, married Hattie Albright; Priscilla June, born Sept. 7, 1864, died July 12, 1896; Sophia Louisa, born March 27, 1867, died April 9, 1886; Sarah Maria, born April 10, 1869, died Jan. 21, 1890; Howard Walter married Alvina Gottshall; Agnes Victoria married Oliver Mimm. Before the death of Jonathan Horn his sons George and Jonathan P. bought the two farms remaining. He died Aug. 27, 1905, his wife on July 15, 1910. They are buried at McKeansburg.

George B. McClellan Horn was educated in the schools of East Brunswick township, where he grew to manhood, meantime assisting his father on the home farm. Before the death of his father he bought the property of 100 acres, all cleared, which originally had been the William Bolich farm, and carried on general farming until his death, which occurred Feb. 23, 1906. He was a progressive worker, an interested member of McKeansburg Grange, No. 1256, Patrons of Husbandry, and also belonged to Washington Camp No. 100, P. O. S. of A., of New Ringgold. His political allegiance was given to the Democratic party. He held the esteem of all his fellow citizens, and was a valued member of the Christ Lutheran Church at McKeansburg, where he is buried.

Mr. Horn married Hattie Albright, a daughter of Charles and Rebecca (Fegley) Albright, and they had two children: Clarence Albright, born June 16, 1891, attended school in East Brunswick township, graduated from Schuylkill Seminary, Reading, Pa., in the class of 1912, and is now a student in the Pennsylvania State College; he taught school one year in Lilesville, N. C. Harry Franklin, born Aug. 31, 1894, began his education in the East Brunswick township schools, and was a member of the class of 1915 at Schuylkill Seminary, Reading, Pa., taking a preparatory course.

Mrs. Hattie (Albright) Horn was born June 23, 1870, in West Brunswick township, and received her education in the schools of East Brunswick township. After the death of her husband she continued to reside on the farm, managing it for seven years. When her children went away to school she rented the place to Frank Kriner, and moved to McKeansburg, where she had bought a fine residence from Simon Mengle, and is still residing there. She is an active member of the Church of God (Steigerwalts).

Peter Albright, Mrs. Horn's grandfather, was a farmer in West Brunswick township, owning a tract which he operated for a number of years, when he rented it out. Then he went into the general store business at

Drehersville, this county, which he conducted until he sold out and returned to his farm, where he died when over ninety years of age. His wife, Polly (Fusselman), lived to be over seventy. They had six children: Isabelle married John Kimmel, who is deceased; Catherine married Nathan Saltzer, and both are deceased; Elizabeth married Henry Hoy, and both are deceased; James, deceased, married Caroline Heisler; Charles is the father of Mrs. Horn; Francisca is deceased. The parents are buried in the Reformed cemetery at Orwigsburg. Mr. Albright was a Democrat, and a member of the Reformed Church at Orwigsburg.

Charles Albright, Mrs. Horn's father, was a farmer throughout his active years, always working for his father until the latter's death. He married Rebecca Fegley, who was born Jan. 29, 1847, in Pinedale, West Brunswick township, daughter of Nathan and Phoebe (Knittle) Fegley, and their children are: James married Phoebe Kimmel; Lizzie married Albert G. Koch; Agnes married Howard G. Kimmel, who is deceased; Hattie is the widow of George B. McClellan Horn. Mr. Albright is now living retired with his daughter, Mrs. Albert Koch, in East Brunswick township. Like his father he is a staunch Democrat, and he united with the Reformed Church at Orwigsburg.

Abraham Fegley, Mrs. Horn's great-grandfather in the maternal line, was born in Berks county, Pa., and was a farmer by occupation all his life. He was the owner of a large tract. He married twice, and had the following children by his first wife: Nathan; Charles, who married Lavina Hoffman; and Elizabeth, Mrs. William Dreher. Five children were born to his second marriage: Catherine, Sallie, Amanda (Mrs. Andrew Haupt), Reuben (who married Maria Boyer) and Daniel. Mr. Fegley and both his wives are buried at Orwigsburg. He was a member of the Reformed Church there, and a Democrat on political questions.

Nathan Fegley, son of Abraham, was born in Longswamp township, Berks Co., Pa., settled in West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, and was a farmer for John Matz at Pinedale. Later he bought a farm of sixty-five acres in West Brunswick which he operated until his death. By his marriage to Phoebe Knittle, daughter of Daniel and Rebecca (Paul) Knittle, he had children as follows: Daniel married Mary Zimmerman; Sarah is the widow of Benjamin Zimmerman; Rebecca is the mother of Mrs. Horn; Joanna married Jack Kramer; William married Sarah Bachman; Kate married George Moyer; Susanna married Charles Kramer. Nathan Fegley was a prominent member of the Church of God at Steigerwalt, active in all its affairs, and zealous in the promotion of religious interests generally. He held to the principles of the Democratic party.

SALEM BENJAMIN SCHAFFER, of East Brunswick township, is a son of Benjamin Schaffer and grandson of the late Jacob Schaffer, both of whom lived and worked in that township. All of the name have been respected citizens and held a worthy place in the community, aiding in the development of her agricultural resources specially and doing their share in furthering local progress.

Jacob Schaffer, the grandfather, was a farmer and stonemason in East Brunswick township. He learned his trade early in life, and later he bought a farm of forty-five acres, part of which he cleared. He operated his farm in connection with work at his trade, and when his children became old



enough they took care of the land while he gave all his time to his trade. He died on the farm. His wife, Priscilla (Sassaman), died in October, 1912, aged ninety-one years. Children as follows were born to them: Jacob, deceased, married Emma Yoxhammer, who now lives in Chicago, Ill.; Henry, deceased, married Sarah Bachert, who resides in East Brunswick township; Benjamin is next in the order of birth; Priscilla married Jacob Marbach, and they reside at Middleport, Pa.; Amanda married Harry McMullin, and they reside at Reading, Pa.; Mary married Solomon Bachert, and they are residents of East Brunswick township; Lizzie married a Mr. Reed, and both are deceased; Emma married Frank Halderman, and resides at New Haven, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Schaffer are buried at the Frieden's Church, New Ringgold. He was a leading member of the Lutheran congregation of that church, which he served as elder, deacon, and in other capacities. His political sympathies were with the Democratic party, and he held the office of supervisor.

Benjamin Schaffer, son of Jacob, was born in East Brunswick township, June 3, 1851, was reared and educated in that township, and assisted his father on the farm until twenty-one years of age. Then he married and bought a few acres in East Brunswick township, on which he settled. He learned the trades of plasterer and stonemason, which he followed for a few years, when he sold his little place and bought a tract of fifty acres in West Penn township, this county, and cultivated it in addition to working at his trades. Later he sold this tract and came to East Brunswick township, first purchasing a tract of fifty acres and later a tract of 153 acres, for his son Salem. Up to 1914 he had about eighty acres. He then bought a house and small lot and is now living retired, his son Norman Edward having one of his farms, and his son Salem another tract, now having 108 acres. Benjamin Schaffer has always followed plastering and stone-masonry as well as agricultural work. His wife, Savina (Halderman), now about sixty-seven years old, is a daughter of Abraham and Priscilla (Zimmerman) Halderman, and children as follows have been born to them: Amanda, who died in infancy; Harvey Franklin, who died young; Salem Benjamin; Claude, who died young; Elizabeth, wife of Howard W. Hessinger; Samuel, who married Maude DeLong; Maude, living at home; and Norman Edward, who married Annie Heiser. Mr. Schaffer is a Democrat, has been elected school director, and is a devout member of the United Evangelical Church at New Ringgold. At one time he was a teacher in the Sunday school.

Salem B. Schaffer was born Nov. 1, 1877, in East Brunswick township, where he spent his early years attending the public schools. He worked for his father until twenty-one years old, when he was married and moved to his present place, which he operated for his father for seven years, until he bought it. He has occupied this farm since March 29, 1900, and has almost sixty-five acres under cultivation, the balance in timber. During the summer months Mr. Schaffer "hucksters" to Middleport and New Philadelphia twice a week. His industrious character and sterling personal qualities hold the esteem of all who have dealings with him. He is a member in good standing of the Reformed congregation at the Frieden's Church, New Ringgold, and socially is united with Protection Council, No. 935, Order of Independent Americans, at McKeanburg. Politically he is a Democrat.

Mr. Schaffer is married to Katie Rebecca Houser, who was born May 22, 1876, at Tamaqua, this county, received a public school education in West Penn township, and at Nesquehoning, Carbon county, and remained at home



until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Schaffer have had four children, born as follows: William Edward, May 23, 1900; Ethel May, July 6, 1902; Ida Elizabeth, Oct. 14, 1907; Harriet Arline, Dec. 28, 1910 (died Feb. 5, 1911). The latter is buried at Frieden's Church. The surviving children attend school in the township.

Abraham Houser, Mrs. Schaffer's grandfather, was a farmer in East Brunswick township, where he died. He and his wife are buried at Zion's Church in West Penn township. They had the following children, all now deceased: Mrs. William Bachert; Frank and Abraham, both of whom died in the West; Sarah, who married John L. Eckert (he is deceased); Diana, who married a Johnson (he is deceased); Jonathan, the father of Mrs. Schaffer; Eli, who married Rebecca Houser, who is deceased; and Nathan.

Jonathan Houser was born in Kleckner's valley, in East Brunswick township, Nov. 18, 1845, and died Jan. 18, 1912. He was educated in his native township, worked at home on the farm until his marriage, and also handled timber. Later he was employed by the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, on the run from Tamaqua to Port Richmond, Philadelphia, and during his fourteen years' service on the railroad resided in Tamaqua. After leaving the railroad he rented a farm for two years, then removing to Nesquehoning, Carbon Co., Pa., where he drove teams for John T. Miller, lumber dealer. He continued at this occupation until within a year of his death, being obliged to retire because of illness. He is buried at Nesquehoning. Mrs. Houser is now living with her children. Her maiden name was Mary DeFrehn, and she was born Dec. 3, 1848, a daughter of Henry and Rebecca (Miller) DeFrehn, natives of Berks county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Houser had children as follows: Rosie Alice married William Hile, and resides at Nesquehoning, Pa.; John Francis, also of Nesquehoning, married Mary Gettes, who is deceased; Jere Henry was killed on the railroad when twenty-six years old; Katie Rebecca is the wife of Salem B. Schaffer; Mary Elizabeth married John Lubert, and after his death (second) Edward J. Peters, and they reside at Allentown, Pa.; Annie Amanda married Adam Bechtel, and lives at Nesquehoning; Samuel Eli married Hattie Davis, and lives at Nesquehoning; Dora Jane married Charles Staudt, of Nesquehoning; Oliver Franklin died in infancy; William Harrison is a resident of Nesquehoning; Stella May is now in Allentown, Pa.; Amelia Irene died when fourteen months old. Mr. Houser attended Zion's Church in West Penn township. He was a Republican in his political views.

HENRY DANNER, of Rush township, is one of the remarkably successful agriculturists of his section of Schuylkill county. Few men in that region have worked as hard for advancement, and few have had as satisfactory results. His fine property, as he has developed it, is considered an asset to the locality, for it is a practical demonstration of the possibilities of the neighborhood and an encouragement to others who have interests there. He makes a specialty of truck and fruit raising, and manufactures and deals in ice.

Mr. Danner is a native of Bavaria, Germany, born Sept. 7, 1856, son of Henry Jacob Danner, who was extensively engaged in farming and was also a merchant. The father made two trips to America, but never took up his residence in this country, and he died in Germany when seventy-one years old. His wife, Caroline (Grund), died in Germany at the age of fifty-six

years. They had children as follows: Frederick, Jacob, Peter, Henry, Elizabeth and Caroline.

Henry Danner spent his early life in Germany, assisting his father. When ten years old he came to America with his father, and for six weeks was at St. Clair, Schuylkill Co., Pa. Returning with his father to Germany, he remained there until sixteen years old, when he again came to this country. For a time he was at Girardville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., employed at lime burning, living at that place about fifteen months. He then went West to Iowa, and did railroad work for three years, and returning East located at Cressona, this county, where he assisted in the building of a limekiln, being so occupied for six months. Again he was in Iowa for a few months, removing thence to Nebraska, where he bought 160 acres of railroad land in Hamilton county, upon which, however, he remained only a short time. He next went to Kansas, where he was employed in a quarry for five months, after which he made a trip to New York City, from which place he came to Tamaqua. Here he was engaged at lime burning for six months, and then married, taking his wife out to his farm in Nebraska, where they lived a little while. Selling this place he went up to Minneapolis, Minn., but after fifteen months' residence there went back to Nebraska, where they had their home for the next twenty-one months. Coming to Tamaqua, Pa., they were here but a short time when they returned to Minneapolis, living there two years, since when they have resided in Pennsylvania. On coming from Minneapolis they spent six months at Tamaqua, and then bought a tract of seventy acres in Rush township, Schuylkill county, part of which is included in Mr. Danner's present property there. He sold it and went to Shamokin, Pa., for a time, but having decided to devote himself to farming bought his place back, and he has since added to it until he now has three hundred acres, all valuable land. Of this large tract 175 acres are under excellent cultivation. It has all been cleared and improved by hard work, and Mr. Danner and his wife have labored very effectively to get all the details of their work in systematic shape, by which means they are able to accomplish much more than would be possible under average conditions. Besides ordinary crops Mr. Danner raises large quantities of truck and fruit, having over fifteen hundred fruit trees, apples, peaches and pears. He has made his way by diligent, intelligent application to his work, and deserves to be called a self-made man, for all his progress and prosperity is due to his own exertions. From time to time he has turned his hand to other work, as opportunity has offered. For several years he was engaged in dairying, having thirty cows, but he gave up this branch of farming in 1908. He is also interested in the ice business, having built three dams on his land to facilitate the production of ice, which he disposes of in Tamaqua, Lansford and Coaldale.

On May 4, 1881, Mr. Danner married Mary Louisa Schwalm, a native of Tamaqua, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (May) Schwalm. Fourteen children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Danner, but nine died young, the survivors being: Rebecca married Henry Hogle; Jacob married Annie Waters; Frederick married Elizabeth Aikens; Ruth married Charles Eberts; Edgar married Lucy Brode.

Mr. Danner is an Odd Fellow in good standing, belonging to Lodge No. 86, of Tamaqua. His religious connection is with the Evangelical denomination.

JOHN J. HEDE (deceased) was established in the general merchandise business at Ashland for almost a quarter of a century, having a well-stocked store on Walnut street. Mr. Hede was a native of Schuylkill county, born near Ashland in July, 1860, son of Michael Hede and grandson of John and Mary (Kilcline) Hede. The grandparents came to America in 1852, following the emigration of their son Michael, and settled at Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa., in 1856, building the home there occupied by their grandson, the late John J. Hede. They continued to reside in the borough the remainder of their lives, Mr. Hede dying in 1871, Mrs. Hede in 1870. Both reached the advanced age of eighty; they are buried at Ashland. John Hede was employed in the mines in the vicinity from the time of his settlement here. His family consisted of four children, Catherine, Michael, John and Winnie.

Michael Hede, the father of John J. Hede, was born in County Roscommon, Ireland, where he was reared to mining. He came to this country alone in 1842, and at once located in Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa., later moving to the vicinity of Pottsville. In 1876 he returned to Ashland, where he passed the remainder of his days, dying in March, 1892. He always followed mining after coming to the county. At Port Carbon, this county, Mr. Hede married Bridget Kennedy, who was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland, daughter of Michael and Mary (Caton) Kennedy, who came to the United States with their family in the year 1850, and made their home near Pottsville, continuing to reside there the rest of their lives. Mrs. Kennedy died in 1870. They had a family of four children, namely: Olivia, Fannie, Bridget and Julia. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hede became the parents of eight children, viz.: Anna, who is deceased; John J.; Dennis, deceased; Mary, deceased; Michael, a resident of Ashland; Kate, deceased; William, who lives at Ashland, married to Jane Ross of that place; and Joseph, deceased. Of the daughters, Mary married Michael Hennessy, who is also deceased, and to them were born three children, Anna, Agatha and Catherine; of these, Anna married Thomas Flanagan, of Port Carbon, this county. The other two made their home with their uncle, John J. Hede, assisting him in the conduct of the general store.

John J. Hede was educated in the schools of Blythe township, this county. When only nine years old he commenced to work in the mines, continuing to follow this occupation until 1890. That year he established the business at Ashland, where he conducted a general store the rest of his life, having a thriving trade. He established himself among the prosperous business men of the borough as a progressive and reliable merchant and his reputation and obliging service to all his customers attracted a large share of the local patronage. Mr. Hede was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Ashland. He died in 1914.

GEORGE K. ZIMMERMAN owns and operates a valuable farm in East Brunswick township, acquired by persevering industry and thrifty management. He settled there about fifteen years ago and began modestly, renting the property for five years before he purchased it, and he has made his way by honest labor which has won him respect as well as prosperity. Mr. Zimmerman is up-to-date in his agricultural operations, is an all-around mechanic of practical ability, and is typically German in his thoroughness and regard for details.

John D. Zimmerman, his father, was a native of Prussia, Germany, born

July 22, 1823, and emigrated to this country when a young man. Here he learned the wheelwright's trade. Making a return visit to Germany, the ship he sailed in was wrecked and he lost everything he had with the exception of the clothes he wore. He married in the old country and came back to America, settling at Leesport, Berks Co., Pa., where he followed his trade. When his son George was about eight years old he left Leesport for South Manheim township (Jefferson), Schuylkill Co., Pa., and there worked at his trade for John M. Kauffman, iron master, for many years. He also owned a farm of thirty-seven and a half acres which he operated in connection with work at his trade, until his children were able to look after it. He cleared quite a portion of that tract. When he became too old to work he sold his farm and bought the house and small patch of ground where he spent his few remaining years in retirement. Mr. Zimmerman married Anna Julianna Knieram, who died in 1870, aged forty-seven years, the mother of the following children: William K. married Devilla Dry; George K. is next in the family; Christianna married James Zulick and after his death (second) Howard Klahr; John married Mary Shotts; Levi died when fourteen years old; Clara married Harry Peifer; several died in infancy. The father survived the mother many years, passing away Dec. 4, 1904. He is buried at Auburn, she at Summer Hill. Politically he was a Democrat, and he served his township as supervisor. His religious connection was with St. Paul's Reformed Church at Summer Hill, in South Manheim township, which he served as deacon.

George K. Zimmerman was born June 19, 1856, at Leesport, Berks Co., Pa. He attended school in South Manheim township and worked for his father until sixteen years old, when he learned shoemaking with John S. Heim, in that township, working for him seven years. Going to Miami county, Ind., he did farm work for Joseph Fisher and a Mr. Dewalt, and also followed his trade at Peru, same county, during the year he remained there. In the fall of 1879 he came back to South Manheim township, and followed his trade until his marriage in the spring of 1880. Thereafter he worked at his trade in Browerstown, South Manheim township, for sixteen years, having a house and one and a quarter acres of land, his shop in the basement of the dwelling. For one year he then worked as a farm laborer for Mrs. Sarah Heim, until he moved to Dreherstown, in East Brunswick township, and rented the Nathan Kindt farm for four years. Then he removed to his present place, and tenanted it for five years, for Jonathan Horn, before he bought the farm, which he is still operating. Mr. Zimmerman has almost two hundred acres, of which 150 acres are cleared, and he has made many improvements on the place during his ownership. Most of the land is devoted to general farming, with about four acres in garden truck for which Mr. Zimmerman finds a profitable sale, marketing to Palo Alto and Port Carbon once a week in winter and twice a week in the summer season. He built a story to his spring-house, where he still carries on shoemaking at odd times, and as he is proficient at other trades also he is busily occupied. He has a working knowledge of several useful callings. He learned the carpenter's trade with Percival Henne, serving a three years' apprenticeship, and still follows it occasionally. He learned the painting trade with his brother John, and has found all these serviceable in the various channels into which his energy has gone. He has a threshing outfit and goes out among the farmers to thresh; has a fodder cutter which he uses the same way; owns and operates a circular saw, cutting

firewood for the farmers; and for twenty-five years butchered among the neighboring farmers, until three years ago. The work of improving his own place has gone forward steadily, and he has erected a number of convenient out-buildings. Mr. Zimmerman has also exerted himself in local public improvements. He held the office of supervisor six years and was school director two terms, during one term serving as secretary of the board. Though now independent in politics he was a Democrat in his earlier years and quite active in the party, acting as delegate for South Manheim township to county conventions held at Pottsville and Minersville.

At one time Mr. Zimmerman was a member of Washington Camp No. 45, P. O. S. of A., at Auburn, is a past president, and has been representative to the State Camp; he belonged to Protection Council, No. 935, Order of Independent Americans, McKeansburg, and was councilor three terms; is a member and past councilor of Pilgrim Council, No. 18, Daughters of America, at McKeansburg, and secretary of that lodge at present; a member of McKeansburg Grange, No. 1256, Patrons of Husbandry, and was at one time chaplain; and for two years he was a member of the Pittsburgh Pension Life Association. He started the Sunday school at Browerstown, in South Manheim township, acted as superintendent, and assisted in the purchase of the organ. His church connection is with Christ Reformed congregation at McKeansburg, which he served as deacon for two years. His wife is a member of Christ Lutheran Church, McKeansburg.

At Schuylkill Haven Mr. Zimmerman married Katie Ann Fichthorn, who was born in Upper Bern township, Berks Co., Pa., July 28, 1861, and was educated in the district schools. Children as follows have been born to them: Mary Eva married Edward Seaman; Lucy Ann married Harvey Kimmel; Katie Ann married Fred Seaman; John Adam married Rosie Kunkle; George Franklin is unmarried; William Henry is unmarried; Lillie May married John G. Reber; Albert Nathaniel is next in the family; three died in infancy unnamed; Edward Levi, Ida May, Wesley, Sarah Matilda, Bertha and Walter Roosevelt complete the family.

Jacob Fichthorn, father of Mrs. Zimmerman, was born in Upper Bern township, Berks county, and was a farmer all his life, having a tract of sixty-four acres. He married Eva Hollenbach, a native of Berks county, and they had children: Franklin; Matilda, Mrs. Charles Berger; Sarah; Nathaniel, who married Kate Baltzer; Katie Ann; and one that died in infancy. The father died when eighty-six years old, the mother at the age of sixty-five, and they are buried at St. Michael's Church in Tilden township, Berks county. He was a member of that church, and a Democrat in politics.

PETER L. HOFFMAN, late of Brockton, was for many years one of the most popular residents of his part of Schuylkill county. Though esteemed for his honorable and successful business career, it was not that alone which made him so valued a citizen, but the qualities of heart and intellect which endeared him to an unusually wide circle of friends and acquaintances. With intelligence and progressive ideas beyond the average, he used his powers and influence in behalf of the general good so freely that his unselfish public spirit came to be regarded as one of the strongest assets of the enterprising element in the community, and his recent death was mourned as a personal loss by a large number of his fellow townsmen.

Mr. Hoffman was born at Brockton, Nov. 9, 1860, and was of German

extraction, his, father, Nicholas Hoffman, having been a native of Germany, whence he came to America in young manhood. Settling at what was then known as Patterson (now Brockton), Schuylkill Co., Pa., when the town was in its infancy, he engaged in the manufacture of cigars and also conducted a hotel, following both branches of business throughout his active years. He died at the age of fifty-three years. Mr. Hoffman was the father of a large family: William, John, Jacob and Frank are all deceased; Michael lives at Newkirk, Schuylkill county; Peter L. is deceased; Mary is the wife of Albert Fritz; Elizabeth married Peter Post; Gertrude is the widow of Harry Focht, who was superintendent of the Pencoyd Iron Works at Manayunk, near Philadelphia; Catherine married Joseph Bosler; Lena married Jacob Hartz; Matilda married Willis Parnell, an attorney, who is a member of the Schuylkill county bar and resides at Brockton.

Peter L. Hoffman grew up at Brockton, attending the local public schools in his boyhood. He had very good educational advantages, going to school until he was twenty-one years old, and his studies included a course at the Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Then he became interested with his father in the manufacture of cigars at Brockton, and after his father's death he and his brother William continued the business for a time, Peter L. Hoffman subsequently carrying it on alone. He also operated the hotel which his father had established, and which is still owned in the family, and under his management it gained added prestige, his conformity to modern ideas and faculty for pleasing his guests drawing many new patrons and giving increased satisfaction to the old ones. Mr. Hoffman was always a student, and his library included a number of rare books as well as standard works of recognized worth. He had a reflective turn of mind and a gift for writing, and contributed a number of articles to the local press, which were always acceptable and sure of interested readers. His interest in education led him to take an active part in securing the best possible advantages for his community, and for sixteen years he was on the school board of Schuylkill township, filling all the offices of that body with characteristic ability. He built the first schoolhouse at Maryd. For several years Mr. Hoffman also served as township tax collector, in fact, he was never defeated as a candidate for local office. But in his later years he refused all such honors, though he never relinquished his support and encouragement to all good movements. Politically he was a Democrat in opinion. His place in the community can never be filled, and his death, which occurred June 3, 1915, was considered a public bereavement. He is buried at Brockton.

Mr. Hoffman was married to Lena Brachman, daughter of Frederick W. Brachman, late of Brockton, and she passed away March 5, 1896. They are survived by two daughters: Maud E. and Ruth M. They reside at the old homestead and continue to conduct the hotel, for which Miss Maud E. Hoffman now holds the license. There are thirty acres of land in connection with the hotel property.

HARRY M. MICHAEL, of Quakake, Schuylkill county, is a prosperous merchant, commanding a good share of the patronage in his town and adjacent territory. His business has been built up by conscientious attention to the wants of his customers, and has grown steadily from the beginning, his store being now one of the most popular trading places in that section.

Mr. Michael was born Sept. 23, 1875, at Beaver Valley, in Columbia

county, Pa., and belongs to an old family of that section, where it is traced back for several generations. Ulrich Michael was born in Columbia county, where he spent his honorable life engaged in agricultural pursuits, and there he died.

Adam Michael, son of Ulrich Michael, was born at Beaver Valley, Columbia Co., Pa. In addition to operating a farm of 350 acres in Beaver township he conducted a hotel at Summerhill, same county, for a number of years, until his death. He married a Miss Hotz, and their children were: Manasseh; Charles, who married twice, both his wives being members of the Hosler family; George Washington, who married a Miss Beaver; Andrew, who married Rebecca Gensel; John, who died at the age of twelve years; Stephen, who married Sarah Gensel; Mrs. Peter Houck; Mrs. Benjamin Houck (one of these two daughters was named Sallie); Elizabeth, now deceased, who married Elias Miller; and Caroline, who married Michael Hunts. Adam Michael was a Democrat and held a number of the township offices. He was a consistent member of the German Lutheran Church. He died in 1841, when about fifty-seven years old, and with his wife, who passed away several years later, is buried in a private graveyard on the edge of the farm he owned in Beaver valley.

Manasseh Michael, son of Adam Michael, was born in Beaver township, Columbia county, and lived with his parents until he reached manhood. Then he moved to Berks county, Pa., where he married. He was a boatman on the Schuylkill canal, having his own boat, and was engaged in carrying coal from the vicinity of Pottsville to Philadelphia until he met with an accident, a piece of timber falling on him. He lingered for nine years, dying in December, 1838, at the early age of thirty-seven, in Berks county, and he is buried there, at Strausstown, in the Michael Church cemetery in Bern township. He married Susanna Hossler (or Hosler), member of a well known family of Berks county who had extensive farming interests, and they had children as follows: Levi; William, a miller, who died near Allentown, Pa. (he was in the Civil war for three years); Manassah, who was in the hotel business and died at Pottsville, Pa.; Ebezine, widow of Josiah Johnson, residing on Penn street in Reading, Pa.; Lucy Ann, who married Thomas Shuman, a merchant at Beaver Valley; and Angeline, Mrs. Franklin L. Shuman, of Catawissa, Columbia Co., Pa. About 1850 the widowed mother removed with her family to Columbia county, settling in Beaver township, where she died Feb. 16, 1884. She is buried in St. Peter's Church yard (Harger cemetery), in that section.

Levi Michael, son of Manasseh, was born in Berks county, where he spent his early years, but most of his life was passed in Columbia county. He was a merchant in Beaver township and well known in that vicinity, where he died in 1914, at the age of eighty-two years. He is buried in Beaver township. He was a veteran of the Civil war, in which he served three years, having enlisted from Pottsville in Company H, 17th Pennsylvania Cavalry. He married Annie Jane Gearhart, who died when sixty-one years old. The following children were born to them: Harry M., Alfred L., Gertrude, George, Lottie, Norman, Robert, Jennie and Russell.

Harry M. Michael received his education in the public schools and was only a boy when he mastered telegraphy, taking the night turn at the Quakake station when he was but fourteen years old. He held it for four years, at the end of which time he was transferred to the Beaver Valley station,



remaining there three years. He was next at Hazleton Junction, for two and a half years, until appointed station agent at Brandonville, where he was located for two years. Thence he changed to Ashland, where he was ticket agent for three years, until his removal to Quakake, in 1903. Here he opened the general store which he has since carried on, and which is well stocked with the lines in demand, Mr. Michael taking great pains to fill the wants of all his customers. Honorable and reliable in all his transactions, and possessing good executive ability, he has handled the business well and deserves the prosperity which has rewarded him. He stands high in the regard of his fellow citizens, who have chosen him to the office of road treasurer, which he filled for five years. He is a member of the Brotherhood and the Improved Order of Heptasophs, and takes an active part in the work of the latter organization.

Mr. Michael married Effie Eveland, daughter of Edw. Eveland, a blacksmith, of Quakake, and five children have been born to them: Helen; Gladys; Charles; Dorothy, who died when four years old; and a son that died in infancy. The family attend the Evangelical Church.

CHARLES W. EISINGER has been a lifelong resident of Schuylkill county, having been born near Pottsville Sept. 19, 1863, and most of his life has been spent at Ashland. He commenced his present line of business in 1880, and after ten years' experience at Port Carbon established himself at Ashland.

Mr. Eisinger is of German extraction. His grand-parents lived and died in Germany, and his father, Christian Eisinger, was born in the Kingdom of Wurtemberg, where he passed his early years. When a youth of sixteen he emigrated to America, and first located at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., later removing to Pottsville, where he was married. From there he came to Ashland, where he engaged in the grocery business up to 1898, that year taking up his residence in Philadelphia, where he passed the remainder of his life. His death occurred there in 1906. Mr. Eisinger married Christiana Miller, a native of Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, whose parents died in that country. She came to the United States when a young girl and lived first at Minersville, Schuylkill county, later removing to Pottsville. She died in Philadelphia in 1904. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Christian Eisinger, of whom Charles W. is the eldest; Gussie is deceased; Henrietta is the wife of Edmund Silber, of Philadelphia; Edward resides in that city; Anna is the wife of Otto Parodat, of Philadelphia; Emma M. is the wife of Aaron Motter, of Philadelphia; Louise died young; another child died in infancy.

Charles W. Eisinger was an infant when his parents settled at Ashland, in 1864. His education was received in the public schools there, and as he had to commence work rather early he attended night school for some time. Starting at the age of fourteen years he was employed at the collieries near Ashland until 1880, in which year he entered his present line, which he started in the employ of Hebner & Paul, of Port Carbon. He first handled sewing machines. After ten years with the firm mentioned he commenced business on his own account at Ashland, and when he considered there was sufficient inducement sold pianos, as well as sewing machines. He first dealt in old square pianos, selling uprights after the others became unpopular, and also put in a stock of smaller musical instruments, handling graphophones, phono-

graphs, etc. Since dealing in musical instruments he has also sold a number of organs. Mr. Eisinger's first location at Ashland was across the street from his present place, which property he bought in 1901. It is at No. 1609 Centre street. Mr. Eisinger has found a profitable field of employment in and around Ashland, and has a large number of well satisfied patrons in his territory. He has not only been devoted to business, but has also interested himself in the social and other activities of the borough, being a member of the Royal Arcanum and the P. O. S. of A., and he has served as a trustee of the local camp of the latter organization. With his wife he holds membership in the Evangelical Church at Ashland.

On Nov. 25, 1886, Mr. Eisinger married Marie Christian Bachman, daughter of Christian and Dorothy (Friedenberger) Bachman, natives of Germany. Mr. Bachman came to this country at an early day, settling in Tamaqua, this county, and died in May, 1914. His wife died in April, 1903. Mrs. Eisinger was born at Tamaqua, the second of a family of five children, namely: Elizabeth, the wife of John Wittig, of Ashland; Marie C., Mrs. Eisinger; John, of Pottstown; William, of Tamaqua; and Louis, of Tamaqua.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Eisinger: Amy, the eldest, is deceased; Charles William is a clerk in the Citizens' National Bank of Ashland; Leah is at home.

LEWIS JOHN GRUBE, of East Brunswick township, has led an industrious life always, and is deservedly respected by his neighbors for the thrifty management which has made him one of the prosperous men of the locality. His various interests keep him well occupied. Mr. Grube is a typical representative of a family whose members have maintained a high reputation through several generations.

Christian Grube, his grandfather, lived in the Province of Hanover, Germany, and was a silver miner by occupation. He died at the comparatively early age of thirty-six, leaving a wife and five children, namely: Charles, who died in Baltimore about 1900, aged seventy-seven years; Charlotte; Louisa, Mrs. Charles Heberling; Dorothy, Mrs. John Weist; and William, who was one year old when his father died. The mother, whose maiden name was Hannah Shear, was a native of Hanover, Germany, and died at the age of seventy-seven years in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, at the home of her son-in-law, Charles Heberling. She was a member of the German Lutheran Church, and is buried in the Frieden's Church cemetery. Mrs. Grube came to America with her children eighteen years after her husband's death, the family settling in Baltimore, Md., for two years, and removing thence to Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania.

William Grube, son of Christian, was born July 8, 1834, in Klausthal, Hanover, Germany, was educated in his native country, and came to America with his mother. They first settled at Baltimore, and later at Lewistown, in Walker township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and he was engaged at wood chopping for some time. Thence he removed to East Brunswick township, where he bought a farm of thirty acres, cleared most of it, and subsequently bought several tracts aggregating seventy-five acres. These he cultivated to the end of his days, carrying on general farming. He died Oct. 31, 1906, and is buried in the cemetery at Frieden's Church, New Ringgold, of which church he was a Lutheran member. In political sentiment he was a Democrat. Mrs. Grube still resides in East Brunswick township. Her maiden name was Sophia

Reidler, and she was born in Germany Nov. 3, 1841, daughter of Conrad and Maria (Knoblauch) Reidler. They had children as follows: Caroline married George Schaffer; Charlotte married Charles Eckroth; William married Catherine Shellhammer; Minnie married Adam Schofield, who is deceased; Lewis John married Cordelia Bachert; Louisa is next in the family; Charles W. married Emma L. Shellhammer; Katie married Harvey Houser; Henry is next; Walter married Elsie Frantz.

Lewis John Grube was born Nov. 13, 1869, in East Brunswick township, and was educated there in the local schools. He continued to work on his father's farm until twenty-one years of age, when he left home and entered the employ of Wertman & Fletcher, as a wood chopper, in Rush township, Schuylkill county, for three years. His next position was with the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, as brakeman between Delano and Packerton, and he was so engaged for three months, living in Quakake during that time. He was obliged to give up this work on account of illness, returning to his parents' home in East Brunswick township, and was ill for six months. His brother William bought from Stephen Greenawalt a tract of ninety-eight acres, lying in East Brunswick township, and he sold his brother Lewis forty-eight acres and 103 perches of this purchase. Thirty acres of this are under cultivation, Mr. Grube following general farming very profitably. Part of his time is given to the sawmill he owns, and which he has been operating for nineteen years. Though he learned the business himself, acquiring all his experience practically, he is very proficient, and saws considerable timber for the farmers in the surrounding territory. He also hauls produce to the town of New Philadelphia twice a week in the summertime, and once a week in the winter season.

Mr. Grube married Cordelia Bachert, who was born Jan. 10, 1871, daughter of Elias and Hannah (Merkle) Bachert, and their first child died in infancy; Hannah Sophia was born Sept. 19, 1904; John Elias, Dec. 16, 1906; George, June 16, 1909; Peter, Nov. 6, 1910. The children of school age are attending the Reigel school in East Brunswick township. Mr. Grube and his wife are members of the Frieden's Lutheran Church at New Ringgold. He votes the Democratic ticket.

Mrs. Cordelia (Bachert) Grube was educated in what was at that period the Middle District school of East Brunswick township, and remained at home until her marriage. She is a great-granddaughter of George Bachert, an early farmer and wheelwright of East Brunswick township, who lived to be about eighty years old. His children were: Jacob, John, Henry, Simon, Magdalena and Mrs. John Faust.

John Bachert, Mrs. Grube's grandfather, was also a farmer in East Brunswick township. He married Elizabeth Zettlemoyer, and they had children as follows: Jacob, Emmanuel, James, Daniel, Elias, Elizabeth, Laura, Mollie and Katie.

Elias Bachert, father of Mrs. Grube, was born Aug. 14, 1843, in East Brunswick township, where he is now a prosperous miller and farmer, one of the substantial business men in his section of Schuylkill county. Ten children have been born to his marriage with Hannah Merkle: Albert Robert, William I., Elizabeth, Cordelia, John E., Richard E., Howard J., Luther P., Thomas W., and Oscar P. A fuller account of the family may be found elsewhere in this work.

ALFRED A. YEAGER, of East Brunswick township, is now giving all his attention to farming, and has excellent prospects in that line. The ability and confidence which won him success in his earlier ventures are just as valuable in his present business, and combined with his practical early training on the farm should prove sufficient to insure prosperity. So far he has met with gratifying results, and he is sparing no pains to introduce the best methods and most approved systems into his work. He is a son of William Yeager and grandson of George Yeager, and belongs to an old family of Schuylkill county.

George Yeager, the grandfather, was a native of Schuylkill county, and for many years conducted a blacksmith shop at Orwigsburg. He married a Miss Weiss, and they had the following children: Thomas, who married Maria Yeager, resides in Orwigsburg; George, deceased, married Emma Edwards, who resides at Orwigsburg; William is the father of Alfred A. Yeager. The parents of this family are buried in the Lutheran cemetery at Orwigsburg. The father was a Democrat, and his religious connection was with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Orwigsburg, of which he was an active member.

William Yeager, father of Alfred A. Yeager, was educated in the schools of Orwigsburg, and served a thorough apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade in his father's shop. After conducting a shop of his own in Orwigsburg for about ten years he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, in the blacksmith department of the Pottsville shop, where he remained for the long period of twenty-nine years. He is now leading a retired life in Pottsville, Pa. He is a very skillful mechanic, and in his working days was much thought of by his superiors. Mr. Yeager married Elizabeth Deibert, a daughter of Joseph Deibert, whose wife's maiden name was Sheep. They have had the following children: Alfred A. is mentioned below; William, who is a blacksmith in the Pennsylvania & Reading shops, at Pottsville, married Laura Fenstermacher; Manie married Henry Long, of Pottsville; Ann married a Mr. Hughes, of Pottsville; Frederick married May Smith, of Pottsville; Roy is unmarried and lives with his parents; Maggie is next in the family; Katie married Jacob Boss, of Pottsville; Joseph is deceased. Mr. Yeager is now (1915) about sixty-seven years of age, his wife about sixty-six. They are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Pottsville. Mr. Yeager supports the Democratic party.

Alfred A. Yeager was born April 24, 1868, in Orwigsburg, where he began his education in the public schools. When nine years old he left home and went to his uncle, Daniel Deibert, with whom he lived for one year, after which he lived with Joseph Deibert, at Orwigsburg, for two years. Then he entered the employ of William Shoener, to work on his farm, remaining with him five years, at the end of which period he made a change, working on the farm of Lewis Shoener for two years. His next place was with James Shoener, as farm laborer, continuing with him in that capacity for about one year, when they formed a partnership in the timber business. They would buy the timber by the acre, and sell it to the Reading collieries, the Dodson Coal Company and individual collieries, in fact they dealt with all the collieries between St. Clair and Tuscarora, the timber being for use in the mines. After an association of four years Mr. Shoener died, and Mr. Yeager took over his share in the business, and conducted it alone during the rest of his connection with that line, which extended to twenty-seven years.

After that he bought his present farm of sixty acres in East Brunswick township, about half of which is under cultivation. He has made numerous improvements on the property, now having a very fine home there. Since settling at this place he has bought two other tracts adjoining the original purchase, one containing sixty acres, of which forty acres are cleared, the other comprising 113 acres, of which seventy-five are cleared. Mr. Yeager cultivates these three tracts and has been very successful in his agricultural work, being considered one of the leading farmers of his section. He is interested in everything affecting the welfare and social conditions of his locality, has joined a number of his neighbors as a member of Protection Council, No. 935, Independent Order of Americans, at McKeansburg, and belongs to Washington Camp No. 100, P. O. S. of A., at New Ringgold. He attends the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Orwigsburg and contributes regularly to its support. On political questions he is a Republican.

By his marriage to Laura E. Wertman Mr. Yeager has had six children: Edward William, born Sept. 7, 1902, died when ten months old; Samuel Lewis, born May 25, 1904, died when four days less than fifteen months old; Bertell Marie was born Dec. 11, 1905; Evelyn Emma, Dec. 10, 1907; LuVerne Estella, July 24, 1911; Madeline Laura, Jan. 29, 1914.

Mrs. Laura E. (Wertman) Yeager was born in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, Aug. 26, 1871, daughter of Samuel D. Wertman, and granddaughter of Samuel Wertman. The grandfather was a successful farmer in West Penn township, where he owned a large tract of land and conducted a farming business the greater portion of his life. He married Elizabeth Daubenspeck, and they had children as follows: Samuel D. is the father of Mrs. Yeager; David married Catherine Fritz; Jonas married Mary Roth; Elias married Kate Boyer, and both are deceased; Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of Henry Mimm; Sarah married Joseph Wertman, of Walnutport; Mary, deceased, married George Alspach; Polly married Hiram Gobel. The parents were associated with the Methodist Church. The father is buried near Allentown, Pa., the mother in Zion's cemetery, in West Penn township.

Samuel D. Wertman, father of Mrs. Yeager, was educated in the schools of West Penn township, and worked on his father's farm until he was twenty-five years of age, after which he hired out as a farm laborer for a few years. Then he bought a tract of seventy-five acres near West Penn station, and in connection with farming he formerly had charcoal ovens on his property, cutting the timber from his trees and burning charcoal, which he hauled from West Penn station to the powder mills, the Muir mills at St. Clair and the Weldy powder mills at Mintzers. He also bought charcoal from his neighbors and hauled it to the mills, carrying on that business for about ten years. Besides, he cut timber on his land and shipped the same to the collieries of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, and hauled railroad ties for the Slatington & Lehigh Railroad Company. He now owns about four hundred acres of land, a great portion of which is in timber. Mr. Wertman is a veteran of the Civil war, having joined the 48th Pennsylvania Regiment for nine months' service; he received an honorable discharge at Harrisburg. Mr. Wertman has been a leading member of Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of West Penn township, and has held the offices of elder and deacon. Politically he works with the Democratic party, and has served as judge of election.

Mrs. Wertman was Maria Bebleheimer, daughter of George and Elizabeth

(Yeager) Bebleheimer, natives of Orwigsburg. Mrs. Wertman died when sixty-two years old, and is buried in Zion's churchyard. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wertman: Ellen died aged three years; Dr. Samuel E. married Lizzie Fox, and they reside in Mahanoy City; Clinton died aged three years; Laura E. is Mrs. Yeager; Mary married Oliver K. Mantz, who is proprietor of the West Penn Hotel; Emma is a school teacher in West Penn township; Dr. Mahlon married Lizzie Follweiler, and they reside at Palmerton, Pa.; Sarah and George are at home; Stella is a school teacher in West Brunswick township; Clarence and Christie Belle are at home; Minnie C. is the widow of Irwin Lotz, and is living at home.

GEORGE YOUNG, a retired merchant of Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa., was born in Germany April 27, 1831, son of Peter and Mary Young. The parents died in Germany.

Mr. Young was educated in the German schools and came to America in 1852, landing at New York on June 27th. That year he was married to Mary Ripplinger, who came from the same part of Germany, and they started for America immediately after the wedding. Going to Patterson, Schuylkill Co., Pa., Mr. Young remained there until 1855, when he removed to St. Clair, and thence to Ashland. At the latter place he entered the mines, and remained at that work for forty years. About 1886 he engaged in business on his own account at Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. Young have had children as follows: Lena, the widow of George Steinfeldt, residing in Ashland; John, also residing in Ashland; Charles and Elizabeth, twins (he resides at Oakland, and she is deceased); Peter, who resides in Ashland; Mary, deceased; and Joseph, a resident of Ashland, where he is engaged in business. Mr. Young and his family are members of St. Mauritius' Roman Catholic Church, of Ashland.

EARL D. BAUM, of Middleport, has the only manufacturing business conducted in that borough, and as it gives employment to a considerable number of hands its success will augment the resources of the town appreciably. The proprietor is one of the youngest business men there, and he has the good wishes of the community in his enterprise, which promises well.

Mr. Baum is a son of William Baum and a grandson of Benneville Baum, who lived in the Mahanoy valley in Schuylkill county, where he followed farming. Later he removed to Valley View, this county, at which place he died.

William Baum, father of Earl D. Baum, was engaged in farming during his early life, but for many years he has been a mine worker, having followed that occupation at Brookside and Goodspring, this county. His home is at Hegins. He married Agnes Shirey, daughter of the late Daniel C. Shirey, who represented Schuylkill county in the State House of Representatives, was a veteran of the Civil war, and died in Deep Creek valley, this county. To Mr. and Mrs. William Baum have been born five children: Vernie, Earl D., Agnes, Charles and Bertram.

Earl D. Baum was born Oct. 1, 1895, at Hegins, Schuylkill county, where he obtained his education in the public schools. From boyhood he has been employed in the shirt manufacturing business, gaining his first experience in that line in the shirt factory at Hegins, where he remained for three years. Then he went to Pillow, Pa., there establishing a shirt factory for Dochey &



Reipe, with whom he continued for a few years, changing to the employ of Fox & Moore, at Pine Grove, Schuylkill county, for a short period, until ready to start on his own account. He chose Middleport as a desirable location, and obtaining quarters in the P. O. S. of A. building opened his factory Sept. 26, 1915. The equipment is entirely modern and the space laid out according to the most advanced ideas on convenience in making and handling the product, which consists of men's shirts. Mr. Baum has found a market for the output, having given close attention to the commercial as well as the manufacturing necessities of the business. He employs between seventy-five and one hundred hands. The factory has been welcomed in the borough and under judicious management should be one of its valuable industrial assets. Mr. Baum makes his home at Middleport.

P. PHILIP KRELL had until recently a well patronized blacksmith and wagon shop at Tamaqua, Schuylkill county, where he did business on his own account for over twenty years. The Krell family is of German descent and one of the most respected in the borough, where George Krell, father of P. Philip Krell, lived from the time of his settlement in America.

Peter Philip Krell, the grandfather, lived and died in Germany. His son, George Krell, was born in that country and lived there until seventeen years old, at which time he came to the United States, making his home at Tamaqua, Schuylkill Co., Pa., thereafter. Throughout his active years he was engaged in mining. Then, when sixty-eight years old, he obtained a position with the Tamaqua Manufacturing Company, whose foundry and machine works are one of the largest industrial plants in this section of Pennsylvania, and the second day of his employment there met his death in a machinery accident. Mr. Krell was not only an industrious man, diligent in attending to the responsibilities of his work, but also took an intelligent and public-spirited interest in the affairs of the community, was active in local politics, and was elected tax collector, in which office he served faithfully. He married Sophia Zilgenbein, like himself a native of Germany, who died at the comparatively early age of thirty-four years. A family of eight children was born to this union: P. Philip, Annie, Susan, George, Catherine, Elizabeth, Mary and George, Jr.

P. Philip Krell was born at Tamaqua in 1863 and obtained his education in the public schools of the borough. When old enough to work he began an apprenticeship to the trade of machinist, which he followed as a journeyman for six years before he engaged in business for himself. In 1893 he bought the old established shop of William Haber, at Tamaqua, and operated it successfully until 1914, when he sold out. Mr. Krell is a reliable workman, and by competent execution of orders and close attention to the wants of all his customers retained the old patronage of the shop and increased it. He is a well and favorably known citizen of the borough, a past officer of the American Hose Company, and a valued member of the Lutheran Church, in whose activities he has been very helpful, both with his means and personal assistance.

Mr. Krell married Catherine Kniese, of Tamaqua, and they have two children: Verna L. and Clair F. L.

WILLIAM J. DALEY, a native of Schuylkill county, for the last twenty years a resident of Ashland, has been representing the Prudential Insurance



Company at that point since 1896, and is now assistant superintendent of the Mahanoy City district, which includes ten towns and boroughs.

Dominick Daley, grandfather of William J. Daley, brought his family to America and settled in Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., whence the family later removed to Centralia, Columbia Co., Pa. Mr. Daley died there in 1898. He followed work during his active years.

Owen Daley, son of Dominick Daley, was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland, and like his father followed mining in this country, continuing to engage in such work all his life. He died at Centralia in 1899. He is survived by his wife, Sarah (Long), who was born in Cape Breton, Canada, daughter of William Long, who came from that country to Schuylkill county, and settled at Silver Creek, following mining for many years. He died at Port Carbon, this county, where he is buried. Mrs. Daley now makes her home with one of her sons at Ashland. She had a family of nine children, of whom Ellen, the eldest, is deceased; Dominick is deceased; Alice is deceased; William J. is mentioned below; James G. is engaged in the wholesale tea and coffee business with offices at Ashland; Ellen is the wife of Anthony Gaughan, of Centralia, Pa.; Alice is the wife of Charles Meehan, of Centralia, Pa.; Joseph lives at Ashland.

William J. Daley was born July 16, 1867, at Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, and was only a boy when the family moved to Centralia, where he attended school. As he began work at the age of ten years, he continued his studies whenever opportunity offered thereafter. During the seventeen years that he was employed at the mines he lived at Centralia, removing to Ashland in March, 1894. On June 15, 1896, he became agent for the Prudential Life Insurance Company, with which he has since been connected, at present holding the responsible position of assistant superintendent in the Mahanoy City district. By conscientious attention to his duties he has succeeded in strengthening the position of his company in this territory very materially, and at the same time has made an enviable reputation for himself as an insurance salesman. He has many substantial qualities, and commands the respect of all with whom he is associated.

On Sept. 9, 1891, Mr. Daley married Anastatia Hendricks, a native of Centralia, Pa., daughter of Patrick and Mary (Quinn) Hendricks, who were born in Ireland. On coming to America Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks first settled in Lancaster county, Pa., later moving to Shenandoah, Schuylkill county, and subsequently to Centralia, where they passed the remainder of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Daley are the parents of three children: Sarah E., who is now engaged in teaching music; Mary A., at present a student in the State normal school at West Chester, Pa.; and Alice A., at home. The family have a comfortable residence on Centre street, which property Mr. Daley purchased from the late Congressman Patterson, and he has his office at that location also. He is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Ashland, and of Sarto Council, Knights of Columbus.

PHILIP WAGNER, farmer of Blythe township, is one of the oldest residents of the Tumbling Run valley, where he is well known and respected, his industrious life commanding the unqualified esteem of his neighbors and all others who have had dealings with him. Born Sept. 6, 1839, in Prussia, Germany, he is a son of Nicholas and Caroline (Baker) Wagner, who brought their family to America in 1845.

Nicholas Wagner was also a native of Prussia, where he was employed in limestone quarries. Some time after his marriage he decided to leave his old home for America, where he arrived with his wife and children in July, 1845, landing at New York after a voyage of thirty-nine days, made in a sailing vessel. They proceeded at once to Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where they lived for a year, thence removing to Kaskawilliam, in Blythe township, where Mr. Wagner worked as a day laborer about the mines. He died at the age of sixty-seven years, at his home on the Second mountain in Blythe township, and is buried at Middleport; his wife, Caroline (Baker), who lived to the age of seventy-seven, is buried in the Tumbling Run cemetery. They were the parents of the following children: William, who died in Germany; Simon, who died in Germany; Jacob, who died in Wisconsin; Dorothy, wife of Peter Mader; Louisa, who married Valentine Mader; Caroline, who died unmarried; Sophia, who married Christian Schlemmer; and Philip. All of this family adhered to the Lutheran Church, the faith of their parents.

Philip Wagner was five years old when brought to America. His education was acquired at Kaskawilliam, but his advantages were limited by the necessities of the times, and he was still a young boy when he began picking slate at the Kaskawilliam colliery, where he rose through the various grades of employment until he became a regular miner. For twenty-two years he made his home on the Second mountain, on a farm of forty-three acres which he bought, and which was all brush land when it came into his possession. He cleared thirty-five acres of this tract, devoting his time to its cultivation during the summer season and during the winter cutting coal. When he sold that property he removed to Kaskawilliam, where he resided for eighteen months, and then bought his present home place, twenty acres, of Eli Miller (known as the "Cabbage" Miller), which lies in Blythe township, over the mountain near the Walker township line. Since settling there he has given his attention entirely to farming, and though long past threescore and ten is still active, the arduous work on the place, however, being looked after by his son Daniel, who lives there with his parents. They attend the markets at Middleport and New Philadelphia. Mr. Wagner deserves the prosperity he is now enjoying, for he worked indefatigably to establish a good home for his family and provide for his later years. Besides attending to his farm labors he had employment at different collieries in the county, from four to six miles distant from his home, and was obliged to walk back and forth. He has often worked two shifts at the mines and then walked home, a distance of sixteen miles.

On Dec. 10, 1863, Mr. Wagner married Mary Guers, and in 1913 they had the pleasure of celebrating the golden anniversary of their wedding at their home in Blythe township, where all the members of the family assembled to do them honor. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wagner: Caroline married Maberry Trout, and they live at East Mauch Chunk, Pa.; Peter is living in the borough of Middleport; Charles is at Pottsville, this county; Daniel lives at home; Christian is located in the Tumbling Run valley. Daniel married Katherine E. Keller, daughter of James Keller, and they have a daughter, Arlene Mary. The family are Lutherans in religious connection, and Mr. Wagner has been active in the church, which he served for many years as deacon and elder. During his earlier days he also took considerable interest in local affairs, and he held the office of school director in Blythe township for twenty-four years.

Mrs. Wagner is a daughter of Daniel and Mary (Bartle) Guers. Her father was a pioneer settler in the Tumbling Run valley, and was employed on the construction of the old wooden railroad in this section.

CHARLES RUBRIGHT fills the position of outside foreman at the Eagle Hill colliery, in Blythe township, one of the important mines in that section of Schuylkill county, and in the able discharge of his responsibilities has fully maintained the reputation which gained him promotion and the confidence of his superiors. In various capacities he has worked at the mines all his life.

Mr. Rubright is a native of Northumberland county, Pa., born in 1868 near Mount Carmel, but he belongs to an old family of Berks county, this State. His grandfather, George Rubright, was born in that county, in the vicinity of Hamburg, lived for some time at Schuylkill Haven, in Schuylkill county, where he followed boating on the canal as well as farming, and eventually removed to Reading, Pa., where he died.

Aaron Rubright, father of Charles Rubright, was born at Schuylkill Haven, and spent most of his life in Schuylkill county. He learned the trade of wheelwright, and followed that calling for a time in the Hegins section of Schuylkill county, later becoming a carpenter in the employ of the Reading Company, at the Marion colliery. There he died when sixty-eight years old, and his wife, Sarah (Oyster), of Deep Creek valley, Schuylkill county, also passed away at Marion. They had the following family: Jeremiah; Josiah, deceased, who was inside foreman at the Wadesville colliery, in this county; Nora; Adley; Mahalia; Charles; William; Sarah, and Ellsworth. The father of this family was a veteran of the Civil war, in which he served for three years, being a member of the 17th Pennsylvania Cavalry under Capt. Heber Thompson. He was twice wounded. He was a Grand Army man, belonging to Joe Hooker Post at Ashland, this county.

Charles Rubright acquired his education in the public schools. He started work as a slate picker at the Marion breaker, changing from there to the Reliance colliery, at Mount Carmel, Pa., for a time, and on returning to the Marion colliery was employed as inside driver. He then took up carpenter work, and locating at Shamokin, Northumberland county, followed his trade at the Buck Ridge colliery for two years, after which he was similarly engaged at the Wadesville colliery, in Schuylkill county. In 1908 he came to the Eagle Hill colliery in Blythe township, where he has since held the position of outside foreman. Some idea of his duties may be gained from the fact that about eight hundred men are employed at these workings.

Mr. Rubright was married to Emma Mench, daughter of Adam and Mary Mench, and their children are: Alfred, Sarah, Raymond, George, Mary and Ida. The family are Lutherans in religious connection. Mr. Rubright is a Mason, belonging to Anthracite Lodge, No. 285, of St. Clair, this county, and he also holds membership in the P. O. S. of A. camp at Lavelle, this county.

ADAM HESS, of Tamaqua, has passed the greater part of his life in that borough, where he was born in the year 1875, son of George Hess. His father, a native of Germany, came to America in young manhood, and settled at Tamaqua, Schuylkill Co., Pa. He was employed at the mines until his untimely death, in 1879.

Adam Hess received a good public school education, attending first at

Tamaqua and later in Philadelphia, to which city he was taken when eight years old. While there he was employed at a brass works. Returning to Tamaqua he became engaged in general merchandising, which he followed for a period of ten years, in 1910 turning to his present business, the manufacture of sour kraut and various condiments, pepper sauce, mustard, catsup, pickled herring, etc. The high quality of all his products has made them very favorably received, and Mr. Hess finds a ready market for them in Tamaqua and the vicinity. His factory and office are at No. 217 Schuylkill avenue. The business is both wholesale and retail. Personally Mr. Hess has high standing, for he has won his success honorably, retaining the good will of all his associates, in any of the relations of life.

Mr. Hess was married to Annie Kirigi, of Hazleton, Pa., and two children have been born to them, namely: Adam A. and Rowine Elizabeth. The family belong to St. John's Reformed Church.

PETER FETTEROLF, a venerable citizen of Schuylkill county, but still active and attending daily to his duties as gatekeeper of the State hospital at Fountain Springs, Schuylkill county, was born Sept. 15, 1833, son of John and Kate (Maurer) Fetterolf. Peter Fetterolf, his grandfather, was a native of Bucks county, this State, and came to Schuylkill county in the early days, settling in the Mahantongo valley, where he remained until his death. By occupation he was a farmer.

John Fetterolf was born in the Mahantongo valley, this county, and followed farming. In 1852 he located at the town of Taylorsville, this county, where he owned a farm which he cultivated, living there to the end of his days. He served at one time as supervisor of the township. Mr. Fetterolf married Catherine (Kate) Maurer, who was born in the Mahantongo valley, daughter of Daniel Maurer, who farmed and operated a gristmill in Schuylkill county, and was a prominent man in his day. He remained at his old home there until his death. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John Fetterolf, namely: Elizabeth, the eldest, is deceased; Peter is mentioned below; Daniel is deceased; Jessie is deceased; Catherine is deceased; Sarah is the wife of Joseph Long, of Mount Carmel, Pa. Frank, a half-brother of the foregoing children, lives at Mount Carmel; John is deceased.

Peter Fetterolf was engaged at mine work from early boyhood until appointed to his present position some sixteen years ago. In 1862 he enlisted for the support of the Union cause, becoming a member of Company H, 17th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and he was in the army for three years, during which time he saw considerable active service and took part in many battles. He was wounded, and at the time of his muster out was in Lincoln hospital, at Washington, D. C. This was after the close of the war. Having received his discharge at Washington in 1865, he returned home, resuming work at the colliery where he had been employed before he went to the war, at Big Mine Run. He continued at such work for over thirty years thereafter, until he received his appointment as gatekeeper at the State hospital at Fountain Springs. Though advanced in years he enjoys excellent health. By virtue of his services in the Union army he has become a member of the G. A. R. post at Ashland. His religious connection is with the Lutheran Church. By a life of industrious and exemplary habits Mr. Fetterolf has won and retained the esteem of his fellow citizens, who appreciate the substantial qualities which make him a desirable citizen of the community.

Mr. Fetterolf was married to Tillie Snyder, of this county, who also survives, and they have had a family of seven children, namely: Tillie is the widow of Henry Walters, of Philadelphia; Daniel, M. D., is a physician and surgeon residing in New Jersey, where he is in the government service; John lives in Philadelphia; Henry is a machinist in Philadelphia; Herbert also makes his home in that city; Clarence is engaged as a wholesale druggist in Philadelphia; Calvin lives at Pittsburg, Pa. Mrs. Fetterolf is a daughter of John and Catherine Snyder, who were farming people in the Mahantongo valley, settling on land near Taylorsville, where Mr. Snyder resided until his death.

WILLIAM T. TAYLOR is a respected resident of Blythe township, where he has been engaged for several years in the responsible position of outside foreman at the Silver Creek colliery. As a miner of long and varied experience he is well fitted for his duties, in which he has acquitted himself creditably, and the high personal reputation he bears is based on the many evidences he has given of reliable character and dependable habits. His father, the late Samuel Taylor, was also a trusted employee of the Reading Company. Born in Philadelphia, Pa., Samuel Taylor spent most of his mature life in Schuylkill county in work at the mines. His service with the Reading Company covered a period of twenty-seven years, during which time he was outside foreman at the Phoenix Park colliery and later had charge of the lumberyard at East Mines. His death occurred at St. Clair, this county.

William T. Taylor was born Jan. 27, 1880, at Phoenix Park, Schuylkill county, and received a good education in the public schools at Minersville and Forestville. When a boy he picked slate at the Phoenix Park colliery, was subsequently employed in the Heckscherville valley, and thence went to Wadesville, this county, where he clerked for a period of six months. Then he took the position of breaker boss at that point, and in October, 1911, he came to the Silver Creek colliery to assume his present work. These workings are the property of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company and are very extensive, about one thousand men finding employment at this colliery. The foremen are necessarily men of proved worth and fidelity.

Mr. Taylor resides at the settlement known as Tucker Hill, in Blythe township. He married Annie Ornie, a daughter of Piolat Ornie, of St. Clair, Schuylkill county, and they have one child, Margaret. Mr. Taylor is an Episcopalian in religion, a member of the church of that denomination at St. Clair.

WILLIAM BILLIG was for many years engaged in farming in Rush township, where he is now living in retirement. As a local official he became very well known in that section and made an excellent reputation for ability and trustworthiness, his fidelity to the responsibilities of public service gaining him the good will of all his fellow citizens. He is a native of Lehigh county, Pa., born in 1842, son of David Billig. The father was also born in Lehigh county, where he spent all his life, following farming. He married Kate Rausch, who also died in that county, and their children were Daniel, Mary and William.

William Billig grew up near Jacksonville, Lehigh county, spending his early life on the home farm. Coming to Schuylkill county he lived at Lewistown for a time, was subsequently at Patterson, and then settled in Rush

township, where he bought a farm of sixty-three acres which he cultivated for thirty-five years. He then sold out, and has since been living retired. Mr. Billig was associated with public affairs in the township for a number of years, having served nine years as a member of the school board and for the same length of time as supervisor. He did effective work in both offices. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and belongs to the Patriotic Order Sons of America.

Mr. Billig was married to Susan Breinert, daughter of Peter Breinert, of West Penn township, and the following children were born to this union: Frank is deceased; Mary Jane married Frank Neifert; Caroline married William Kemerling; Elizabeth married Joseph Stewart, of Tamaqua; William, Jr., lives at Summer Hill, Pa.; Harry is living in Rush township; Katie married Harry Boughner; Louis W. is a resident of Hazleton, Pa. The mother of this family died May 9, 1905, and is buried at the White Church in Rush township.

ANTHONY BEHLER was born in Tulpehocken, Berks Co., Pa., and settled in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, where he owned three hundred acres and engaged in agricultural pursuits. He died there. To his marriage with Rebecca Bankus, were born three children: Gideon, George and John.

John Behler, son of Anthony and Rebecca Behler, was born in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, where he spent his life on the old homestead, which came into his possession. Besides farming he followed contracting, building dwellings, barns and several schoolhouses. He married Elizabeth Moyer, and they became the parents of the following children: Isaac, now a resident of Mahanoy City, this county; Carrie, wife of William Fisselman, of Kansas; William, of Rush township, who married Sarah Haas; Gideon, who went out to Kansas, where he died; Rebecca, wife of Jacob Moyer; Savina, who died unmarried; and Sarah, widow of Charles Nester. Mr. and Mrs. Nester had one son, Howard, who now owns his great-grandfather's farm in West Penn township and is giving all his attention to the cultivation of that property. He graduated from the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, Pa., and taught school in Schuylkill county for six years before he turned to farming. He married Jennie Mentz, and they have one daughter, Marion.

ROBERT E. KLINE was at the time of his death serving as night foreman at the Park Place colliery, and in that capacity as well as in private life was well and favorably known in Rush township, where he had resided for a number of years.

Mr. Kline was born in 1852 in Germany, of which country his father, Philip Jacob Kline, was also a native. The latter brought his family to America and settled at Hazleton, Pa., where he followed his trade, that of baker, and was also engaged in distilling. He died in Wyoming. His children were: Philip J., Christopher, Wilhelmina, Christian, Gusta and Robert E.

Robert E. Kline learned the trade of blacksmith, but never followed it to any extent. For some time he was foreman for J. C. Hayden, a coal operator, with the Spring Mountain Coal Company, and later turned to railroad work, being a conductor on the Lehigh Valley road for fifteen years. Then he resumed mine work, holding the position of night foreman at the Park Place

colliery, where he was found dead at eleven o'clock on the night of March 2, 1915. He is buried at the White Church in Rush township. Mr. Kline proved himself a man of reliable character and trustworthy in every position, and he was respected wherever known. For many years he served as constable of Rush township. His religious connection was with the Reformed Church.

Mr. Kline was united in marriage with Caroline D. Schaffer, daughter of Henry Schaffer, a native of Germany, born in Hessen, who came to America and settled in Carbon county, Pa. The following children were born to this union: Edythe is the wife of Harry Schaeffer; Emma is a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, of Kutztown, Pa., and is now teaching in Hazleton, Pa.; Mary W. is married to Earl Rickstine, and they are living in Philadelphia, Pa.; Florence, also a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, is now teaching at Delano, Schuylkill county; Caroline is attending the State Normal School at Kutztown; Philip is also in school; Harry died when twenty-one years old; Annie died when thirteen months old. Mrs. Kline makes her home at Tamanend.

AUGUST CORBE has been a resident of Schuylkill county since 1869. He is a German by birth, born in Bavaria in 1859, and his father, Joseph Corbe, lived and died in Germany, his death occurring in 1862. By occupation he was a farmer. He married Catherine Grosse and they became the parents of seven children, of whom the eldest, Elizabeth, is deceased; Marie is the wife of Louis Fritz, of Port Carbon, Schuylkill Co., Pa.; Katie resides in Germany; Charles is deceased; Joseph lives at Fountain Springs; August is mentioned below; Peter is deceased.

The family remained in Germany for several years after the father's death, coming to this country in 1869. Landing at New York, they proceeded at once to Schuylkill county, Pa., and August Corbe was but twelve years old when he began work at the mines here. He continued to follow mine work until fifty-two years of age, and when he gave it up, a few years ago, started the business on Center street, Ashland, to which he has since given his attention. He carries a stock of groceries, cigars, tobacco, etc., and though he has had his store but a few years has established a profitable trade, which shows a steady increase. He is a man of reliable character, industrious and accommodating to his patrons, and deserves the success which has come to him. He is a substantial and respected citizen of the borough and a devout member of the St. Mauritius' Roman Catholic Church at Ashland, also belonging to the various church societies.

In 1888 Mr. Corbe was married to Mary Young, a native of Ashland, daughter of George and Mary Young, who are still living in that borough; they were born in Bavaria, Germany. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. August Corbe, the daughter, Mary, living at home. The son, Peter, is now located at Cleveland, Ohio.

MICHAEL TOOMEY, hoisting engineer at the Silver Creek colliery, in Blythe township, is a native of that township and has spent most of his working days at his present place of employment, where faithful service has gained him confidence and respect.

John Toomey, his father, was born near Danville, Montour Co., Pa., and for a number of years has resided at Tucker Hill, in Blythe township, where



he located about the time the Silver Creek colliery was opened. Throughout his active years he has been engaged in teaming. He is an honored veteran of the Civil war, in which he served as a member of the 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry Regiment, remaining in the service three years and taking part in many battles. He is now (1915) in his seventy-fourth year, but active and interested in local events, and he fills the office of supervisor, discharging his duties to the satisfaction of all concerned. Mr. Toomey married Margaret O'Neill, who was born in Blythe township, daughter of Michael O'Neill, and they have had the following children: Annie (wife of Frank Reiger), John, Michael, Martin and Vincent.

Michael Toomey was born Aug. 16, 1886, at New Philadelphia, and obtained his education in the Blythe township public schools. When a boy he began picking slate at the Silver Creek breaker, and as he grew older found other employment about the mines. For eight months he was in the city of Philadelphia, where he held a position in the Baldwin Locomotive Works. Returning to Schuylkill county he worked at diamond drilling for eight months, and then resumed employment at the Silver Creek colliery, where he was variously occupied until appointed to his present duties, in 1914. As hoisting engineer he is intrusted with work which requires close attention and vigilance, and he has never failed in its performance.

Mr. Toomey resides with his parents at Tucker Hill. He is a member of the Catholic Church and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, which fraternity he joined in Philadelphia.

CHARLES T. SCHAEFER has recently established himself in business at his birthplace and old home, the borough of Tamaqua, and as proprietor of the Keystone Garage has a profitable automobile agency and repair trade. Born at Tamaqua May 23, 1888, he is a son of Henry J. Schaefer and grandson of Hustus Schaefer, the latter a native of Berlin, Germany. Coming to America, he made his home at Tamaqua, in Schuylkill county, Pa., followed farming and also mining, and died at Tamaqua. His children were: William, Frederick, Emma, Julia, Henry J. and Christene.

Henry J. Schaefer, son of Hustus Schaefer, was born at Tamaqua, and there received his education. For some time he followed railroad work in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, and for seven years was a policeman in the service of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company. Now he has charge of the Lansford shops, No. 6, of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company, and makes his home at Lansford. He married Mary B. Thomas, who was born in Tamaqua, and whose father and mother were natives of Wales and England, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Schaefer had two children, Charles T. and Harry, the latter a machinist employed at Lansford.

Charles T. Schaefer was reared and educated at Tamaqua, attending the public schools. He learned the trade of machinist at Lansford, in the shops of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company, in whose employ he remained for a period of ten years, and then for several years was in the United States government employ, as a machinist. In this connection he was stationed in Panama, Central America, Cuba, and various places all over the South. Returning home, he began the construction of the Keystone Garage at Tamaqua in November, 1914, had it completed three months later, and now conducts a storage and repair plant for automobiles, having storage room for fourteen

cars. He handles the well known Chandler car as local agent, and has every prospect of a prosperous future in the various branches of his business. His garage is at No. 98 Centre street. Being a skilled mechanic, he is prepared to give proper attention to all the work intrusted to him, and has been kept busy from the first. He is a member of the Machinists' Union, and of the P. O. S. of A.

Mr. Schaefer married Mary A. Miller, daughter of Richard E. Miller, of Tamaqua.

WILLIAM T. PATTEN, now a prosperous farmer of Barry township, Schuylkill county, was at one time one of the principal lumbermen in this county, during the period when that occupation was one of the leading industries followed by residents of this section. He was born in Cass township, this county, in 1852, and is a son of Thomas Patten, Jr., and grandson of Thomas Patten, Sr. The ancestry of the family is English and Irish.

Thomas Patten, Sr., was a native of England. Coming to America he settled in Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., later moving to another location in Cass township, he and his family residing in what became known as Patten's valley. The chief industry in those primitive days was lumbering, and Mr. Patten engaged in it, following that line of work until his death, and thus laying the foundations of the business which his son and grandson later developed. His wife's name was Elsie.

Thomas Patten, Jr., father of William T. Patten, was born in England, and came to America with his parents. He followed the occupation of his father, lumbering, and hauled timber for the Schuylkill Haven railroad, from Schuylkill Haven to Minersville. Later he went to Barry township and purchased large tracts of land for the sake of the timber upon it, lumbering these tracts and operating a sawmill, his operations being extensive and profitable. He bought the place where his son William lives and devoted the balance of his life to farming. He died in 1896. Mr. Patten married Sarah Bradley, a native of Ireland, where her parents died. She was brought to America by her brother, who settled in Minersville, and there she was married to Thomas Patten. She died in 1910, at Minersville, where she had resided after the death of her husband. They had four children: William T.; Emma, wife of B. Boker, of Philadelphia; J. Frank, of Barry township; and Elsie, wife of Rev. Mr. Darby, of Cincinnati.

William T. Patten attended school in Cass township and also at Pottsville. After his schooldays were over he went to the woods to work at lumbering with his father, and after his marriage was made foreman by his father and operated several sawmills in this section of the county. He bought his present farm and has since engaged in general farming exclusively. Mr. Patten was married in 1876 to Delia Betz, daughter of Isaac Betz, of Barry township, who was a merchant at Mabel. He was a school teacher in that township in the early days, later removing to Philadelphia, where he died. The mother, whose maiden name was Bolich, died in Barry township. To Mr. and Mrs. Patten were born two children: Maude L., wife of Allen Bolich, resides in Ohio; Harry is assisting his father on the farm. Mrs. Patten died in 1903. Mr. Patten is a member of the school board of Barry township, having held the office since he was twenty-one years of age. He is a member of the Episcopal Church.

LEWIS F. REMALY, of Tamaqua, president and manager of the Remaly Manufacturing Company, Incorporated, has been associated with the fortunes of that concern for over forty years, in fact throughout the period of his residence in the borough. Always a live unit in the industrial resources of the place, it has increased in importance yearly, providing profitable employment to a number of skilled mechanics, and represents one of the best local investments. Mr. Remaly having been connected with the business as owner since 1883, most of the credit of its development along modern lines and steady expansion belongs to him, and bears substantial testimony to his ambition and ability, for he has guided it to its present standing among the principal enterprises of Tamaqua.

Mr. Remaly came to Tamaqua in the year 1873. He was born Sept. 20, 1851, at Lehighton, Carbon Co., Pa., son of Henry Remaly, the latter a native of Lehigh county. The father followed the trade of wheelwright, and lived in Lehigh and Carbon counties, dying at Lehighton. Lewis F. Remaly was reared and educated at Lehighton, having public school advantages. For several years he was engaged in railroad work, but when he came to Tamaqua entered the employ of G. L. Boyd, who had established the wire and screen manufacturing business which was the nucleus of what is now the Remaly Manufacturing Company, Incorporated. Mr. Remaly began at the bottom and acquired a thorough knowledge of screenmaking at the plant, working for Mr. Boyd from 1873 to 1883, and meantime rising to the position of foreman. Then he formed a partnership with Frank Swartz and took over Mr. Boyd's entire interest, three years later, in 1886, buying out Mr. Swartz and becoming sole owner. He continued the business as such until the year 1905, when it was incorporated under the present style, and Lewis F. Remaly is now president and manager, with Martin Fry as vice president and L. S. Follweiler as secretary and treasurer. On June 15, 1913, the plant was destroyed by fire, but operations were resumed a month later and continued during the construction of the new building, which is of brick, iron and concrete, modern in construction and equipped with all ordinary conveniences, besides the special facilities for the business. It is considered absolutely fireproof, having heavy iron doors and window frames, a substantial safety vault, is steam heated and electric lighted throughout, and has up-to-date toilet facilities and ventilating devices, everything in fact for the comfort of the employees as well as for convenience in dispatching the work. The company owns considerable ground space around the plant, available as the expansion of the business demands. It is located on Cedar street, near Centre, one of the oldest manufacturing sites in Tamaqua, the industry having been one of the first of the kind started there. The product of the company, wire coal and sand screens, perforated sheet iron screens, elevator buckets, cellar doors and coal chutes, is sold mostly to the numerous coal companies operating in Pennsylvania, and the value of the annual output is estimated at \$125,000. Twenty skilled mechanics are employed regularly, and altogether considerable money is circulated in Tamaqua through this industry alone. It is counted among the valuable assets of the town and surrounding territory. Though primarily a business man, Mr. Remaly has not neglected his duties as a citizen, and he served three years as a member of the council, during that time acting as chairman of the street committee.

Mr. Remaly was united in marriage with Sallie Leffler, daughter of Andrew Leffler, of Lehigh county, Pa. They have no children. He is a very active

member of Trinity Reformed Church, which he is serving as deacon, is a member of the choir, and a teacher in the Sunday school. All good movements in the borough and county have his hearty support.

ABRAM CLARENCE MESSERSMITH, of Pottsville, has had so many important building contracts in Schuylkill county that it is no exaggeration to say his operations have had a very perceptible influence on the character of construction work in this part of the State. The reputation he has maintained in over twenty years of successful business has been established upon a basis of absolute integrity, and none of his patrons has ever had cause to regret placing confidence in his ability or his reliability. Mr. Messersmith is a native of Montour county, Pa., born Aug. 19, 1868, in Liberty township, and his parents, William James and Elizabeth (Hendrickson) Messersmith, live at Washingtonville, that county, where the father carries on a furniture and undertaking business, and is also interested in contracting and building, being a carpenter by trade. He and his wife were both born in Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Messersmith's father, Abram Hendrickson, was also a native of this State and a member of an honored old pioneer family. Until his death he was a farmer in Montour county, a prominent and influential citizen of his section.

Abram Clarence Messersmith grew to manhood in the county of his birth, meantime attending the public schools. He began work in his present line in 1885, when he became an employe of the Wilkes-Barre & West Railroad Company, being engaged in the erection of bridges, depots, etc. He remained with that company for about eighteen months, for the next few years following his trade in different sections of Pennsylvania, in 1892 locating at Pottsville, where he has since resided. In 1894 he began contracting and building on his own account, and the high grade of work intrusted to him shows how thoroughly he has mastered the details of his business and how he has developed his responsibilities. Pottsville has many examples of his workmanship, notably the new Y. M. C. A. building, Hummel Brothers' building, the Hippodrome theatre and the new Synagogue. He also rebuilt the Mountain City building there for J. Miehle & Son. Outside of the borough his important contracts include the First National Bank building at Minersville, the First National Bank building at Frackville, the First National Bank building at Coaldale, and the Polish Catholic church at New Philadelphia, as well as many school-houses in various sections of the county, including the Fishbach school and the annex of the Jallapa school, at Pottsville. Many fine residences in the borough attest the wide range of his ability. From time to time he builds houses for sale, and in his various activities employs forty mechanics regularly. For several years Mr. Messersmith has been in partnership with his brother under the name of Messersmith & Brother, conducting the furniture and carpet store at Lansford, Pa. Wherever known Mr. Messersmith has gained the unlimited respect of his associates.

Mr. Messersmith married Margaret Evans, a native of Wales, who was three years old when she came to America with her parents, George and Fanny Evans, the family settling at Lansford, Carbon Co., Pa. Mrs. Messersmith died in 1900, leaving two children: Leroy, who died in 1910, and Leah, who lives at home. For his second wife Mr. Messersmith married Caroline Miller, daughter of Levi P. and Rebecca Miller, of Pottsville. There are no children by this union. The family reside at No. 526 West Arch street, Pottsville. Mr. and Mrs. Messersmith are members of the Methodist Epis-

copal Church, and socially he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, P. O. S. of A., and Lodge No. 207, B. P. O. Elks. On political questions he is a Democrat.

CHARLES V. B. DEIBERT, now one of the oldest citizens of Schuylkill Haven, was born Dec. 10, 1836, in North Manheim township, Schuylkill county. He is the oldest living member of his branch of the family.

Michael Deiver (as his generation spelled the name), his greatgrandfather, was the founder of this branch of the family in Schuylkill county. He was born in Germany, and came with his parents to America, the family settling in Bern township, Berks county, in the then Province of Pennsylvania, near Michael's Church. There were five children, three sons and two daughters: Michael, Christopher, Wilhelm, Mrs. George Huntzinger and Mrs. John Gevert. When the sons were grown they moved to Manheim township, Schuylkill county, and married, Wilhelm to a daughter of John Renschler, from Bern township, Berks county, Michael to Elizabeth Waver. In the year 1744 the brothers Wilhelm and Michael bought in partnership three hundred acres of land in North Manheim township, at the road leading from Schuylkill Haven to Landingville, Wilhelm's part being at the location occupied by Edward Peale in 1884, and Michael's where John Filbert lived at that time. The third brother, Christopher, it was claimed went to Virginia in his younger years, but in the spring of 1915 Mr. C. V. B. Deibert was visited by Humphrey C. Dibert (as this branch of the family spells the name), who is a great-grandson of Christopher. He said his great-grandfather had two brothers, Wilhelm and Michael. According to him, Christopher settled down in Bedford county, Pa., near Bedford Springs, married and reared a large family, and his oldest living descendant is Sharron Dibert.

In the beginning Wilhelm and Michael Deiver had the Indians for their neighbors, and were molested considerably. Deer and bears were plentiful in the region at that day, but as they divided the meat with the savages when they shot any the Indians became more friendly. A long account of the family appears elsewhere in this work.

Michael Deiver had five sons and two daughters, Henry, Andrew, Michael, Christian, John, Catharine and Elizabeth. (The Daniel Deibert pamphlet says three daughters, but only two names are given.) Henry married Miss Kriner; Andrew, Miss Luckenbill; Michael, Miss Luckenbill (they had no children); Christian, Miss Miller; Catharine, John Dewald; Elizabeth, Daniel Repp. The father, Michael, died on his property in North Manheim township, and is buried at the Red Church in this county.

John Deibert, son of Michael, was born in North Manheim township, and was a farmer by occupation. He is buried in the old cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. He was twice married, the maiden name of his first wife being Renschler, of his second Wagner. His children were as follows: Daniel, who lived in Schuylkill Haven; George; Jacob, who died at Schuylkill Haven; John, who died at Schuylkill Haven; Benjamin, who died at Pottsville; William, who died in the upper Mahantongo valley, Schuylkill county; Samuel; Hannah, wife of John Hummel, of Selinsgrove, Pa.; and Christine, who married Henry Shelly and lived at Pottsville.

George Deibert, son of John and grandson of Michael, was born at the old homestead of his parents, and followed farming until a few years before his death, when he retired to Schuylkill Haven. He died when about seventy

years old, and is buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven, as is also his wife. He had many interesting experiences in the early days. His father owned a large tract of land where Fishbach is now located (near Pottsville), then thickly wooded. When the timber was cut it was floated down the Schuylkill. One day, while going past what is now known as Mount Carbon, he was followed by a wolf, and hastened to reach the river so that the animal might lose his scent when he forded the stream. When somewhat older he had another exciting time while plowing on the homestead, on the Second mountain. A deer ran out and got into a pond, and Mr. Deibert, thinking he could kill it, went into the water after it, but the animal almost drowned him. He also had some adventures with panthers. Mr. Deibert was a Democrat, and a German Lutheran in religion, belonging to the White Church in North Manheim township. He married Susanna Reed, daughter of James Reed, and she survived him, living to the age of seventy-one. The following children were born to them: Charles V. B.; Sarah, wife of Abraham Sharadin; Mahlon, deceased when nine years old; Amanda, who married Harrison Berger, both now deceased; James, who lived on the old homestead in North Manheim township until his recent death (he married Mary Faust, who is also deceased); Frank, mentioned elsewhere in this work; George R., living at Landingville, who married Mary Deibert; Hannah, who married Edw. Schappell; Elwin, living at Schuylkill Haven; and William, who died when sixteen years old.

Charles V. B. Deibert was reared upon the farm, remaining there until he reached the age of nineteen years. Coming to Schuylkill Haven at that time, he became clerk for his uncle, Samuel Deibert, continuing in his employ about four years. In 1860 he took the census of his district, and on Aug. 6th of that year entered the Philadelphia & Reading railroad shops at Schuylkill Haven, forming a connection which continued over a period of forty-seven years, until he was retired, in 1907. He has since been enjoying well-earned leisure, having given up all business except his connection with the Schuylkill Haven Building & Loan Association, of which he has been president since 1902.

Mr. Deibert married Emma Sterner, daughter of Jacob Sterner, who married a Luckenbill. They have become the parents of the following named children: Annie, now the wife of George Witman, living at Pottstown, Pa.; Milton, living at Schuylkill Haven; Catherine, of Schuylkill Haven; John Joseph, living at Schuylkill Haven; and Walter, Robert, Charles and Minnie, all deceased.

During the Civil war Mr. Deibert served in the Union army, enlisting in September, 1862, in the Pennsylvania militia, and remaining in the army a short time. He is a member of Jere Helms Post, No. 27, G. A. R., at Schuylkill Haven, and is serving as quartermaster of that organization. Mr. Deibert is one of the oldest members of Page Lodge, F. & A. M., of Schuylkill Haven, which he joined in June, 1873, and has been tiler of the lodge since 1898. He is also a member of I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 120, and of the Improved Order of Red Men, Lodge No. 327.

RAYMOND H. STUTZMAN, M. D., of Tower City, is taking his place among the most useful members of that progressive community, both in his private capacity and as a public servant. His professional duties naturally bring him into contact with many phases of life in the community, and he is



in a position to judge well of its needs, to which he has devoted considerable of his time.

Dr. Stutzman belongs to an old Pennsylvania family, founded in this country by three brothers who came from Switzerland and settled in the Province, one at Iona, one in Jefferson county and the other in what is now Schuylkill county. In the fall of 1826 Christian Stutzman, the Doctor's great-great-grandfather, moved with his son Peter from Lebanon county to Schuylkill county, settling in Hegins township. Peter Stutzman married Elizabeth Bonarty, and they had a family of eight children: Christian, David, Michael, Elizabeth, Peter, Catherine, Israel and William A.

William A. Stutzman, son of Peter, grew up on the home farm in Hegins township, and received his education in the local subscription schools. In 1850 he built the "Fountain Hotel" at Fountain, in that township, and conducted it for twenty-five years. He was also active in public affairs, holding the offices of poor director of Schuylkill county, township treasurer, tax collector and supervisor, and he was one of the leading members of the Democratic party in the county in his day. His religious connection was with the Reformed Church. Mr. Stutzman was twice married, his first wife being Catherine Zerby, a native of Schuylkill county, by whom he had six children: Henry, who was murdered in 1877, in Iowa, where he had settled and taken up land (he is buried in Hegins township, Schuylkill county); Frederick E.; Isaac, deceased; Mary, deceased; John W.; and Andrew J. To his second union, with Helen Roebuck, of Northumberland county, were born three children, Celia (deceased, who married P. M. Artz), Carrie, and Emma L. (Mrs. R. A. Bressler). William A. Stutzman died July 7, 1905, on his farm in Hegins township, and is buried at the Frieden's Church.

Andrew J. Stutzman, the Doctor's father, was born in Hegins township. He received a good education, graduating from the Millersville State Normal School, and taught for some years, finally settling down to farm life at Fountain, in Hegins township, where he is still so engaged. He has always done a good citizen's share in promoting good government in his locality and administering township affairs, has served many years as school director, held the office of assessor, and acted as judge of election. Mr. Stutzman married Alice Schnell, and they have had three children: Fred, of Philadelphia, superintendent of the Fox Gun Works; Allen, at home; and Raymond H.

Raymond H. Stutzman was born Dec. 13, 1885, at Fountain, Hegins township, and received his elementary education there, later attending school in Philadelphia. He then entered the Medico-Chirurgical College in that city, first taking the course in pharmacy, and after graduating in that department took the medical course, graduating in 1912. For the next six months he was stationed at the hospital there, and then started independent practice at Pillow, Dauphin county, where he also remained six months, on April 29, 1913, coming to Tower City, where he took up the practice of the late Dr. Stutzman, his cousin. Dr. Stutzman has gained steadily in the confidence of the community during his comparatively short residence there, and has every prospect of a busy, helpful career. He is serving as president of the board of health of Tower City, and attends conscientiously to his duties.

Dr. Stutzman married Sarah Jane Graber, of Hegins, and they have three children: Howard G., Harry A. and Herman M. Socially the Doctor holds membership in the Knights of Pythias, belonging to the lodge at Tower City.



FREDERICK CARL, of Shenandoah, now living retired, is undoubtedly one of the best known mine workers in this region, having been employed in the local anthracite fields for sixty years, from 1854 to 1914. During the last forty-six years of that period, from 1868 until his retirement, he was at the Shenandoah City colliery, where he held the responsible position of inside foreman. As miner, engineer, repairman and foreman Mr. Carl proved well adapted to his occupation, being naturally of a mechanical turn, and he gave his undivided attention and care to his work. He was considered a master in his line and eminently trustworthy, and personally he is liked as well as esteemed.

Mr. Carl is a native of Germany, born March 7, 1841, in Dieffenbach, Prussia. His father, Henry Carl, was born at the same place, and was a linen weaver by calling. He and his wife Catherine became the parents of seven children, five sons and two daughters, all born in Germany. This entire family came to the United States in August, 1853, crossing from Antwerp in the sailing vessel "Columbus," and they were on board forty-seven days, having been obliged to lie in the English Channel fourteen days waiting for favorable weather. After landing at New York City they came on to Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and the father found his mechanical skill very useful, being given outside work at the mines. We have the following record of the family: (1) Philopina married Philip Bauer, and in 1855 they moved to Belleville, St. Clair Co., Ill. Mr. Bauer was a bricklayer by trade. He and his wife are both deceased, her death having occurred in 1913. They had one son and six daughters. (2) John, who became an inside superintendent at the mines, died in 1899. He married Lizzie Klein, who now lives in Mount Carmel, Northumberland Co., Pa., and they had five sons and three daughters. (3) Frederick is next in the family. (4) Annie is the widow of Adam Bommersbach, a stationary engineer. They had two sons and three daughters. (5) Conrad, who was a miner, died in 1914. His widow, Sarah, lives at Mount Carmel, Pa. They had three sons and two daughters. (6) Peter, who lives at St. Clair, this county, is a stationary engineer. He married Sarah Bommersbach, and they have a family of seven, three sons and four daughters. (7) Henry, who formerly worked as a mechanic in Schuylkill county collieries, resides near Tower City, this county. He married Mary Winch, who died in about 1906, and they had one son and two daughters.

Frederick Carl received his education in Germany. Soon after coming to this country he began work at the mines, first driving mules, and he was variously employed until he attained the position of inside foreman. After working for a time at the Hickory colliery he went to the Eagle workings, at the upper end of St. Clair, this county, where he remained for nine months or a year, employed as miner, engineer and repairman. Then for eight years he was similarly engaged at the Pine Forest colliery, St. Clair, then owned by George W. Snyder, on March 17, 1868, taking a position at the Shenandoah City colliery, where he remained continuously until his retirement, in August, 1914. He became inside foreman there in 1870.

On May 14, 1863, Mr. Carl married Marguerite Weber, at St. Clair. She was born in Saxony, Germany, daughter of George Weber, and died in 1872, aged twenty-nine years, the mother of children as follows: George H., a machinist and pipe fitter at the chemical works in West Philadelphia, Pa., married Martha Evans (they have no children); John W., deceased, who was a carriage painter, married Mary Scanlan, and they had one son and one

daughter, John and Annie (Mrs. Edward Price); Harry G., a cigar manufacturer of Shenandoah, who died Aug. 29, 1915, married Annie Townley, and they had one son and two daughters, Clarence, Mabel and Kate, the last named deceased in infancy. The mother was a member of the Lutheran Church; she is buried at St. Clair.

In November, 1872, Mr. Carl married (second) Elizabeth Bernhardt, who was born at Dieffenbach, Prussia, Germany, daughter of Frederick and Wilhelmina (Neu) Bernhardt, and died Sept. 10, 1901. Six children were born to this union: Henrietta died at the age of nineteen years; Minnie is the wife of Hesser H. Zulick, cashier of the First National Bank of Ringtown (they have no children); William, who did mechanical work at the mines, died at the age of twenty-five years, from injuries received at the mines, leaving a wife, whose maiden name was Emily Smith (they had one child, Dora, who is deceased); Frederick, who is engaged as a mechanic at the mines, married Jane Hagenbuch, and they have two children, Dorothy and Robert; Charles died when eight years old; Matilda married Harold Breisch, a merchant of Ringtown, and they have two children, Catherine and William.

Mr. Carl's third marriage was to Mrs. Henrietta Katz, sister of his second wife. She was the widow of George Katz, a native of Ashland, this county, son of George and Catherine (Stipe) Katz, and by her first marriage had five children: Charles F., a bricklayer, living in Philadelphia, married Carrie Haynes, and they have two children, Emily and Charles; William L. is a student at Mount Airy Theological Seminary; Henrietta is the wife of Harry Reisch, and they reside at Culp, Pa. (they have no children); George is taking a course in architecture at the University of Pennsylvania and engaged as a night clerk in Philadelphia; Frederick died in infancy. Mr. Katz, who died in December, 1899, was a member of the German Lutheran Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl are members of the German Lutheran Church, and he is an Odd Fellow in social connection, belonging to Lodge No. 285, of St. Clair, which he joined in 1863. They have a pleasant home at No. 30 South Jardin street. Mr. Carl has always been a staunch Republican. During the Civil war he enlisted, at Pottsville, in Company D, 39th Infantry Reserves, in which he served three months, under Col. Daniel Nagle.

NEIL CROSBY, one of the oldest residents of the borough of New Philadelphia, Schuylkill county, is entitled to the respect he commands as the reward of a useful life. As a citizen he has never failed in his duty, his record of service in the Civil war and in official capacities in his home town proving that he has always been ready to do his part, whatever it might be. In business and domestic relations he has been equally faithful.

Mr. Crosby has been a resident of Schuylkill county practically all the time since 1851, when he accompanied his parents to this country. He is a native of Ireland, born Jan. 10, 1839, son of Patrick Crosby, who first came to America when a young man and spent eleven years here, living in Chester county, Pa., where he was engaged in farming. Returning to Ireland, he remained there for twenty-two years before he brought his family to the United States, in 1851. They settled in the Schuylkill valley, and the father found employment at Huebner's mines, doing outside work. He died in March, 1865, at New Philadelphia, and is buried at Port Carbon, this county. His wife, Mary (Cathlee), also died at New Philadelphia, and is buried at Port

Carbon. They had children as follows: Mary, Margaret, Elizabeth, Neil, Owen, Sallie, Hannah, Bridget and Catherine, the last named born at sea.

Neil Crosby was first employed at Huebner's mines, and later did outside mine work at Patterson, this county. Then he worked inside at the East mine shaft, making the first timber for this working. He was at Patterson for four years in all, in 1856 removing to New Philadelphia, which then had but a scanty population. Here he worked for the Sillimans until May, 1857, drove team for John J. Tucker for a short time, and the same month entered the employ of the late Andrew Robertson, with whom he continued at that point until 1865, after which he lived some years at Shamokin, Pa. After thirteen years and eight months in Mr. Robertson's service he returned to New Philadelphia, where he held the position of stable boss for a short time, also doing other work about the collieries. In 1908 he retired, and he has continued to make his home at New Philadelphia. In his earlier years Mr. Crosby took an active part in the administration of municipal affairs, serving as member of the council and on the board of school directors, and discharged his responsibilities conscientiously and intelligently. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company K, 137th Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served ten months in the army, taking part in the engagements at South Mountain and Antietam. He was in General Burnside's command. For three months the company was stationed at Belle Plain, Va. Mr. Crosby is a member of John Ennis Post, No. 47, of St. Clair, Schuylkill county, and has a wide acquaintance among the veterans. He and his wife have many friends at New Philadelphia.

On Oct. 2, 1864, Mr. Crosby married Catherine Duffy, a native of Mount Carmel, Pa., daughter of Anthony Duffy. They are the parents of the following named children: Sophia is living at home; Mary is the wife of James P. Flemingham, an attorney, of Welch, W. Va.; Ellen is at home; John is a member of the firm of Rishel & Crosby, wholesale and retail grocers, of Pottsville; James is at home; Owen is clerking for his brother at Pottsville; Catherine is the wife of Thomas P. Butler, of Pottsville; Cornell and Sarah are deceased. The family are Catholics in religious faith.

JOHN PEIFER is busily engaged in farming and lumbering, the latter under contract with different coal companies in his section of Schuylkill county. He lives in East Union township, where the family has been located since his grandfather's day.

Solomon Peifer, the grandfather, was a wood chopper and lumberman near Mountain Grove, Luzerne Co., Pa., before his removal to Schuylkill county. He owned a timber tract and farm, but lost this property, and moved to Union township, Schuylkill county, where he tenanted what is now known as No. 3 farm, owned by the Girard Estate. When he retired he went to live with his son Levi, at Brandonville, this county, and he died at the age of seventy-one years. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and is buried at the Old White Church near Ringtown. Politically he was a Democrat. By his first wife, whose maiden name was Remaly, Mr. Peifer had the following children: (1) Daniel. (2) George married Mary Long, who survived him and is buried at Bloomsburg. They had children, Austin B., Alice (wife of Nathan Chromis, policeman at Bloomsburg), Annie (wife of L. D. Kahler) and Clara (wife of Frank Chromis). The son, Austin B. Peifer, was engaged as freight agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for many years, and was for many years an elder of the Reformed Church of Catawissa, Pa. (3) Levi married Eliz-

abeth Shaeffer, and their children were Sarah, George, Rebecca, Mary, Albert, Amanda, Elizabeth and Ida. (4) Elias is mentioned below. (5) Hester married Jacob Hartley. Three others died young. For his second wife Mr. Peifer married Maria Moyer, and to them were born two children: Jacob married Amanda Rupert and had three sons and two daughters, Charlotte, Hannah, Charles, Benjamin and Herbert; Solomon, Jr., married Sarah Applegate, and had two children, Samuel (now deceased) and Susan (who lives in Connecticut).

Elias Peifer, father of John Peifer, was born April 17, 1831, near Mountain Grove, Luzerne Co., Pa., and died Nov. 27, 1912, aged eighty-one years, seven months, ten days. He received his education in his native county, and worked for his father on the farm and in the woods, until he reached legal age. He gained considerable experience as a sawyer. The first farm he bought (the place later owned by Samuel Deebel) consisted of 120 acres, sixty of which he had under cultivation, and he operated it for seventeen years, eventually trading it for a farm owned by Sheep & Co., now the property of his son John Peifer. It was a tract of one hundred acres, sixty cleared, and he lived on it and followed general farming there very successfully, building the dwelling which is still standing on the property, occupied by his son John. He also owned a sixty-acre tract adjoining. Elias Peifer continued to carry on the lumber business along with farming, and he was the owner of a hotel property at Ringtown which he rented out, later selling it to Daniel Ellis, of Shenandoah; it is now one of the principal hotels at Ringtown. Mr. Peifer served his township many years as supervisor and tax collector. He was a Democrat in political faith, and during the Civil war a Union sympathizer, enlisting at Tamaqua in October, 1864, as a member of Company A, 173d Pennsylvania Regiment, for nine months, or during the war. He was mustered in at Harrisburg, and was engaged principally in guard duty. In religion he held to the Reformed faith, belonging to St. John's Church in East Union township, at which church he and his wife are buried.

Mr. Peifer married Emaline Charlotte Nungesser, who was born Sept. 13, 1840, in Mifflin township, Columbia Co., Pa., daughter of Jacob and Anna (Reinbold) Nungesser, who moved thence to East Union township, Schuylkill county. Mr. Nungesser followed farming and lumbering there the best part of his life, dying at the age of forty-nine. He was a native of Mifflin township, Columbia county, and his wife was born near Easton, Northampton Co., Pa. She lived to be over eighty, and is buried at Unityville, Lycoming Co., Pa. Their children were: Benjamin, deceased, married Elizabeth Applegate, who now lives at Strawbridge, Lycoming Co., Pa.; Isaac married Susanna Hoffman, and they live at Berwick, Columbia county; Emaline Charlotte married Elias Peifer; George died unmarried, after his return from the army; Hannah, widow of John Schucker, lives at Taylorsville, Schuylkill county. Mr. Nungesser is buried at the Old White Church near Ringtown. He had no church connections. He was a Democrat in political opinion.

Mrs. Elias Peifer died in March, 1905, several years before her husband. They had the following family: John is the eldest. Isaac, born July 28, 1862, died aged forty years, ten months, and his widow, Emma (Fritz), lives in Tamaqua; they had children, Robert, Frank, Irwin, Maurice, Monroe, Ralph, Clarence, Clara, deceased, and Cora. Hiram, born June 7, 1865, married Mary E. Borlace, and they live at Sheppton, Schuylkill county. Joanna died when three months old. Mary Elizabeth, born May 28, 1872, died Dec. 17, 1915,

and is buried at Unityville, Lycoming Co., Pa.; she married Harry McClintock, of Muncy Valley, Sullivan Co., Pa., and had children: Ezra, Ruth, Joanna, Margaret, Elias, Mary, Leah, Orpha and Seth.

John Peifer, eldest son of Elias Peifer, was born Oct. 22, 1857, near Brandyville, in Union township, that part now known as East Union. He attended the Upper Valley school, and also the Peifer or Lorah school in East Union township, receiving the first of his instruction during the first year the public school system was in operation in his township. Until he reached his majority he assisted his father with the farm work and lumbering, and then worked the home place on his own account, buying the property before his father's death. He still gives much of his attention to the cultivation of the farm, and continues his lumber operations also, filling contracts for various coal companies. Mr. Peifer takes a lively interest in all the affairs of his neighborhood, public, religious and social. He is a Democrat, and has held several offices, having served three years as school director, two terms as auditor and for some time as registry assessor. A prominent member of the Reformed congregation of St. John's Church in East Union township, he is one of the deacons at present, having filled that office since the building of the new church, in 1896. He was a member of the building committee at that time. Formerly he was a teacher in the Sunday school, of which he was also secretary and later treasurer. In fraternal connection he is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Ringtown Lodge, No. 287.

Mr. Peifer married Agnes Cook, who was born Feb. 10, 1858, at Tuscarora, Schuylkill Co., Pa., daughter of Michael and Hannah (Teft) Cook, and died Feb. 28, 1913. She is buried in the cemetery of St. John's Church, of which she was a Reformed member, and she took great interest in its work and sang in the choir. Mrs. Peifer was a capable, industrious, Christian woman, and a great help to her husband. She worked out from the time she was eleven years old until her marriage. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Peifer: Henry Paul died when two months old; Emaline Charlotte, born Aug. 24, 1895, received her education in the public schools and is now living at home; Ira Edward died when two months old; Adam Elias, born Oct. 24, 1898, was educated in the public schools and is now living at home; Hannah died at birth.

Michael Cook, father of Mrs. Agnes (Cook) Peifer, was born in Ireland, and came to America when seven years old. He worked for one of the Reagan family at Tuscarora, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and later became a foreman round the mines at Audenried. Then he was at Lost Creek for some time, and he lived retired for a while before his death, which occurred at Lost Creek when he was eighty-four years old. He married Hannah Teft, who was born at Mount Laffee, Schuylkill county, and was reared by the grandfather of the present Judge Bechtel of the Schuylkill county courts. Mrs. Cook is also deceased, and is buried with her husband at Girardville, this county. He was a Democrat in his political convictions. They had the following children: John, deceased, married Julia Welsch, who now lives at McAdoo, Schuylkill county; Martin died unmarried; Agnes was the wife of John Peifer; Annie resides at Lost Creek; Michael died unmarried; Edward, who lives at Lost Creek, this county, is unmarried.

JOHN LEBO, of Tower City, a well known farmer of Porter township, was born Feb. 14, 1844, in Dauphin county, Pa., son of Daniel and

Sarah (Schoffstall) Lebo, and grandson of Michael Lebo. The latter spent his early life in Berks county, Pa., later moving to Dauphin county, where he died.

Daniel Lebo was born in the Lykens valley, in Dauphin county, Pa., and there his life was passed, his activities being devoted to the carpenter's trade. He died in 1871, after an industrious and well-spent career. Mr. Lebo's first wife was Sarah Rowe, and they were the parents of four children: Joseph, Sarah, Caroline and Adeline. His second wife, who prior to her marriage was Sarah Schoffstall, was a daughter of Emanuel Schoffstall, a farmer in the vicinity of Gratz, and there were eleven children born to this union: John; Isabella; Dr. William, a physician of Valley View, Pa.; Edward; Catherine; Emmanuel; Amos; Emma Jane; Frank; Alice, and Henry.

Reared on a farm in Dauphin county, John Lebo secured the educational advantages usually granted to the country youths of his day and locality, and when still a young man learned the butcher business, which he followed, in connection with farming, for a period of twenty years. After that he devoted all his time to farming. His operations in a business and agricultural way were interrupted by the Civil war when he enlisted at Harrisburg, in 1864, for one year, in Company H, 210th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Miller. He was not called upon to serve the complete term of his enlistment, for the war closed, and he was mustered out after nine months' service. However, during that period, he had seen some very active service, and when he received his honorable discharge had a record for fidelity that had won him the thorough respect of his comrades and officers. He has never lost interest in his fellow-soldiers, and at the present time is serving as treasurer of William Thompson Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Tower City.

On his return to the pursuits of civil life Mr. Lebo resumed his butchering and agricultural operations. He removed from Dauphin county to Schuylkill county in 1888. Here his industry, perseverance and good management have been well rewarded, for at this time he is the possessor of two fine farms in Porter township, one of 165 acres and the other of forty-eight acres. Advancing years find Mr. Lebo still strong, hearty and energetic, but he has gained his competency and does not need to exert himself as in former years, so that he is now living on the smaller property, allowing his son, John E. Lebo, to cultivate the larger farm.

In 1867 Mr. Lebo was married to Sarah A. Row, daughter of Jacob and Susanna (Motter) Row, of Dauphin county, Pa. Fifteen children were born to this union: Maggie, deceased; Charles, now a resident of Lancaster, Pa.; William and Sallie, deceased; Oliver, living in Porter township; John E., on his father's 165-acre farm; Annie, deceased, who was the wife of George Keilman; Kate, the wife of John Schwalm; Frank, deceased; Cordelia, the wife of Harvey Snyder; Joseph, a resident of Philadelphia, Pa.; Lottie, of Tower City, Pa.; Mabel and Harry, who are deceased; and a daughter who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Lebo are consistent members of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Lebo has faithfully performed the duties of citizenship, having for seven years served his township as a member of the board of supervisors, and having, in every way, lent his aid to movements for the advancement of morality, religion, education and good citizenship. He holds the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens by reason of a life characterized by straightforward dealing.



GEORGE CLARENCE LINDENMUTH, who is profitably engaged in fruit growing and general farming in Union township, Schuylkill county, was born April 21, 1881, on the place he now owns and occupies.

The Lindenmuth family has been in this county for considerably more than a century, Daniel Lindenmuth, the great-grandfather of George Clarence Lindenmuth, having come hither from Berks county, Pa., in 1792. He was a native of Berks county. His father, Michael Lindenmuth, received a grant of four hundred acres from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in reward for his services as colonel and lieutenant in the Revolutionary war, and the property was divided among his four sons, Daniel, George, Henry and Martin; the last named moved to Indiana. They came into what was then dense woods and set about clearing their land, meantime living in a shanty and putting up with many privations. The soil was put under cultivation as fast as it could be prepared, and though the work was toilsome they accomplished much with the facilities at hand. They had to go to Reading on horseback with their grain in order to get flour, and had all the other experiences typical of the times. Daniel Lindenmuth settled in Union township, where Mrs. William Boyer now lives. He was married four times, and his children were: Daniel was killed in the woods by a falling tree; Molly married John Kline; Benjamin married Rachel Metz; Jacob married Salome Gilbert; Andrew married Sallie Dornback; George is next in the family; Joseph was twice married, his second wife being Rebecca Heisler; Michael married Mina Miller; Esther married David Kline. The father died aged eighty-two years, nine months, one day, and is buried with three of his wives in the family cemetery at Lindenmuth's Corner, in Union township. The fourth wife moved from this section. He was a Democrat and a Lutheran, belonging to the Old White Church.

George Lindenmuth, son of Daniel, above, was born on the old homestead in Union township Feb. 7, 1815, farmed all his life, and died July 21, 1885. He took an active part in local affairs, served as auditor of his township, and was interested in politics as a worker in the Democratic party; he acted as judge of election. Mr. Lindenmuth married Polly Durnbach, who was born June 27, 1814, daughter of William and Mary (Buzzard) Durnbach, and died March 20, 1893. They are buried at the Old White Church, of which Mr. Lindenmuth was a Lutheran member. Six children were born to this worthy couple: Charles Daniel died in infancy; Sallie Ann married William Lindenmuth, and both are deceased; William D. is the father of George Clarence Lindenmuth; Jeremiah married Catherine Brobst, and both are deceased; Polly is deceased; Amanda Elizabeth lives at Ringtown.

William D. Lindenmuth was born May 9, 1841, on the old home place in Union township, now owned by the William Boyer estate. His education was obtained in the pay schools of the locality. He worked at home for his father until twenty-three years old, when he found employment at Seitzinger's colliery, Colorado, this county, helping to put up the sawmill now owned by the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, known as Packer No. 5. Then he took another position in the same neighborhood, working at Lost Creek for Frank Karcher and Colonel Cake, and he also worked at William Penn and Raven Run, at the latter place sawing timber and acting as manager on the platform; he was there for three years and three months. In 1872 Mr. Lindenmuth bought from Adam Lindenmuth the farm now owned by his son George Clarence, which was then all covered with brush, and he has



made all the improvements in the way of buildings which the place now boasts, though he had only his evenings for the work at home, putting in twelve hours daily at the coal mines. Nevertheless he made great progress with the development of his farm, started the fine orchard which is now yielding so well, and also followed general farming successfully. He now lives near there, in Union township. Agriculture has been very interesting to him, and he was one of the organizers of the Ringtown Fair Association. For five years he was supervisor of his township, elected on the Democratic ticket, to which he has always given loyal support. He is a member of the Lutheran Church at Ringtown.

Mr. Lindenmuth married Hannah Frey, who was born Aug. 9, 1845, in Union township, daughter of Levi and Sallie (Rumbel) Frey, and died July 10, 1910; she is buried at the Old White Church. Four children were born to this marriage: Mary Sabina married W. E. Stauffer, who keeps a hotel in Union township; Sallie Savilla is the widow of William Boyer and lives on the old Lindenmuth homestead; Dr. Eli Oscar, now superintendent of the X-ray department in the State University of Indiana, at Indianapolis, married Elnora Breisch; George Clarence is the youngest of the family.

George Clarence Lindenmuth attended the Horne school in Union township, and worked at home with his father until twenty years old. Then he learned the carpenter's trade under Joseph Laudig, of Ringtown, remaining with him for three years, since when he has been farming again, having bought his father's farm of eighty acres, of which sixty-five are cleared. He studied fruit growing and insects and insecticides, as a correspondent student of Pennsylvania State College, and makes a specialty of fruit growing, principally apples, his leading varieties being the Northern Spy, King and Follawater, which have proved very satisfactory. Mr. Lindenmuth has one of the finest orchards in his section of Schuylkill county, and he follows up-to-date methods in its care, as he does in all his other work. He attends market at Girardville, and ships all over the State. Mr. Lindenmuth has not been negligent of his responsibilities of citizenship, any more than he has of his private interests. Anything that affects the general welfare he considers worthy of his attention, and he has always used his influence in the most public-spirited manner. He was one of the organizers of the Farmers' Independent Telephone & Telegraph Company, and since June, 1911, has been a director of the First National Bank of Ringtown. At present he is holding the office of tax collector of Union township, and is a member of the Schuylkill County Farm Bureau. Like his immediate ancestors, he is a Democrat in political opinion. He and his wife are members of St. John's Lutheran Church of Ringtown, of which he is a deacon. At one time he was superintendent of Horne's Sunday school, and Mrs. Lindenmuth formerly taught in the Lindner Sunday school. Fraternally he is a member of Catawissa Lodge, No. 349, F. & A. M., and of Maple Leaf Camp, No. 246, Woodmen of the World, at Ringtown.

Mr. Lindenmuth was married to Edith Priscilla Stauffer, who was born April 23, 1877, in Union township, where she received her education. Six children have been born to this marriage, as follows: Edna Alberta, Oct. 29, 1901 (died Feb. 17, 1904); Mary Emma, June 27, 1903; Helen Grace, March 4, 1905; Ralph Lester, Jan. 19, 1907; Earl James, May 1, 1910; Woodrow Wilson, Jan. 16, 1913. Mary is now a pupil at the Ringtown high school.

John Stauffer, Mrs. Lindenmuth's great-grandfather, was born Dec. 24, 1758, in New Hanover township, Montgomery Co., Pa., the second child and only son of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Stauffer. He lived in his native county until 1809, when he settled in Ryon township, Berks (now Schuylkill) county, and on May 10, 1839, he moved with his son David to the Catawissa valley. He died March 5, 1845, while on a visit to his son Jacob at Broad Mountain, Schuylkill county. Mr. Stauffer was always a farmer. His father was a Mennonite, like his ancestors, and John Stauffer always adhered to that faith, but under the influence of Rev. Mr. Schaeffer, a Lutheran missionary who came into their district, all his children became Lutherans. Politically he was a Democrat. He married Elizabeth Yerger Dec. 18, 1782, and they are buried in Locust Valley, near Mahanoy City, Schuylkill county. They had children as follows: Jacob, Rebecca (Mrs. Peifer), John, Elizabeth (Mrs. Drase), Catherine (Mrs. Puhl), George, Isaac, Henry, Magdalene (Mrs. Bittler), Sarah (Mrs. Shell), David (married Maria Anne Andreas), Joseph and Amos.

Joseph Stauffer, son of John, was born in December, 1806, in Montgomery county, Pa., farmed in Union township, Schuylkill county, where Joseph J. Stauffer now lives, and died there at the age of eighty-one years. His wife, Mary Magdalena (Huntz), lived to the age of seventy-three years, and they are buried in the cemetery of the Old White Church, of which he was a Lutheran member. In politics he supported the Democratic party. Seven children were born to him and his wife, of whom John married Matilda Eisenhauer; Rachel became Mrs. John Eisenhauer; Jacob married Caroline Long; Joseph married Catherine Trexler; Amos married Caroline Trexler; one daughter died in infancy.

Edmond Stauffer, son of Joseph, was born March 12, 1846, in Union township, where he was reared and educated. He learned the trade of wheelwright with Stephen Yohe, of Slabtown, Columbia Co., Pa., and followed it all his life. For some time he worked at the carpenter's trade in Shenandoah, Schuylkill county. He bought an acre of ground in Union township from John and Benjamin Seltzer, of Ringtown, and erected a fine shop there, doing blacksmithing and wheelwrighting, wagon building and general repair work. His patrons come from a wide radius. Later he bought six acres located across the road, from P. J. Ferguson, and there built a fine home, which he has ever since occupied. In addition to his shop he has a cider press, and he has done very well in his various enterprises. Mr. Stauffer has been active in township and church affairs, having served two terms as school director and held a number of offices in St. John's Lutheran Church of Ringtown—elder, deacon and trustee. Politically he is a Democrat.

Mr. Stauffer married Carolina Bitting, daughter of Charles and Priscilla Bitting, and six children have been born to their union: Mrs. George Clarence Lindenmuth; Milton Joseph, who follows blacksmithing with his father (he married Emma Mensinger); Emma Catherine, who married C. C. Breisch, an attorney at law, and died April 4, 1906; Richard Edmond, who died when one year old; Ellen Alvaretta, who died when eight years old; and Monroe Daniel, who is principal of public schools at New Market, New Jersey.

HENRY Z. KUEBLER, now living retired, spent many years of his honorable and useful career in educational work in Schuylkill county, and as a successful and popular instructor enjoyed an influence among his young

charges which has surely borne good fruit. He is a native of the county and of German descent.

Christian Kuebler, father of Henry Z. Kuebler, was born and reared in Wurtemberg, Germany, and learned the trade of butcher in that country. When a young man of twenty years he came to America and settled in Schuylkill county, Pa., locating first at Pottsville and later at Minersville, where he carried on a butchering business. Later he moved to the Mahantongo Valley in this county, and thence to Lancaster, Pa., where he died. He married Hannah Zimmerman, who was born in the Mahantongo Valley, in this county, where her father, Solomon Zimmerman, settled upon his removal from Berks county, Pa. Mr. Zimmerman was a carpenter, and followed farming as well as his trade. Eventually he moved to Tremont, where he resided until his death. Mrs. Kuebler died in December, 1854, in Tremont. Henry Z. was the only child born to his parents, but he had four half brothers and sisters, all of whom are now deceased.

Henry Z. Kuebler was born Dec. 5, 1835, at his father's home in the Mahantongo Valley, where he grew to maturity. In his boyhood he attended the local township schools, and after his school days learned the carpenter's trade. At the age of twenty-two years he began teaching school, and he continued to follow the profession for thirty years, being engaged in Eldred township, this county, for three terms; Porter township, one term; Tremont township, seven terms; Tremont borough, one term; and in Butler township, one term. For several years Mr. Kuebler followed the nursery business, in which he was very successful, but he has been living retired for some time. At one time he studied law. Until recently he resided in the borough of Tremont, now making his home with his son at Llewellyn, this county.

During the Civil war Mr. Kuebler joined Company H, 6th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, at Tremont, and served three months under that enlistment. Later, during the emergency, he reenlisted, in a cavalry company from Morristown, N. J., served about seven weeks, and was mustered out at Harrisburg, Pa., returning to Tremont at the close of his period of service. He holds membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, and has been a worker in that and other similar organizations, belonging to the I. O. O. F., Knights of Pythias and Masonic fraternity; he has been especially interested in the latter, affiliating with the blue lodge at Ashland and the chapter (No. 221) at Tremont, in which he has passed all the chairs and attained the dignity of high priest. His religious connection is with the United Evangelical Church.

On April 18, 1875, Mr. Kuebler married Emma R. Kohr, who was born at what is now Fredericksburg, in Lebanon county, Pa., daughter of John H. and Hannah (Shirk) Kohr, of that county. Five children have been born to this union: Kohr L. and Sallie R. are deceased; Hannah, widow of Adolph O. Fleisch, lives in Westchester, Pa.; Harry Emile lives in Branch township, Schuylkill county; Viva L. Virgil is a resident of Atlantic City.

PROF. PATRICK S. CANFIELD, of New Philadelphia, has been occupied in educational work from youth and is probably best known in that connection in this county. But he has also given considerable time successfully to business, and is the present postmaster at Silver Creek (the post office of New Philadelphia). He has never withheld his services or influence in

promoting the general welfare, and his high qualifications have made his cooperation very acceptable, his good judgment and energy being employed to advantage in whatever claims his attention.

Mr. Canfield is of Pennsylvania birth and Irish extraction, his grandfather, Edward Canfield, having been a native of Ireland, from which country he brought his family to America, and many years ago settled at Windy Harbor, in Blythe township, Schuylkill Co., Pa. His son John, the father of Patrick S. Canfield, was born in Ireland, and accompanied his parents to the United States. He became a stationary engineer, and was employed in that capacity by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company at Eagle Hill, this county, for the long period of thirty-five years, making a high record for efficiency and fidelity. He never had any accidents nor injured anyone at his post. When sixty-five years old he was intrusted with the sinking of a shaft for the company, in whose employ he continued until the strike of 1902. Personally he bore the highest reputation, his excellent habits gaining him deserved respect among his associates. Few men in the region were any better or more favorably known. His death occurred Oct. 9, 1909, and he is buried at New Philadelphia. Mr. Canfield married Mary Burns, who now resides at New Philadelphia with her daughter Mrs. Gannon. The following children were born to this union: Mary is the wife of Joseph Gannon, of New Philadelphia; Edward\*J. is engaged in the hotel business at New Philadelphia; James F. lives at Pottsville, this county, where he has been assistant superintendent for the Prudential Life Insurance Company for the last twenty years; John W. has held the same position at Tamaqua, this county, for fifteen years; Annie is the wife of W. R. Lawrence, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Robert V. has been assistant superintendent for the Prudential Life Insurance Company at Lansford, Pa., for the last thirteen years; Patrick S. completes the family.

Patrick S. Canfield was born July 25, 1881, at Windy Harbor, in Blythe township, and acquired his early education in the local public schools, under County Superintendent Livingston Seltzer. So well did he apply himself to his studies that he was given a school to teach when but sixteen years old, being engaged at Silver Creek, in Blythe township, where he remained for three years. He has followed the profession continuously since. For three years after leaving Silver Creek he was at Middleport, this county, and the next year had a school in North Manheim township. For the last five years he has been stationed at New Philadelphia, where he now has charge as principal of the public schools, in which capacity he has given eminent satisfaction. Professor Canfield is earnest and conscientious in the performance of his duties, having a keen sense of the responsibilities they involve, especially in shaping and directing the ideas of the young minds in his charge. Their confidence and esteem are his most cherished reward.

For a few years Mr. Canfield had a general store at Cumbola, Schuylkill county, but discontinued the business in 1910. On April 1, 1915, he received the appointment of postmaster at Silver Creek (New Philadelphia), and he has been handling the business of the office with characteristic ability. He also acts as registrar of births and deaths in Blythe township and New Philadelphia borough, doing his work with the accuracy and intelligence which render such records very valuable. In religion he is a Catholic. Socially he affiliates with the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and for the last fourteen years has been secretary of its local lodge.

Professor Canfield was united in marriage with Mary Devlin, daughter of the late Thomas Devlin, who died April 18, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Canfield have two children, John (now, 1915, aged four years) and Thomas (one year old).

MORRIS W. HIKES is a native-born citizen of Pine Grove who has taken his share of municipal responsibilities in an active life, doing his part in maintaining good business and living conditions in the progressive borough where his life has been spent. His connection with movements which stimulate good citizenship or are the expression of public spirit shows how thoroughly he has the general welfare at heart, and his own career stamps him as well fitted to assist in its defense.

There are on record several of the name of Hikes among the immigrants to Pennsylvania during the Provincial period. One John Henry Hyckes arrived Sept. 16, 1738, on the ship "Queen Elizabeth," from Rotterdam, landing at Philadelphia. In 1751 a John Peter Heygies sailed on the ship "Duke of Bedford," carrying 160 passengers, from Rotterdam, and landed at Philadelphia. John George Heiges, who landed at Philadelphia, shipped Oct. 22, 1754, on the "Henrietta," from Rotterdam, whose passengers were from Hesse and Wurtemberg. George Hikes, great-grandfather of Morris W. Hikes, was born March 8, 1725, supposedly near Wurtemberg, in the southern part of Germany. He was among the very earliest settlers in Adams county, where he remained until his death, engaged in farming, passing away Jan. 3, 1800, and is buried at the Bermudian Church, at York Springs, Adams county. He was a soldier in the Revolution, and spent the winter of 1777-78 with Washington at Valley Forge. He was married to Margaret Albert, daughter of Lorentz Albert, and their three children were Charlotte C., Frederick (who died unmarried) and Henry. The daughter was married about 1794 to John Albert, a clockmaker, and about 1812 they emigrated to Perry county, Pa., where they settled and reared their large family—thirteen children. It was with this family that Singleton Hikes, father of Morris W. Hikes, spent most of his youth.

Henry Hikes, grandfather of Morris W., was born Feb. 14, 1790, in Adams county, Pa., and died Nov. 10, 1871. His entire life was passed in his native county, where he was a prosperous farmer and extensive landowner. He married Mary Erb, and they became the parents of eleven children, eight sons and three daughters, all now deceased, viz.: Henry, Moses, Frederick, George, John, Singleton, Howard, Eli, Christina, Mary and Catherine.

Singleton Hikes was born in May, 1823, near York Springs. When a young man, in 1846, he moved to Pine Grove, Schuylkill county, from Landisburg, Perry county, and here he spent the remainder of his long life, dying Aug. 26, 1904. Though he did some farming he was occupied principally at his trade, that of carpenter, which he followed until his death. No man in the community was more sincerely respected. He was a member of the United Brethren Church and a devoted religious worker, one of the oldest Sunday school superintendents in this locality, and always used his influence for the promotion of good works. Having taught school for some time in his earlier life (he was so engaged in Pine Grove township), he was well fitted for his efforts to provide proper training for the young, both as a Sunday school worker and a member of the township board of school directors. In 1849 he married Catherine Harvey, and they made their home at North

Pine Grove, where they reared their family, viz.: Sarah, the wife of Jeremiah Klingler, residing at Fredericksburg, Lebanon Co., Pa.; John C., living on the old homestead in Pine Grove; Isaac, deceased; Morris W.; Howard and Walter H., both deceased. The mother was born in Reading, Pa., and died July 24, 1894.

Isaac Harvey, Sr., grandfather of Mrs. Hikes, was of English ancestry. He was at Reading, Pa., among the early settlers. He married Margaret Ruppert, and they had a large family. Isaac Harvey, Jr., son of Isaac, was born Nov. 16, 1801, at Reading, Pa., and died at Pine Grove April 27, 1875. He moved to Pine Grove in its earlier days, and was engaged in transporting coal from the mines for the Union Canal Co. His wife, Mary (Wunder), was born May 29, 1803, and died July 11, 1854. They had a numerous family: Daniel, Esther, Henry, George, John, Isaac, Franklin (a resident of Missouri), Mary, Sarah (widow of John Fuller, of Boulder, Colo.), Annie, Tamson (deceased), Rebecca, Catherine, and three who died in infancy.

Morris W. Hikes was born Jan. 26, 1862, in Pine Grove township, where he spent his youth and received the principal part of his education, attending the State Normal School at Millersville for a short time. For eight years he was engaged in teaching in this county, in Pine Grove, East Union and Porter townships. In 1890 he commenced the business he has since followed, painting and paperhanging, and he has been notably successful as an interior decorator, in which line he commands a wide patronage. With skill and taste developed by experience, and by scrupulous care in the fulfillment of contracts, he has obtained solid standing among local craftsmen.

Mr. Hikes has been associated with the administration of local affairs for over twenty years. In 1893 he was elected a justice of the peace, and held the office continuously until 1914. In December, 1903, he received a commission as notary public, and still acts in that capacity. He was one of the organizers of the Pine Grove Fire Company, founded in 1894, has served as president, and is now secretary of the company; he is a member of the State Firemen's Association. Mr. Hikes has various social connections, belonging to the Knights of the Golden Eagle, of which he has been recording secretary since 1898; to Tremont Lodge, I. O. O. F., of which he has been a member since 1893; and to the Pine Grove Blue Lodge, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master.

On Dec. 25, 1884, Mr. Hikes married Kate L. Drine, who is a native of Pine Grove, one of the six children born to Owen and Mary (Mease) Drine. Mr. Drine was born in 1822 in Orwigsburg, and coming to Pine Grove in 1842 followed the shoe business here for many years, being a shoe maker and dealer. He was a devoted member of St. Paul's United Evangelical Church and highly respected as a model Christian. He died in Pine Grove at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Hikes, Dec. 16, 1898. His wife, who died Jan. 31, 1872, was a native of Lebanon county, Pa., and was a descendant of one of the earliest families of this part of Pennsylvania, being a daughter of Daniel Mease. The Meases became established at an early day in the northern part of Lebanon county, near Lickdale. Mr. and Mrs. Drine had the following family: Sarah, widow of E. J. Haak, living at Pine Grove; Emma, wife of Franklin Maurer, of Pine Grove; Kate L., Mrs. Morris W. Hikes; London, who is deceased; and Louisa and Irene, who died in infancy.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hikes: Lloyd D., who is a graduate of Albright College, is now engaged in the laundry business at Tre-

mont, Schuylkill county (he is a musician of considerable local reputation, has been a member of the Pine Grove band, and Tremont band); V. La Rue, Ina B. and Mary Catherine are at home.

J. J. McKNIGHT has for several years been in charge of various public utilities of vital importance to the boroughs of Pottsville and Schuylkill Haven. He has been a resident of the former borough since 1902, when he came to take the position of foreman of the Pottsville Gas Company. He has been with that concern ever since, and meantime has become general manager, with the added responsibility of manager of the Schuylkill Haven Gas & Water Company. Mr. McKnight is a native of Durham, Bucks Co., Pa., born Dec. 28, 1876, son of Michael McKnight, also a native of Bucks county. The father was a steel worker, employed at the Durham Steel Mills. He died in January, 1913, at Easton, Pennsylvania.

J. J. McKnight received a public school education at Durham and also attended the academy at Riegelsville, in his native county. For ten years, from 1892, he was employed in the steel mills at Bethlehem, first as a machinist, later as a bricklayer, and then, for three years, in charge of all the steel that went out of the mill, holding the position of annealer. For a year after leaving the mills he was with the Bethlehem South Gas & Water Company as a gas fitter. Then in October, 1902, he came to Pottsville to take the position of foreman and inspector of the gas plant, acting in that capacity for three years, since when he has been general manager of the Pottsville Gas Company, the Schuylkill Haven Gas & Water Company and the Schuylkill County Light & Fuel Company. Mr. McKnight is thoroughly familiar with the operation of these plants according to up-to-date ideas, and he is trusted and respected for his intelligence and reliability.

The Pottsville Gas Company was incorporated Feb. 25, 1850, by Samuel Sillyman, John H. Adams, Joseph S. Silver, James Hoy, Simon Cameron, Lewis Audenried, Charles W. Clemens, Joseph W. Cape, Alexander Small, Adam Glassbrenner, Joseph C. Potts, John P. Kennedy, Francis W. Hughes and Eli Morris. The plant is now owned by C. P. King and F. H. Treat, who purchased it in 1902. Mr. Treat is president of the company, and W. H. Lawton, secretary and treasurer. The office is at No. 110 South Centre street, Pottsville, and the plant on Centre and Coal streets. About three thousand meters have been installed and the capacity is fifty million cubic feet, Schuylkill Haven as well as Pottsville being supplied from this point. The equipment is entirely modern.

Mr. McKnight married Laura Louise Meiswinkel, daughter of Frederick Meiswinkel, of Pottsville. They have had two children born to them, Laura Louise and Mildred Josephine. Mr. McKnight is a Catholic in religious faith, belonging to St. Patrick's Church, at Pottsville, and he also holds membership in Pottsville Lodge, No. 207, B. P. O. Elks; in the Knights of Columbus; and the Y. M. C. A.

SAMUEL M. FESIG, of Tower City, justice of the peace, one of the well known men of Schuylkill county, was born in Pine Grove township March 16, 1860, a son of John and Angeline (Schwartz) Fesig. John Fesig carried on the hotel business in Schuylkill county, and in 1874 located at Tower City, where he conducted a small store. His death occurred in 1883,



and he is buried at Tower City. His children were: Emma, Elizabeth, John (deceased), Samuel M., William and Edward.

While still a lad Samuel M. Fesig worked in the mines of his neighborhood, first at day work, and then as door tender. In 1889 he began mining, and so continued until 1913, at the West Brookside colliery. In the fall of 1913 he was elected justice of the peace at Tower City, and has been serving as such to the present time. He has also been a member of the council (three years) and borough clerk (two years), and upon a number of occasions has been sent as delegate to county conventions. In addition to other interests, Mr. Fesig was one of the organizers and charter members of the Mountaineer Hose Company of Tower City. He gives to all his duties a careful, conscientious attention that displays the character of the man and his realization of the responsibilities which rest upon him.

Mr. Fesig was married to Alice Shower and their nine children have been: John, who married Merda Brown; Charles, who is deceased; Henry; Edna; Bella; Rebecca; Millie, who married Solomon Kline; Martha; and George. Not only is Mr. Fesig prominent in local politics, but he takes an intelligent interest in the welfare of Local Union No. 1261, U. M. W. of A., of which he is a member, and he represented it at Harrisburg. He also belongs to Camp No. 52, Patriotic Order Sons of America, and in its behalf has attended conventions at Williamsport and Uniontown, Pa.; he holds membership in Washington Commandery No. 22. When it is remembered that Mr. Fesig has risen to his present position from very humble beginnings, and all through his own efforts, it is easy to see that he is a man of much more than ordinary ability who has known how to make excellent use of opportunities as they presented themselves.

LOUIS C. BOLICH has been a resident of Ashland practically all his life, having been born at Minersville, Schuylkill county, May 22, 1854, and brought hither in his youth by his parents, Albert and Augusta (Clouse) Bolich.

Albert Bolich was a native of Germany, born in Saxony. His parents died in that country, and he continued to live there until 1852, following his marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Bolich settled at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and he engaged in mine work, also following his trade, that of tinsmith, which he learned in Germany. In 1855 he moved with his family to Ashland, where he engaged in business, continuing it until, because of his father's death, he returned to Germany, where he settled up the estate. Coming back to America, he settled at Sayre, in Bradford county, Pa., and again went into business, remaining at that place until his death, in 1904. His wife was like himself a native of Germany. They became the parents of seven children, of whom Louis C. is the eldest; Clara is the wife of Ernest Thompson, of Sayre; Alfred is engaged in the hardware business at that place, where he is a leading merchant; Herman L., also of Sayre, is in partnership with his brother Alfred; Louisa is next in the family; Rosie and Minnie are deceased.

Louis C. Bolich received his education in the public schools at Ashland. When only a boy he entered his father's employ, learning the trade of tinsmith, and he continued with him until the father went to Europe, when he engaged in the livery business on his own account. This was in 1876, and he conducted the business for over thirty-five years, eventually turning it over to his son Herman, who had been assisting him for some time. Mr.

Bolich always kept an excellent stock of horses and vehicles, and by obliging attention to the wants of his customers he succeeded in establishing a profitable trade. He has turned the business over entirely to his son Herman.

On June 12, 1881, Mr. Bolich was married to Catherine Brixius, who was born at Minersville, Schuylkill county, daughter of Peter and Susanna (Scholles) Brixius, both natives of Germany (the father born at Detter), where they were reared and married. Coming to America in 1842, they first located near Williamsport, Pa., later settling at Minersville, this county, in 1850. Here they made a permanent home, Mr. Brixius following the trade of stonemason and builder to the end of his life. He died Oct. 23, 1892, and his widow on April 18, 1906. They had the following children: Theodore, the eldest, is deceased; Catherine is the wife of Louis C. Bolich; Christine is the wife of H. C. Madlinger, of Mahanoy City, Pa.; Anna M. is the wife of Joseph O'Neill, of Minersville, this county; John lives at Minersville; Theodore (2) is also a resident of that place.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis C. Bolich: (1) Mary A. died April 27, 1885. (2) Harry P., born March 21, 1886, received his early education in the public schools of Ashland, and later entered the University of Pennsylvania, where he took a course in veterinary surgery, graduating in 1908. He began practice at Ashland, where he still maintains an office, also practicing at Mount Carmel, Pa., where he makes his home. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and of St. Mauritius Church of Ashland. (3) J. Louis, born May 18, 1887, had public school advantages at Ashland, and has since taken a course at the Eckels School of Embalming, Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1910. He is now located at South Bethlehem, Pa. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

(4) HERMAN A. BOLICH, born Aug. 18, 1889, at Ashland, was reared and educated there, and is now one of the prosperous young business men of the place. He is carrying on the livery and transfer trade established by his father, and has already proved himself a trustworthy and reliable business man, thoroughly progressive in the manner in which he has conducted the stables since they came into his hands. He is a young man of commendable habits and good character, a member of Sarto Council, Knights of Columbus, and of St. Mauritius Catholic Church, at Ashland.

JOHN M. COOMBE, notary public, insurance and real estate, Mahanoy City, Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM H. RYLAND, of Wayne township, Schuylkill county, bears a name which has been associated with honorable purpose and a high order of citizenship since his grandparents settled there in 1838. His father, Albanus S. Riland, has been living there continuously since, and now over ninety years old, with faculties keen and alert, has the pleasure of seeing his descendants in the enjoyment of the benefits for which he labored so earnestly during his more active days. Though a man of broad sympathies and ready with encouragement for every good movement, his deepest interest was always along the line of religious work, and his best efforts were given to the strengthening of the churches and their allied enterprises, upon which he has always felt that the true advancement of humanity depends.

This name was originally spelled Riland, William H. being the first to adopt the form Ryland. The family has been in Pennsylvania since pre-

Revolutionary days. Tradition has it that Lord Riland, of London, England, had three sons who came to America, one settling in New Jersey, one in Virginia, and the other it is supposed in Pennsylvania, the latter likely the founder of the branch of the family to which William H. Ryland belongs. Andrew Riland, the earliest ancestor of his line of whom we have any positive knowledge, was a miller, operating a mill on the Tulpehocken creek, in Berks county, Pa. Thence he removed to Whitemarsh, then in Philadelphia (now Montgomery) county, near Chestnut Hill, later purchasing a farm in the upper end of Philadelphia county, near the Montgomery county line. He died there, and he and his wife Phoebe (Burkheart) are buried in the Barren Hill cemetery in Montgomery county.

Samuel B. Riland, son of Andrew and Phoebe Riland, was born in Berks county in 1795. He and his brother William served as soldiers in the war of 1812. Though principally engaged in farming, he was a cooper by trade, and made many flour barrels for the millers in and about Philadelphia. For some years he farmed in Montgomery county, being located at Norristown, in 1838 removing to Schuylkill county and settling in Wayne township, where he bought the farm upon which he resided thereafter to the close of his long life. His death occurred at the home of Albanus S. Riland, who had always been a devoted, affectionate son, the father passing away in his arms Jan. 24, 1877, aged eighty-one years, ten months, nine days. His religious connection was with the Evangelical Church. Samuel B. Riland was twice married, his first wife being Sarah Schoch, who was born in the latter part of the eighteenth century at what was then called Robinhood, Philadelphia county, now included in Philadelphia, daughter of Jacob and Rachel (Edleman) Schoch. The latter died at the remarkable age of ninety-nine years, and is buried in the Barren Hill cemetery. Her father was living in Germantown when the Revolutionary battle was fought at that place, and the family took refuge in the cellar, placing bedding at the windows as a protection against the British bullets. After the battle the British looted the house, carrying off everything they wanted, even the clothing and the bedticks, which they first ripped open and emptied of straw. Mrs. Sarah (Schoch) Riland died Sept. 15, 1825, the mother of two children, Albanus S. and Arabella; the daughter married Charles Kreckler, of Friedensburg, Schuylkill county, and both are now deceased. For his second wife Samuel B. Riland married Elizabeth Mullin, by whom he had six children, three sons and three daughters, namely: 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 was born Dec. 22, 1824, at Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, and received common school advantages at the various localities in eastern Pennsylvania where the family lived. Though the scope of the early schools was limited he made the most of his opportunities, and has always been a reader, becoming well informed by his own efforts. His mind is still active, and he takes great pleasure in keeping in touch with current events, of national as well as local interest. Besides farming during his active years he acted as traveling salesman for a time for the Oliver Chilled Plow Company, in New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, Delaware and eastern Pennsylvania, and by application and good judgment managed his business affairs very successfully. On May 16, 1850, Mr. Riland married Anna Nunemaker, daughter of John

Nunemaker, of Wayne township, and granddaughter of Jacob Nunemaker, who came to this country from Germany; her maternal grandfather, Peter Smith, was a native of Berks county, Pa. To Mr. and Mrs. Riland were born four children, three sons and one daughter: John N., Daniel S. (deceased), William H. and Mary E. (deceased).

Mr. Riland began attending Sunday school in 1832, and when a young man became a Sunday school teacher. In 1852 he was elected superintendent of the Sunday school of the Friedensburg Church, and served in that capacity for fifty-six consecutive years. The first Sunday school he organized was called together in an old springhouse. In 1913, at the jubilee convention held in Philadelphia, Mr. Riland was awarded a medal as the oldest Sunday school worker in the State. His membership with the Friedensburg Church dates back to 1848. When the United Brethren and Evangelical congregations of Friedensburg erected the English Protestant Union Church in 1859 Mr. Riland assisted faithfully in the work as a member of the building committee, and he has been one of the church trustees for a number of years. He covered a large field in soliciting funds for the Lebanon Valley College, and served as a trustee of that institution for some twenty years.

William H. Ryland, son of Albanus S. Riland, was born in October, 1857, and was given excellent educational advantages, taking a course in the Lebanon Valley College. At the age of twenty-two years he settled on the farm in Wayne township where he has since made his home, and all his business interests have centered in agricultural work and allied lines. Besides operating his land he has been the local representative of several firms dealing in agricultural implements and fertilizers. Like his father he is a devoted church worker, a valued member and official of the United Brethren Church and active in the Sunday school. Politically a Republican, he has been identified with party work to a considerable extent, acting as delegate to several conventions, and socially he belongs to Schuylkill Haven Lodge, F. & A. M., the Knights of Malta and the Patriotic Order Sons of America.

On Nov. 22, 1878, Mr. Ryland married Emma Straub, who was born Sept. 5, 1856, daughter of John and Mary (Steib) Straub, of Wayne township, natives of Germany. Mrs. Ryland died Oct. 24, 1914, the mother of six children: (1) Albanus S., born Aug. 18, 1880, graduated from the Millersville State Normal School and taught during his early manhood, being engaged for a time in the high school at Shoemakersville. He also took a course at the Lebanon Valley College, and prepared for the medical profession at the Medico-Chirurgical School of Philadelphia, from which he was graduated. After a year's experience as interne at the Wilkes-Barre hospital he located at Allentown, Pa., where he practiced one year, and he has since been in medical and surgical practice at Valley View, Schuylkill county, where he has a wide circle of patrons and is held in great esteem personally. He is a Mason, and also belongs to the P. O. S. of A. Dr. Ryland married Katherine Bittle. (2) John G., born Dec. 20, 1881, also graduated from the Millersville Normal School, taught for a time at Auburn, Schuylkill county, and is now engaged as a traveling salesman for the Oliver Chilled Plow Company. He is a Mason fraternally. His wife, Helen (Mengle), died leaving one child, Helen E. (3) Harry E., born May 5, 1883, worked at one time in Buffalo, N. Y., traveled for some years, and is now farming in Wayne township. He married Laura Zettlemoyer, and they have one child, Glenn A. Mr. Ryland belongs to the F. & A. M. and the P. O. S. of A. (4) Robert S., born Oct. 5,

1885, is a machinist by calling, was formerly employed at Reading, Pa., and now lives at home. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A. (5) Anna M., born May 14, 1889, is at home. (6) Dora R., born April 20, 1893, is the wife of Rev. Harrison Heffner, of Pequea, Lancaster Co., Pa., pastor of the Evangelical Church.

THOMAS J. CUMMINGS has been one of the controlling spirits in the government of Mount Carbon borough during the most progressive stage of its existence. As borough auditor since 1903 he has been taking a direct part in the management of public affairs, and his work has extended into other departments also. His efforts have been employed principally in obtaining for his borough the benefits of modern methods. Mr. Cummings is a worthy representative of a family which has long been settled in Schuylkill county.

The earliest known ancestors of the Cummings family were natives of Scotland, and the forefather of the branch here under consideration went across and settled in Ireland. Pierce Cummings, father of Thomas J. Cummings, was born in Ireland and spent his early life in that country. Coming to America in 1844, he settled at Mount Carbon, in North Manheim township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and in 1845 began railroad work with the Reading Company, in whose employ he remained until his death, which occurred in April, 1880. He is buried at Pottsville. Mr. Cummings was not only a reliable and thrifty workman, but he became well known to his fellow citizens in North Manheim township for his intelligent stand on public questions, and he gave efficient service in the positions of school director and tax collector. In 1864, when the borough of Mount Carbon was erected, he was one of the organizers. His wife, Mary (Dobbins), like himself a native of Ireland, died Nov. 28, 1910, and is also buried at Pottsville. They had a large family, namely: James, John, Nicholas, Edward, Bridget (who has a grocery and notion store at Mount Carbon), Thomas J., Edmund, George, Elizabeth, Catharine, Mary, Margaret, Anna and Matthew.

Thomas J. Cummings was born in 1859 near Mount Carbon in North Manheim township, and there received a public school education. He was but ten years old when he commenced work, boating on the canal, being so employed from 1869 until December, 1880, when he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company as brakeman. However, he soon returned to his old occupation, in 1881 becoming a boatman on Long Island sound, where he was employed for over fifteen years. He also spent three years at Philadelphia, employed in the Baldwin locomotive shops, before returning to Schuylkill county, in 1901, in which year he located at Pottsville. He has since been employed on the Philadelphia & Reading road, being now engaged as a conductor and flagman.

Mr. Cummings makes his home at Mount Carbon, and like his father has been one of the most favorably known citizens of the community. For several years he was a zealous member of the school board, and since 1903 he has held the position of auditor of the borough. At present he is vice president of the Mount Carbon Fire Company, which he has also served as trustee, having taken an active part in the direction of its affairs ever since it was organized in 1909. The company has every reason to be proud of its up-to-date equipment, and Mr. Cummings and his fellow members have spared neither time nor pains to bring the company up to a high standard of efficiency. He is also a member of the Foresters and of the Order of Railway Conductors.

Mr. Cummings married Luticia Gelespie, who died in October, 1901, and is buried at Pottsville. The only child of this union, Anna, is unmarried and lives at home with her father.

JAMES MONROE HAND is one of the oldest residents of the borough of Tremont, Schuylkill county, and has long been employed at the Lincoln colliery. He has filled a useful place in the administration of the local government, having served faithfully in important positions of trust, and his honorable and intelligent discharge of every duty has recommended him to the favor and confidence of his associates in all the relations of life.

The Hand family has been in Pennsylvania for several generations, founded here by John Hand, an Orangeman from the North of Ireland, who came to America with his brother William. The latter settled in New Jersey, John Hand coming to this State, where he made a settlement in the Lykens valley, taking up a farm. He lived and died there. His children were: William, Abraham, John, and two daughters.

William Hand, son of John, above, also followed farming in the Lykens valley, later removing to Clearfield county, Pa., where he purchased a farm and engaged in the timber business as well as agriculture. He died at the age of eighty-eight years, and is buried there. His wife's maiden name was Zimmerman, and their children were: John, William, Elias, Henry, Joseph, George, James, Kate (Mrs. Daubert), Mrs. Young, and a daughter who died in Pittsburgh.

John Hand, son of William, was born in what was then Upper Mahantongo (now Hegins) township, on the old John Reed farm about three quarters of a mile northeast of Hegins. He learned shoemaking, but did not follow the trade long. Later he learned stonemasonry, which he also followed but a short time, eventually going to work at the mines, where he was engaged for about forty-five years. In 1844 he settled at Tremont, where he was one of the pioneers, and he continued to make his home there until his death, Feb. 18, 1902, at the age of eighty-one years. He is buried in the Methodist Episcopal cemetery at Tremont. Five children were born to his marriage with Elizabeth Shuckert, daughter of Henry Shuckert: Daniel, James Monroe, William F., Mary and Margaret.

James Monroe Hand was born at Tremont in 1849, and had rather limited advantages, being only a young boy when he began to pick slate at the mines. With the exception of about eighteen months during which he was employed in a foundry at Tremont he has been engaged at the mines continuously since, and he is now one of the reliable hands at the Lincoln colliery. He has many interesting stories of the early days at Tremont, and he has taken a good citizen's part in assisting in the improvement of conditions in the town. For about seventeen years he served as a member of the town council, and he was the second health officer of the borough, filling that office for three years. Socially he affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Patriotic Order Sons of America.

Mr. Hand was united in marriage with Elizabeth Carl, daughter of Elias Carl, and the following children have been born to them: Amelia; Susanna; John F., who is inside foreman at the Lincoln colliery; William Elias, a contracting miner at the Goodspring colliery, living at home with his parents; Eleanor, twin of William E., deceased in infancy; and James Monroe, Jr., contracting miner at the Lincoln colliery, who makes his home at Tremont.



JOHN P. MAHER, late of Shenandoah, was for many years one of the substantial citizens of that place, where he made his home for over forty years. By diligent attention to business he gained a comfortable competence, and in its acquisition dealt so honorably with everyone that he held the respect of all his associates. His widow and several children are still living in the borough and among its most esteemed residents.

Mr. Maher was of Irish birth and extraction, a son of Philip Maher and a grandson of John Maher, the latter an innkeeper in Tipperary, Ireland, where he and his wife are buried. In religion they were Roman Catholics. Their children were: Philip, John, Michael, Patrick, William, Dr. James (who lived in Elmira, N. Y.), Mary (who married a Mr. Kingsley), Margaret (a school teacher) and Catherine.

Philip Maher was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, and lived to the age of eighty-seven years. He learned shoemaking and followed the trade while living in his native country, whence he removed in 1851 to Coniston, England, at which place he died. For services rendered the crown he was appointed royal mail carrier. He and his wife Alice (Dundon), who died at the age of seventy-eight years, are buried at Coniston. They were members of the Catholic Church. To them were born the following children: Patrick came to America and was killed in 1873 at Jackson Patch, Schuylkill county; John P. was next in the family; Andrew married and died in England, leaving four children, Alice, Alfonso, David and another; Michael died in Shenandoah, unmarried; Ellen married John Murphy, who died in England, and she died in New York (she is buried at Shenandoah). The mother was born in County Tipperary, daughter of John Dundon.

John P. Maher was born March 25, 1845, in County Tipperary, Ireland, and grew up in that country, receiving common school advantages. He was a rocksmen in the mines and also worked in the copper mines in England, whither he had moved with his parents when six years old. Coming to this country about 1868, he landed at New York, and for a few years remained in the East, at various locations. He spent some time in Massachusetts, and was later at Elmira, N. Y., following his trade. In the year 1871 he came to Shenandoah, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he passed the rest of his life. Here, too, he was engaged at mining, working as a miner in the Turkey Run colliery for Charles Atkins, also at Davis's shaft, sinking the first shaft at that point, and elsewhere. His careful operations soon brought him a reputation as a reliable mine contractor, and he was so occupied successfully with the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company until his retirement in 1905, driving gangways, breasts, etc.; for many years he was at the Kohinoor colliery. From March, 1883, until April, 1900, he conducted the "National Hotel" at Shenandoah, and retained ownership of the property after quitting the business. Mr. Maher was thoroughly familiar with his business and conscientious in the performance of any work he undertook, and his intelligence and good management won him the prosperity he well deserved. He took a keen interest in local politics as a member of the Democratic party and served as judge of election. In religion he adhered to the faith of his ancestors, belonging to the Church of the Annunciation at Shenandoah, as well as to St. Patrick's Society. He was also a member of the Columbia Fire Company. He died at Shenandoah Dec. 2, 1912, and is buried at that place.

In 1872 Mr. Maher was married to Mary Ann Delaney, the ceremony being performed by Father O'Reilly, who christened all their children, gave them



first communion, confirmed and married them, and christened most of the grandchildren. We have the following record of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Maher: Philip J., born Jan. 5, 1873, is now engaged as a printer on the *Anthracite Labor News*, at Shenandoah, where he is a well known citizen; he married Agnes McManus, and they have children, Mary, John, Catherine, Alice, Tessie and Agnes. Martin F., born Nov. 13, 1874, a hotel proprietor in Shenandoah, was auditor of the Third ward for four years; he married Catherine McDermott, and their children are Mary, Catherine, John, Michael, Martin, Philip and Margaret. Bridget Florence Maher, born Nov. 7, 1876, is the wife of Andrew J. Flynn, and lives in New York City, where he is employed as a supervisor on the Third avenue elevated road; their children are John, Rosemary, Joseph, Francis, Thomas, James and Mary. Patrick J., born Dec. 4, 1877, is proprietor and owner of Maher's Hall, Shenandoah, the largest dancing hall in Schuylkill county; he married Annie Quinn, who died June 21, 1914, and has two children, Thomas and John. Alice Claire, born Sept. 18, 1884, married Edward J. Tobin, of New York City, by whom she had one child, James; after his death she became the wife of Joseph Ploppert, who is employed as a bar clerk, and they have two children, John and Joseph. John Maher, born July 10, 1879, died in August, 1880. Malachi, born March 17, 1882, died July 4, 1882. Mary, born Sept. 28, 1893, is the wife of Harry Whittaker, and has one child, Mary. All of this family were educated in the schools of Shenandoah.

Mrs. Mary Ann (Delaney) Maher, who continues to make her home in the old family residence at No. 228 South Main street, Shenandoah, was born Oct. 1, 1854, at Valley Furnace, near New Philadelphia, Schuylkill county, and was seven years old when the family moved to Shenandoah. She first attended the Dunn's Hill school, where she had for teacher Richard Wright, who is now a practicing physician in Shamokin, Pa.; at Shenandoah her teachers were Miss Patrick and Miss McCarty. She remained at home until her marriage. Mrs. Maher has long been one of the active supporters of the Church of the Annunciation, belonging to the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary and to the Sacred Heart Society; she was formerly a leading worker in the ladies' auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Martin Delaney, father of Mrs. Maher, was born in Queen's County, Ireland, son of Lawrence (Lag.) Delaney, who farmed in that county and also had a coal mine in operation on his farm. He married Mary Brennan, and they became the parents of the following children: Martin; Matthew, who died at Salt Lake City, Utah; Margaret, who married Dennis Brennan (both now deceased; she is buried in Chicago, Ill.); Patrick, who was killed while serving in the Civil war; and Mary, wife of John D. LeGrange, both deceased. The parents were Catholics in religious faith. The father is buried in Queen's County, Ireland; the mother was buried at sea, having died on her way to this country.

Martin Delaney came to America when eighteen years old and settled in Schuylkill county, Pa., first at New Philadelphia (Valley Furnace) and later at Shenandoah. By occupation he was a miner, and one of the first employees of Miller & Rhoads. When he gave up that work he entered the undertaker and livery business and also had a furniture store, in time taking his son Martin into partnership under the firm name of Delaney & Son. He took a trip back to Ireland some time before his death, which occurred in 1884 at Shenandoah, when he was sixty-five years of age. He and his wife

Bridget are buried in the cemetery of the Church of the Annunciation at Shenandoah. Mr. Delaney was a Democrat and took considerable interest in politics and other public affairs, and he was elected to several local offices which he filled very creditably, having been school director, councilman and constable.

At Port Carbon, this county, Mr. Delaney was married, by Father McGorey, to Mrs. Bridget (Higgins) Watson, who was born in County Roscommon, Ireland, came to America in the year 1844, and died at Shenandoah in March, 1905, at the remarkable age of ninety-four years. By her first husband, Michael Watson, she had two children: Malachi, who married Nancy Monahan and (second) Anne Costello (he and both his wives are deceased); and James, who was killed on the railroad at Glen Carbon and is buried at Minersville, this county. Mr. Watson is buried at Shenandoah.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Delaney, viz.: Patrick, a tin-smith, now living retired, married Bridget Boner; Martin, who married Margaret Cavanaugh, lives in Philadelphia, Pa.; Mary Ann is Mrs. John P. Maher; Bridget is the wife of Michael Doyle, proprietor of the *Anthracite Labor News*; John married Ellen Dowd (now deceased) and lives in Philadelphia.

Peter Higgins, father of Mrs. Bridget (Higgins) Delaney, was born in County Roscommon, Ireland, where he did farm work. In that country he married Mary Donnelly, also a native of County Roscommon, and they came to America at an early day and settled in Schuylkill county, Pa., Mrs. Higgins dying at Pottsville in 1841; she is buried there. After coming to the United States Mr. Higgins followed mining. He remarried, in Savannah, Ga., where he is buried. His children by the first union were: Bridget (Mrs. Delaney); Patrick, who died in New York; Maria (Mrs. James Fox), who died in Chicago (her husband is buried at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.), and Michael, who married Mary Keogh (they are buried at Port Carbon).

AARON OSSMAN has been a resident of Tremont for the last thirty years and one of the highly respected citizens of the borough, still taking an active interest in matters of importance to the community, though now leading a practically retired life so far as business is concerned. Born in the Lykens valley in Schuylkill county, Dec. 9, 1838, on the old place which was the homestead of his grandfather, he is of English ancestry. Robert Ossman, the grandfather, came to this country from England and settled in Schuylkill county, Pa., dying on the farm where his grandson, Aaron Ossman, was born. By occupation he was a farmer. His children were: Philip, Edward, Robert, Joseph, Sarah, Catherine and Grace. All are now deceased.

Philip Ossman was born in the Lykens valley, and like his father followed agricultural pursuits all his life. Few men of his day were more widely and popularly known. Active in politics, he was closely connected with public affairs, serving as county commissioner, to which office he was elected in 1838, and for many years as a justice of the peace. He was also prominent in the State militia, at one time major of a Schuylkill county regiment. His wife, Barbara (Friedline), was also born in the Lykens valley, daughter of Conrad Friedline, a pioneer in that section; he had several children. The following were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ossman: Lucetta, the eldest daughter; Kate, who married Pete Zerbe; Maria, who married William Yohe; Lydia, wife of Michael Kutzelman; Anna, wife of William Yohe; Israel, the eldest

son; Edward; Eli; William; Levi; and Aaron, who is the only survivor of this large family. Levi served three years in the Civil war as a member of Company A, 50th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry.

Aaron Ossman was brought up on the farm in the Lykens valley, and went to public school there. In his youth he learned the trade of carpenter, at which he was engaged throughout his active years. He is now enjoying comparative leisure, though for a number of years he has been in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Company, looking after their timberland.

When the Civil war came on Mr. Ossman entered the Union service, enlisting Sept. 9, 1861, from Hegins, Schuylkill county, in Company A, 50th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Col. D. C. Christ, of Minersville, this county. Under this enlistment he served two years and four months, at the end of that period reenlisting, in the same company and regiment, with which he served until the end of the war. He took part in the actions at the following places: Hilton Head; Port Royal; Brownsville Island; Fortress Monroe; Freeman's Ford; Bull Run; Chantilly; Wilderness; Fredericksburg; etc. He was wounded in the right arm at the battle of Spottsylvania Court House and was confined for some time in the hospital at Alexandria, Va., where he was mustered out. Returning to Schuylkill county, Pa., he lived in Hegins township for some years thereafter, moving to Tremont about thirty years ago. He has long been a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having joined the latter organization in 1866; he is affiliated with the lodge at Hegins, this county, and has been very active in its work, having passed all the chairs twice. Religiously he belongs to the English Lutheran Church. Mrs. Ossman has participated in public affairs to the extent of serving as school director, which office he filled very acceptably.

In 1861 Mr. Ossman married Harriet Header, a native of Schuylkill county, who died in 1877, the mother of four children: Harrison, who is a resident of Tremont; Alfred H., now of Mount Carmel, Pa.; Charles E., of Dubois, Pa.; and Joseph, of Easton, Pa. In 1877 Mr. Ossman married (second) Maggie L. Bone, of Schuylkill county. There are no children by this union.

WESTON DODSON & CO., of Bethlehem, Pa., miners and shippers of anthracite coal, have collieries at Beaver Brook, Morea, and Locust Mountain, this State, the Morea and Locust Mountain operations being in Schuylkill county.

MOREA COLLIERY, in Mahanoy township, was opened in 1888, and the first coal run through the breaker on March 7, 1889. It has been in continuous operation since that date. The following men have been in charge: D. J. Thomas, 1889-1896; Elmer E. Evans, 1896-1899; William J. Hayes, 1899-1902; Howard Dugan, 1902-1906; Truman M. Dodson, Second, 1906 to the present date. Under the present management Morea colliery has undergone many and wonderful changes for its advancement. That Mr. Dodson is the most successful manager of this work in its history has been many times shown. After graduating from Lehigh University, at Bethlehem, Pa., his home, he came to Morea as manager of the colliery. Since Mr. Dodson has taken over the superintendency and management, through his ability to reconcile the differences which naturally arise in a large business, and by his wise counsel and discretion, entire peace and harmony have come, and the

same is fully enjoyed by both company and men. Mr. Dodson is altogether a man of the people, democratic in his inclinations, uniting with his people, giving ear to their complaints, and looking to their interest and benefit at all times. He has been foremost in striving for the betterment and improvement of conditions in the large plant and its auxiliaries, giving his time and consideration to the humblest as well as the most influential of his employees, and the result is that there is none but gives him praise. To-day the colliery is one of the most profitable in the coal business. Electric haulage is used. The breaker capacity is approximately 1,500 tons a day. Mr. Dodson is a thorough business man, believing in the square deal for every one. He takes an active interest in everything pertaining to the interest or advancement of Morea. All of the athletic events taking place in Morea are supported by him. He is a member of the Mahanoy City and Morea Gun Clubs.

Morea is one of the most model towns in the anthracite mining region. The inhabitants of that up-to-date place enjoy many of the things usually found only in larger towns. A modern club-house equipped with pool and billiard tables, a large library, an up-to-date moving picture show, fine baseball grounds and a dancing pavilion, are some of the things of which Morea can boast.

The Morea Supply Company has one of the most up-to-date stores in the State. Anything that can be purchased in a city department store may be had here at prices as low as the lowest. The meat market is one of the conveniences much appreciated by the employees. It is thoroughly modern. An artificial ice plant furnishes all the refrigeration for the meat market and store. P. J. Malloy is the manager of all the Dodson Company's stores, and also purchasing agent for the Dodson Coal Company collieries. J. B. Connell is the general superintendent. "Joe," as he is familiarly called, is acknowledged to be one of the best store managers in the business. He started at the bottom and worked his way up to his responsible position, commencing his career with the Dodson Company about twenty-three years ago.

Weston Dodson & Co., Inc., of Bethlehem, were established in 1862 by the late Weston Dodson, one of the pioneers in the anthracite coal trade. They have extensive operations in both the anthracite and bituminous coal fields. The present officials are: President, C. M. Dodson; vice president, A. C. Dodson; secretary and treasurer, Josiah Bachman.

JOHN J. BOBBIN, of Shenandoah, has been a business man of that borough for over forty years, and during much of that time one of the energetic spirits in her modern development. His life story is full of interest, affording a remarkable illustration of the opportunities America is still offering to those who have the ability and perseverance to take advantage of them. The term self-made is often misused, but it may be correctly applied in Mr. Bobbin's case, for he started without means or influence in a strange community and has gone ahead as he deserved. A native of Lithuania, though he belonged to a family of substance and standing he felt that local conditions did not hold much promise, so he courageously came alone to the New World. After a few years he set up in business, modestly, but with the hope of becoming independent. Long ago he realized this ambition, and he is now one of the leaders of his people in this section of the State, helping them in their affairs and doing much by his own example to promote ideals of good

citizenship among them. The record of his business career will show the part he has played in the progress of his adopted place.

Mr. Bobbin was born Jan. 27, 1850, at Malina, in the county of Kalvariya, state of Suwalki. His grandfather, Roland Bobbin, was a man of means, and married a farmer's daughter from an adjoining village, whose people were also well-to-do. Their son Macej Bobbin, father of John J. Bobbin, followed farming, was thrifty and prosperous, and respected for his character as well as his business talents. To his first marriage, with Eve Kuczinski, were born: John J., who was seven years old when his mother died; Annie, and Simon, who died in childhood. For his second wife the father married Victoria Saldukas, and to them were born the following children: Vincent, Anthony, Matcej, Maggie and Mary. All of these followed their older half-brother to Shenandoah but Maggie, who was the only one of the family that did not come to the United States; she was married twice. Vincent Bobbin joined his brother here and had his help in continuing his education, afterwards working with him in the store and finally going into business for himself; he still resides in Shenandoah; his family consists of four sons and two daughters. Anthony Bobbin also came to Shenandoah, but returned to Poland and still lives there. Matcej also returned to Poland. Mary married Joseph Witkowski and died at Minersville, this county; her husband now lives there with his children.

John J. Bobbin lived at home until nineteen years old, attending school and working with his father on the farm. But he was ambitious to become a merchant, and hoping for chances in America which his own land lacked decided to venture out on his own account. He had to be very cautious about his departure on account of the military service expected of all young men. Making his way to Hamburg, Germany, he crossed to Hull, England, journeyed from that port to Liverpool, and then sailed for New York City, where he arrived in January, 1870. Three or four days later he came to Schuylkill county, Pa., joining his uncle, Paul Bobbin, at Mahanoy Plane. For a time he was employed in the mines at that point, but when the strike came on eighteen months later he removed to Gilberton, this county, where he was located for nearly four years, peddling part of the time, when he did not have mine work. Meantime he had been awaiting the chance to go into business, and in 1874 he came to Shenandoah and opened a grocery store on South Main street. By this time he had acquired enough familiarity with the language and customs to look after his affairs properly, and he did well from the start, continuing in his original location for ten years. During that time he had in addition to his retail trade established quite an extensive commission business, and also acted as agent for the Hamburg American Packet Company, the Bremen & Baltimore, the Red Star and other steamship lines, his countrymen especially availing themselves gladly of his services as such. In 1884 his store was burned out, and he came to the site he has since occupied, at No. 132 North Main street, which is now the headquarters of all his business interests. There is probably no better known citizen in the borough. As a grocer he had the largest trade in the town, and he has followed a number of other lines with equal success. He has always maintained a steamship agency, has made a specialty of handling sewing machines, and does considerable business as a private banker, being licensed to handle both American and foreign exchange. The steady expansion of his business has been due to more than his very evident gift for good management. He has

been found worthy of the utmost confidence in all his transactions, and it is this which has gained him the constant increase of patronage. Mr. Bobbin is a charter director of the Merchants' National Bank; a charter member of the Miners', Mechanics' & Laborers' Building & Loan Association; was one of the organizers of the Shenandoah Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of which he is still a director; and holds the same position in the Shenadoah Light, Heat & Power Company, which he helped to organize. He was one of the purchasers of the Mahanoy Light, Heat & Power Company and a director. All enterprises looking to the improvement of the borough count on him for support.

Mr. Bobbin married Mary Janiski (in Polish Januszewski), who was born Jan. 29, 1862, in Shamokin, Northumberland Co., Pa. Her parents, Andrew and Anna (Kuhaszek) Janiski, are both natives of Posen, German Poland. In 1854, when fourteen years old, her father came to America with his parents, Jacob and Mary (Schuter) Januszewski, the family landing at Montreal, Canada, where the father died of cholera. He had expected to find work on the canal from Montreal to Lachine at \$1.06 per day, or 4 shillings, 6 pence. The widowed mother came to Lykens, Pa., with her family of five children, Andrew, Joseph, Michael, John and Agnes (who married Joseph Akert and died soon afterwards). Andrew Janiski became a mine worker, following that occupation at Lykens and later at Shamokin, where he still resides. He is now (1916) seventy-eight years old, and comes of a long-lived family, his grandmother having attained the remarkable age of 116 years, on which account she received a pension from the government. She died in Posen, and the entire village attended her funeral. Andrew Janiski went to visit a sister in Philadelphia and there met and married Anna Kuhaszek, now deceased, by whom he had the following children: Mary, Mrs. Bobbin; Anna, who is the wife of John Konopki, of Shamokin; Kate, wife of Michael Dekarski, living at Manistee, Mich.; James, a resident of Philadelphia, who married Sophia Christensen; Helen, unmarried, who resides in Scranton, Pa.; Agnes, who is the wife of Charles Denciewicz, of Shamokin, Pa.; Andrew, who is married and lives in Shamokin; John, also a resident of Shamokin; and Joseph, who died aged about twenty-four years, unmarried.

Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bobbin: Edward G., an attorney at law, now located in Waterbury, Conn., is a graduate of the Shenandoah high school, Wyoming (Pa.) Seminary and from the law department of the University of Pennsylvania; he married Mary Fay, of Connecticut, and they have had one child, deceased in infancy. Blanch B. is married to Max. J. Spotanski, now engaged in business as a druggist at Nanticoke, Pa.; she was formerly a resident of Shenandoah, where she was a music teacher for several years, being a graduate of the Broad Street Conservatory of Music, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Spotanski have no children. Adolph C. graduated from the high school of Shenandoah and McCann's business college of Mahanoy City, and is now engaged in the hardware business, having a store at New Philadelphia; he is unmarried. Clara M. graduated from the West Chester Normal School and taught five terms in Shenandoah before her marriage to Anthony J. Rogers, who is receiving teller for the Shenandoah Trust Company; she and her husband have one son, John Anthony, born May 16, 1915. Clayton died in 1902, when eleven and a half years old. Isabel graduated from the Shenandoah high school and from Drexel Institute, Philadelphia, taking the course in domestic arts, and she has also had



a course in portrait painting and shows unusual ability as an artist; she is unmarried. Alberta died in 1900, when four years old; Raymond D. and Mary V. are attending high school in Shenandoah.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobbin and their family are members of St. George's Lithuanian Catholic Church. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

SAMUEL WEIDMAN, of Shenandoah, is a descendant of an honorable old Pennsylvania family of German origin, long established in Berks county. Its members in every generation have been notable for their high principles, energy and industry, qualities which have contributed so much to advancing this State to a place in the front rank. He is a typical representative of the name he bears, and his children in their turn are upholding the best traditions of the family.

Mr. Weidman was born April 16, 1849, on the old farm of his father and grandfather in Perry township, Berks county, at Five Locks, on the canal, son of Elias and Sarah (Fister) Weidman. In a recent biographical work of Berks county we find the following:

Johannes Weidman was the founder of this family in Berks county. He came from Germany on the ship "Royal Union," which landed at Philadelphia Aug. 15, 1750, with 250 passengers. He obtained a number of acres of land in Windsor township, two miles north of Shoemakersville, upon which he settled, and there prospered. He was a Dunkard and reared his children in that faith. The remains of himself and wife, as well as some of their children, are interred on the farm on which he settled, now owned by his great-grandson (Joel K. Weidman). He had these children: John and Jonas. The latter settled at Myerstown, was a miller by trade, and the owner of considerable property.

John Weidman, son of Johannes, was the owner and operator of the homestead in Perry township, and also engaged in carrying produce to Philadelphia, bringing back merchandise with the big Conestoga wagon, although at that time the roads were bad, the trip requiring a week. A strict Dunkard, Mr. Weidman clung to the customs of his people, wearing a broad-brimmed hat, and his clothes were fastened with hooks and eyes. He married Magdalena Kauffman, and they had children as follows: Magdalena, born Oct. 11, 1803; Joseph, Feb. 22, 1805; Jonathan, Jan. 16, 1809; Sarah, April 17, 1811; Benjamin, ———— 5, 1813; Elias, Sept. 2, 1815; John, March 3, 1818; Lydia, Nov. 1, 1820; Reuben, Jan. 15, 1823; Lydia, married to John Shomo; Syria, born April 17, 1828, married to Isaac Unger.

Elias Weidman, son of John, was born Sept. 2, 1815, on the old Weidman place in Perry township, where he followed farming and took a prominent part in local affairs, being highly regarded throughout his long life. He served several terms as assessor of his township, and though a Democrat in politics was paid the compliment of being the candidate on the Republican ticket the last time he ran for the office. He married Sarah Fister, who was born in Albany township, Berks county, on the farm of her father, who was one of the leading citizens of his district. Mr. Weidman died aged eighty-three years, his wife passing away in 1913, at the age of eighty. They were members of the German Reformed Church. They were the parents of twelve children, viz.: (1) William died when fourteen years old. (2) Samuel is next in the family. (3) Martha married Jacob Frantz, and they reside in Reading, Pa., where he is a cigar and tobacco manufacturer; they have a family. (4)



John, engineer at the Reading water plant, married Susan Boyer, and they have a family. (5) Susan is the wife of Walter Mengle, and they live with their family at Hamburg, Berks county. (6) George, who resides in San Francisco, has no family. (7) Clara married Albert M. Seeger, a painter, of Reading, and has a family. (8) Deborah is the wife of Walter Smith, a merchant in Lebanon county, Pa. They have no children. (9) Annie married Will Robinhold, a merchant, and they are living with their family at Port Clinton, Pa. They have three children, Mabel, Frank and Ada. (10) Sallie is the wife of Adam Block, a retired merchant, of Lebanon, Pa.; they have no children. (11) Wirt, who is a blacksmith and foreman in the Reading railroad repair shops at Rutherford, Pa., married Dora Leiby, and they have one child, Charles. (12) Charles, a cigar manufacturer of Lebanon, is married but has no family.

When Samuel Weidman was five or six years old the family moved to Leesport, Berks county, where he attended school. Later they moved again, to Shoemakersville, Berks county, at which place he finished his schooling. When twenty years of age he went to Wooster, Ohio, and when twenty-three years old came to Girardville, Schuylkill county, where he learned the trade of butcher, eventually moving to the borough of Shenandoah, which has since been his home. For some time after locating at Shenandoah he worked as a journeyman, until he had accumulated enough to open a shop of his own, which he carried on for ten or twelve years very successfully. He has since been in the ice business, which he carried on first under the name of the City Ice Company, later interested in the Kehley Run Ice Company, of whose business he became owner in 1912. The plant has been a popular industry at Shenandoah, and under Mr. Weidman's management has increased steadily in its value to the community. He is highly regarded for his solid qualities, which have won him the friendship as well as the respect of his associates. At present he is a member of the borough school board, to which he was elected for a three-year term. His political sympathies are with the Democratic party in national issues, but in local matters he has been identified with the Citizens' party. Socially he holds membership in the Junior Order United American Mechanics, Knights of Pythias and Knights of the Mystic Chain. Before he was of age he joined the Reformed Church, and he and all his family attend the German Reformed Church at Shenandoah. Mrs. Weidman became a member of the Lutheran Church in Berks county.

Mr. Weidman married Salome Heckman, daughter of Elias and Lucy Ann (Mengle) Heckman, of Berks county, and the following children have been born to this marriage: (1) Harry, now superintendent of the Harwood Electric Company, of Shenandoah, married Alice Downey, and they have two children, Harry and Edith. (2) Lubin died in infancy. (3) Edna is an artist of ability, also at present engaged as supervisor of drawing in the grade and high schools of Shenandoah, and as drawing instructor of the teachers of Ashland. She has lectured at Pottsville and elsewhere, and has taught many teachers in the townships. Miss Weidman graduated (as valedictorian) from the high school at Shenandoah, and later graduated with honors at the Normal School at Kutztown, also taking a post-graduate year at that institution; followed this with a drawing course at West Chester Normal, and took a special course in the art department of Harvard College, near Boston, where she received a certificate. Subsequently she studied in the Augsburg Art School at Chicago, Ill., where she also received a certificate,

and she has visited various art schools in California and elsewhere in the West. Indeed, she is a thorough and devoted student, constantly seeking improvement, and well deserving of the confidence she has gained. (4) Roy is engaged as electrician at the Harwood Electric plant, Shenandoah. He married Bessie Heckler, and they have one daughter, Ruth. (5) Mabel, a graduate of the West Chester Normal School and of the Thomas Conservatory of Music, Detroit, Mich., is now music supervisor of the Downingtown (Chester county, Pa.) schools. (6) Carrie, a teacher in the public school at East Millstone, N. J., graduated, as did her sisters, from the high school at Shenandoah and from the normal school at West Chester.

**DARKWATER COLLIERY.** In the fall of 1903 Messrs. S. B. Thorne and James B. Neale purchased from H. K. Myers, of Philadelphia, the stock of the Darkwater Coal Company, which company owned a lease on what is known as the Pott and Bannan tract, situated towards the eastern end of the Heckscherville valley. Quite shortly a new breaker was built, and the water which had been lying in the main basin for probably fifty years was removed. Coal is now being mined from the Mammoth and Skidmore veins lying in the main basin. During the past summer a new breaker was built, which has a capacity of seven hundred tons per day.

**BUCK RUN COLLIERY.** During the fall of 1900 and the spring of 1901 Messrs. S. B. Thorne and James B. Neale negotiated a lease with Mr. R. C. Luther, then general manager of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, and with Mr. G. W. Streng, of Pittston, Pa. The two leases cover an area of about 424 acres lying contiguous, and situated in the western end of the Rohrsersville basin. During the summer of 1901 the water was pumped from the old mine workings on this property and work was begun on building the breaker and other colliery improvements. The first coal was run through the breaker on March 12, 1902. The colliery has been in practically continuous operation since that time, and has now a daily capacity of one thousand tons. The coal is an excellent quality of Schuylkill white ash, and finds a ready market in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and that general vicinity.

Buck Run Colliery has an excellent operating equipment, doing much of its work with electricity. It has also a fair equipment of houses for its employes, and it also has an excellent club-house and amusement hall for the benefit of the community in general. One of the schools of Foster township is operated under the management of the Coal Company's officials, and excellent instruction is afforded to the children in the vicinity.

**EDWARD LANDES SHISSLER**, late of Minersville, was one of the substantial citizens of that borough, and his widow is one of its most respected residents. That place has been her lifelong home, and by her family and social connections she has gained a wide circle of acquaintances, to whom she has endeared herself in years of friendly association.

Mr. Shissler was born at Minersville, son of William C. Shissler, who lived principally at Pottsville, this county. The father was a carpenter by trade and was engaged in newspaper work for some years. He met his death while serving in the Union army, at the second battle of Bull Run. By his marriage to Catherine Mosser he had two children, Edward L. and Mary

Frances; the daughter taught school a number of years ago at Port Carbon, and died March 24, 1915, at Vineland, New Jersey.

Edward L. Shissler received his early education at Minersville and followed the shoemaker's trade there. In 1863 he enlisted in Company F, 48th Pennsylvania Regiment, and served in the Union army to the close of the war. On June 17, 1864, he was wounded in the leg, at the battle of Petersburg. After the war Mr. Shissler again took up his residence at Minersville, where he followed his trade until his death, July 5, 1904. He is buried in the Union cemetery at Minersville. Mrs. Shissler, whose maiden name was Clara Kauffman Braucher, continues to reside at Minersville. She is a daughter of John and Cecilia Heisler (Kauffman) Braucher, who had a family of three children, namely: Mary Jane, Samuel and Clara K., all deceased but Mrs. Shissler. She was reared by her maternal grandfather, Samuel Kauffman. Mr. Braucher was an extensive farmer and drover, and lived and died in Union county, Pa.; he is buried at Hartleton, that county. His widow subsequently married Edward Shissler, of Minersville, and by him she also had three children, William K. and Emily Cecilia and George Lynn, twins, the last named deceased.

The Kauffmans have been in America since 1680, in which year two brothers, Jonas and Christian Kauffman, natives of Wurtemberg, Germany, emigrated to this country. They settled in Lancaster county, Pa., among its early residents; some of their descendants located in the Lykens valley, in what is now Schuylkill county, in the days when the Indians were still in possession. The savages molested them frequently and drove them from their homes a number of times, but they left their families for safety at Pine Grove and returned to their holdings courageously. Samuel Kauffman, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Shissler, was born in the Lykens valley, Schuylkill county, and lived and died in what is now known as Hubley township, this county. Though he passed away at a comparatively early age he had acquired the ownership of a large and valuable farm, having followed farming all his life. He was a Whig in politics, in religion a devout Lutheran. A family of eight children, six sons and two daughters, was born to him and his wife, whose maiden name was Klueger or Klinger: Jacob, who married Lydia Drehr, was a merchant in the Lykens valley; Henry and Samuel were next in the family; Emanuel, who was engaged as a merchant for some time and subsequently went West, served in the Civil war, and received promotion to the rank of captain before his death, which was caused by typhoid fever; Jonas died in 1859 at Llewellyn, Pa.; John, a farmer, is deceased, as are all of his brothers; Mary married a Mr. Baker, of Trevorton, Northumberland Co., Pa.; Sarah is also deceased.

Samuel Kauffman, son of Samuel, was one of the foremost men in Schuylkill county in his day. As a business man he was widely acquainted through his long connection as cashier with the First National Bank of Minersville, and he was also a civil engineer of note, in that capacity laying out most of the town of Minersville. He also served one term as county commissioner, and represented this district in the lower branch of the State Assembly. His death occurred at Minersville, when he was seventy-six years old. Mr. Kauffman married Maria Heisler, a daughter of George Heisler, and they became the parents of five children: Cecilia H., now deceased, mother of Mrs. Clara Kauffman Shissler; Dr. Jonas H., a prominent resident of Minersville; Luther

S., a successful attorney of Philadelphia; George, who died in infancy; and Samuel, deceased.

THOMAS J. MARTIN, an old time employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at Pottsville, is a native of that borough, born in December, 1853, son of Joseph Martin.

Joseph Martin was born in County Cavan, Ireland, where he was reared, and came to America before his marriage, locating first at Doylestown, Bucks Co., Pa. While at Doylestown he was engaged in farming, but after moving to Pottsville found employment at the mines, also following that occupation while at Ravensdale, near St. Clair. On his return to Pottsville he became engaged as an iron worker at the blast furnace, then located on the island, and later took charge of the stables, holding this position until his death April 23, 1897. At Doylestown Mr. Martin met and married Bridget Drumm, a native of Limerick, Ireland, who came to America when a young girl. Six sons were born to them: Thomas J., John, James, Edward, Joseph and William.

Thomas J. Martin received his education in the public schools at Pottsville. He was first employed at the blast furnace when thirteen years old, working there during the summer time and attending school winters. He was so engaged up to the age of sixteen years. Then he took charge of a car, hauling cinders out to a dump, and after two years at this employment commenced braking on the blast furnace shifting engine. He followed this work until twenty-three years old, when he had to give up work because of an accident, being incapacitated for about a year. Subsequently he went to Philadelphia, where he entered the employ of the Lester Milk Company, with whom he remained one year, in 1881 entering the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in the West Philadelphia yards, at Thirty-second and Market streets, as a brakeman. He continued to reside at Philadelphia until 1886, employed as brakeman and conductor, and on Nov. 15th of that year, when the railroad was opened to Pottsville, he was transferred hither in the capacity of brakeman. Shortly afterwards he was made flagman, and about the end of 1886 became a freight conductor, being so employed until the Shenandoah branch was opened, when he was appointed conductor of the work train, with headquarters at Shenandoah. When the road was completed he became conductor, in 1887, his run being from Pottsville to Shenandoah, and he held that position until June, 1888, when he became assistant yardmaster at Mount Carbon. He was stationed there until 1903, under H. C. Dysinger, yardmaster, and was then appointed to his present position, being yardmaster at Pottsville, for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in whose employ he has been continuously since 1881. By the conscientious performance of all his duties and intelligent application to the responsibility intrusted to him, Mr. Martin has proved himself worthy of the confidence of his superiors, and is esteemed alike by them and by his associates in the company's employ. He is a man of upright character and highly regarded by his fellow citizens in Pottsville. His home is at No. 417 South Coal street. Mr. Martin is a member of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, at Pottsville. He has no political ties, voting independently.

In 1887 Mr. Martin married Annie Brown, of Centralia, Columbia county, and a family of five children were born to them: Joseph P., ticket clerk in the Pennsylvania office, at Reading; Irene, living at home; Thomas B., who is a

clerk in the Philadelphia and Reading Coal & Iron Company's shops at Pottsville; Anna, who is attending a commercial school at Pottsville; and Charles, also at school.

GEORGE H. BEATTY, of Minersville, at present holding the position of machinist at the Lytle Coal Company's mine, has been associated with local mines in that capacity for a number of years and has made an enviable reputation for mechanical ability. Mr. Beatty is of Irish extraction, his grandfather, George Beatty, having been a native of Ireland, whence he came to America at an early day, settling first in Nova Scotia. Later he came to this country and made his home in Schuylkill county, being a gardener by calling and so employed on the Bennett estate at Forestville, in Cass township. He spent the rest of his life there, dying in 1865.

Joseph A. Beatty, father of George H. Beatty, was born in Nova Scotia, and came with his father to this county, where he made his permanent home, dying at Minersville. He learned the trade of blacksmith, which he followed at different collieries. By his marriage to Elizabeth Griffith, of Schuylkill county, he had the following children: Mary, George H., Jennie, Florence, Selina, Adelaide, Blanch and William. The last named, who died in 1911, was chief clerk and paymaster at the Pine Hill colliery, near Minersville, for several years.

George H. Beatty was born March 28, 1866, at Forestville, in Cass township, Schuylkill county, and received a common school education. When a boy he found employment at the mines, holding various jobs, and spending four years at mining. He then became engaged at blacksmithing and the machinist's trade, where he evidently found his proper vocation, for he became a skilled and well trusted employee in that line. For fourteen years he was chief machinist at the Pine Hill colliery, in 1910 taking his present position with the Lytle Coal Company. Aside from his duties in this association Mr. Beatty's chief activity has been as member of the board of school directors of Minersville. He was elected to that body in 1909, and in 1912 was appointed to succeed Edwin Ford, who removed from the borough to Cass township. Mr. Beatty has taken a keen interest in the work of the board, and has co-operated ably with his fellow members in providing the best possible educational advantages for the children of the borough. Politically he is a Republican, and fraternally he holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is an Episcopalian in religious connection.

Mr. Beatty was married to Annie Turner, daughter of Joseph Turner, and they have a family of four children: William, Frances, Elizabeth, and Janet, all living at home. Frances Beatty is a graduate of the Minersville high school and the Bloomsburg State Normal School, class of 1914, and is now teaching in the Fourth Street school.

DANIEL DEIBERT, son of John Deibert and grandson of Wilhelm Deiver (as the name was originally spelled), was born July 2, 1802, and died at Schuylkill Haven, Pa., in September, 1890. In 1884 a pamphlet was printed containing the "Life and Experience of Daniel Deibert, from his youth to his old age. Schuylkill Haven, Pa." He had written it, as he tells therein, "Children and whoever wants to read this, to tell you more of my life and experience, for what then? Because my parents and grandparents told their experience in life, and I heard them with delight. I am old and weak now:

cannot work any more." We quote all that the pamphlet contains concerning the family and his own life.

"My grandfather, Wilhelm Deibert, was born in Wittenburg, Europe. When he was three years old his parents came to America, and settled in Bern township, Berks county, Pennsylvania, near Michael's church. The family consisted of five children, three boys and two girls: Michael, Christopher, and my grandfather Wilhelm; and when they were grown up came to Manheim township, Schuylkill county, and one after another got married. My grandfather to a daughter of John Renschler, from Bern township, Berks county. Michael to Miss Elizabeth Weaver. One sister to George Huntzinger, the other to John Gevert.

"My grandfather and his brother Michael bought in partnership, 300 acres of land in North Manheim township, Schuylkill County, Pa., in the year 1744, at the road leading from Schuylkill Haven to Landingville, where they settled themselves. My grandfather's part was at the place where Mr. Edward Peal lives; and his brother Michael's part was at the place where Mr. John Filbert lives at present, 1884. Christopher went to Virginia in his younger years, and after that we did not hear from him.

"Grandfather and his brother Michael had, in the beginning, the Indians for their neighbors. They molested them very much at that time. The deers and bears were plenty; when they shot any, and gave the Indians some of the meat, they were good fellows.

"Grandfather was married twice; he had three children with his first wife, named John, Rosina, and Catherine. His second wife's name was Wagner. They had together five children, four sons and one daughter, Michael, George, William, Henry, and Elizabeth, and they were married as follows: John, my father, to Christina Dewald from Manheim township, Bear Creek valley; Rosina to George Orwig; they moved to Bellevue, Seneca county, Ohio; and Catharine to Philip Schock, from Union county, Pa.; and George to Miss Mary Faust of Brunswick township, Schuylkill County, Pa. Michael and William were both married, but I forget the names of their wives; and Elizabeth to Samuel Schock, Union county, Pa.; Henry to Miss Hertz of Weideer (White Deer) township, Union county, Pa. The above mentioned died and got buried at Zion's church below Orwigsburg, and his sister Gevert at Hetzel's church, Pinegrove township. All the other children died and were buried at the place above mentioned. This above is the end of great and grandfather; they spelled their name Deiver, but the second generation Deibert.

"A small history of Michael Deiver, the brother of my grandfather. Had five sons and two daughters, named Henry, Andrew, Michael, Christian, John, Catharine and Elizabeth. They were married as follows: Henry to Miss Kriner, Andrew to Miss Luckenbill, Michael to Miss Luckenbill; they had no children; Christian to Miss Miller, Catharine to John Dewald, Elizabeth to Daniel Repp.

"I am coming now to the third generation, namely, my parents. My father, John Deibert, was the oldest son of his father's family. My mother was a daughter of John Dewald. She was born in Manheim township, Schuylkill county, Pa., in the year 1797 (?). He bought 144 acres of land in the township and county aforesaid, on the road leading from Orwigsburg to Schuylkill Haven. He built the house where James Deibert now lives at present, 1884 [he was still living there in 1914; died Feb. 9, 1915]. He had pretty hard times in the first years. I remember very well yet, when I was four to five

years old, when father and mother were clearing land, they took the cradle along, and the three children; I was the oldest. I had to take care of the other two. I had to keep the locusts from the cradle. The deer, wolves and bears were numerous at that time. We could hear the wolves at night. They traveled in flocks. I, as the oldest boy, had to work very hard, so that I only had eight months' schooling in all. We cleared every year from six to eight acres. It was at that time merely a wilderness. At that time Orwigsburg was the only town in the county. In the year 1815 to 1816 the courthouse and jail were built. I helped my father haul stones and bricks for the buildings. In the year 1810 the Centre turnpike was made from Philadelphia to Sunbury. A four-horse stage run then. About the same time coal was discovered in Schuylkill county. At the age of fifteen to sixteen years I hauled coal to Reading with the wagon. There was no canal or railroad at that time. At the age of twenty, George Body and I hauled, each of us, a load of coal to Philadelphia, for fifty cents per bushel. At the age of twenty-one I worked for my uncle George Deibert for six dollars per month; he was sick at the time and died while I was there. My grandfather Diebert was living with him at that time; he worked at weaving. He told me many stories about the Indians; how they molested them when they first settled here. But no wonder, they were the first settlers.

"In my twenty-fourth year I got married to Elizabeth Shappell of Windsor township, Berks county, Pa., daughter of Jeremiah Shappell, brigade inspector. Her mother's name was Wille. I lived several years with my father, then moved to Landingville and tended the guard lock at the canal. I also kept a ferry boat for taking passengers over the Schuylkill. There was no bridge at that time. Then the fever got so bad there that we moved back to my parents again. My father worked at plough making. We had a blacksmith shop and made the iron for the ploughs; that gave me a chance to learn the blacksmith trade.

"In 1828 I bought a house and eleven acres of land from Rev. M. Knusky, a half mile above Orwigsburg, at the turnpike, for six hundred dollars, in payment as follows: One hundred dollars down, and the balance one hundred dollars per year. My father gave me the money for the first payment. I started a blacksmith shop and did customer's work for the farmers. I also made the iron work for the boat builders, and plough work for my brother John. I had two fires going. The iron I had to work was heavy forged iron. My wife often helped me split iron to make spikes for boats. I worked there seventeen years, and the most of the time I was complaining from the sulphur of the coals; several times I was very sick. At that time the first Evangelical preachers came to Orwigsburg, Revs. Seibert, Breitenstein, Focht, and others. Through them we were enlightened and by the help of God were both converted and became members of the Evangelical Church.

"After the death of my father, 1834, his land was divided as follows: The homestead in two pieces, the lower part with the building brother George took, containing eighty-two acres, at \$3,116. No. 2 brother John took, containing sixty-two acres at \$1,674. No. 3 and No. 4, I took, the first mentioned seventy-three acres at \$612, the second mentioned twenty-four acres, at \$229. No. 3 laid at the second mountain, at the Poplar run, now owned by John Borman, at present, 1884. No. 4 laid at the Fisher's run, one mile above Daniel Boyer's mill. On No. 3 I built a new stone house; it was my intention to move there, but didn't. Afterwards I sold it with no profit. And in 1846 I sold my place at



Orwigsburg, for \$1,500, to a man by the name of Smith, a railroad contractor. He bought, also, the place formerly the homestead of my uncle Andrew Deibert, where Martin Sheaffer now lives at present, 1884. At that time the Schuylkill canal was enlarged. Mr. Smith had very large contracts; he had as high as one hundred horses and five to eight hundred men at work. He bought sometimes as high as sixty to eighty head of oxen to be butchered; and the bread he baked by the two-horse load. He boarded his hands all himself. The times were good and money plenty. At the same time the county seat was removed from Orwigsburg to Pottsville. The courthouse and jail were built, which are at present. The times were very brisk; many men got rich; through the many banks most everybody could get money.

"Pottsville increased very rapidly, but after that the hard times came, and many men lost all. Pottsville went down faster than it increased. Many men spent their money in building houses. Others lost their money in banks. So it was for several years; nearly all the banks in Pottsville closed; hundreds lost all they had. It was said that Henry Clay said 'too many banks were the ruin of the people.'

"In the year 1846 I bought a farm from George Moyer, in South Manheim township, Schuylkill county, Pa., containing 175 acres at \$25.00 per acre; the payment was as follows: \$1,000 to be paid down and the balance in yearly payments of \$250 per year, without interest. Times were good, and I believe the Lord gave his blessing so that I had it paid in twelve years. This farm lies two miles south of Schuylkill Haven, in the Werner's Creek valley. The State road leading from Schuylkill Haven to Schartlesville passes through the farm. I never had any desire to get rich; all I wished, to have a farm where I could raise my family at home. Mother and I had to work very hard in our early years, but by and by when the children came on hand, and by the help of God, raised my family as good as I understood; but by and by got more experience in religion, and so I spent my time in the service of God.

"In the year 1851 I sold part of this farm, containing 22 acres with an old house and stable for \$25 per acre, to Daniel Daubert.

"Fourteen years after I built a new house and barn on the lower part of the farm.

"Eight years after I sold that part to Jared Wagner containing forty-five acres at \$70 per acre. The old homestead, one hundred and some acres, I own at present, 1884. Nine years I had it rented to Jacob Schweigert, for the shares, and afterwards to William Hicks. Eleven years ago I bought a house and lot in Schuylkill Haven, Columbia street, for \$1,100, from George Utz, where we live at present, 1884.

"My parents' family consisted of nine children, seven boys and two girls. They were all raised at the old homestead. Father and mother died and were buried in the Schuylkill Haven cemetery. The names of the children and to whom they were married: Daniel to Eliza Schappell; George to Susanna Reed; Catharine to Henry Shelly; John to Catharine Koch; Jacob to Polly Miller; Benjamin died single; William to Hannah Wiest; Samuel's first wife Mary Esert, second Mary Sterner; Hannah to John Hummel. The following are the names of the deceased: Daniel's first wife died; George died; Catharine died; John and wife died; Benjamin died; Samuel and first wife died; Hannah died.

"I, Daniel Deibert, was married to my second wife the first day of April, 1865, Hannah, wife of Joseph Berger, deceased, a born Kerschner.

"The following contains the family of Daniel Deibert, consisting of thirteen children, and to whom they were married: Marcus to Elizabeth Allison; Lucy to George Rischel; Christian to Elias Reed; Henry to Susan Hoffman; Catharine to John Focht; Susannah to George Schafer; William to Rebecca Saylor; Jeremiah to Angeline Huntzinger; Daniel to Emma Reber. The following are the names of the deceased children: Daniel died at the age of a year and a half; Elizabeth died at the age of six years; Hannah died at the age of two weeks; John died at the age of eleven years; Jeremiah died at the age of twenty-three years. The above named children all died in their youth, except Jeremiah; he was married when he died. His wife and one son named Jeremiah live in Iowa at present.

"Eliza, my first wife, and the mother of the above named children, was born the 8th day of July, in the year 1803, and died February 25th, 1861, aged fifty-seven years, seven months and seventeen days. Her sickness was dropsy; her suffering was six months, but she bore it resignedly, and in hope of a blessed immortality. She looked into the future. Shortly before her death she said to me and the children, 'When I die don't mourn for we all must die; but what I desire most of all is, that you may all be converted to God, then we shall meet again in heaven. Eleven years ago, when I was very sick and you were young yet, it seemed much harder to die and leave you; now, you are all grown up; be obedient to your father as long as he remains, he will surely not mislead you, but direct you in the right way.'

"Nearly the same time, or a few years earlier than my grandfather settled here in Schuylkill county, a German family by the name of Hartman came from Europe and settled at the place where Orwigsburg now stands. The family consisted of the parents and four children, two boys and two girls. They were a pious and God fearing family; they went to work and prospered well. One day, in fall, in the year 1744, Hartman and his eldest son were to finish their sowing. Mrs. Hartman and the youngest son went to the mill to get some grist done, but little they thought that this should be the last time that they should see each other in this world. At noon when they were eating their dinner, a troop of Indians came, fifteen in number, and killed Hartman and his eldest son; plundered the house, then set it on fire. The two girls they took along as victims. Towards evening when Mrs. Hartman came home, she found her buildings all in ashes. They burned the bodies of Hartman and his son; even the dog, they threw him into the flames and burned him. The two girls, as above mentioned, aged ten and thirteen years, they took along, and another little girl only about three years old, that they took along as victim, from a family named Smith. They murdered the father of that family in the morning, the same day they came to Hartman's, the girls they took along barefoot, and soon their feet got sore that they could hardly walk any more; the oldest of the girls got sick and could go no farther; then they killed her with the tomahawk. The two other girls they wrapped their feet with old cloth and took them along in their camp. Mrs. Hartman was very much troubled about her husband and children; some hunters found the body of her eldest daughter and buried her. She could comfort herself better over them that were dead, than over the one she knew was among the Indians. She was a praying and God fearing woman and prayed to God that He should restore the child to her again; but years passed on and sometimes she heard that children were taken from the Indians, then she went to see whether she could find her lost daughter. One time she went as far as Pittsburg, but all in vain. So nine long and weary

years passed away, and she prayed to God for her lost daughter. One day a man brought her a message that a great many children were taken from the Indians and they were in care of Colonel Boquet at Carlisle. As soon as she heard it she expected to find her long lost daughter there, so she started for Carlisle; when she came there the children were all presented to her, but she could not recognize one that might be her daughter; she spoke to some of them but got no answer, for they could only speak the Indian language. With a heavy heart she thought she had to go home again without her daughter. The Colonel asked her whether she could sing a German hymn they used to sing in their family at home. Then she commenced to sing the following hymn: 'Allein und doch nicht ganz allein bin ich,' meaning in English, 'Alone and yet not all alone am I.' Then a grown-up girl sprang to her, fell around her neck and kissed her, and recognized her as her dear mother. No pen can describe the joy when they recognized each other again. O! what a blessing it is when parents sing and pray in their families with their children. This hymn the mother sang was the means of finding her long lost daughter again.

"At Landingville, near George Adams' boatyard, stood a small log mill that the Indians burned down.

"Near Landingville, at the farm now owned by Daniel Heim, the Indians took a sister of Martin Werner along as a victim.

"In Schuylkill Haven, where the Reading shop now stands, the Indians murdered a family by the name of Fincher, and burned their house.

"One day a troop of Indians, eighteen in number, passed my father's house. They looked wild; they had bows and arrows, and blankets around them. They laid in my father's woods at night; in the morning they went to Orwigsburg and shot small pieces of money at a distance from posts.

"One day when I was young, father, I and a hired man were mowing clover in a field; two deers came to the cows in the adjoining field, and made company with the cows. Father went for the gun and shot one of them.

"In the year 1850 there was a very high flood. The Schuylkill river went over its banks and swept several houses away between Schuylkill Haven and Pottsville. Several houses and a barn were taken away by the flood. Bridges were swept away. Above Port Clinton a stone grist mill was taken away by the flood, and two families consisting of eleven persons were drowned. They found some of the drowned bodies below Hamburg.

"Children and whoever wants to read this, to tell you more of my life and experience, for what then? Because my parents and grandparents told their experiences in life, and I heard them with delight. I am old and weak now; cannot work any more.

"My grandfather said after the Indians went away, some of them came back again to rob them of their planting fruits. My grandfather and his brother Michael had to flee over the Blue mountain to their father's home. They buried their implements on the other side of the Schuylkill river, in the woods, that the Indians could not get them; but when they came back they didn't find them any more. And they didn't find them till the Schuylkill canal was made, then they dug them out again.

"And now something about myself. Once I was in danger on the Schuylkill river. At Landingville I used to run a ferry boat for taking passengers to and fro over the Schuylkill. The water was very high; I had ten passengers to take over. We came safe over, but landed far down on the other side. Once I got very sick, but it was my own fault. After a thunder shower I

waded into the Schuylkill to get out a fish net. I was tending the guard lock and boats were coming, and had no time to put dry clothes on, and that gave me my sickness. When I was sick in bed two neighbors visited me, named Gross and Poh; they were both lock tenders and they had a dispute about religious matters. Gross didn't believe in the New Testament. He believed where it is said, 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.' Poh said he believed in the New Testament, and said if he should be struck on the right cheek, that he would offer the left, also, rather than strike back. Gross then gave him a hard blow on the right cheek, that he nearly fell from his chair; but he offered his left cheek, also. Then Gross went off, as it seemed Gross lived in this condition, and was fighting afterwards with two men and got hurt and died from the effects thereof. It was said that he wished to kill those men before he died.

"Some natural wonders: The first appeared when I was young. It was a dark spot on the sun, through the whole summer. The summer was very cool. It had frost every month. Through haymaking and harvest, men had to keep their coats on. It gave very little good grain. The next was in the year 1833, November 12th, from midnight till morning, fiery flakes fell from heaven, the same as large snowflakes. It make a red shining. The farmers' teams which went out to cross the Broad mountain had trouble with their horses, they were afraid. In South Carolina it was more severe. A slaveholder, who had a number of slaves, was awakened up by them; they thought the world was on fire. This miracle we can also read in a book bearing the title 'The Coming Wonders.' The next miracle a red ball passed through the air, just before sunset, in harvest time, just a little before the slave war broke out. This ball shone like the full moon; it moved from west to east. It was a remarkable affair.

"Dear friends, and whoever reads this, that ye may know that where our forefathers had come from, and been born and buried, and that they had a hard and troublesome life.

"I, your father, Daniel Deibert, am one of the oldest of the third generation of the Deibert family. I had nearly the same hardships to go through as my forefathers, but I will not lament over it, the Lord has helped hitherto."

WARREN G. BROWN, who has been proprietor of the "Keystone Hotel" at Schuylkill Haven for several years past, has been a lifelong resident of that borough. He was born there Nov. 24, 1877, son of Col. Charles E. Brown and grandson of John Brown.

The family is of Irish origin. John Brown was born in Ireland, came to America when eighteen years old, and settled at Moyers Mills, between Schuylkill Haven and Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co., Pa. By trade he was a miller. Shortly after his marriage he removed to the Catawissa valley, where he engaged in the contracting business, building railroad bridges. Besides he followed his trade, owning two gristmills and two sawmills, and was a well known man of his day in the Catawissa valley. He died there at the age of sixty years. By his marriage to Sarah Moyer he had children as follows: Joseph, Benjamin, John, Charles E., Mary A., Martha and Margaret.

Col. Charles E. Brown, father of Warren G. Brown, was born in the Catawissa valley Dec. 11, 1841, and when a boy was employed upon the canal, continuing that work until he enlisted, Aug. 8, 1861, in Company C, 50th Pennsylvania Veteran Volunteers. He served until Aug. 8, 1865, having wonderful experiences as a soldier. Beginning as a private, he was promoted to

corporal and served one year in that rank, until advanced to lieutenant. During the thirty days he held that position he was presented a medal of honor by Congress for bravery, and was then promoted to captain of his company. His period of service covered four years to the day, and he took part in all the principal battles that were fought. After his discharge he returned to Schuylkill Haven and again was employed on the canal, in different positions, at boating and at the Landing. He was also an officer during the time the Molly Maguires were active in this section, and made many arrests; he knew the notorious Pat Hester, one of their leaders. Going to New York City, Mr. Brown ran a barge for some time, and on his return to Schuylkill Haven had a team and traveled through the country, selling goods. He then went back to New York City for two years, was subsequently located in Philadelphia for five years, and returned once more to Schuylkill Haven, where he was watchman at the First National Bank during the construction of its present building, and also for the Schuylkill Haven Trust Company. In 1911 he was appointed gatekeeper at the county almshouse, and still holds that position. Colonel Brown is a charter member of Jere Helms Post, No. 36, G. A. R., and a past officer of that organization. He has been connected with several other orders, all of which are now out of existence. Colonel Brown is a staunch Republican, and for six years was a member of the school board of Schuylkill Haven. He resides on St. John street, Schuylkill Haven, where he is a very well known and much respected citizen.

Colonel Brown married Frances Mellon, of the State of Delaware, and they have had children as follows: Ella married Ambrose Freeman, and died leaving two daughters, Ada and Mabel, who reside in Philadelphia, Pa.; Martha, Harry and Robert all died young; Warren G. and Arthur complete the family.

Warren G. Brown was educated in the local schools. His first work was for Dr. Koxe, at Schuylkill Haven, in the laboratory, with whom he remained for two years and six months, after which he became a clerk for D. D. Yoder, at the "Washington House," at Schuylkill Haven, where he continued for two years. His next employment was with the Gerber Shoe Company, at Schuylkill Haven, and he continued with that concern for a period of nine years, following which for a short time he was employed at Orwigsburg. For the four years succeeding he was employed by the Eastern Street Railroad Company, and for a similar period was engaged in the green grocery business at Schuylkill Haven, on Nov. 11, 1907, entering his present business. The "Key-stone Hotel" is located at Dock and Willow streets, Schuylkill Haven, and Mr. Brown has made a success of the hotel, which has been well patronized throughout the period of his ownership. His personal popularity and reputation for solid business qualities, gained in the efficient discharge of various public responsibilities, have no doubt attracted customers, and the comforts and conveniences afforded by the house have held old and new trade both.

Mr. Brown was formerly a member of Company F, 4th Regiment, National Guard, at Pottsville, and during the Spanish-American war he enlisted in Company F, 4th Regiment, which was attached to the 3d Brigade. He went to Porto Rico with his regiment, serving as corporal and also acting quartermaster for some time. Politically he is a Republican. He has served as ward constable three times, as election inspector, and as a member of the borough council. He was honored with the presidency of that body, and it was during his term that the street paving was done in the borough. For the last twenty-

two years Mr. Brown has been a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and he also holds membership in the Improved Order of Red Men.

Mr. Brown married Annie E. Deibert, daughter of William and Rebecca (Saylor) Deibert, and they have one son, James Lawton, who is at school. The family are members of Trinity Evangelical Church.

JOHN H. LYNCH, a well known citizen and storekeeper of Gordon, Schuylkill Co., Pa., was born in Wales in 1847, and is the son of John and Emma (Evans) Lynch. He came to America in 1852 with two of his brothers and settled in Pottsville. His grandfather, William Lynch, was a native of Wales and a hatter by trade.

John Lynch, father of John H. Lynch, was a native of Wales, and a machinist by trade. He married in Wales Emma Evans, daughter of William Evans, who was a native of England, and served as a soldier under Wellington at the battle of Waterloo; his daughter Emma was born in a British army barracks in England. Her father died in England, and she died in 1880 in Cressona, Schuylkill Co., Pa. To Mr. and Mrs. Lynch were born five children: William, a veteran of the Civil war, enlisted in the army from Schuylkill county, and who also served in the United States navy, died in California, and is buried in the national cemetery in Napa county, that State; Walter died at Cressona; Frank died in 1904; Emma is also deceased; John H. completes the family. John Lynch died in Cressona, March 10, 1903, and is buried in the cemetery there.

John H. Lynch was educated in the schools of Pottsville and Cressona, and learned the trade of machinist, which he followed in Cressona until 1868. Then he went to Sunbury for one year, and returning to this county went to work in the shops of the Reading Railway Company at Gordon. He remained in the machine shops here for seventeen years and then embarked in the general store business at Gordon, which he has continued to conduct since with success.

In 1867 Mr. Lynch was married to Rebecca, daughter of Henry and Catherine Wildermuth, natives of Schuylkill county. Henry Wildermuth died in 1853 at Cressona and his wife died in 1874 at the home of her daughter Rebecca. To Mr. and Mrs. Lynch have been born nine children, of whom five survive: Carrie, deceased, was the wife of H. Grant Uhler, of Gordon; Harry is residing at Gordon; Emma is at home; Ella is the wife of T. W. Hammonds, of Bryn Mawr, near Philadelphia; George resides at Essington, Pa., as does his brother Arthur. Mr. and Mrs. Lynch are members of the Methodist Church, he being a member of the board of trustees and treasurer of the board of stewards. He has also been a member of Ashland Lodge, No. 204, F. & A. M., since 1873, has passed all the chairs, and has been a past master for thirty-four years. He is a member of the Citizens' Water Company of Gordon, has been a member of the Gordon school board for eighteen years, and is now treasurer of that body.

REV. WILLIAM GANGLOFF, of McKeansburg, Schuylkill county, has been officiating as pastor of the Church of God at Steigerwalt since he entered the ministry, preaching regularly in the local circuit, which also comprises the Auburn and West Penn churches. Sincerity of purpose and high Christian principles have guided him in all his relations with his fellowmen, among whom he is justly esteemed, both for nobility of character and practical



service. As proprietor of a general store at McKeansburg for several years, in business he has sustained the high reputation gained in his efforts to minister to the spiritual needs of the community.

The family has been in this section of Schuylkill county since the day of Mr. Gangloff's grandfather, George Gangloff, who came from Germany and settled in West Brunswick township, Schuylkill Co., Pa. He was a farm laborer, and acquired the ownership of a tract of fifteen acres. He had the following children: George, deceased, married Hannah Paul, who resides at Orwigsburg; Henry is mentioned below; Dorothy married Christian Koch, and both are deceased; John married a Miss Schoffstall, who is deceased, and he lives near Tower City; Jacob married Maria Shoener, and they live at Orwigsburg; Kate married Wesley Knittle. The father lived to be eighty-one years old, and is buried at the Steigerwalt church. He belonged to the Church of God there, and was a Democrat in politics.

Henry Gangloff, father of Rev. William Gangloff, was born in West Brunswick township April 14, 1834, was educated in the schools of that township, and in early life began to work as farm laborer on the neighboring farms. Later he bought a farm of 100 acres, seventy-five acres of which were cleared ground, in East Brunswick township, where he carried on general farming for the rest of his days. His death occurred March 28, 1904, and he is buried with his second wife in the Kimmel cemetery. Mr. Gangloff first married Polly Gehret, a daughter of George Gehret, and they had these children: Mary is the widow of William Knittle, and resides in West Brunswick township; Sarah married Samuel McKinny, and they reside at Camden, N. J. The mother died and Mr. Gangloff married Sallie Gehret (a sister of his first wife), who was born April 18, 1829, near Fleetwood, Berks Co., Pa. Children as follows were born to this marriage: Mary is the widow of William McKinny, and lives at Auburn, Pa.; Caroline is the widow of David Smith, and lives at Orwigsburg; George, deceased, married Mary Herman, and she lives at Orwigsburg; Joanna, deceased, was the wife of William Heine, who lives at South Bethlehem, Pa.; Henry, deceased, married Ellen Fisher, now a resident of Auburn, Pa.; William is mentioned below; Alice married Robert Heckert, of Lehigh county, Pa.; Fred died unmarried. Mr. Gangloff was a zealous member of the Church of God, uniting with the Kimmel's Church near Orwigsburg, and was one of the active officials of the congregation. He also did his duty in town affairs, serving ably as school director and supervisor, and supported the Democratic party in political matters.

William Gangloff was born in West Brunswick township May 16, 1864, and received his education in the schools of West Brunswick and East Brunswick townships. He began life as a farmer, working on his father's farm until he was twenty-one years of age, after which he worked for other farmers until his marriage. Then he entered the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company as a repairman, being so employed for three years, when he resumed farm work, at which he continued for ten years more. By that time he had finished his preparation and entered the ministry of the Church of God, preaching in the circuit comprising the churches of Frackville, Debinders, Auburn, Steigerwalts and West Penn. He was in this circuit for four years, when it was reduced to the churches of Steigerwalts, Auburn and West Penn, as at present, and he has since served that circuit. In April, 1913, Mr. Gangloff went into the general store business at McKeansburg; he raises a considerable quantity of vegetables in the lots he owns at McKeansburg.



Mr. Gangloff married Elmira Priscilla Stamm, a native of East Brunswick township, born in January, 1869, a daughter of Severinus and Elizabeth (Frantz) Stamm. She was educated in East Brunswick township and at McKeesburg, attending public school. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gangloff: (1) Kate Rachel, born Feb. 2, 1888, married Robert Mengel, a son of Francis Mengel, of Frackville. They have the following children: Wilbert G., born June 12, 1909; Ruth Catherine, Sept. 17, 1910; Ethel May, Jan. 6, 1912; Leah Elizabeth, Nov. 23, 1914. (2) Sarah Elizabeth was born Sept. 17, 1889. (3) Alice Elmira, born March 29, 1894, married Clayton Bolich, and has one child, Mildred Elmira. (4) William H. S. was born Sept. 7, 1897; (5) Mamie Priscilla, May 4, 1899; (6) Daniel, Aug. 2, 1904.

The Stamm family, to which Mrs. Gangloff belongs, has long been well and favorably known in Berks county. The name Stamm or Stam is found frequently in the lists of emigrants to America. On the passenger list of the "Hope," Daniel Reed, master, from Rotterdam, qualified Sept. 23, 1734, is the name of Peter Stam, aged twenty; on the "Samuel," Hugh Percy, captain, from Rotterdam, qualified Dec. 3, 1740, that of Adam Stam, aged twenty-five; on the "Francis and Elizabeth," George North, master, from Rotterdam, qualified Sept. 21, 1742, those of Johann Adam Stam and Werner Stam; on the snow "Charlotte," John Mason, master, from Rotterdam, Sept. 5, 1743, Johann Jacob Stam; on the "Phoenix," William Wilson, commander, from Rotterdam, Sept. 30, 1743, Johannes Stamm; and on the "Union," Andrew Bryson, captain, from Rotterdam, Sept. 30, 1774, Adam Stam.

The Stamm family is one of the oldest in Berks county. Werner (or Peter) and Johann Adam Stam (or Stamm), brothers, were natives of Switzerland, and emigrated to the New World on the ship "Francis and Elizabeth," George North, commander, from Rotterdam. It qualified at Philadelphia Sept. 21, 1742, and of the 141 male emigrants who had taken passage many settled in Berks county, their descendants being still found in good numbers in the districts where they located. Where Johann Adam Stam settled, or what became of him, we do not know. The other brother, Werner, was the ancestor of the Stammers of Berks county. He was born Nov. 13, 1726, in Bern, Switzerland, and died May 16, 1795. He settled in what is now Bern township, in 1763, obtaining a large tract of land in the vicinity of Mount Pleasant, in Berks county, where he lived and died. He and his wife are buried in the old Bern Church. He married May 26, 1748, Catharine, born in 1728, died Nov. 4, 1812. Among his children were two sons named Nicholas and Frederick.

The name Peter is said to have been Werner Stam. There is a Werner Stam buried at the Bern Church. The Pennsylvania Archives record the name as Peter, but this is reputed to be an error, the tax lists, church records, etc., all bearing evidence to the contrary. However, it is reasonable to suppose that Werner Stamm was under age when the two mentioned in the Archives arrived, and for that reason his name does not appear. The date of their landing agrees with the tradition that old members of the family have of Werner's coming to America.

Frederick Stamm, son of Werner, the emigrant ancestor, had the following children: John; Frederick; Jacob; Catharine, married to Abraham Good; Mary, married to Dr. Schwartz; Maria Magdalena married to Peter Bright (1793-1877).

Nicholas Stamm, son of Werner, born April 22, 1752, died Oct. 6, 1828. He married Catharine Lerch, born April 21, 1754, died May 16, 1844. Like his parents they are buried in the Bern Church. Among their children were: Johann Adam, Frederick, Peter, John, Mrs. Benjamin Graeff, Philip, William, Catherine (married Peter Reinhart) and Benjamin. Some of this family moved to Lycoming, Snyder and Northumberland counties.

John Jacob Stamm, the grandfather of Mrs. Gangloff, was born in Berks county, at Mount Pleasant. He was a cabinetmaker, having learned that trade in his native county. Coming to West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, he rented Preacher Moyer's farm for a number of years, until he removed to Mount Aetna, Berks county, and bought a farm of sixty acres, which he operated until 1866. Then he returned to McKeansburg, where he died in 1871, aged seventy-nine years, six months. He is buried at the Frieden's Church, New Ringgold, and his wife, Sarah Elizabeth, who died when her son Severinus was very young, is buried at Orwigsburg. Children as follows were born to them: Israel married Maria Weaver; John married Kate Haas; Mary married William Frantz; Sarah married John Weaver; Kate married William Tyson; Eliza married Joseph Marburger; Severinus was the father of Mrs. Gangloff. Mr. Stamm was a Democrat and a member of the German Reformed Church, at Mount Aetna, Berks county.

Severinus Stamm, father of Mrs. Gangloff, was born Oct. 23, 1839, in West Brunswick township, attended school in Berks county, and stayed with his parents until he was fourteen years old. He then moved to Adair county, Mo., and worked as a cowboy, going thence to Kansas and then to Iowa in 1860. There he fed cattle until July 12, 1861, the date of his enlistment in Company K, 2d Iowa Cavalry, under Captain Crocker, to serve three years. He was mustered in at Davenport, Iowa, and assigned to the Western Army. In March, 1864, he reenlisted, in the same company, under Capt. Charles P. Moore, at Germantown, Tenn., to serve during the war, and was discharged at Thelma, Ala., Sept. 25, 1865. He participated in about thirty-five engagements, including: Monterey, Booneville, Corinth, Black Head, siege of Corinth, Cold Water, Coffeeville, Prairie Station, Palo Alto, Pigeon Roost Creek, Tuscahomet, Jackson, La Grange, Colliersville, Moscow, Prairie Station, Oakolona, Tupelo, Hurricane Creek, Butler Creek, Lawrenceburg, Campbellsville, Nosbulle, Little Nazareth, Rutherford, and Anthony Hill.

On his return from the army Mr. Stamm stopped off at Dreher'sville and visited his sister, Mrs. Marburger, and then went to farming with his brother Israel, near New Ringgold, on the farm now owned by Walter Grube. He remained there three years, and next went to McKeansburg, to work with Daniel Frantz, learning the carpenter's trade. He followed his trade for seventeen years, as a bridge builder and general carpenter, and in 1871 settled at McKeansburg, where besides working at his trade he helped the neighboring farmers. He retired about four years ago. Mr. Stamm was formerly a Democrat, but is now a Republican. By reason of his army service he belongs to Severn Post, No. 110, G. A. R., of Mahanoy City; he was a charter member of both the P. O. S. of A. and Odd Fellows lodges at New Ringgold, and belongs to the Reformed congregation of the Frieden's Church.

Mr. Stamm married Elizabeth Frantz, who was born Jan. 1, 1846, a daughter of Daniel and Rachel (Lutz) Frantz. They have had a large family, viz.: Lauranna Victoria married Harry Fink, of Annville, Pa.; Elmira Priscilla is Mrs. Gangloff; Kate Rachel married Oscar Miller; Sallie Ara-

bella died in infancy; John Severinus is unmarried; Mamie Eliza married Daniel Saul; Daniel Israel married Rosie Shellhammer; William Jacob, twin of Daniel I., married Mary Hill; Nydia Maria married Frank Miller; George Aquilla married Nora Hill; Laura Saloma May married Robert Grimes.

AARON NESTER is one of the best known residents of West Penn township, where he has served as constable for over a quarter of a century. The family has been identified with this section of Schuylkill county for almost a century, and his earlier ancestors lived in Berks county, Pa., his grandfather, Daniel Nester, having been a native of that county, born in Hereford township. He was a blacksmith and farmer, following those occupations all his life, was a Democrat in politics and a Lutheran in religion, belonging to the Hill Church in Hereford township, where he and his wife, Esther (Moyer), are buried. They were the parents of the following children: Elijah, who died unmarried; Daniel, who married Priscilla Kepner, and settled in Schuylkill county; Benjamin; Henry, who married Hannah Zimmerly and (second) Sarah ———; Aaron, who never married; Sallie, Mrs. J. Shirey; Esther, Mrs. Samuel Seiple; and Lydia, who died in childhood.

Benjamin Nester, son of Daniel, was the father of Aaron Nester. He was born Feb. 20, 1815, in Hereford township, Berks county, and there grew to manhood, working on the farm for his father until he attained his majority. Coming to East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, he settled at Rauschs and there learned rolling-mill work in the plant of John Rausch, in which employ he continued for about ten or twelve years. He then bought a farm of 112 acres, most of which he cleared, residing there until his death, which occurred in March, 1894. His land was devoted to general farming, and he made a specialty of the raising of fine stock, doing well in both lines. Intelligent and public-spirited, he took an active interest in local affairs, and served his fellow citizens many terms as school director, and also in the office of tax collector. Politically he was associated with the Democratic party. In religious faith he was a Lutheran, a prominent member of the Frieden's Church at New Ringgold and one of its most zealous officials, having been deacon, elder and trustee. He is buried at that church, as is also his wife Lillie.

Mr. Nester's first wife was Lillie Seltzer, and she and her father, William Seltzer, were natives of East Brunswick township. She died when about forty years old, the mother of four children, namely: John D., who married Catherine Behler (she is deceased); William, now a resident of Tamaqua, Pa., who married Mary Bock and (second) Judith Moyer; Mary, wife of William Kunkle, of Rush township, Schuylkill county; and Benjamin, who died in boyhood. For his second wife Mr. Nester married Lena Shuster, who was born at sea while her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Shuster, natives of Germany, were bringing their family to America. Mrs. Nester is now (1915) about eighty years of age, and is living with her daughter Emma (Mrs. W. W. Kleckner) in East Brunswick township. To this union were born seven children: Aaron; David, who married Sarah Dreibelbeis and lives at Geneva, N. Y.; Charles (deceased), who married Sarah Behler, his widow living at Hometown, Schuylkill county; Emma, married to W. W. Kleckner, of East Brunswick township; Clara, wife of Adam Behler, of West Penn township; Catherine and Alice, living with their mother.

Aaron Nester was born in East Brunswick township, at the place Francis Bachert now occupies, and was reared and educated there, attending Rausch's school. His early years were spent assisting his father, for whom he worked until twenty-one years old. Afterwards he was employed at the New Ringgold furnace, operated by the Little Schuylkill Coal Company, for a couple of years, but when he married he decided to resume farming, and bought from Solomon Lynn most of the property in West Penn township where he has since resided. His first purchase was eighty-four acres, to which he has added by another investment until he now has 102 acres, of which about eighty acres are under cultivation, in general crops. There are several acres in fruit, Mr. Nester having two hundred peach trees, one hundred apple trees, and twenty plum trees. He markets his products at Lansford, Carbon county. Mr. Nester has prospered in his own work by diligence and thrift, profiting by modern methods and appliances, and he has shown himself just as wide-awake in other matters, giving his encouragement and support to all projects which have the general welfare in view. He has taken considerable part in politics in the township as a worker in the Democratic party, and has served twenty-six years as constable of West Penn township. He is a leading member of Washington Camp No. 132, P. O. S. of A., at North Penn, in his home township, and is a past president of that organization. Like most of the family he is a Lutheran on religious questions, belonging to Zion's Church in West Penn township, and formerly taught in the Sunday school.

Mr. Nester married Priscilla Oswald, who was born Feb. 18, 1853, in East Brunswick township, where she was reared and educated, remaining at home until her marriage. She, too, is a member of Zion's Lutheran congregation, and has taught in the Sunday school. To Mr. and Mrs. Nester have been born the following children: Rosie died when three years old; John Daniel is living at home; Wilson died when five years, six months old; Victor Benjamin is at home; Amandus William, now living at Bowmansville, Carbon county, married Mary Hoffman; Jennie is the wife of John Bachert and lives at Rauschs, in East Brunswick township; Mamie is the wife of Albert Winter and also lives at Rauschs; Clara, wife of Oscar Welsh, lives at Tamaqua, this county; Eva married Charles Shaeffer and lives at Pinedale, in West Brunswick township, this county. All of this family were educated at the Sassaman (No. 10) school in West Penn township. Rosie and Wilson are buried at Zion's Church.

Elias Oswald, Mrs. Nester's grandfather, came to this region from Berks county, Pa., and farmed in West Penn township, owning and operating the place now occupied by James Homberg. He had about eighty acres, and cleared nearly half of it, raising general crops and prospering by dint of industry and close application to his work. He built the old stone house on that property, and died there. Mr. Oswald was an earnest Christian and active in the work of Zion's Lutheran Church, assisting in the erection of the present stone church used by that congregation. All the family are buried there. In politics he supported the Democratic party. His children were: Elias, Hoffman, Emmanuel, Catherine and Polly. Elias was the only one that married.

Elias Oswald, son of Elias, above, was a native of East Brunswick township, where he spent his early life and received his education. He became a farmer, owning a tract of ninety acres which he bought from Samuel Hoffman, the place now owned by his son John Oswald, upon which he remained to the close of his long life, dying at the age of eighty-three years. For many

years he was successfully engaged in general farming, retiring about five years before his death. He attended market at Tamaqua. Like his father he was a zealous member of Zion's Lutheran Church in West Penn township, holding the offices of elder, deacon, etc., and he and his wife are buried at that church. He was a Democrat in political sentiment. Mr. Oswald married Catherine Hoffman, who was born in East Brunswick township, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Dreisbach) Hoffman, and they had a family of six children, viz.: Priscilla, wife of Aaron Nester; Frank, who married Caroline Miller and is now living in Oklahoma; John, who is on the homestead, married to Emma Hartung; Elias, who died when about forty-two years old; Savina, who resides in East Brunswick township; and Catherine, wife of Monroe Hess, of that township.

JOSEPH KILLIAN, ice dealer at Schuylkill Haven, was born in Danville, Montour Co., Pa., Feb. 10, 1873, and is a son of William Killian. The grandfather, Martin Killian, was a native of Germany and a resident of that country until his death.

William Killian, the father of Joseph, was a stonemason by trade. He emigrated to America when he had reached the age of about nineteen and settled in Philadelphia, where he followed the butcher business. Later he came to Schuylkill Haven, where he continued to follow the occupation of butcher for many years. He also did considerable contracting in the way of stone work in the surrounding country. He owned about 335 acres of land in North Manheim township, near Schuylkill Haven, 140 acres of which was cleared, and the remainder he permitted to remain in its primeval condition of woodland. Mr. Killian was a Union soldier in the Civil war. A Republican in politics, he was a member of the election board for twenty years, a school director of North Manheim township, and for fourteen years constable. He died May 6, 1904, and is buried at Schuylkill Haven. His widow still resides in North Manheim township.

William Killian was united in marriage to Susan Eiler, daughter of John Eiler, and granddaughter of John Eiler, the latter a pioneer of lower Schuylkill county. To Mr. and Mrs. Killian were born these children: Minnie, who married Henry Mengle; William, deceased; Joseph; Clara, deceased; John; William (2); Mark; Charles Edw., deceased; Henry Clayton; Marietta, wife of Oscar May; Elsie May, deceased; Edward, deceased; Charles, deceased; Emma Susan, deceased; and Bessie, wife of George W. Coover.

Joseph Killian was brought by his parents to Schuylkill Haven when he was but nine months old, and attended the local schools. When eighteen years of age he entered the ice business, which he has continued to carry on since. He has a large storehouse, with a capacity of 50,000 tons, and cuts his product from two large ponds, fed by pure springs. He has a large auto-truck and two teams, which he uses to supply his numerous customers in Schuylkill Haven and Cressona. He also supplies the Reading Company with ice in this district. Mr. Killian has a fine home and a farm in North Manheim township connected with his business property. Mr. Killian also does some contract work, and when the new State road was built through this section did some work upon it.

Joseph Killian was married to Kate Steffey, daughter of Daniel Steffey, of Lancaster county, and their children are three in number, Annie, Samuel and Edward. Mr. Killian is a Republican, and has been a constable and a mem-

ber of the election board. He is a member of the Reformed Church, and of the Odd Fellows and the Improved Order of Red Men.

The Killian family own valuable land in North Manheim township, adjoining the borough of Schuylkill Haven, most of which at one time was the property of John Eiler.

The Eiler family, of which Mrs. William Killian, mother of Joseph Killian, is a member, traces its origin from Johannes Eyler, who was born Dec. 6, 1772, in Germany, and died in Pennsylvania, Dec. 21, 1843. He settled in what is known as Eyler's Hollow, Northumberland township, called "Noo-sadaul" in Pennsylvania German, his children having altered the name to its present form. His son, John Eiler, was a large landowner in the part of the county of Schuylkill now occupied by the borough of Schuylkill Haven, as well as on the spot called Eyler's Hollow. He died upon his farm after a long life as an agriculturist and is buried in the old cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. His children were: John, Daniel (1811-1869), Henry, Betsy (wife of Frank Mellon) and Kate (wife of Peter Strause).

John Eiler, son of John, above, was born on the homestead in North Manheim township, and died in that township at the advanced age of eighty-three years. He was a carpet weaver by trade. He married Hannah (daughter of Jacob) Schappell, who died at the age of forty-six and is buried beside her husband in the old cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. They had the following family: Mary married John Bubeck; Maria married Levi Reichert; Hannah married John Krietzal, who was killed in the Civil war as a member of the 48th Pa. Vols., and she married (second) Samuel Bonberger, also a soldier in the Civil war; Emaline married Joseph Freeman; Susan is mentioned above in the sketch of William Killian; Israel died while serving in the Civil war; and Frank is now living in Schuylkill Haven.

ADAM WINGERT has been a resident of Mahanoy City from boyhood, and few of its citizens are more generally known or held in better favor in the regard of the community. His long connection with the Mahanoy City colliery, where he has held the responsible position of outside foreman since 1898, has brought him into contact with a large number of the men whose work has attracted them to the locality, this being one of the largest workings of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company.

Mr. Wingert was born Dec. 12, 1856, in Upper Bern township, Berks Co., Pa., and the family has been in Pennsylvania from early times. His grandfather, John Wingert, was a native of Montgomery county, this State, where he lived and died. He was a successful contractor and builder, and a well known man in this part of Pennsylvania in his day, having constructed several of the Schuylkill canal locks in and near Berks county.

Daniel Wingert, son of John, was born in Montgomery county, whence he first removed to Berks county, and from there about 1865 to Mahanoy City, Schuylkill county. By trade he was a blacksmith, and he was employed in that capacity for a time at the old Robesonia Furnace and also at Sinking Spring, both in Berks county. He also followed that line of work after settling in Mahanoy City, for many years with George W. Cole. He lived retired for some years before his death. Mr. Wingert married Mary Kauffman, whose mother was the first person to cross the long Philadelphia & Reading bridge over the Schuylkill river near Reading. Mr. and Mrs. Wingert became the parents of ten children, but only three survive at this writing (1915):



Eliza, wife of Joseph Linderemuth, living at Auburn, Schuylkill county; Adam; and Ella, wife of John Klingerman, of Locust Valley, Schuylkill county (his father, David Klingerman, was the pioneer in that section).

Adam Wingert came to Mahanoy City with his parents. He attended public school until he went to work, beginning like most boys picking slate at the breaker. Later he learned the trade of blacksmith, which he followed for fifteen years at the mines, until promoted to the position of assistant outside foreman at the Mahanoy City colliery. He was so engaged until 1898, when he succeeded Andrew Ferguson as foreman, and has been retained in that capacity continuously since. The colliery is one of the largest operated by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, seven hundred and twenty-five men and boys being employed at these workings, in whose successful development he has had a creditable part. His able discharge of his duties, and intelligent comprehension of their requirements, account for the high standing he enjoys with both employers and men. For high personal character there is no more trustworthy man at the mines. Mr. Wingert married Emma L. Hoppes, who is a daughter of Andrew Hoppes, in his day well known as a miller in Mahanoy City. They have one daughter, Kate, now the wife of Harry Christ, who is engaged as a mining engineer by the Locust Mountain Coal Company; Mr. and Mrs. Christ reside with her parents. Socially Mr. Wingert is a member of the P. O. S. of A., belonging to Washington Camp No. 21, of Mahanoy City. He is a prominent member of the Salem United Evangelical Church, which he has served as president of the board of trustees for the last twenty-five years. He was chairman of the building committee when the present church building was erected, was a chorister of the church for twenty years, and for ten years acted as superintendent of the Sunday school.

FREDERICK L. GRUMM, of Girardville, justice of the peace, was born March 30, 1867, son of Daniel and Sarah (Moll) Grumm.

Daniel Grumm, the father, was born in Easton, Pa., and his father was a native of Germany. Coming to America he settled at New Philadelphia, later moved to Germantown, and then to Ashland, Schuylkill county, eventually locating at Girardville. He was a miner by occupation, working in several mines, and being at one time foreman of the Beatty mine. Daniel Grumm was married to Sarah Moll, a native of Tuscarora, Schuylkill county, whose family were early settlers of this State and of German origin. Daniel Grumm died in Girardville a number of years ago, and his wife died in 1910. To them were born nine children: Andrew W., residing in Girardville; John, deceased; Hannah, wife of William Abrams, of Girardville; Charles, Philip and Henry, deceased; Frederick L.; Ellen, of Girardville; and Bertha, wife of Daniel Reese, of Girardville.

Frederick L. Grumm was educated in the schools of Girardville, and at the age of eight began to work in the mines, at the age of sixteen being a coal cutter. On April 7, 1909, he succeeded to the office of justice of the peace made vacant by the death of his brother Henry, and in 1910 he was elected to the office, which he has held ever since. On April 4, 1890, he was married to Anna L. Wagner, daughter of Elias B. and Elizabeth (Landeman) Wagner, the former deceased, the latter still living at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Grumm. Mr. and Mrs. Grumm have had five children: Charles, who lives at Girardville; Freda, who died at the age of fifteen; Vera Lorena, who died



in childhood; Blanche; and Bertha. Mr. Grumm served as constable of Girardville for six years in all, from 1890 to 1893, and again when reappointed in 1895. He is a member of the Independent Order of Americans, of the United Mine Workers of America, and of the Zion Lutheran Church at Girardville. His son Charles is a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and of Girardville Hose Company No. 1.

Elias B. Wagner, father of Mrs. Grumm, was a soldier in the Civil war, having enlisted from Schuylkill county. Previous to the war he was a soldier in the regular army, and after the end of the conflict he became a prominent labor leader in this county, in the days of the Workingmen's Benevolent Association. The family were then living at Shenandoah.

Daniel Grumm, father of Frederick, had four brothers: Louis; Henry, who was killed in the Civil war at the battle of Gettysburg; and Charles and Frederick, both of whom served in the Civil war. Mrs. Grumm also had two brothers, William and Michael Moll, who served in the Civil war. All of these soldiers enlisted from Schuylkill county.

PETER KRIPPLEBAUR, late of Ashland, Schuylkill county, was a veteran of the Civil war. His parents, Thomas and Elizabeth Kripplebaur, brought their family to America from Germany in the year 1852. They landed at New York after a voyage of forty-eight days, and coming then to Schuylkill county, Pa., located at St. Clair, where the mother died, some forty-seven years ago, the rest of the family moving to Ashland, where the father died at the home of his son Peter. They were the parents of two children, Peter and one daughter, Elizabeth, Mrs. Hasel, now living at Girardville, Pennsylvania.

Peter Kripplebaur was born Dec. 25, 1843, in Bavaria, Germany. He worked in the mines of Schuylkill county from early boyhood until his retirement. On Feb. 15, 1864, he enlisted at Philadelphia for service in the Civil war, joining Company H, 17th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and remained in the army to the close of the conflict, taking part in a number of battles and skirmishes. He was wounded in battle, and was present when Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, was taken prisoner. The war over, Mr. Kripplebaur was mustered out at Macon, Ga., receiving his honorable discharge at Harrisburg, and returned to his home in Schuylkill county. Mr. Kripplebaur was a much respected citizen of Ashland, where his industrious and honorable life gained him many friends and well-wishers. He was living in retirement at the time of his death in 1915.

On Oct. 3, 1865, Mr. Kripplebaur was married to Margaret Husler, of St. Clair, Pa., who was born in Germany, and was brought to America when five years old. Her parents were early residents of St. Clair. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kripplebaur, Peter, Jr., and John, both of whom reside at Ashland. Mr. Kripplebaur was a member of St. Mauritius' German Catholic Church.

HENRY MOLL, who is now spending his days in well earned retirement at Pottsville, is a veteran of the Civil war and a citizen who has demonstrated his public spirit in his private life as well as he did in the discharge of his military duties, when the country needed his services. He is a native of Prussia, Germany, born Oct. 1, 1842, and his father, Henry Moll, was also born in that kingdom. The latter was a stonemason by trade. He brought his

family to America in 1851, the voyage, which was made in a sailing vessel, taking two months. The Molls located at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and after a year's residence there moved to Minersville, this county, the father later returning to Pottsville, where he died.

Henry Moll was but a boy when he accompanied his father to America. For many years he was employed at the mines, beginning, like so many other mine workers, picking slate at the breaker, for John Harper. In time he worked up to greater responsibilities, becoming a stationary engineer. A few months after the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted, in September, 1861, in Minersville, joining the Keystone Zouaves, 76th Pennsylvania Regiment, and he served his full term of three years, and three months more. He took part in all the battles in which his regiment was engaged, and was wounded in the right breast and right arm at the battle of Weldon Railroad, May 7, 1864. After the war he returned to Minersville for a short time, in 1865 settling at Shenandoah, this county, where he found employment at the collieries, in the capacity of engineer, and he continued to hold the position there for over twenty years. At the end of that period he came to Pottsville, and he is now leading a retired life. His home is at No. 911 West Market street, Pottsville. The Molly Maguire troubles were at their height during the time Mr. Moll was at Shenandoah, and he had many typical experiences of the day, and many close calls before the excitement ended.

Mr. Moll married Emma Ball, of Minersville, and they have had three children, namely: Elizabeth is the wife of T. M. Stout, of Shenandoah, this county; Emma is married to Charles Kear, a bank clerk at Minersville; George R. is proprietor of one of the principal meat markets at Pottsville, being a leading business man there in his line, and is also a clerk in the Union Safe Deposit Bank.

Mr. Moll has been a prominent member of the Methodist Church of Pottsville for a number of years, having served several years as elder, and he was one of the most efficient members of the building committee at the time of the erection of the new church on West Market street. He has never given any special attention to public affairs, though he is a stanch Republican in his political views. He and his family are among the most respected citizens of the borough.

HARRY KNEPPER, owner of a well improved farm in West Penn township, was born on that place July 17, 1874, and has spent all his life there. Its excellent condition at present is the result of his industry, most of the work of development having been done under his hands, and his career has been creditable in every way. He is a son of the late Charles Knepper and a grandson of Timothy Knepper, the latter a native and lifelong resident of Lehigh county, Pa., where he owned a good-sized farm. He was a Democrat on political questions, in religion a member of the German Reformed Church. He and his wife are buried in Lehigh county. They had the following children: Solomon, who married Susanna Gerber; Charles; and Matilda, wife of Alfred Frederici.

Charles Knepper, son of Timothy, was born in 1837 in Lehigh county, and was reared there, working on the farm until his removal in 1860 to West Penn township, Schuylkill county. Buying a small lot, he opened a wheelwright shop thereon, the location being near the property now owned by his son Harry. After several years' residence there he bought part of the place

now in the possession of his son Harry, purchasing twenty-five acres from Solomon Guldner. About half of this tract was in timber. He cultivated that place for a number of years, carrying on general farming, and later entered the undertaking business. He retired from active pursuits five or six years before his death. His son Harry operated the farm for him when he turned from agriculture to business. He had erected a comfortable dwelling on his land. Mr. Knepper passed away in November, 1900, aged sixty-three years, and is buried at St. Peter's Church in West Penn township. He was a leading member of the Reformed congregation of that church, serving as elder and deacon of the church and as a teacher in the Sunday school. Politically he was a Democrat. Mr. Knepper married Sarah Ann Gerber, who was born April 10, 1838, in West Penn township, daughter of Jeremiah and Susanna (Zeigler) Gerber, and who lives at White Bear, Carbon Co., Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Knepper became the parents of nine children, these besides Harry: Frank, who married Matilda Eberts; Lewis, who died young; Austin, who moved to Ohio; Amandus, who married Kate Haum; Ida, who married Sylvester Swartley; Sallie, wife of Charles Ruch; Emma, deceased wife of Martin Mantz; and Alvina, who died in childhood.

Harry Knepper obtained his education in the public schools of West Penn township and worked for his father on the farm, which he bought after his father's death. He has added to the original area, now having sixty acres, thirty-four of which are cleared and under cultivation. Besides enhancing the value of the ground by careful tillage, he has improved all the buildings on the place, having remodeled the dwelling, and the farm is one of the nicest in the township, presenting a very attractive appearance which makes it a credit to the neighborhood. Mr. Knepper follows general farming, and markets his products at Tamaqua. He is as active and zealous in the welfare of St. Peter's Reformed congregation as his father was, being a deacon at present, and in politics he also follows his ancestors, being a faithful supporter of the Democratic party. When twenty-eight years old Mr. Knepper married Cora Billman, who was born Feb. 6, 1881, in Hazleton, Luzerne Co., Pa., daughter of Jacob and Matina (Shoemaker) Billman. She was but eight years old when her mother died, and she came to live with Joel Shoemaker in West Penn township, remaining in his home until her marriage. She is a Lutheran member of St. Peter's Church. Mr. and Mrs. Knepper have had one child, Charlotte, who died in childhood.

Mrs. Knepper's parents were natives of West Penn township. Her grandfather, Reuben Billman, was a native of Berks county, Pa., and died when about seventy-seven years old. He was a farmer, and on coming to West Penn township bought the farm now owned by Wallace Hoppes, remaining there until his death. His wife, whose maiden name was Hartranft, lived to the age of eighty-eight years, and they are buried at Zion's Church in West Penn township. Mr. Billman was a Lutheran member of that church, and a Republican on political questions. He was the father of the following children: Salome, wife of Casper Cropp, of Hazleton, Pa.; Harriet, Mrs. William Shellhammer; Mary, Mrs. Henry Holler; Reuben, who married Mesina Oswald; Thomas, who married Lavina Adams, both being deceased; Solomon, who went West; and Jacob.

Jacob Billman, father of Mrs. Knepper, was reared and educated in West Penn township, attending the pay schools in vogue during his boyhood. After assisting his father with the work on the home place until he reached his

majority, he worked among the neighboring farmers for a time, and then bought a farm which he operated on his own account. Moving to Hazleton, Luzerne Co., Pa., he became a mine worker, following that occupation for twenty-seven years, and he also worked at carpentry while a resident of that place. Thence he removed to Tamaqua, and he lived retired for some time before his death, which occurred there when he was seventy-seven years old. He was a respected and active member of the Evangelical Church at Tamaqua. By his first marriage, to Matina Shoemaker, daughter of Jonas Shoemaker, Mr. Billman had the following children: Frank married Sophia Holler; Tilghman married Mary Shugart; Solomon married Sarah Hayman; Charles married Mary Linse; Jacob married Sula Heisler; Jane married Carl Krinte and after his death (second) Jacob McNamara; Emma married Jacob Reinhart; Ida died young; Alice married Brinton Brobst; Cora is the wife of Harry Knepper; Lillie married Sylvester Oswald. The mother died when about forty years old. By his second marriage to Mrs. Carolina Depew, Mr. Billman had no children. He and both his wives are buried at Hazleton.

EDWIN FORD has been engaged with the Pine Hill Coal Company ever since he settled at Minersville and is one of the competent and trusted employees of that large concern, which has played so important a part in the industrial welfare of this locality. He is highly respected at Minersville, where he has various connections which bring him much into contact with his fellow citizens, and he is particularly well known in Masonic circles.

Mr. Ford is a native of England, born in 1867, and grew to maturity in that country, coming to America in the year 1888. During the first eight years of his residence in the United States he lived at Mount Carmel, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he followed the carpenter's trade, and he removed thence to Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where he remained for three years. He has since been a resident of Minersville. For some time after coming here he did carpenter work for the Pine Hill Coal Company, and then for a time held the position of assistant outside foreman at its large colliery, in 1911 being promoted to general outside foreman, which position he has since held. His excellent work has brought him to the favorable notice of his employers, who have shown their appreciation of his high character. The residents of Minersville have registered their faith in his integrity by electing him a member of the school board, and he also served as treasurer of that body. Politically he is a Republican. He belongs to Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 378, F. & A. M.; to Schuylkill Chapter, No. 159, R. A. M., of Minersville; to Constantine Commandery, No. 41, K. T., of Pottsville; and to Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading, Pa. While a resident of Mount Carmel he was a prominent member of Lodge No. 630, I. O. O. F., of which he is a past grand.

In 1891 Mr. Ford made a return trip to England, and when he returned to America brought his sweetheart with him. They were married at Wilkes Barre, Pa., in November of the same year. Mrs. Ford's maiden name was Frances Jane Lugg, and like her husband, she is a native of Cornwall, England. They have had a family of four children, namely: Bessie May, born in 1892, who is now attending the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, Pa.; Thomas Henry, born in 1894, who graduated from Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., with the class of 1914, and who is at present head of the science department in the high school of Minersville, Pa.; Ethel Frances,

born in 1897, a graduate of Minersville high school, 1915; and Clarence Edwin, born in 1903, now attending school. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

HENRY MANHART has a number of substantial structures in Ashland as evidences of his workmanship, having been a builder and contractor of this borough during most of his mature life. He was born Jan. 15, 1851, son of John M. and Harriet (Metz) Manhart.

In both paternal and maternal lines Mr. Manhart is of German descent. His father was born in Prussia, Germany, and came to this country with the family, in 1828, for a number of years living at Roaring Creek, Columbia Co., Pa. Later he came to Ashland, Schuylkill county, where he continued to make his home until his death, in February, 1910, at the age of over eighty years. He had learned the trades of wheelwright and carpenter, which he always followed after coming to Ashland, where he built up an extensive business as a contractor. He was a man of intelligent and substantial qualities and character, and commanded the esteem of his fellow men in all the relations of life. He was a member of the Evangelical Church. At Roaring Creek, Columbia county, Mr. Manhart married Harriet Metz, who was born there, of German ancestry, and her death occurred there many years previous to his, in 1879. Mr. and Mrs. Manhart are buried in the Freewill cemetery at Roaring Creek, Columbia county. They were the parents of a large family, of whom Henry is the eldest; Tillie is the wife of John Hampton, and lives at Roaring Creek; George is a resident of Mifflinville, Pa.; Clara is the wife of William Longerberger; Elmer is a resident of Schuylkill county. The rest are deceased.

Henry Manhart was educated in the public schools of Ashland, and was only a boy when he commenced to learn the carpenter's trade from his father, under whose able tuition he became a skillful workman. Remaining with him until twenty years old, he afterwards traveled for a time working on his own account, and during this period was located at Cleveland, Ohio, returning to Ashland, where he has since been engaged at his trade, and in the course of his long and busy career has erected numerous stores and residences in the borough and vicinity. Mr. Manhart has made an excellent reputation in business, and is well and favorably known personally. Socially he is a member of the Independent Order of Americans.

In 1872 Mr. Manhart was married, at Roaring Creek, Pa., to Alice Knittle, a native of Columbia county, where her father, Jacob Knittle, was a farmer. He and his wife, Angeline (Derr), were both born in Columbia county, the latter at Rohrsburg, and she still survives, now (1914) eighty-four years old, making her home at Catawissa, Columbia county. Mr. Knittle died in 1904. They were the parents of ten children, as follows: Alice, Mrs. Henry Manhart; Kersey, who lives at Roaring Creek; Clara, the wife of Henry Shayne, of Catawissa; Hattie, who lives with her mother in Catawissa; Anna, the wife of Christ Hartman, of Milton, Pa.; Kate, married to Elmer Laban, of Roaring Creek; William, also living with his mother at Catawissa; and three deceased.

Thirteen children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Manhart. We have record of: Charles, living at Locustdale, Schuylkill county; Hattie, the wife of John Reese, of Ashland, Pa.; Ella, wife of Jacob Raber, of Ashland; William; Clara, wife of Frederick Yaeger, of Ashland; Anna, married to

Oscar Lindlemood, of Shenandoah, Pa.; Raymond, living at home; John, located at Lavelle, Schuylkill county; Lillie, wife of John Muenker, of Ashland; Catherine and Ruth, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Manhart are members of the Evangelical Church.

WILLIAM GEIGER, late of Mahanoy City, was the first florist there, founding the establishment continued until recently by his family, and was a substantial business man of the thrifty type well recognized in our citizens of German origin. He was a native of the Fatherland, where he was reared and educated, coming to America when seventeen years old. After a short residence in Philadelphia, Pa., he came to Schuylkill county, Pa., for several years living at Schuylkill Haven, where he had a pottery, building up a profitable business in that line. In 1870 he settled at Mahanoy City, Schuylkill county, where he also followed the manufacture of pottery, and in time he started the nursery business, continuing both lines successfully until his death, which occurred in 1900. He was the pioneer nurseryman and florist in the borough, and by good management developed a thriving trade, taking his place among the prosperous business men of the community. After his death his widow ran the business until she passed away, and she was succeeded by her daughter, Miss Augusta Geiger, the other daughter, Clara, assisting her. Miss Geiger gave up the business in 1914, after a period of excellent management which indicated that she had inherited the ability of her parents, for the trade flourished as usual while in her hands.

The Geigers have all borne an excellent reputation for capability and usefulness in the community. William Geiger had been carefully educated, and he became well read in both English and German; he was a fine penman, and precise in keeping account of all his interests. During his residence in Mahanoy City he made many friends, and all of his family have continued to enjoy high standing. His wife, whose maiden name was Joanna Hammer, was like himself a native of Germany, and lived in America from the time she was thirteen years old. Mr. and Mrs. Geiger are buried at Mahanoy City. They were the parents of the following children: Clara; William, who has prospected successfully for gold in the Northwest; John, a potter by trade, now settled at Liverpool, Ohio; and Augusta. In religion the Geigers unite with the Reformed Church.

ALBERT GEORGE KOCH has a fine farm property in East Brunswick township, and is particularly well known for his success as a fruit grower, his thrifty orchards giving evidence of the most intelligent care and the application of up-to-date methods. Mr. Koch represents one of the early families in this section of Schuylkill county, his great-grandfather having farmed the old homestead now owned by Charles Koch. It is presumed he was the William Koch who is buried with his wife, Maria May, at Christ Church, McKeansburg. He was born April 1, 1747, near Philadelphia, and died May 3, 1832; she was born April 27, 1766, and died Feb. 14, 1837.

John Koch, the grandfather of Albert George Koch, was born April 7, 1806, and died Oct. 4, 1868. His early ambition was to be a physician, but after obtaining his degree he followed the profession only one year, not liking it as much as he had anticipated. So he turned to farming, and became the owner of two tracts of land in Schuylkill county, one in Walker township, and the other in East Brunswick township, 200 acres in all. He continued to

farm the rest of his days. Dr. Koch was a leading force in local affairs, his intelligence and public spirit making him a most useful citizen, and he held the township offices of school director and tax collector, and the county office of poor director. On political issues he stood with the Republicans. He was one of the active members of Christ Lutheran Church at McKeansburg, and he and his wife are buried in the cemetery of that church. Mrs. Koch, whose maiden name was Salome Fusselman, was born Dec. 6, 1808, daughter of John Fusselman, and died Sept. 30, 1889. They had a large family: Mary, Mrs. Charles Banker; Morgan W.; Lucian, who married Sarah Hettinger; Sarah, Mrs. Lewis Schoener; Kate, Mrs. Joseph Kramer; Villetta; Amelia, Mrs. Mandon Kramer; Hiram, a Union soldier, who died of starvation while in the army, and is buried at Cincinnati, Ohio; Francis, born May 12, 1841, who died at Bowling Green, Ky., April 7, 1863, while serving in the Union army, and is buried at McKeansburg, Pa.; Edward, who also died while in the army; Henry, who married Mary Seltzer; and Willminia.

Morgan W. Koch, son of John, was born in East Brunswick township Dec. 2, 1833, and educated there. In his youth he assisted his father on the home farm and learned the blacksmith's trade. He settled on a tract of twenty-two acres in West Brunswick township which he purchased, had a shop there, and conducted the farm in connection with work at his trade for twenty-two years. When his son Albert was one year old he removed to the old homestead farm in East Brunswick township, the tract of 100 acres which he had bought from his father, and had a blacksmith shop there for two years. After that he devoted all his time to general farming there until a few years ago, when he sold his farm to his son Charles and removed to McKeansburg, at which place he has since lived retired. In his earlier years he was associated with township affairs to some extent, serving as school director, and in politics he was identified with the Republican party. He is a member of Christ Lutheran Church at McKeansburg.

Mr. Koch married Caroline Schoener, who was born Nov. 18, 1839, daughter of Henry and Christina (Sheipe) Schoener, and died Oct. 25, 1910. She is buried at Christ Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Koch were born the following children: Josephine, born Dec. 16, 1858, married Elmer Koch; Ellen, born Feb. 10, 1860, married Samuel Dreher; Francis C., born Aug. 4, 1863, married Mary Follweiler; Albert G. is next in order of birth; Katie, born Jan. 8, 1868, died July 5, 1879; Agnes, born Aug. 15, 1876, married Harvey Kindt; Carrie Valeria, born Nov. 20, 1871, is deceased; Charles married Cora Kershner; Harry married Agnes Kunkle; Theodore, born Jan. 5, 1886, married Sadie Moyer; Walter M., born April 10, 1880, married Fannie May Moyer; one child died in infancy.

Albert George Koch was born June 24, 1865, in West Brunswick township, and was reared and educated in East Brunswick township. He was trained to agricultural work, and helped his father on the farm until he was about twenty-one years old, when he went to Weatherly, Pa., and found employment with the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, in the foundry at that place. After four years' experience there he returned to East Brunswick township, where he tenanted his present farm (at that time the property of Charles Bowen) for one year. Then he moved to Red Dale valley, West Brunswick township, and tenanted Peter Albright's farm for three years, following with a year's occupation on the Joseph Mengle farm, in East Bruns-



wick township. Then he bought from Charles Bowen the farm he now operates, originally the Henry Koch place, which contains 126 acres, of which thirty acres are in timber. Though he follows general farming he makes a specialty of trucking and fruit growing, having a very fine orchard, and he markets his products to Pottsville, finding a steady demand for all he can grow. His fruits and vegetables have a reputation which keeps the demand ahead of the supply.

Mr. Koch was married to Lizzie Albright, who was born Feb. 8, 1867, in West Brunswick township, a daughter of Charles and Rebecca (Fegley) Albright, and they have had seven children: 'Ercula Minerva, born Dec. 10, 1887, married Allen Plummer; Howard Albert, born Nov. 21, 1891, is a graduate of Gaults Student School, Cincinnati, Taylor University; Helen Rebecca, born June 24, 1894, is attending the Cincinnati Bible School; John Peter, born Dec. 1, 1897, is on the home farm; Nora Elizabeth, born Dec. 19, 1899, Ada May, born Aug. 5, 1902, and Edward James, born May 15, 1906, are at home.

As a Republican Mr. Koch has taken considerable interest in politics, and though not an office seeker he has served as school director; he was treasurer of the board for a few years. Outside of business, however, his principal activity has been along the line of religious work. He is a faithful member of the Church of God at Steigerwalt, which he is serving at present in the offices of treasurer and trustee. He is also treasurer of the German Eldership of the Church of God, comprising the five churches of Auburn, Frackville, Summit, West Penn and Steigerwalt, and is thoroughly alive to the responsibilities which have come with those honors. Mr. Koch was formerly a teacher in the Sunday school.

DAVID K. HILL is farming in West township, where his father and grandfather before him followed the same occupation during long and useful lives. The Hills have long been ranked among the most estimable citizens of the locality, whose characteristic industry, enterprise and general worth have had a recognized influence upon the advancement of this region. Jonas Hill, the grandfather of David K. Hill, was a native of Germany, and settled in the township at an early day. He was a farmer all his life, owning a tract of about one hundred acres (now the property of Elmer Woomer), and died there at the advanced age of ninety-two years. His wife, Elizabeth (Koenig), passed away May 2, 1898, aged seventy-five years, and they are buried at Zion's Church in West Penn township. They were members of the Lutheran congregation of that church, and Mr. Hill supported the Democratic party. His children were: Daniel, Frank, Mary and David.

David Hill, son of Jonas, was born in West Penn township, June 25, 1814, and there grew to manhood, receiving in his youth such advantages as the local schools afforded. He worked on the home farm for his father up to the time of his marriage, and eventually inherited that place, also acquiring the ownership of two other tracts, one now owned by his son David and the property now owned by Ellsworth Zehner—all in West Penn township. He also owned the hotel known as the "Mansion House," which he rented out. He was the executor of his father's estate. He was a man of good business capacity, and was chosen by his fellow citizens to the offices of school director and tax collector. Politically he was a Democrat and much interested in local public affairs, and he was an active member

of the Reformed congregation of Zion's Church in his township, where he and his wife are buried. His death occurred March 1, 1893, on the place now owned by Ellsworth Zehner, and his wife died at the age of seventy-five years. Her maiden name was Elizabeth Koenig, and she was born in Heidelberg township, Lehigh Co., Pa., daughter of Daniel Koenig. Mr. and Mrs. Hill had children as follows: Mary Ann; Jonas, who married Rebecca Billman; Levi, who married Lydia A. Dengler; Carolina, who married Nathan G. Rex; Polly, wife of Charles A. Frantz; Amanda, Mrs. Solomon Hoppes; Sarah, Mrs. John Rex; Emma, Mrs. Albert Kleckner; Wesley, who married Emma Houser; David K.; Elmira; Herman; and Tilghman, who married Kate Hill.

David K. Hill was born in West Penn township, April 11, 1860, and obtained his education in the public schools there. Farming has been his life work. He worked on his father's farm until the latter's death, and meantime had married and bought a farm from his father, the tract which he is still operating. His parents lived there with him for some time. The property is a ninety-acre tract, all cleared but seven acres, and he follows general farming, though the place has a special reputation for the fine fruit raised there, strawberries, plums, peaches, etc., of high quality, as well as excellent potatoes. Mr. Hill finds a ready market for all his produce, which he takes to Tamaqua, Coaldale and Lansford. For five years he also did a considerable business selling sand for plastering purposes, which he took from his land, and he did much of the hauling himself; he gave up this line a short time ago. All the work about his place is conducted in the most business-like manner, and he aims to have everything first-class, as he feels that the truest economy consists in getting the best and taking care of it, rather than putting up with inferior things for the sake of cheapness. He takes particular pride in his horses, which are of fine stock. At one time he was a member of the Farmer's Alliance, and also of Washington Camp No. 132, P. O. S. of A. at Schwartz's, in West Penn township. In politics he upholds the principles of the Democratic party. He is a Reformed member of Zion's Church in West Penn township.

Mr. Hill married Amelia Peter, who was born July 3, 1863, in Heidelberg township, Lehigh Co., Pa., was reared and educated there, and came to Schuylkill county when twenty years old, at the time of her marriage. The following children have been born to this marriage: Elizabeth Elenora, born Oct. 21, 1883, is the wife of Edwin Wagner, a carpenter at Colliery No. 10, Tamaqua; they have had five children, Charles Edwin, William David (deceased), Catherine Elizabeth, Russell Edward and Lee Oliver. Daisy Catherine, born April 4, 1889, died in 1904. Carrie Louise, born May 21, 1891, is married to Irwin G. Koch, a salesman for Seligman & Co., of Tamaqua; their children are Edgar Irwin and David John. Amelia Jane, the next in the family, was born Oct. 23, 1892. Hattie May, born July 7, 189-, is the wife of Isaac Houser, an employee at the Atlas Powder Works, Ringgold, Pa.; they have had three children, Robert Charles (born Jan. 21, 1912), Dorothy Arline Amelia (born Feb. 15, 1913), and Carrie Alice May (born March 15, 1914).

Mrs. Hill's paternal grandfather had the following family: Gideon, Aaron, Nathan and Eliza. His widow remarried and by that union had one child, Flora. The grandparents belonged to the Heidelberg German Reformed Church in Lehigh county, and both are buried there.

Gideon Peter, Mrs. Hill's father, was born in Heidelberg township, Lehigh county, and was reared and educated in that county, learning the trade

of stonemason, which he followed all his life. He also farmed in a small way, owning a tract of thirteen acres. His death occurred when he was sixty-five years old, and his wife, Catherine (Krumm), born Sept. 30, 1824, died Dec. 6, 1898. She was a daughter of John Krumm. Mr. and Mrs. Peter were the parents of six children, namely: Wilson, Noah, Ellanora and Jane are all deceased; Saraneh is married to Amandus Cellner, of Schneeksville, Lehigh county; Amelia is the wife of David K. Hill. The parents are buried at the Heidelberg Reformed Church, of which they were consistent members. Mr. Peter was a Republican in political faith.

NATHAN MENGEL, a most respected resident of Auburn, now leading a retired life, was an agriculturist for many years of his active career. Since his settlement in the borough he has taken a good citizen's part in its government and advancement. The Mengels are of German origin, evidently descended from one Nicholas Mengel, who has a numerous posterity in Berks county. A number of the name settled in southern Schuylkill county.

Nicholas Mengel, the first of the family to come to America, was born in Germany, and with three other young men of his country came across the Atlantic in the middle of the eighteenth century. He was a redemptioner, and was bound out until the cost of his passage was paid to a Mr. Gernard, a farmer in Maiden-creek township, Berks Co., Pa. After his freedom was obtained, he remained with his employer for three or more years. By frugality, industry and economy he earned sufficient means to purchase a tract of 300 acres of land in Maiden-creek township, and from that time until his death he engaged in its cultivation. He had a number of children, among whom were: Frederick, Peter and Jacob.

Adam Mengel, grandfather of Nathan Mengel, of Auburn, lived about two and a half miles from Port Clinton, in Schuylkill county, and was a farmer by calling, and one of the large landowners of his vicinity. He died on the old homestead. His children were: Conrad, died in West Brunswick township; George, died in West Brunswick township; Peter, died in South Manheim township; John, died on his father's old homestead; Adam, died in West Brunswick township; Philip, died in West Brunswick township; Jacob was the father of Nathan Mengel; Kate, married a Mr. Rishel.

Jacob Mengel, son of Adam, was born on the old homestead, and obtained part of the property, following farming all his life. He died upon the farm at the age of seventy-two years, seven months, and is buried at Auburn. To his marriage with Sallie Laymaster were born the following children: Zeth, died at home; Sybilla, married Joseph Fahl; Nathan, married Sarah Faust; Kate, married John Becker; Susan, married Anthony Faust; Amanda, married Benjamin Fink; Ellen, married Reuben Mengel; Sarah, married Israel Nagle.

Nathan Mengel was born in West Brunswick township, June 12, 1835. He was reared to farming, and after attaining manhood farmed for twenty-two years in South Manheim township. After some employment in the boat-yard of Joseph Fahl he was with Benjamin Koch for a time, and then for two and a half years was engaged at bridge building and repair work, from Rockville to Pottsville, for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company. His next work was at the carpenter's trade, and he lived at Auburn while so occupied, following this all told two and a half years, after which he went to rail-roading, at which he continued for twenty years. Resuming farming in 1882, in Wayne township, he remained there fifteen years, in 1897 removing to

Auburn, where he is now living retired. He purchased his farm in Wayne township from William Mengel, a cousin. It is located in the southern part of the township, against the Blue mountain, and contains 132 acres of land, which his son, Reuben H., is now cultivating. Since coming to Auburn he has been devoting his time to looking after his property here. He has been elected to the offices of councilman and school director, and has given his fellow citizens faithful service in both connections.

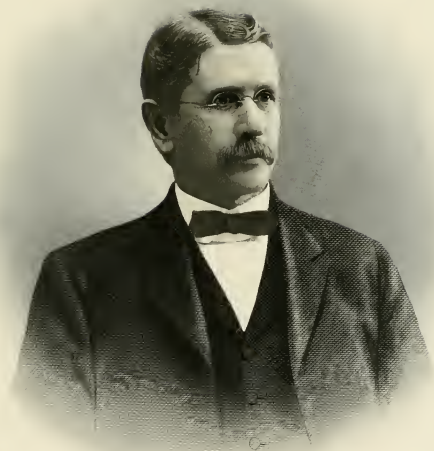
Mr. Mengel married Sarah Faust, daughter of Dewalt and Molly (Heim) Faust. Dewalt Faust lived in South Manheim township and died at Auburn, Pa. Children as follows have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Mengel: Sarah married David Schaeffer; Louisa is unmarried and living at home, looking after her aged parents; Reuben H., living in Wayne township on his father's farm of 132 acres; Lewis A. is living at Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa., engaged as a telegraph operator for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; Jeremiah M. is a prominent citizen of Rock, Schuylkill county, a merchant, postmaster and ticket agent; Jacob was a telegraph operator at Hummelstown and is now brakeman for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company.

The Mengels are members of the Church of God and have always taken an active part in its work. Mr. Mengel has served as deacon, elder and trustee of the church, and Miss Louisa Mengel has also held the position of elder, at Summit. She has always been interested in the Sunday school, and has taught Sunday school at both Summit and Auburn, being a valued worker.

PROF. JONATHAN W. COOPER, of Shenandoah, had the direction of the public schools of that place committed to his care over eighteen years ago. Having been under his sole management for so long, it is reasonable to attribute the admirable system now in force to the working out of his theories, and it is certain that he has been animated by a keen sense of responsibility in all his endeavors. Professor Cooper is a man of liberal attainments, to which he has been adding continually in his long experience in educational work. His standing among the people of Shenandoah is the most reliable indication of the estimate which they place on the value of his work.

Professor Cooper was born July 5, 1857, at Rising Sun, Md., son of Samuel Atkinson Cooper and grandson of Jacob L. and Mary (Atkinson) Cooper. The Coopers are of Welsh ancestry and Quaker stock, and came to Upland, Delaware Co., Pa., about 1767. The Atkinsons, who were English, also settled in Delaware county before the Revolutionary war. Jacob L. Cooper was a cooper and farmer. He died when about eighty years old, and is buried with his wife in the Quaker cemetery at Calvert, Md. He took an active interest in politics, in which he supported the Democratic party. His children were: Jacob L., David H., Samuel A., Anne (Mrs. Lewis Gilbert), Rachel (Mrs. Israel Kimble), Sarah (Mrs. John Marsh) and Elizabeth (Mrs. Larew Kimble).

Samuel Atkinson Cooper was born in 1811 in Upland, Delaware county, and was baptized in the Friends' Church, but became a Methodist after his second marriage. He died June 23, 1866, at Nottingham, Chester Co., Pa., and is buried with his second wife at Houses Church, Chester county. Politically he was an active Democrat. By trade he was a cooper, and he did a large real estate and farming business. He was married twice, and was the father of thirteen children, four by his first wife, Jane (Taylor), of Media, Delaware Co., Pa., who died in 1845, and is buried in the Quaker



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cemetery at Calvert, Md. Of their family, John Thomas died young. Sarah, wife of George Haines, of Rising Sun, Md., died in 1887. Jacob L. was a large grain dealer in Chester county, Pa., retired to Wilmington, and died there in 1902. Amos G. entered the Civil war when but fifteen years old, serving from 1862 to 1865, and afterwards entered business in the North; later he went to Florida, where he was in the orange business, and he died there in the early nineties. For his second wife Samuel A. Cooper married Mary Wilkinson, on June 23, 1853. She was born at Nottingham, Chester Co., Pa., and died in 1910, at the age of eighty-three years. Her father, Jonathan Wilkinson, of English ancestry, died in 1864, when about sixty-five years old; her mother, Elizabeth Morris, of Scotch-Irish descent, died in 1876, aged seventy-seven years. They were early settlers of Bucks county, Pa. Nine children were born to Samuel A. and Mary (Wilkinson) Cooper, of whom but three grew to maturity: Martha A., wife of Thompson Hudson, justice of the peace, of Oxford, Chester Co., Pa.; Jonathan W.; and David H., who is now in the employ of the Traction Company in Philadelphia.

The family having settled in Nottingham in 1865, when he was quite young, Jonathan W. Cooper spent most of his boyhood near Oxford, in Chester county. He attended the common schools in Chester and Lancaster counties, and later the academy at Oxford. All his active years have been devoted to the profession of which he made early choice, having begun to teach when but eighteen years old, in Chester county, where he was engaged for seven years. Having decided to prepare himself for higher work he entered the State Normal School at Millersville in the fall of 1882, completed the elementary course in 1883, and the next year was graduated in the scientific course. Soon afterwards, the same year, he was appointed principal of public schools at Tremont, Schuylkill county, and his field of labor has been in this county continuously since. He remained at Tremont for nine years, until the fall of 1893, when he resigned to come to Shenandoah, having accepted the principalship of the high school. He held that position from August, 1893, until January, 1897, giving such entire satisfaction that when he resigned it was to take up the duties of superintendent of the borough schools, which he assumed Jan. 5th, as acting superintendent. On April 5th of the same year he became the regular incumbent of the position, which he has filled without interruption since. No more flattering comment could be made regarding his conscientious performance of the important work of training the young. Professor Cooper has prided himself upon keeping in touch with the advances made by others in his profession, but he has been no less zealous in aiding in that progress by his own exertions, and he is regarded as an authority on school management among educators all over the State. He has been twice a candidate for the county superintendency, but was defeated both times, though by small majorities.

Local affairs have always been interesting to Professor Cooper, who has allied himself with the social and religious organizations of the communities where his work has called him, and supported worthy enterprises of all kinds. He continues to hold membership in three fraternal bodies at Tremont, P. O. S. of A. Camp No. 76, I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 245 and Swatara Lodge, No. 267, F. & A. M., having been secretary of the latter when he left Tremont. Formerly he belonged to Tremont Castle, No. 107, K. G. E. His religious connection is with Trinity Reformed Church at Shenandoah, of which he was an elder for six years, and he was formerly treasurer of the Sunday school.



Politically he has always been associated with the Democratic party, and he served at one time as chairman of the county convention.

On Feb. 9, 1881, Professor Cooper married Ida May Jackson, who was born in 1861 in southern Lancaster county, daughter of Joel Morris and Margaret (Wright) Jackson, of Fulton township, Lancaster county. Mrs. Cooper was educated in the common schools and at the Millersville State Normal School, and taught for a short time before her marriage. She died Feb. 20, 1898. There were no children by this marriage.

Joel Morris Jackson was twice married, his first wife being Hannah Carter, sister of Henry Carter, for several years a member of the Legislature. To them were born the following children: Alice, wife of Thomas Gregg; Hannah, wife of Isaac Haines; Joel, who entered the Union service during the Civil war and was confined in Libby prison for four months, dying five days after his release; William, also a soldier in the Civil war, who spent six months and three days as a prisoner at Jacksonville, now in business at Belmar, N. J., of which city he was one time mayor; and John, a merchant in Fulton township, Lancaster county. By his second wife, Margaret (Wright) Mr. Jackson had three children: Henry, who is a farmer in southern Lancaster county; Ida May; and Eva, wife of Andrew Charles.

On June 7, 1900, Professor Cooper married (second) Ella May Clauser, who was born Feb. 25, 1870, at Tremont, Pa., received her education in the public schools at Llewellyn and at the Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown, Pa., graduating from the latter in 1888, and was a public school teacher at Shenandoah for twelve years. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper have had four children, born as follows: Jonathan Wendell, April 7, 1901; Anna May, Sept. 19, 1904; Sarah Ruth, May 15, 1908; Myrton Thompson, Nov. 28, 1910.

Philip A. Clauser, grandfather of Mrs. Jonathan W. Cooper, was a native of Branch township, Schuylkill county, and spent all his life in the same house on the farm where he was born. He owned a large tract of land and considerable timber. He died about 1887, at the age of seventy years, his wife Rosanna living to be over eighty, and they are buried at what is known as Clauser's Church, the Frieden's Church, of which Mr. Clauser was a Reformed member. His father donated the organization twelve acres of land for church and cemetery purposes, was one of the founders of the church, and assisted in building the original house of worship. Philip A. Clauser was a Republican and took an active part in local politics. His family consisted of seven sons: Jacob, who is a veteran of the Civil war; Simon H.; Philip, who married Susan Bush; David, a veteran of the Civil war, who married Ellen Freimoyer, of Llewellyn, Schuylkill county; Franklin, who married Sarah Zimmerman; Edward, and Milton.

Simon H. Clauser, Mrs. Cooper's father, was born in the same house as his father, and was reared and educated in Branch township. He did farm work until the Civil war broke out, serving during that struggle under three enlistments, the first for three months in Company A, 129th Pennsylvania Regiment, under Capt. Harry Chance. He was discharged in July, 1861, and on Aug. 9, 1862, became a member of Company A, 129th Regiment, under Capt. William W. Clement, for nine months. At the end of this time he was discharged at Harrisburg, in May, 1863, and on Feb. 25, 1864, reenlisted, for three years or during the war, becoming quartermaster sergeant of the 50th Pennsylvania Regiment, Veteran Volunteers, under Col. William Telford. He was discharged July 30, 1865, near Georgetown, D. C.

Upon his return from the army Mr. Clauser became one of the Reading Coal & Iron police, and was in 1873 promoted to the position of chief of the Coal & Iron police at Hazleton, Pa., where he died Sept. 5, 1874, at the early age of thirty-one years. He was a versatile man, able to turn his hand successfully to almost any kind of occupation. His ability was recognized, for he was chosen to several positions of honor and trust in the places where he resided, serving as tax receiver in Foster township. Politically he was a Republican. He was a Mason, holding membership in Swatara Lodge, No. 267, F. & A. M., at Tremont, and his religious connection was with Clauser's Reformed Church. He and his wife are buried at that church.

Mr. Clauser married Sarah J. Faust, who was born Oct. 18, 1843, in Branch township, near Llewellyn, and taught school at Donaldson, Pa., before her marriage. She died Feb. 19, 1913. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Clauser, viz.: Gurden G. married Cordelia Bowman, of Millersburg, and one child, Agnes May, blessed this union; Ella M. is Mrs. Cooper; Anna W. became the wife of Elmer J. Wasley, superintendent of the Citizens' Water Works, of Shenandoah, and to them three children have been born, Stuart C., Douglas C. and Marian C.; Harry S. studied medicine at Jefferson Medical College, settled at Kingston, Pa., and died Dec. 31, 1900, at the age of twenty-five years, and is buried in Hanover Green cemetery, Wilkes-Barre (he married Mary Luke, and they had one child, Mill Luke).

Jacob F. Faust, Mrs. Clauser's father, was a farmer, and made many improvements on the large property he owned, building a substantial house and carrying on his work in progressive fashion. He served as supervisor and in other offices in Branch township, was a Republican in politics, and held membership in Clauser's Reformed Church, taking an active part in church work. His wife, Magdalena (Kutz), was born Jan. 20, 1825. He died in Shenandoah in 1880, and is buried in the Odd Fellows' cemetery there. They had a large family, namely: Edward G. married Mary Jane Cockill, and they reside at Pottsville; David P., who is land agent for the Philadelphia & Reading Company at Shamokin, Pa., married Mary E. Cockill; William married Ida Barnhart, and their home is at Llewellyn, Pa.; Daniel, also of Llewellyn, married Jennie Garland; Emma is the wife of Henry Gabert, of Mahanoy City, this county; Mary, deceased, was the wife of John Dovey; Sarah J. was the mother of Mrs. Cooper; Elizabeth lives with her mother in Scranton, Pa.; Carrie, deceased, was a very successful teacher in Scranton for fifteen years, and opened the department of the International Correspondence Schools of that city in which the common branches are taught (the school was founded by T. J. Foster).

GEORGE W. BERRETT, now living retired at Minersville, for a number of years carried on the butcher business at that place, now conducted by his son, on South Delaware avenue. He is of English birth and extraction, born April 7, 1839, at Corsham, Wiltshire, son of Samuel Berrett. The father, who was a tanner, lived and died in England. His children were: Martha, William, Mary, Sarah, Edward, Samuel, George W., Annie, Eliza and James, who served in the African war and was lost track of during the service.

When a boy fourteen years old George W. Berrett commenced to learn the butcher's trade in Wales, where he remained for the next ten years. In 1863 he came to America, landing at New York, Aug. 3d, after a voyage of seven weeks and two days in the sailing vessel "Benjamin Adams," commanded by

Captain Chase. His stay in New York was very brief, only one day and one night, and he came thence to Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he was first employed at mining. Then he resumed his former occupation, engaging in the butcher business on South Delaware avenue, where he catered to a profitable trade until his retirement in 1903. At that time he turned the business over to his son, George, who has since continued it. Upon giving up active work Mr. Berrett, in June, 1903, left for the old home in England and spent three months visiting there. His industrious life and honorable dealings with all have made him one of the most esteemed citizens at Minersville, where he and his family are held in the highest respect.

On Dec. 2, 1857, Mr. Barrett married Ellen Mitchel, daughter of William Mitchel, the latter a native of England and a farmer by occupation. Mr. Mitchel lived in Wales for many years, finally coming to America, where he died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Berrett; he is buried at Minersville. His wife, whose maiden name was Eliza Sheaford, died in Wales, and is buried there. Mr. and Mrs. Berrett had a large family, three children dying in infancy, unnamed. Of the others William married Margaret Jenkins, and is living at Frackville, Pa.; Samuel, also of Frackville, married Alice Jenkins; Eliza, deceased, was the wife of William Edmunds (these three were born in Wales); George, the first child born in America, is married to Lottie Wilt; Mary, deceased, was the wife of William Hold, and her daughter, Helen, is married to Thomas Kauffman; John Joseph, John (2), Albert and Joseph (2) all died young; James, of Minersville, married Lizzie Jenkins; Albert (2), Joseph (3), Charles and Ella died young. The family has the distinction of being the largest at Minersville. They are associated with the Methodist Church in religion and all have been creditable citizens. Mr. Berrett was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in his native land.

GEORGE W. BOLTON, a prosperous merchant of Schuylkill Haven, was born in that borough Dec. 16, 1854, and is a son of George W. Bolton, the family being one of prominence in Dauphin county, Pa. Many members reside in Harrisburg.

George W. Bolton, the father, resided for a time at Lebanon, Pa. He was reared to farm work, but afterwards learned the trade of shoemaker. Being among the pioneers of Schuylkill Haven, he opened a shop there and plied his trade for a time, later working on fine custom trade for William Rudy, with whom he remained for twenty-two years. After a lifetime of useful labor he was called to rest at the age of seventy-six years, and he is buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. He was twice married, his first wife being Lavina Boot, and to this union were born several children who died in childhood, a son James, who is deceased, and George W., mentioned below, who is the only living member of this family. Mr. Bolton was married second to Louisa Aman, by whom he had ten children, as follows: Elvestes, Elmer, Reuben, James, Sallie, Joseph, Sevilla, Francis, Lewis, and one child that died in infancy.

George W. Bolton, Jr., obtained a limited education in the public schools of Schuylkill Haven, and at the age of thirteen began to work as boatman on the old Schuylkill canal, where he was employed until his twenty-sixth year. He then transferred his energies to the railroad, being connected with the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company for thirty-five years. In 1904 he withdrew from that work and built an establishment at Schuylkill Haven,

on Liberty street, where he opened a small store, afterwards adding the business of hotelkeeper to his other occupations. He continued the hotel business for four years and then sold out, purchasing the property on Canal street where he opened the general store which he now conducts. He has a fine trade, and is building up the business as rapidly as the demands of this growing town will warrant.

Mr. Bolton was married to Sofiah Theresa, daughter of George and Kate (Lloyd) Bausman. Mr. Bausman was a boatbuilder at Schuylkill Haven, later going to Reading, where he died. To Mr. and Mrs. Bolton have been born twelve children, namely: Samuel, deceased; Charles, at home; William, a conductor on the Reading railroad; Lottie, wife of Samuel Trout; Mamie; Kate, at home; Harry (twin of Kate), deceased; Oscar, residing in Schuylkill Haven; Gussie, married to Samuel Sleeper and residing in Schuylkill Haven; Hattie, married to William Reed; George, living at home; and one child that died in infancy.

Mr. Bolton is a Republican in politics. He was formerly a member of the Odd Fellows, and is an attendant of the Evangelical Church. He has gained a large circle of friends through his connection with the Reading road and his business activities, and few are more respected or popular among the residents of Schuylkill Haven than George W. Bolton.

JOEL S. DEGLER, of West Brunswick township, is looked upon as one of the most intelligent citizens of his section of Schuylkill county. He is a farmer of progressive tendencies and excellent business ability, has served capably in more than one official position, and in all the other relations of life has proved his reliability and worth.

Mr. Degler is a native of Berks county, Pa., born July 21, 1863, at Strausstown, in Upper Tulpehocken township, where the family has farmed for several generations. He is a great-great-grandson of Frederick Degler, who came to this country from Germany, and a great-grandson of Frederick Jacob Degler. They lived near Fort Northkill, which was built in the early part of the year 1754, as a protection for the settlers against the Indians, and stood about two miles east of Strausstown, in Upper Tulpehocken township, on the Northkill, a small stream which emptied into the Tulpehocken creek at Bernville. Frederick Degler made his home in the locality before the French and Indian war, and his farm has been occupied since by his son, grandson and great-grandson, John W. Degler (father of Joel S. Degler), the latter's son, Jacob, now having a portion of it. An old chest owned by John W. Degler until his death had an interesting history. It was brought from the old country by Frederick Degler, and upon his death came, with the home property, into the hands of his son, Frederick Jacob Degler, and in turn into the possession of the latter's son John, and his son John W., the family intending to preserve it carefully as a memento of the days of fearful conflict endured by their forefathers during the pioneer period, in guarding their lives and homes against the hostile Indians. The emigrant ancestor possessed the virtues common to many of the old settlers, being honest, kindly, generous and hospitable, and he always furnished food and other necessities to the Indians who frequented his home. They never disturbed anything on the premises or molested him in any way to excite his distrust, but when the savages murdered the white people only a short distance away, he feared they might become treacherous, and moved his family close to the fort so that

they would be under the protection of the guard stationed there. The Indians were lurking in the dense woods adjacent, and seeing him near the fort, became convinced that he had turned against them. Acting on this belief they proceeded to his house, and finding neither him nor his family there ransacked the dwelling. The old chest previously mentioned, made of unpainted cedar and protected on the edges with iron trimmings, was in the house, and when they demolished the furniture the Indians split the chest completely through the middle; small iron bands were afterward used on the ends to hold the parts together, though the lid was still in two pieces when John W. Degler owned it. The chest bears the date 1757, and it is presumed this is the year in which the Indians smashed it. Two stood guard at some distance from the fort while the others plundered the house, and the guards were captured but subsequently released. The above account appears in a work entitled "Indians of Berks County," by D. B. Brumer, A. M., published in 1881. The author visited the spot where the fort stood Nov. 26, 1879, at which time John W. Degler was alive and had the chest.

John Degler, grandfather of Joel S. Degler, also farmed near Strausstown, in Upper Tulpehocken township, having 168 acres of land, a great part of which he cleared. He remained there all his life. His children were: John W.; Daniel, who married a Moyer; and Lydia, who married John Moyer. The father was a Democrat and a Lutheran, belonging to Zion's Church at Strausstown, where he and the mother are buried.

John W. Degler, father of Joel S. Degler, was born at Strausstown, Berks county, and lived to the age of sixty-six years. He obtained his education in the pay schools conducted in the home vicinity, and during his youth and early manhood worked for his father, who was a weaver as well as farmer, making linen cloth. He also fashioned baskets. After his father's death John W. Degler bought the home farm from George Degler, who had purchased it from the estate, and thereafter he lived on and operated the place until his death, doing general farming and also conducting the grist and saw mill which stood upon his property. He was a highly respected man, a prominent member of Zion's Lutheran Church, near the Blue mountain, which he served officially as elder and deacon. Politically he was a Democrat. Mr. Degler married Elizabeth Smith, who was born at Rehrersburg, Berks Co., Pa., and died, aged seventy-two years, and they are buried at Zion's Church. Children as follows were born to this union: Sarah, married William Noecker, of West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county; Malinda, married Alfred McAllister, of Strausstown, Berks county; Enoch, married Ida Naftsinger, who survives him and lives in Missouri; Monroe, married Rachel Huyer, and they live in Texas county, Mo.; Susan, married Oliver Engleman (deceased) and (second) Fred Leonhardt, of Ohio; Rebecca (deceased) was the first wife of Fred Leonhardt; Emma (deceased) was the wife of David McAllister, of Strausstown, Berks county; Kate, married Morris Strauss, of Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co., Pa.; Jacob, married Kate Bauscher, who is deceased, and he lives on part of the old homestead farm at Strausstown; John, who married Susan Wagner, lives near Strausstown; Joel S., completes the family.

Joel S. Degler received his education in the public schools near Strausstown, where he was reared. Farming was his early occupation, and he worked on the home place for his father until he reached his majority, afterwards farming there for another four years. When his father died he bought the property, which he occupied for four years thereafter, at the end of that time

removing to East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, where he farmed Jacob Weible's land for one year. He then moved to his present home in West Brunswick township, buying the property, which comprises seventy-four acres, fifty-two acres of which are cleared. Here he followed general farming for seven years, until he sold the place to Mary Alspach, and for the next several years he was variously engaged, for three years operating a coal washery at Landingville, which he owned. In the spring of 1915 Mr. Degler bought back his farm, from Frank Kershner, and he has erected a new dwelling house and made various other improvements since it came back into his possession. He is now devoting his energies to general farming, and he bids fair to make his place one of the notably successful tracts in the locality, if good management and judicious cultivation count for anything. Mr. Degler has always been public-spirited in looking after local interests, and he has served faithfully as school director in West Brunswick township. While at Landingville he was also called into the public service, as member of the borough council, where he gave ample evidence of the solid qualities which have commended him to official preferment. Politically he supports the Democratic party. In religious connection he is a Lutheran, at present belonging to St. Paul's Church at Orwigsburg, and while at Landingville he was prominent in the congregation there, which he served as deacon. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, holding membership in Strausstown Lodge, No. 77, of which he is a past grand, and he served at one time as assistant secretary.

Mr. Degler married Mary E. Gerhard, who was born Aug. 2, 1862, and six children have been born to them, as follows: Lizzie Ann, born April 11, 1885, in Upper Tulpehocken township, Berks county, was educated in that county and in West Brunswick township, and is now the wife of Robert Lindermuth, a shoemaker, of Orwigsburg; they have had three children, George (deceased), Earl and Mary. Emma Rebecca, born Dec. 27, 1886, attended school in West Brunswick and North Manheim townships, and at Landingville, and is now living at home. Mary Etta, born Dec. 31, 1889, was educated in West Brunswick and North Manheim townships, and at Landingville. Elsie May, born March 4, 1892, was also educated at those schools, and is now living at home. Dora Dianna, born March 31, 1895, attended school at Landingville, and also at Orwigsburg, graduating from the high school at the latter borough in 1914. Arthur Dewey, born Oct. 7, 1898, has also received his education at Landingville and at the Orwigsburg high school, which he is still attending, and is now assisting his father on the farm.

Mrs. Degler is a great-granddaughter of Jacob Gerhard, a native of Germany, who settled in Berks county upon coming to this country. Her grandfather, Heinrich (Henry) Gerhard, born May 1, 1798, at Rehrersburg, that county, died Nov. 22, 1871. He moved to West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, in 1828, and is buried in the Reformed cemetery at Orwigsburg. His wife, Marie Salome (Hoy), born in 1800, died in 1863. They had six children, namely: Maria (Mrs. Daniel Alspach), Sarah (Mrs. Samuel Yost), Henry, Priscilla (who married James Anderson and Edward Mengel), William and Edward, the last named dying young.

Henry Gerhard, father of Mrs. Degler, was born Aug. 25, 1829, in West Brunswick township, in the house where he still resides. He farmed throughout his active years, and has been living retired since 1912. His first wife, Dianna (Mengel), died Jan. 3, 1857, the mother of three children: Charles, deceased in childhood; William Francis; and Dianna, deceased in infancy.



By his second marriage, to Eliza Yost, he has had eleven children: Elwood P., born May 31, 1860, is living at Port Carbon; Mary E., born Aug. 2, 1862, is married to Joel S. Degler; Henry Y., born Oct. 5, 1864, is a shoe manufacturer of Orwigsburg; Samuel, born April 6, 1867, died aged nine years; Frank, born Feb. 5, 1869, is a farmer of West Brunswick township; Emma M., born Feb. 22, 1871, married Jacob Zuber, and is living at Allentown, Pa.; George A., born April 11, 1873, is a shoemaker at Orwigsburg, with his brother; John, born March 11, 1875, is a farmer in Orwigsburg; Calvin L., born July 2, 1876, is farming in the borough of Orwigsburg; Hannah S., born June 20, 1881, married George Seltzer and is living at McKeansburg, Schuylkill county; Edwin R., born Oct. 20, 1884, is farming the homestead place in West Brunswick township.

SAMUEL B. BEHLER is farming in East Brunswick township, following the occupation in which his immediate ancestors have been engaged for over a century in that part of Schuylkill county.

The Behler family has been in America from Colonial days, and Samuel B. Behler belongs to the fourth generation of the branch which has contributed so much to the improvement of West Penn and East Brunswick townships. Its members have done their share in clearing the land and developing the agricultural possibilities of the region in the pursuit of a living and the acquisition of property; and they have been equally useful in the introduction and maintenance of desirable social conditions, themselves leading exemplary lives and assisting in the establishment of church and schools, with their accompanying benefits.

Anthony Behler, founder of the family in Schuylkill county, was a native of Georgia. When he settled in what is now West Penn township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., he bought a tract of 167 acres, known as the Bankes tract, much of which he cleared. He built a log house and barn, and worked the place throughout his active years. He lived to the remarkable age of ninety-six. He married a Miss Bankes, and they had children as follows: Jacob, who married Rosie Donert; George; Gideon, who married Leah Warner; John, who married Betsy Moyer; Mrs. Paul; Mrs. Wilhelm; Mrs. Donert; Mrs. Houser, and Mrs. Raber. The parents are buried in Zion's Church yard in West Penn township. Mr. Behler was a Democrat, and a member of the Lutheran Church.

George Behler, grandfather of Samuel B. Behler, was born in 1800 in West Penn township, was educated there, and worked for his father in young manhood. He learned the shoemaker's trade. His first property was a tract of 190 acres, a great part of which he and his family cleared. Selling this farm to his son-in-law, Elijah Moyer, he bought a tract of 200 acres which he operated for a while, and remained on that place until his death, which occurred when he was sixty-two years old. He followed his trade of shoemaker all his life, was an industrious worker and an intelligent citizen, active in public and church affairs. He was a strong Democrat and lent all his influence to the success of the party. As a member of Zion's German Lutheran Church in West Penn township he was zealous in the promotion of its interests and assisted in its building of the stone church. He and his wife, who died at the age of eighty-nine years, are buried at that church. Her maiden name was Judith Donert, and she was born in 1801. They had the following children: George married Eliza Sassaman; Louisa married Elijah Moyer; Samuel is mentioned below; Rebecca married Jonathan Lechleitner;



Mary Ann died young; Judith married Charles Sassaman; Catherine married John Nester; Diana married Wallace Frederici.

Samuel Behler, son of George, was born Sept. 10, 1825, near Steinsville, Lehigh Co., Pa., and was educated there and in West Penn township. He helped his father on the farm until his marriage, when he was about twenty-five years old, at that time leaving the parental home and buying a farm near Reynolds, containing twenty-five acres. Learning the shoemaker's trade with his father, he carried it on along with his farming, and was also handy at other mechanical work, understanding the use of many tools. After operating his twenty-five-acre tract for a time he sold it, and bought a farm in East Brunswick township, fifty-four acres, much of which he cleared. This farm today is owned by Henry Grube. Mr. Behler bought another farm, of ninety-nine acres, but finding he could not handle both places he sold the fifty-four acres to John Stibitz, and stayed on the other farm until his death, which occurred in March, 1912, when he was aged eighty-six years. Most of his time was devoted to farming, and he also became quite prominent as a local official, holding the positions of supervisor, school director and tax collector. Politically he was a Democrat.

Mr. Behler married Matilda Buchner, who was born May 16, 1831, in Rush township, Schuylkill county, and died Dec. 4, 1892. She was a daughter of Aaron and Annie (Brause) Buchner. Mr. and Mrs. Behler had these children: Jeremiah married Amanda Haas, who is now deceased; Samuel B. is next in the family; Judith resides in East Brunswick township; Moses married Sarah Mantz; Aaron, twin of Moses, married Elizabeth Hendricks, who is deceased; Harvey is unmarried. Mr. Behler was a member of the Frieden's Lutheran Church at New Ringgold, where he and his wife are buried.

Samuel B. Behler was born Oct. 17, 1856, in East Brunswick township, where he obtained his education. He worked with his father until twenty-one years old, when he went to learn the carpenter's trade. He also continued to work among farmers for about four years. Then he went into the lumber woods at Slate Run, in Brown township, Lycoming Co., Pa., as driver and manager, shipped timber, etc., being so engaged for four years. Going to Packer township, Carbon Co., Pa., he managed the Harry Mellington farm for three years, and then returning to his trade worked for J. C. Hayden & Co., at their mines in Mahanoy City, for one year. He married while in that employ. Entering the employ of the Reading Coal & Iron Company, as carpenter with the chain gang, building breakers, etc., he remained for eleven years, at the end of which time he went into North Union township, Schuylkill county, and bought a farm of forty-two acres from Wesley Pettit. He cultivated thirty acres of this place, on which he lived for eleven years, and on selling it came to East Brunswick township and bought his present place, from Benjamin F. Sassaman. It contains about eighty acres, seventy of which he cultivates, carrying on general farming. He markets to New Philadelphia, St. Clair and Port Carbon, making two trips a week in the summer time, mostly to New Philadelphia. Mr. Behler gives practically all his time to his farm, taking little active part in public affairs, though he does a good citizen's part in furthering movements intended to stimulate improvements in the community. He is a faithful member of the Lutheran congregation of Frieden's Church at New Ringgold, and serving at present as deacon. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Behler is married to Ida Amelia Bittner, who was born July 15, 1870, in Packer township, Carbon Co., Pa., received her education there and lived at home until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Behler have two children: Joseph Walter, born Dec. 10, 1893, who married Mamie Eliza Baer, born Aug. 3, 1898; and Samuel Edgar, born Feb. 28, 1899. Mrs. Behler is a member of the Frieden's Lutheran Church at New Ringgold. Before her marriage she was a Sunday school teacher at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, in Packer township, Carbon county.

Martin Bittner, her grandfather, was a miller, and followed that trade in West Brunswick township. He and his wife are buried at Zion's Old Red Church in West Brunswick township. They had two children, Mary and John.

John Bittner, father of Mrs. Behler, was born in Columbia county, Pa., near Mainville, Feb. 24, 1836, and died in Packer township, Carbon Co., Pa., Nov. 8, 1914. He lost his father when he was nine years old, and was put out to work with Daniel Hummel, a farmer, of West Brunswick township, until twenty-one years of age. He learned the carpenter's trade, and worked at it in Tamaqua and then in Audenried, and assisted in the laying out of the Lehigh Valley railroad through the Quakake valley. After he was married he started housekeeping in Mahanoy City, and followed his trade. It was from Mahanoy City that he enlisted in the Union army, Company F, 187th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, to serve three years, during which time he participated in the battle of Cold Harbor, siege of Richmond and the battles along the Weldon railroad. After returning from the army he located in Packer township, Carbon county, and bought the Dietrich gristmill. Later he purchased the farm of his father-in-law, John Faust, sold the mill and moved to his farm, retaining the ownership until a short time before his death. On April 7, 1860, Mr. Bittner married Caroline Faust, a native of Packer township, born Sept. 9, 1841, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Bachert) Faust. Mr. and Mrs. Bittner had a large family: Charles Edward died in infancy; William Henry, born Sept. 27, 1863, married Myrtle Tracy, and they reside at Louisville, Colo.; Allen David, born June 1, 1866, married Nellie Piper, who is deceased; Mary Abaline, born Jan. 10, 1868, married Joel Leininger; Elvin Daniel, born April 10, 1869, married Clara Fritz; Mrs. Samuel B. Behler is next in the family; Clara Elizabeth, born Oct. 15, 1871, died when nearly eleven years of age; Jeremiah Franklin, born March 27, 1873, died aged twenty-two years; Samuel Edgar, born June 5, 1874, married Ida Newcomb; George Washington, born Feb. 9, 1876, died in infancy; Harriet Agnes, born Sept. 12, 1877, married Allen Gerhard; Alexander Milton, born Jan. 20, 1879, married Anna Jane Eweing; Arthur Roy, born Sept. 1, 1880, married Dora Muzzelman; Martha Jane, born Dec. 31, 1881, married Wallace Gerhard; Laura May, born Jan. 26, 1885, married Truman Muzzelman. Mr. and Mrs. Bittner were members of St. Matthew's Lutheran and Reformed Church and Sunday school, which is situated on the ground which originally belonged to the Faust homestead. He was a man of extraordinary qualities, and unselfish in his devotion to whatever he believed to be right. The high opinion his associates held regarding his integrity and ability was shown by his selection for numerous positions of trust; he held all the offices in his church, and most of the township offices.

CHARLES D. THOMPSON, of Port Carbon, has been storekeeper for the Philadelphia & Reading Company at Mahanoy Plane for over a quarter

of a century. He is a substantial, respected citizen of Port Carbon, and a member of an old Pennsylvania family of Irish origin, settled in the early days at Maiden-creek, Berks county. There John Thompson, his great-grandfather, was a landowner and farmer. At an early day he purchased a tract of land in Northumberland county, between Shamokin and Mount Carmel, which remained in the family for many years. John Thompson died there. Among his children were: David, who died in Shamokin; John, who died in Shamokin; Michael, who died in Gordon, Pa.; Isaac; Benjamin, who died at Schuylkill Haven; and Jonathan, who died in Exeter township, Berks Co., Pennsylvania.

Isaac Thompson, grandfather of Charles D. Thompson, lived in Schuylkill county for a number of years, and was engaged in the flour and feed business at Pottsville. He also ran a stage to Northumberland county. Later he went to Philadelphia, Pa., and became a boatman on the Schuylkill canal, and he died on his first trip up the canal to Pottsville. His wife, Caroline (Stone), was born in Harrisburg, Pa. Their children were: David, Amanda, Alba, Angela and Susan.

David Thompson, son of Isaac, was the father of Charles D. Thompson. For years he carried on a restaurant business in Pottsville, was afterwards in the bottling business at Mauch Chunk, Carbon Co., Pa., and eventually returned to Pottsville, where he was in the business until his death. He married Mary Musselman, daughter of Jesse Musselman, of Carbon county, Pa., and they had a family of five children, namely: Sarah E., Charles D., Caroline A., Harry J. and George C.

Charles D. Thompson was born Jan. 6, 1857, at Mauch Chunk, Carbon county, and was reared in Pottsville, this county, where he received his education in the public schools. He has followed clerical work all his life. His first position was in a book store at Pottsville, and he afterwards worked for his father. For some time he held the position of timekeeper for H. K. Nichols, was subsequently clerk at Pine Grove four years for W. G. Johnson, division engineer for the Reading Company, and then for three and a half years was chief clerk to Superintendent H. W. Tracy. He has since been at Mahanoy Plane as storekeeper for the Reading Company, having held that position continuously for the last twenty-six years. Mr. Thompson makes his home at Port Carbon, where his excellent business qualities and high personal character have gained favorable recognition. His principal connection with public affairs has been as a member of the Port Carbon school board, to which he was elected six years ago, and he is now serving as president of that body, an honor he well deserves because of his untiring efforts in behalf of the public schools. He is well known in local fraternal bodies, belonging to Pulaski Lodge, No. 216, F. & A. M., Mountain City Chapter, No. 196, R. A. M., and Constantine Commandery, No. 41, K. T., all of Pottsville, Pa. He also holds membership in Miners' Lodge, No. 20, I. O. O. F., of Pottsville, and in the Three Links Club of Port Carbon.

In 1883 Mr. Thompson was married to Annie M. Knittle, daughter of Daniel Knittle, and they have two children, Claude K. and Erle R.

DONAHOE BROTHERS, proprietors of a prosperous general store at Ashland, are representatives of a family whose members have been noted for business thrift and sound character throughout the half century and more that the family has been located in the borough. They are sons of John J.

Donahoe, and their great-grandfather, Michael Donahoe, established the family in Schuylkill county, Pa., he and his wife Mary coming to the United States in 1846 and settling near Pottsville.

Thomas and Margaret (McCormac) Donahoe, the grandparents, were both natives of the parish of Boyle, County Roscommon, Ireland, where Mr. and Mrs. Michael Donahoe lived until their emigration to America. Thomas Donahoe followed mining in the vicinity of Pottsville until 1855. He then removed to Ashland, where he passed the remainder of his life, continuing to work as a miner. He died in June, 1864, when forty-six years old. Of the six children who survived him, John J. is mentioned below; Mary, the eldest daughter, is the widow of Anthony Murphy, of Salem, Ohio, where she is still residing; Margaret, deceased, was the wife of Terence O'Brien, of Decatur, Ill.; Hubert lives in Salem, Ohio; Bridget, deceased, was a resident of Philadelphia, Pa.; Michael T., of Ashland, is associated in business with his son J. Wilfred, and both are mentioned elsewhere in this work.

John J. Donahoe, eldest son of Thomas Donahoe, was born in Roscommon, Ireland, and was a young child when the family settled in Schuylkill county, Pa. At an early age he began to work as an employee at the mines, and he was thus employed at the time of his accidental death, having been killed in the Bast colliery near Ashland July 20, 1887. A man of energetic and enterprising nature, he had numerous other interests. For a number of years he was engaged in business, conducting the store now owned by his brother, Michael T. Donahoe, with whom he was in partnership for some time, dealing in books, music, etc. He found his greatest enjoyment in music, for which he had considerable talent, particularly as a vocalist, and he worked hard to perfect himself in that art. He was very successful as a music teacher and did much to establish high standards and promote interest in music in his community. Mr. Donahoe married Margaret A. Thornton, a native of Wilmington, Del., and like himself of Irish extraction. Her father, Richard Thornton, was a native of Ireland, coming to America and settling at Wilmington, Del., the family subsequently removing to Tamaqua, Schuylkill county, Pa., where they remained for some time. Thence they removed to Dark Corner, near Ashland, and later into the borough, where Mr. Thornton became a prominent man. He died there in 1875. His first wife, Mary (Dougherty), of Wilmington, Del., died while the family was residing at that place. She was the mother of four children, all now deceased, namely: Mary Ellen, Mrs. Thomas Burke; John; Gerald; and Margaret A., Mrs. Donahoe. By his second marriage, to Miss Annie McCusker, of Wilmington, Del., Mr. Thornton had six children: Richard, deceased; Isabella; two named Elizabeth, who died in infancy; Sarah, the wife of William Donavan, of Wilmington, Del.; and James L., of New Orleans. To Mr. Thornton's third marriage, with Mrs. Annie Curry, were born three children: Daniel, of Wilmington, Del.; Michael, known on the stage as Richard, of New York City; and John, deceased. Mrs. Thornton had two sons by her first husband: Patrick Curry, deceased; and Dr. Thomas Curry, of Philadelphia.

Five children were born to the marriage of John J. and Margaret A. (Thornton) Donahoe, viz.: Thomas C., who is a member of the firm of Donahoe Brothers; Mary E., married to James Hunt, of Ashland; Richard A., another member of the firm of Donahoe Brothers; Margaret B., and Cecelia M. The mother passed away Feb. 24, 1914, and is buried at Ashland.

THOMAS C. DONAHOE was born at Ashland and grew to manhood there,

in his boyhood enjoying the advantages of the public schools. He first found employment at the mines in Ashland, and later began to work for Spayd Brothers, who had a large general store in the borough. Still later he was in the employ of W. H. Spaide, with whom he continued until he became associated with his brother Richard as a member of the firm of Donahoe Brothers, opening the general store which they have since conducted. Their establishment is known as the Acme Store, and by honorable dealing and their accommodating policy the brothers have had a steady increase of trade during the ten years of their business career together.

RICHARD A. DONAHOE was also reared and educated at Ashland, and after leaving school entered the employ of Spayd Brothers, with whom he remained until 1895. That year he took a position in the establishment of William Strohmeier, grocer and dry goods merchant of Ashland, and after five years with him went to Philadelphia, where he was employed for about one year in the store of Kuhn & Brother. Returning to Ashland, he was with the Mahanoy Grocery Company for a time, until he changed to the employ of John E. Haas, a leading merchant of Girardville, this county, with whom he continued until he formed the present partnership with his brother on Sept. 3, 1904. His long experience in the various lines of merchandising has been very valuable to the building up of the business in which he is now interested, and he has done his full share toward establishing and maintaining the high reputation of the firm.

The Donahoe brothers are typical representatives of their family, whose high character, thrift and reliability have made all of the name much respected in the community. Like the rest of the family they are Roman Catholics in religion, belonging to St. Joseph's Church, and they are also members of Sarto Council, Knights of Columbus.

JACOB LAUDEMAN has a valuable farm in Branch township, adjoining the borough of Minersville, the old home place of his father, Philip Laudeman. Besides looking after its cultivation he operates a milk route in and around the borough, and as farmer and business man he has shown good judgment and ability in the care of all his interests. His grandfather, Paul Laudeman, was born in Bavaria, Germany, and died at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa. He came to America with his family, and after a short stay at Philadelphia, they settled at Minersville, where he spent the rest of his days. By trade he was a tailor, but he retired when he settled there.

Philip Laudeman, son of Paul, was born and reared in Germany, where he learned the tailor's trade, following it until he came to this country with his father. He worked by the day at Mine Hill Gap, being employed as a stonemason, and continued at that kind of work almost twenty years. Then he bought the Samuel Heffner farm in Branch township, consisting of about twelve acres, and thereafter followed farming until a few years before his death, spending his last days in leisure. He passed away when sixty-six years old. He married Elizabeth Meyers, and they had children as follows: Philip, who is now living in Philadelphia; Godfried, a resident of Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa.; Jacob; and Elizabeth, who died unmarried.

Jacob Laudeman was born May 7, 1854, at Philadelphia, and was reared at Minersville. When a mere boy he entered the employ of Thomas Shellenberger, with whom he remained for thirty-five years, doing gardening, after which he began to farm the home place in Branch township, the tract adjoin-

ing Minersville, which he still owns and occupies. Upon his father's death he took full charge of the place, which he has notably improved under careful management. The location is admirably suited for residence sites, and gives every promise of increasing steadily in value. For the last twelve years Mr. Laudeman has had a milk route which has added considerably to his agricultural profits, his dairy products being in regular demand. He is thoroughly respected in the borough and vicinity, and is a member in good standing of the German Lutheran Church, of Minersville.

Mr. Laudeman is married to Rosa Bell Wenrich, daughter of Cornelius Wenrich, and they have had four children: Paul, Elizabeth, Philip and Carrie.

JOHN SHOENER, farmer and fruit grower, of East Brunswick township, is one of the expert agriculturists of Schuylkill county whose conspicuous achievements have brought reputation to this part of Pennsylvania. Aside from his personal successes, which have been sufficient to attract the attention of his neighbors and stimulate their emulation in various lines, his work in the Grange and on the State board of agriculture has been especially productive, an influence for the adoption of enlightened ideas and up-to-date methods which has many good results to its credit. He is known personally to leading farmers of the county, and consulted as an authority by many. The record of his busy life is one of constant progress. He is a member of a family which has been prominent in the southern part of Schuylkill county for many years, many of the name having attained good standing.

John Shoener, the great-grandfather of John Shoener, was a farmer in what is now West Brunswick township, at that time a part of Berks county, Pa. He was born about 1767, settled on a large farm, built a log house and barn, and carried on farming the greater part of his life. He was a highly respected man in his neighborhood, died upon his farm, and is buried with his wife in the Reformed cemetery at Orwigsburg. He had a family of about twelve children, and we have record of George, Henry, John, Daniel, Solomon, William, Jacob, Anna and Susanna. Politically he was a Democrat, and his religious connection was with the Reformed Church.

Henry Shoener, son of John, above, was born in West Brunswick township June 23, 1813, was educated in the schools of that township, and stayed on his father's farm until he moved to Orwigsburg, about 1874. He had a farm of over two hundred acres, part of which he cleared, and was a well-known man in his day. His wife, Christiana Sheip, was born Dec. 31, 1818, and died Oct. 6, 1891. Her father, Abraham Sheip, died in May, 1887. Mr. Shoener died Jan. 20, 1890, and he and his wife are buried in the Reformed cemetery at Orwigsburg. He was a member of the Reformed Church and a Democrat in politics. Mr. and Mrs. Shoener had the following children: Lewis, married Sarah Koch, and both are deceased; Joseph is mentioned below; Caroline, deceased, married Morgan Koch, who resides in McKeesburg, Pa.; Edward is a resident of Orwigsburg; William, married Diana Sheip; John, died young; Charles, deceased, married Anna Hummel, who resides at Orwigsburg; Clara, married Charles Cook; Mary, married James Dreher; Daniel, married Alice Dieffenderfer; Albert, lives at Orwigsburg; Thomas, married Emma Faust.

Joseph Shoener, son of Henry, was born Jan. 14, 1842, in West Brunswick township, and was educated there, and worked on the homestead farm until he enlisted in the Union service during the Rebellion. He served under



two enlistments, as a member of Company A, 173d Pennsylvania Regiment, for nine months, the second as a member of Company I, 48th Pennsylvania Veteran Volunteer Infantry, from Schuylkill Haven, which he entered for three years or during the war. He was mustered out at Harrisburg. Returning from the army he worked in the coal mines for a short time, and in 1867 bought the farm of 130 acres in East Brunswick township which his son, John, now occupies. He made many improvements on the place, putting up new buildings, etc., and continued to operate this farm until 1898, when he located on another tract, of forty acres, which he had bought. There he remained about five years, meantime making many improvements on the property, and in 1903 moved to McKeansburg, where he now lives retired. He retains his ownership of timber and other valuable property. Mr. Shoener served his township well in the offices of school director and supervisor, and has always kept in touch with local interests. In his earlier years he was a member of the P. O. S. of A. In politics he lines up with the Republican party, and his religious connection is with the Church of God at Steigerwalt.

Mr. Shoener married Mary Paul, who was born in February, 1845, daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Yeager) Paul, and they had the following children: George, Robert, Maggie and Lizzie died in infancy; John is next in the family; Charles, married Cora Bachman, and they are living on the forty-acre farm previously mentioned; Fred, who is engaged as a general merchant at Orwigsburg, married Katie Wagner. Mrs. Shoener died June 13, 1901, and is buried in Steigerwalts cemetery. For his second wife Joseph Shoener married Emma Kunkel, by whom he has three children, Mary C., Naomi Pearl and Joseph Edward.

John Shoener was born June 25, 1873, on the farm in East Brunswick township where he is now living. His early education was acquired in the East Brunswick schools, and for two years he was a student at the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, Pa. He taught school two years in East Brunswick township. When his father moved to the forty-acre farm, in 1898, he took the larger property, and has been conducting it ever since, carrying on general farming. He has ten acres in fruit trees, apples, peaches, pears and plums, and has made some valuable demonstrations in the cultivation of these under local conditions.

Mr. Shoener is one of the most prominent Grangers in Schuylkill county. He is a member of McKeansburg Grange, No. 1256, P. O. H., a past master of that organization, which he has served also as secretary and purchasing agent, and has been State deputy since 1906. He has been an influential worker in the broader activities of the State and National organizations of the Patrons of Husbandry, and has been honored in their councils. He is the only seventh degree member of the Grange in his county, having had that degree conferred upon him at the forty-eighth annual meeting of the National Grange, at Wilmington, Del., Nov. 12, 1914. For four years he was lecturer in the Schuylkill county Pomona Grange. Mr. Shoener's membership in the Schuylkill County Agricultural Society has not been a passive association. In recognition of his live interest therein he was elected a member of the State board of agriculture, into which body he has been well received, and his services have been so highly esteemed that he has been a member of the executive committee for two terms. Meantime he has not neglected general public affairs in the county. In 1906 he was elected a school director, and he has been a member of the board almost continuously since, at present serv-



ing as president; he was treasurer three years. For one term he filled the office of justice of the peace, 1902 to 1907. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party. Mr. Shoener is a valued member of various social bodies. On June 8, 1893, he joined Protective Council, No. 935; Independent Order of Americans, then Junior Order United American Mechanics, is a past councilor, and served as recording secretary for five years; he served several terms as trustee, and twice as delegate to the State convention. He is also an Odd Fellow, affiliated with Grace Lodge, No. 157, of Orwigsburg.

Mr. Shoener married Bessie M. Acker, who was born July 29, 1881, in East Brunswick township, and they have had four children, born as follows: Elmer Ellsworth, Jan. 31, 1904; Miriam Edith, July 21, 1906; John Robert, May 24, 1912; Harold, June 6, 1915.

TERENCE JOSEPH QUINN is a member of a pioneer family of Minersville, and is following the line of business in which his father was also engaged, the latter having been a meat dealer there for a number of years, at the stand where his son is now located. He is a son of James Quinn and the family is of Irish extraction, the grandfather having lived and died in Ireland. The grandmother came to America after his death and made her home at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where she died at the advanced age of eighty years.

James Quinn was born in Ireland, and was a young man when he came to America and settled in Pennsylvania among the early residents at Minersville, Schuylkill county. He embarked in the meat business, which he continued to carry on all his active life, dying at the age of forty-eight years. His wife, whose maiden name was Margaret Christopher, was also a native of Ireland, and lived to the great age of ninety-six years, being one of the best known of the earlier residents of the borough. They were the parents of a large family, viz.: John, Bridget, Margaret, Henry, Annie, Terence Joseph, Mary, Thomas and James (twins), and Patrick.

Terence Joseph Quinn was born July 7, 1843, at Minersville, where he was reared, in his boyhood attending the public schools. After commencing work he was employed at the mines for seventeen years, at the end of which time he engaged in the meat business, now having his father's old stand and homestead on Sunbury street. Mr. Quinn has been thrifty and successful in business, and he has also become well known in the borough in other associations, having always taken an interest in local affairs generally. At one time he served as a member of the town council. As an athlete he was well known in the county in his younger manhood, having been one of the fastest runners of his day, and his activities in all kinds of clean sports, such as handball, etc., have brought him considerable prominence in such circles. He was one of the winners in the big meet at Cressona in 1874. He has always been especially interested in good horses and has driven in many races. His friends throughout this section are many. Mr. Quinn is a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

By his first marriage, to Ellen Bensman, Mr. Quinn had a family of four children: J. Frank, Ella, Elwood and John. The mother dying, Mr. Quinn married Sallie Frances Weaver, daughter of the late Michael Weaver, of Minersville. There are no children by this union.

The Weaver family is an old one in Northumberland county, having been founded here by Mrs. Quinn's grandfather, Michael Weaver (the name was

originally spelled Weber), a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, who came to America about 1769. He first located in Brecknock township, Lancaster Co., Pa., later in Berks county, and in 1770, in Northumberland county, near Liberty Pole, Rush township, upon land subsequently owned by the heirs of Peter Hughawaut. There he died in 1834 and was buried upon the farm. He was a taxable in Shamokin township in 1788. He joined the American army during the Revolution, in which he served seven years under Washington. He married before coming to this country, and was the father of thirteen children. We have record of nine, namely: Michael, Martin, Joseph, John, Mrs. Catherine Hass, Mrs. Susan Neal, Mrs. Harriet Gibson, Mrs. Elizabeth Shindel, and Mrs. Hannah Beck.

Michael Weaver, son of Michael, above, was the father of Mrs. Quinn. He was born at Sunbury, Northumberland county, and during his early manhood drove stage between Sunbury and Philadelphia, following this occupation for some time. Afterwards with his uncle he was engaged in the coal business at Branch Dale, Schuylkill county, and also had the contract for hauling the mails between Minersville and Pottsville and Tremont and Centralia. He served his fellow citizens in this capacity for almost forty years, was also postmaster at Minersville, and represented his district in the State Legislature for three terms, 1858, 1864 and 1865. He was a well known figure in the State Assembly, regarded as one of the foremost men of his district and noted for his public spirit, which made him highly trusted. He died in 1886 at the age of seventy-eight years. Mr. Weaver married Charlotte Borda, who was a daughter of Nicholas Borda and was reared at Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county. They had the following children: Elizabeth, Catherine, Thomas, Alice, Martha, Charles, William, Martin, Sallie Frances (Mrs. Quinn) and Isabella.

JAMES A. SHOEMAKER is a wide-awake farmer in West Penn township, where he has been identified with the various activities of the community to a helpful degree, doing his share towards the establishment of desirable social conditions as well as in the material improvement of his section. He belongs to a family of German origin well known in this county. His great-grandfather, Johannes Shoemaker, who founded the family in this section, came from Germany, and settled in Lehigh county, Pa., where he followed farming. He is buried there.

Jonas Shoemaker, son of Johannes, was born in Lehigh county, in the township of Lehigh, and settled in Schuylkill county, where he became a very prosperous farmer and landowner. His holdings included five very good farms, comprising between 500 and 600 acres of land, and he lived on a 200-acre tract, most of which he cleared. When he retired he went to live with his son Joel, giving up active work about eleven years before his death. He was a man of energetic nature, and interested in all things which concerned the community, taking an active part in the work of the Democratic party in his locality. He was a Lutheran member of Zion's Church in West Penn township, where he and his wife are buried. He lived to the age of ninety-one years. He was twice married, and by his first wife, whose maiden name was Bachert, had the following children: Polly, born Nov. 3, 1819; Priscilla, born Jan. 4, 1822; a child, born Feb. 22, 1824, that died unnamed; Joel, born Nov. 8, 1825; Sallie, born Jan. 8, 1827, who died unmarried; Mary Ann, twin of Sallie, who married Ephraim Snyder and (second) William Schaffer; Johannes, born Jan. 24, 1830; Barbara, born Sept. 13, 1833; Gideon,

born March 28, 1836, who married Levina Neifert; Samuel, born Aug. 26, 1838, who married Mary Moyer; a child, born July 21, 1841, that died unnamed; Leah, born April 14, 1843, widow of Noah Houser, and Elavina, born Jan. 15, 1847, who married Nathan Miller. For his second wife Jonas Shoemaker married Mrs. Lavina (Kistler) Kemp, widow of Isaac Kemp, and to this union came one child, Adam, born Oct. 16, 1870, who died at the age of twenty-one years.

Joel Shoemaker, son of Jonas, was born Nov. 8, 1825, in Lehigh township, and received his education in his native county. He worked for his father until after his marriage, and his father then gave him the farm now occupied by Gottfried Knodler, a tract of eighty acres, which he improved greatly during the seven years he resided there. He cleared most of the land, put up a number of outbuildings and a new house, and by his thrifty management increased the value of the place very materially. Then he removed to the place in West Penn township now occupied by his son John, the old Christian Crouse farm, comprising eighty acres of valuable land, all of which was cleared and under cultivation. He followed general farming until his death. Mr. Shoemaker took some part in the administration of local affairs, serving as school director and collector of school tax. He is a Democrat in political opinion and a Lutheran in religion, belonging to Zion's Church, where he and his wife are buried. He married Mary Ann Neifert, who was born June 4, 1835, daughter of Peter Neifert, and died at the age of sixty-seven years. We have the following record of their children: Amanda Matilda, born May 13, 1857, is the wife of Charles Johnson; James A. was born Oct. 15, 1858; Lavina Rebecca, born Oct. 8, 1860, died July 22, 1873; George McClellan, born Dec. 9, 1862, is now living in Kansas; John Henry, born Nov. 10, 1869, married Caroline Zehner; Rosie Cecilia, born Sept. 7, 1871, died Sept. 22, 1877; Clara Mary, born Aug. 12, 1878, married Daniel Gerber and (second) Frank Boyer.

James A. Shoemaker was born in West Penn township Oct. 15, 1858, where he grew to manhood and received his education. He worked for his father up to the time of his marriage. After that he was employed by the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company for a time, meanwhile residing at Weatherly, Carbon county, for two years. He then bought a farm of about one hundred acres, situated about eleven and a half miles from Tamaqua, this county, and remained there for a period of five years, when he purchased and moved to a thirty-two-acre property above the present place, upon which he made his home for seventeen years. He built a house and barn there and improved the property in many other ways. His next purchase was the place where he now resides, a tract of 112 acres, about seventy of which are cleared. When the Lehigh & New England railroad was built through the township he sold his upper farm to the railroad company, and he has since lived on the 112-acre tract, where he is engaged in general farming, making a specialty of trucking. He attends the markets at Tamaqua, Coaldale, Lansford, Maryd and Middleport, making two or three trips a week all the year round and generally going daily during the summer season. Mr. Shoemaker has not only been enterprising in the conduct of his own affairs, but has also interested himself in the things that affect the community generally. He is a Democrat and has taken some part in the workings of the party in his neighborhood, serving as election inspector, and he has held the township office of school director. Socially he is a member of Washington Camp No.

132, P. O. S. of A., at Schwartz's, in West Penn township, and of Pocahontas Council, No. 406, Order of Independent Americans, at Chain, Pa. In religion he is a Lutheran, holding membership in Zion's Church, West Penn township, which he has served faithfully in the offices of deacon and elder.

Mr. Shoemaker married Alice Mary Fenkner, who was born May 17, 1870, in West Penn township, and they have a family of four children: Beulah Alice, born Feb. 2, 1889, is the wife of Edward Schaeffer, of West Penn township, and has one child, Alverta May; Grandora M., born in December, 1890, married Howard F. Mills, who is assisting Mr. Shoemaker on the farm; James A. was born Jan. 6, 1893; Raymond G. was born March 22, 1900.

William Fenkner, father of Mrs. Shoemaker, was a native of Germany, born Jan. 11, 1826, and died in West Penn township March 18, 1903. He farmed for many years and after his retirement from active work made his home with his son-in-law, Mr. Shoemaker, on the thirty-two-acre farm previously mentioned. His wife, whose maiden name was Rebecca Billman, died March 10, 1889, aged forty-four years, and they are buried at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in West Penn township. They had the following children: Dillwyn Willis, Milton William, Susan Augusta, Alice Mary, Francis Alvin (deceased), Oscar George (deceased), Priscilla, Helen Louisa, Oliver James (deceased), Ann Savilla (deceased), Edwin and Ella. The father of this family was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in West Penn township. He was a Democrat in political sentiment and took an active part in local affairs, serving frequently as member of the election board.

WILLIAM F. MOYER, a lifelong resident of West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, has been an influential citizen of that section always on the side of good government and progress, and though now practically retired has lost no interest in the general welfare. He was born Jan. 28, 1844, on the farm there which he still owns and occupies, and has spent all his life on this place, which was originally owned by Abraham Albright, his maternal grandfather.

Philip Moyer, his paternal grandfather, was a clergyman of the Reformed denomination and preached at Zion's Church (the old Red Church) in West Brunswick township, and also at Summer Hill, this county. He followed farming in connection with his ministerial work. His death occurred when he was seventy-seven years old. His wife Esther (Dieffenbach), a native of Berks county, Pa., died when sixty-three years old. They had the following children: Lucian; Daniel P.; Kittie, Mrs. Henry Kern; Isabella, Mrs. Gottfried Zulick; and Diana, Mrs. George Adams. Philip Moyer was a Republican in his political convictions.

Daniel P. Moyer, son of Philip, was born in West Brunswick township, where he cultivated the farm now the property of his son William. It was owned by his wife Sallie (Albright), daughter of Abraham and Maria (Albright) Albright. Mr. Moyer disappeared when his children were small and nothing was ever afterwards learned of his whereabouts. Mrs. Moyer died at the age of seventy-three years, and is buried at the Reformed Church at Cressona, Pa. At the time of her death she was living with her daughter Diana. Mr. and Mrs. Moyer had two children: William F. and Diana, the latter Mrs. James Marburger. Mr. and Mrs. Marburger are both now deceased.

William F. Moyer now owns the homestead, as previously mentioned. It

consists of 106 acres, about half of which is cleared. Mr. Moyer has continued to improve the place throughout the period of his ownership. He inherited the farm upon his mother's death. He built the house there in which he now lives, and also constructed substantial outbuildings, all of which have added very materially to the value of the property. He has always been devoted to general farming, and the farm is now operated by his son Benjamin, Mr. Moyer having given up arduous work although he is still active. The farm products are marketed at Pottsville and St. Clair. Mr. Moyer has a fine collection of arrowheads and tomahawks, gathered upon his land, strong evidence that the Indians lived here in the early days. Mr. Moyer has always had strong convictions on the subject of public educational facilities, and he served his township for many years as school director. He also held the office of school tax collector and was supervisor for a long period. Politically he believes in the principles of the Republican party. He belongs to Kimmel's Church (Church of God) in West Brunswick township, which he is serving at present as elder, and he has always been active in church work, having several times been delegate to church conventions. He was formerly a member of the Knights of Pythias, and of the Jr. O. U. A. M.

Mr. Moyer was married by Rev. Jacob Kline to Caroline Siegfried, who was born in April, 1843, in West Penn township, and there received her education, coming to West Brunswick township with her parents when twelve years old. She died Dec. 31, 1909, and is buried at Kimmel's Church. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Moyer: (1) Rev. William Elmer, born Aug. 1, 1865, is now located near Harrisburg, Dauphin Co., Pa. He married Cora Kepfer, and they have two children, Esther and Wendel. (2) Ellen Adelia, born July 7, 1867, married James Sheipe, of Orwigsburg, Pa., and is now deceased. She was the mother of five children: John Boyle, Norman, Minnie, Leon and Esther. (3) Caroline, born March 8, 1869, is the wife of George Miller, of Orwigsburg, and they have had four children: Stella, George, Elwood and Norman (the last named deceased). (4) Oley Winona, born April 8, 1871, married Oliver Smith, and is deceased. (5) Thomas, born Dec. 11, 1872, died when ten days old. (6) Benjamin Franklin, born Jan. 1, 1874, is now operating the home farm. He married Lilly Kauffman, and they are the parents of Eva May, Ralph John, Allan Otto and Charles Franklin. (7) Annie Maria, born Jan. 12, 1878, is married to Albert Lebengood, of Orwigsburg, and has two children, Beatrice and John. (8) Fannie May, born July 15, 1881, is the wife of Walter M. Koch, a farmer of West Brunswick township, and they have four children, Raymond E., Irwin W., Edward M. and Mabel V. (9) Iva, born March 8, 1884, is married to Winfield Clahr, of Reading, Pa., and has three children, Walter, Edna and Ellen. (10) Sadie, born June 25, 1886, is the wife of Theodore Koch, of McKeansburg, Pa., and their children are Ralph and Dorothy.

Israel Siegfried, father of Mrs. William F. Moyer, was a farmer in West Brunswick township, operating the place now owned by his son James. The family settled there when Mrs. Moyer was twelve years old. The property consists of sixty acres, cleared and well improved. Mr. Siegfried married Maria Weaver, daughter of Jacob Weaver, and the following children were born to this union: Caroline, Mrs. William F. Moyer; Morris, who lives at Orwigsburg, Pa.; Frank, who married Diana Bensinger (she is deceased); James, who married Emmaline Smith; and Maria, married to Albert Smith,

of West Brunswick township. The father of this family died when about seventy-three years old, and the mother at the age of seventy-eight, and they are buried at St. John's Church, Orwigsburg. They were members of the Reformed congregation there.

WALTER M. KOCH is a prosperous young farmer in West Brunswick township, making a specialty of growing garden truck and fruit, for which he finds a ready market at Pottsville and St. Clair, this county. Thrifty and enterprising, doing his share in keeping up good standards in the neighborhood, he is a typical member of a family whose name has been associated with high citizenship for several generations in this part of Schuylkill county. His great-grandfather farmed the old homestead now owned by Charles Koch. It is presumed he was the William Koch who is buried with his wife, Maria May, at Christ Church, McKeansburg. He was born April 1, 1747, near Philadelphia, and died May 3, 1832; she was born April 27, 1766, and died Feb. 14, 1837.

John Koch, the grandfather of Walter M. Koch, was born April 7, 1806, and died Oct. 4, 1868. His early ambition was to be a physician, but after obtaining his degree he followed the profession only one year, not liking it as much as he had anticipated. So he turned to farming, and became the owner of two tracts of land in Schuylkill county, one in Walker township, and the other in East Brunswick township, 200 acres in all. He continued to farm the rest of his days. Dr. Koch was a leading force in local affairs, his intelligence and public spirit making him a most useful citizen, and he held the township offices of school director and tax collector, and the county office of poor director. On political issues he stood with the Republicans. He was one of the active members of Christ Lutheran Church at McKeansburg, and he and his wife are buried in the cemetery of that church. Mrs. Koch, whose maiden name was Salome Fusselman, was born Dec. 6, 1808, daughter of John Fusselman, and died Sept. 30, 1889. They had a large family: Mary, Mrs. Charles Banker; Morgan W.; Lucian, who married Sarah Hettinger; Sarah, Mrs. Lewis Schoener; Kate, Mrs. Joseph Kramer; Villetta; Amelia, Mrs. Mandon Kramer; Hiram, a Union soldier, who died of starvation while in the army, and is buried at Cincinnati, Ohio; Francis, born May 12, 1841, who died at Bowling Green, Ky., April 7, 1863, while serving in the Union army, and is buried at McKeansburg, Pa.; Edward, who also died while in the army; Henry, who married Mary Seltzer; and Willminia.

Morgan W. Koch, son of John, was born in East Brunswick township Dec. 2, 1833, and educated there. In his youth he assisted his father on the home farm and learned the blacksmith's trade. He settled on a tract of twenty-two acres in West Brunswick township which he purchased, had a shop there, and conducted the farm in connection with work at his trade for twenty-two years. When his son Albert was one year old he removed to the old homestead farm in East Brunswick township, the tract of 100 acres which he bought from his father, and had a blacksmith shop there for two years. After that he devoted all his time to general farming there until a few years ago, when he sold his farm to his son Charles and removed to McKeansburg, at which place he has since lived retired. In his earlier years he was associated with township affairs to some extent, serving as school director, and in politics he was identified with the Republican party. He is a member of Christ Lutheran Church at McKeansburg.



Mr. Koch married Caroline Schoener, who was born Nov. 18, 1839, daughter of Henry and Christina (Sheipe) Schoener, and died Oct. 25, 1910. She is buried at Christ Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Koch were born the following children: Josephine, born Dec. 16, 1858, married Elmer Koch; Ellen, born Feb. 10, 1860, married Samuel Dreher; Francis C., born Aug. 4, 1863, married Mary Follweiler; Albert G., born June 24, 1865, married Lizzie Albright; Katie, born Jan. 8, 1868, died July 5, 1879; Agnes, born Aug. 15, 1876, married Harvey Kindt; Carrie Valeria, born Nov. 20, 1871, is deceased; Charles married Cora Kershner; Harry married Agnes Kunkle; Theodore, born Jan. 5, 1886, married Sadie Moyer; Walter M. is mentioned below; one child died in infancy.

Walter M. Koch was born April 10, 1880, in East Brunswick township, where he grew up and received his education. He received his early training on the home farm, where he worked for his father until nineteen years old, after which he was employed for one year in the Philadelphia & Reading car shops at Schuylkill Haven. For the next three years he worked with a portable steam sawmill for Mahlon Boyer, at different points in Schuylkill county, and then joined his brother Charles in the operation of the homestead farm, which they tenanted for two years. At the end of that time he came to his present place in West Brunswick township, which he bought from Mrs. Eliza Stein, widow of George Stein. The property contains 119 acres, ninety acres of which are cleared and devoted to general farming, in which Mr. Koch has been highly successful. He has taken a public-spirited interest in local affairs, serving very efficiently as school director. He is a Republican in political opinion, and attends Kimmel's Church in West Brunswick township. Fraternally he belongs to Grace Lodge, No. 157, I. O. O. F., of Orwigsburg, and to Mayang Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men, of Orwigsburg.

Mr. Koch married Fannie May Moyer, who was born July 15, 1881, in West Brunswick township, daughter of William F. Moyer, and remained at home until her marriage. She is a member of Kimmel's Church (Church of God) in West Brunswick township. Mr. and Mrs. Koch have had four children, born as follows: Mabel V., Feb. 22, 1899; Raymond E., Sept. 22, 1902; Irwin W., Sept. 13, 1904; and Edward M., March 27, 1910.

EDWIN LUCAS, of Barry township, one of the prosperous farmers of his section of Schuylkill county and an official of proved integrity, bears a name which has long been associated with high worth in this locality. Philip Lucas, his grandfather, moved into the county at an early day and settled down to agricultural life in Barry township, where he owned a farm about four miles from the town of Hegins. He died on that property.

Michael Lucas, father of Edwin Lucas, was a farmer all his life, dying in November, 1912. He married Christina Maurer, who was born in Mahantongo, Schuylkill Co., Pa., daughter of Daniel Maurer, a farmer in the Mahantongo valley, where he resided until his death. Mrs. Michael Lucas passed away in December, 1898, the mother of four children: Edwin, the eldest; Mary, living in Girardville; Fietta, deceased; and William H., who lives at Mount Carmel, Pennsylvania.

Edwin Lucas was born in 1854 in Barry township, where he grew up, meantime taking a common school course in the home locality. From boyhood he has followed farming, and since 1905 he has occupied his present home in Barry township, which he purchased that year. It contains eighty



acres, which he devotes to general farming. Mr. Lucas has had very satisfactory results in his agricultural operations. His success in his personal ventures accounts for the confidence his fellow citizens feel in his ability and honesty, and they have not been disappointed in the quality of his services in the public positions to which he has been chosen. He has been township auditor and is at present serving as a member of the board of supervisors, with several years of efficient service on the board to his credit.

In 1881 Mr. Lucas married Elmira Kessler, who was born in Barry township, daughter of Joseph and Caroline (Gehres) Kessler, both of whom survive; Mr. Kessler was formerly a farmer in Barry township. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lucas: Charles, the eldest, is on a farm in Barry township; Cora is the wife of Clarence Maurer, a merchant of Weis-hampte, Schuylkill county; Carrie is the wife of Samuel Moser, who lives near Frackville, this county; Gertie is the wife of Edward Shuey, of Barry township; H. Clarence, Earl and Pearl are at home. Mrs. Lucas holds membership in the United Brethren Church.

FRANK REPERT STERNER, of West Penn township, is now devoting most of his time to farming. A blacksmith by trade, he followed that calling for a number of years after locating on his present property, but has given it up except for the work necessary about his home.

Mr. Sterner is descended from an old family of Berks county, Pa., and was born there, in District township, Nov. 27, 1848. His great-grandfather, Henry Sterner, was a farmer on the Henry Zell place in Maxatawny township, Berks county, which he rented for twenty years. He died there when about seventy-eight years old, and is buried with his wife at the Mertz Church, in Rockland township, Berks county. He was married three times, first to a Leiby, second to a Foulk and third to Catherine Shantz, and his children were: John, Jesse, Henry, Jacob, Samuel, David, Nathan, Peter, Polly, Elizabeth, Lydia, Hettie and Sallie.

Henry Sterner, son of Henry, above, by the second marriage, was born in November, 1795, in Maxatawny township, Berks county, where he was reared and educated. In early life he worked for his father on the farm. He learned the weaver's trade, but followed general farming principally, acquiring a farm of 100 acres in District township, Berks county, much of which he cleared. He made many improvements there, put up buildings, rebuilt the dwelling house, and had a thrifty career. When he retired he lived with his daughter Lydia (Mrs. David Hess) until his death, which occurred in District township in June, 1874. Mr. Sterner was married in Rockland township to Mary Magdalena Keller, a daughter of Christopher Keller (whose wife was a Delp), and she died at the age of seventy-three years, in District township. He is buried at Long's Church in Rockland township, Berks county. Mr. Sterner was a very active worker in the Reformed denomination, belonging to Huff's Church, in Hereford township, and he also took great interest in public affairs, first as a Democratic Republican, later as a Democrat, and finally as a Republican. His children were: Joel married Susan Felthoff, and they died in the West; Polly married David Seip, and both are deceased; David K. is the father of Frank R. Sterner; William, deceased, married Elizabeth Frederick, of Huff's Church, Berks county; Lydia is the widow of David Hess; George, deceased, married Maria Merkel; Peter K., unmarried, lives in District township, Berks county.

David K. Sterner was born in Rockland township July 14, 1829, and lived in District township from the time he was about ten years old, receiving his education there. He worked for his father until his marriage and then for other farmers, and also burned charcoal. Later he owned a patch of twelve acres which he operated until his retirement, when he sold it, and for nine years lived with his son Frank. For the last two years he has been living at Reading, Pa., with his son Alfred. He has lost his sight. Like his father he belongs to Huff's Reformed Church, though he has never been active in the congregation, and he has always been a Democrat in political opinion. Mr. Sterner has been married three times. His first wife, Susanna (Reppert), born Oct. 22, 1826, died in May, 1861, and is buried at Huff's Church. She was a daughter of Melchor and Susanna (Schrading) Reppert. Six children were born to this union: Frank R. is mentioned below; Hettie married James Schneck and (second) Samuel Bush, and now resides at Henningsville, Pa.; Benneville, of Catasauqua, Pa., married Amanda Beidler, who is deceased; Henry married Louisa Hyle, and they live in Milford township, Lehigh Co., Pa.; Anne Maria died when three years old; William died in infancy. For his second wife Mr. Sterner married Susanna Herbst, daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Reidenour) Herbst, and she had three children: Sarah; Jonathan, who died aged twenty-two years; and Aaron, unmarried, who lives at Henningsville, Longswamp township, Berks county. Mrs. Sterner died when forty years old, and is buried at Huff's Church. Mr. Sterner's third union was to Lavina Miller, daughter of William and Kate (Reppert) Miller, both natives of District township, Berks county. She died when thirty-five years old and is buried at Huff's Church. There were four children by this marriage: Alfred M., now of Reading, who married Ida Weidner; Catherine, who died when three years old; David, who died when five years old; and Fianna, who died when one year old.

Frank R. Sterner was educated in the public schools of District township, Berks county, and remained at home until 1866, working for his father. He then served an apprenticeship to the blacksmith's trade at Hensingerville, Lehigh county, with Henry Merkel, with whom he continued two and a half years, after which he was with Daniel Everhart, in Salisbury township, Lehigh county, for three years. He married and moved to the vicinity of Saegersville, Lehigh county, where he was employed by Ephraim Saeger, sharpening tools for the curbstone quarries. He was so engaged for one year, and then went to work in the stone quarries at Jordan Bridge, Lehigh county, for Edward Marto, for about seven months. He then removed to Hensingerville and sharpened tools around the rock mines for nine years, thence moving to Slateville, Lehigh county. He was there three years, sharpening tools for the slate quarries in the vicinity, and meantime remarried, his first wife having died at Hensingerville. After that he removed to his present place in West Penn township, having bought the property from Hezekiah Turner, father of his second wife. It originally consisted of 143 acres, part of which he has sold off, retaining seventy-three acres, 118 rods. Sixty-four acres are under cultivation, and Mr. Sterner is successfully engaged in general farming. Occasionally he markets his produce to Tamaqua. He has made valuable improvements on the home place, built the present substantial dwelling there, and also a blacksmith shop, following his trade quite steadily when he first settled here. However, he has given up doing work for outsiders, but continues to do most of his own blacksmithing.

In the summer of 1911 Mr. Sterner built a fine pool for raising trout, laying a large cement wall, and there are two compartments, properly arranged, and fed by a very fine spring which runs through his place. He bought his trout at the fishery near Weissport, Pa. The trout pond has been very successful and has well repaid the time and effort Mr. Sterner has expended on its development. It is a feature in the neighborhood and attracts considerable attention. Mr. Sterner is a member of the Reformed congregation of Zion's Church in West Penn township. On political issues he supports the Democratic party.

Mr. Sterner married Lucianna Sherry, a native of Lowhill township, Lehigh county, born Dec. 30, 1848, daughter of Solomon Sherry, who died when she was seven years old. Her mother's maiden name was Wicand. Mrs. Sterner was educated in Lowhill township. She died Sept. 25, 1882, and is buried at Huff's Church. She left three children: (1) William Henry, born Sept. 25, 1871, resides near Klinesville, Berks Co., Pa. He married Sarah Moser, and they have had children as follows: Carrie (Mrs. Milton Tyson, has three children), Stella (Mrs. Kershner, has two children), Lizzie, Henry, Granville, Oscar, Edith, William, Mahlon and Esther. (2) Annie Louisa, born Feb. 15, 1874, married Fred Turner, of West Penn township. They have children, Oscar, Dora, Stella and Ralph. (3) Frank Harvey, born Jan. 21, 1882, lived in Mahanoy City, and is now deceased. He married Carrie Williams, and they had one child, Wilbert David.

Mr. Sterner married for his second wife Susanna Turner, who was born in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, May 15, 1864, a daughter of Hezekiah and Lucy (Hill) Turner, the latter dying when her daughter Susanna was nine years old. Mrs. Sterner was reared and educated in her native township, and belongs to Zion's Reformed Church there. She is the mother of the following children: Clara Elamanda, now the widow of Walter Lee; David, born Oct. 11, 1885, who is employed in Royer's Mill at Tamaqua; Calvin Oscar, born Oct. 6, 1889, employed as a wood chopper and residing at home; Celesta, born March 4, 1891, of Tamaqua; Lewis Abraham, born June 4, 1892, a section hand on the Lehigh railroad, residing at home; Charles Ryan, born Feb. 22, 1895, at home; Levi Milton, born Aug. 21, 1897; Mary Susanna, born Jan. 8, 1901, and Eli Hezekiah, born Feb. 26, 1905.

Solomon Sherry, father of Mrs. Lucianna (Sherry) Sterner, was a tailor by trade. He lived in Lowhill township, near Guthsville, and owned a small tract of land, but he continued to work at his trade all his life. He died at the age of fifty-five years, and is buried with his wife at Lowhill Church. Her maiden name was Wicand, and she died when seventy years old. They had children as follows: Eli; Jonas; Abbie, Mrs. Koch; David, who married Hannah Focht; Lucianna, Mrs. Sterner; and Clara, who died young. The father was a Republican.

Abraham Turner, grandfather of Mrs. Susanna (Turner) Sterner, was a lifelong farmer and also followed butchering in West Penn township. He was highly prosperous, and owned three farms. To his marriage with Susanna Miller, daughter of Henrich Miller (the builder of Staudt's mill in West Penn township), children as follows were born: Elizabeth married Gideon Hill; Ambrissa married Elijah Ziegler; one daughter died unmarried; four children died in infancy; Abraham married a Hetler; Hezekiah completes the family. The father was a Democrat, and held the office of constable for a number of years. He belonged to Zion's Church in West Penn township, and

he and his son Hezekiah assisted with the construction of the present church building. He and his wife are buried there. Mr. Turner lived to be about seventy years old.

Hezekiah Turner, son of Abraham, born in West Penn township April 1, 1820, died Oct. 2, 1890, and is buried with his wife at Zion's Church. He was educated in West Penn township and spent his life there, following general farming. He owned the place now in the possession of his son-in-law, Frank R. Sterner. Mr. Turner retired after the death of his wife. He married Lucy Hill, daughter of Jonas Hill, both natives of West Penn township, and she passed away at the age of forty-five years, the mother of twelve children: James, deceased, married Ella Baer, who now lives in West Penn township; William, of Albany township, Berks county, married Kittie Geiger (deceased) and (second) Lizzie Wagner; Abraham died young; Kittie is married to Samuel Geiger, of West Penn township; Emma, widow of Wilson Eck, lives at Macungie, Lehigh Co., Pa.; Lizzie married Lewis Freby, of Henningsville, Berks county; Abraham (2) is deceased; Noah, who married Sarah Ashey, lives at Ashfield, Carbon county; David, who is living in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, married Rosie Berk; Susanna, twin of David, is the wife of Frank R. Sterner; Killian, who married Katie Schrer, is a resident of Lowhill township, Lehigh county; Clara is deceased. The father was a Reformed member of Zion's Church in West Penn township, and in political principle a Democrat.

SALEM BENJAMIN NESTER, carpenter, now established in business at McKeansburg, followed his trade at various other points in Schuylkill county before coming to his present location, and the excellent reputation that preceded him was a favorable start there. Reliable and skillful workmanship has brought him a trade which keeps him constantly busy. Mr. Nester has spent most of his life in East Brunswick township, where he was born June 17, 1873, son of Daniel Nester and grandson of Daniel Nester.

The great-grandfather, also named Daniel Nester, was a native of Hereford township, Berks Co., Pa., and was a blacksmith and farmer by occupation. He was a Democrat and a Lutheran, belonging to the Hill Church in Hereford township, where he and his wife, Esther (Moyer), are buried. They were the parents of the following children: Elijah; Daniel; Henry, who married Hannah Zimmerly and (second) Sarah —; Aaron; Sallie; Mrs. Joseph Shirey; Esther, Mrs. Samuel Seiple; and Lydia.

Daniel Nester, the grandfather, was born Jan. 10, 1804, in Hereford township, Berks county, and when eighteen years old went to Greenwich, Pa., where he worked at the forge for a time. Coming to Schuylkill county he settled at Rauschs, in East Brunswick township, and being an iron worker was employed in the rolling mills then operated at Rauschs by Bertolet Bros. (Mayberry and Samuel). He was employed there for twelve years, and then removed to Bacherts valley, in East Brunswick township, where he bought land to which he added to from time to time until he had a large farm. This he partially cleared and there he carried on general farming the remainder of his life. He died March 28, 1897. He married Priscilla Kepner, who was born Sept. 24, 1818, daughter of Samuel Kepner, a native of West Penn township, Schuylkill county, and they had children as follows: Harrison J., married Sarah Hartman; Daniel was the father of Salem B. Nester; Esther Ann, married William S. Acker; Kate, married Samuel Marburger and

(second) Amos Gerber, both of whom are deceased; John, died unmarried; Frank, married Lizzie Beck, and both are deceased; Henry, died in infancy; Samuel is deceased. The father died in his eighty-fourth year, the mother at the age of eighty-nine, April 29, 1897, and they are buried in the cemetery at Frieden's Church; they were members of the German Lutheran congregation there. Politically Mr. Nester was a Republican.

Daniel Nester, son of Daniel, was born in the year 1845, in East Brunswick township, where he was reared and educated. In early life he assisted his father on the old homestead farm, which his father divided later, about twenty years before his death retiring and giving a farm to each of his sons. Daniel got the old homestead and Harrison J. the other part. Daniel Nester was successfully engaged in general farming, improved his property greatly, rebuilt all the old buildings, and made many other desirable changes. One year before his death he removed to New Ringgold and bought the W. H. Miller place, where he lived retired. A man of active temperament, he looked well after his own affairs and also did his share in the administration of the local government, serving as school director and auditor. He was a Republican and a Lutheran, belonging to the Frieden's Church and taking a leading part in its work; he filled all the church offices, and was elder at the time of his death. He was a charter member of Washington Camp No. 100, P. O. S. of A., of New Ringgold.

Mr. Nester married Mary Dewalt, daughter of John Dewalt, and she died at the age of fifty-two years, the mother of children as follows: Frank Daniel died young; Emma Priscilla died when twenty-one years old; Ida Hannah married Edward Mimm, and they reside in East Brunswick township; Carrie Elizabeth died young; Salem Benjamin is next in the family; David Joseph married Hattie Keefer, and they live at Reading, Pa.; Frederick Samuel died young; Irvin Henry married Laura Miller, and their home is in Camden, N. J.; George William is unmarried; Laura Helen died in infancy. The parents are buried at the Frieden's Church.

Salem B. Nester obtained his early education in East Brunswick township and attended one term at the Millersville State Normal School. After working on his father's farm until twenty-three years of age he spent six years at Auburn, engaged in public work, and then for two years was a motorman for the Philadelphia Transit Company, in Philadelphia. His next location was at Pinedale, where he began an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade with Joseph Fritz. Then he went to Middleport, where he worked with Levi Ruch, and spent four years in completing his preparation for the carpenter's trade after which he took employment at Mahanoy City with Thomas Koch, contractor and builder. There he remained two years, at the end of that time returning to McKeansburg and commencing business for himself. He does general carpenter work, and contracting occasionally, and is considered one of the most trustworthy men in his line in this section of the county. He has been a valued worker in local political circles, as a member of the Republican party, and has acted as judge of election. His fellow citizens have also called upon him for other public service, and he has filled the positions of school director (one term) and auditor very efficiently. Church work has also had an important place in his activities. He is a member of Christ Lutheran Church, at McKeansburg, has been deacon for seven years, and is a teacher in the Sunday school. Socially he is a member of Washington Camp No. 100, P. O. S. of A., at New Ringgold; of East Brunswick Lodge, No. 802,

I. O. O. F., of New Ringgold, of which he is a past grand; and of Protection Council, No. 935, Order of Independent Americans, McKeansburg, of which body he is a trustee at present.

Mr. Nester married Emma Follweiler, who was born May 17, 1877, daughter of William and Mary (Kleckner) Follweiler, natives of Berks county, and they had two children: Ezra Franklin, born June 9, 1898, and Kermit Norman, born May 17, 1910. Mrs. Nester died May 17, 1910, and is buried in Christ Church cemetery at McKeansburg. For his second wife Mr. Nester married Mary Yost, daughter of Israel and Sarah (Gerber) Yost. They have no children.

Mrs. Mary (Yost) Nester was born Aug. 23, 1879, and received her education in East Brunswick township. She is a daughter of Israel Yost and granddaughter of Jonathan Yost, a farmer and large landowner in East Brunswick township. He married Mary Kleckner, by whom he had the following children: Israel was the father of Mrs. Nester; Daniel married Lydia Bretney, and both are deceased; Charles, deceased, married Catherine Sheip; Benjamin is deceased; Joshua, deceased, married Susanna Bankers, who is deceased; Sarah is the widow of Daniel Kimmel; Catherine is the widow of Edward Ringer; Lizzie married Jonas Daubert; Caroline married John Seltzer, and both are deceased; Elmira died young; Jonathan is still living, aged ninety-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Yost are buried at Christ Church, McKeansburg. He was an active member of that church and one of its valued workers, and he also took an active part in local politics, as a member of the Republican party.

Israel Yost, father of Mrs. Nester, was born Sept. 19, 1835, in East Brunswick township, and there received his education. When young he worked on his father's farm, afterwards learned milling with Daniel Yost, and later bought a farm of over 100 acres, of which about half was cleared ground. Besides cultivating his land he conducted a hotel in East Brunswick township for a number of years, huckstered to Mahanoy City, and was interested with his son Salem in a creamery at Myerstown, Pa., which they operated for about ten years. He was also the owner of a large block of stock in the Mahanoy City National Bank. Mr. Yost was still on the farm at the time of his death, which occurred May 27, 1905. He married Sarah Gerber, who was born March 31, 1844, in East Brunswick township, and survived him, dying May 29, 1914. She was a daughter of John and Sarah (Schaeffer) Gerber, natives of North Manheim township, Schuylkill county. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Yost: Hannah, who died young; Priscilla, deceased, who was the wife of William C. Hartman, of East Brunswick township; John, who died young; Francis, who died young; Salem, who married Maggie Siegfried and lives at Myerstown, Pa.; Sarah, wife of Allen Moyer; Israel, deceased, who married Gertrude Housberger; Mrs. S. B. Nester; Ammon, who married Lillie Sassaman; and Walter, who married Carrie Teter. The parents are buried in the graveyard of Christ Church at McKeansburg. Mr. Yost was a prominent man of his day, serving as treasurer of the East Brunswick township school board for a number of years, and also in the offices of tax collector and auditor. Politically he was a staunch Republican. He belonged to Christ Church at McKeansburg, was an elder at the time of his death, and had also served as deacon. Fraternally he was an Odd Fellow, holding membership in East Brunswick Lodge, No. 802, of New Ringgold, and was a past grand of that organization; he was also a member of Washington Camp No.



100, P. O. S. of A., at New Ringgold, a past president, and treasurer for many years.

THOMAS GARIS, a lifetime resident of Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, now spending his days in retirement there, was in his earlier years active in promoting the best interests of that borough. As an official he gave public-spirited service in every office with which his townsmen honored him, and he was always an industrious worker and reliable in his dealings with his fellow men. He was born at Port Carbon, Nov. 18, 1842, son of Philip Garis, a native of Berks county, Pa., who settled at Port Carbon many years ago, and spent the rest of his life there. He worked by the day, and died when comparatively a young man. His widow, whose maiden name was Julia Garis, long survived him, living to the age of seventy-nine years. They had two children, William and Thomas, both of whom served in the Union army during the Civil war.

During his youth and early manhood Thomas Garis was engaged in day's work at Bear Ridge and later with the Navigation Company at Port Carbon landing. When the Civil war broke out he joined Company C, 96th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and during his three years' service took part in all the battles in which his company and regiment were engaged. When he left the army he returned to Port Carbon and soon found employment with Mr. Allison in the blacksmith shop, where he later became engineer, remaining there for a period of sixteen years. His next position was at the Port Carbon shops of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, as boiler-maker, and he was employed there for twenty-four years, retiring when he reached the age of seventy. During President Roosevelt's administration Mr. Garis was appointed postmaster at Port Carbon, and he filled the position for three years; the office meanwhile was raised from the fourth to the third class. His interest in borough affairs has been shown in many ways, and he has served as a member of the council, and one term as school director. On political questions he is a Republican. Mr. Garis has never lost interest in the welfare of his Civil war comrades, and he is a prominent member of Allison Brothers Post, No. 144, G. A. R., of Port Carbon, having had the honor of being its first commander. He is at present serving as quartermaster of the post. In religion Mr. Garis is a Methodist.

Mr. Garis was united in marriage with Anna Rebecca Freed, daughter of John and Elizabeth Freed, and they have two children: William H., a jeweler, now in Pottsville, Pa.; and John E., a patternmaker, of Flemington, New Jersey.

ALFRED SCHLEAR has become very well known in his section of Schuylkill county as proprietor of the "Second Mountain House," situated in the eastern part of Blythe township. Before his removal to his present location he had a blacksmith and wheelwright shop at McKeanburg for eighteen years, and did well in that line as he has in the hotel business, by showing the utmost regard for the needs of his patrons.

Mr. Schlear was born in Schuylkill Haven, this county, Nov. 4, 1862, a son of Jacob Schlear and grandson of George and Magdalena (Unger) Schlear. Jacob Schlear, the father, was born in Windsor township, Berks Co., Pa., Feb. 25, 1826, and was educated in the public schools. When he was a young man he removed to Schuylkill Haven, and was employed on the Schuylkill



Navigation Company's canal as a stonemason and boatman. When his son Alfred was six years old he moved to Blythe township, where he bought a farm of thirty-six acres, in a few years adding twenty-four acres thereto. Of these tracts there were almost twenty-five acres under cultivation, and besides doing general farming Mr. Schlear made a specialty of dairying, having a very fine herd of cows. He conducted a milk and butter route and marketed his various products to Pottsville, Port Carbon and Palo Alto. When he sold his farm he removed to McKeansburg, where he lived retired for about ten years before his death, Sept. 10, 1896. Mr. Schlear married Louisa Keim, who was born in Perry township, Berks Co., Pa., April 8, 1835, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Keim, and died April 13, 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Schlear had four children: Alfred; Angelina, who is married to Samuel Tiley and resides in Port Carbon; Isaac, who married Kate Briggs, deceased (he lives at New Ringgold); and Edward, who married Sarah Smith, and they reside in Blythe township. Mr. Schlear was a Republican, and in religion a Lutheran, belonging to Christ Church at McKeansburg.

Alfred Schlear was reared and educated in Blythe township, and worked on his father's farm until he was eighteen years of age. He learned the trades of blacksmith and wheelwright and owned a shop at McKeansburg, where he did an excellent business for about twenty years. Selling out in 1903, he removed to Blythe township, where he purchased the "Second Mountain House." He has conducted it very successfully since, and its popularity is readily understood by those who have had reason to seek Mr. Schlear's hospitality. His ready courtesy and prompt attention to the wants of any guest on the one hand, and the excellent table fare provided, make a stop at the hotel one of pleasant memories, and many of the guests are old-time patrons. The hotel is now lighted with gas, Mr. Schlear having installed a Colt's acetylene generator and thirteen lights, which have proved a great convenience.

Like his father, Mr. Schlear is a Republican and a member of Christ Lutheran Church at McKeansburg. His connection with public affairs has consisted chiefly in his connection with the Blythe township school board, of which he was president for a few years. Socially he is a member of Protection Council, No. 935, Order of Independent Americans, at McKeansburg.

Mr. Schlear married Ellen C. Heiser, who was born Feb. 13, 1863, at McKeansburg, this county, and received her education in West Penn township. Four children have been born to this union: Stella A., born April 24, 1895; Jacob J., born July 8, 1897; George A., born Feb. 23, 1900; William M., born July 23, 1902.

William Heiser, Mrs. Schlear's grandfather, was a farmer in West Brunswick township (at that time East Brunswick), owning a tract of forty acres which he operated until the end of his days. He had the following children: Charles married Mary Heist, and both are deceased; Joshua was the father of Mrs. Schlear; William married Kate Harting, and both are deceased; Nathan married Anna Weller, and both are deceased; Catherine married William Weaver, and both are deceased; Hannah married Adam Schock, and both are deceased; Susanna married Ephraim Brown, and both are deceased; Mrs. Weller and Mrs. Perry complete the family. Mr. Heiser was a Democrat and a member of the Lutheran Church at Orwigsburg, where he and his wife are buried.

Joshua Heiser was born in East Brunswick township and there received his education in the public schools. He worked on his father's farm until

he was about thirty-five years of age, when he moved to near Kepners, in East Brunswick township, and bought a small tract of land, which he operated for a while. Selling his interest there he came to East Brunswick township, where he died at the age of seventy-four years. His wife, Mary (Zettlemoyer), daughter of Henry and Kate (Reinhart) Zettlemoyer, still lives in East Brunswick township. They had children as follows: Ellen C., Mrs. Schlear; Mary A., Mrs. Abraham Schappell; Thomas A., who married Emma Bachert; Robert A., who died when six years old; Ida L., deceased in infancy; and William C., who died when four years old. Mr. Heiser was a Democrat and a member of the Frieden's German Lutheran Church at New Ringgold. He is buried there.

CHARLES W. FAUST, the principal transfer man at Schuylkill Haven, Pa., is one of the best known men in that borough, his teams and auto truck being familiar objects to residents of the town. Mr. Faust was born May 29, 1868, in Washington township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and is a son of Ferdinand Faust, being of German descent.

Ferdinand Faust was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and came to America at the age of sixteen years. He first located at Baltimore, Md., where he worked at the baker's trade. Some time later he came to Schuylkill county and was employed by the Susquehanna & Schuylkill Railroad Company. He resided for a time at Centralia, Columbia Co., Pa., and then came to Washington township, this county, where he bought a farm which he operated for about thirty years, finally retiring to live at Pottsville, Pa. He died in that place Nov. 14, 1913, and is buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. His widow is still living in Pottsville. Mr. Faust married Mary Fessler, daughter of John Fessler, and to this union were born eight children: Kate, widow of Conrad Weber; Sarah, wife of W. A. Farrabee; John, living at Allentown; Samuel, residing at Orwigsburg; Charles W.; Frank, living in Washington township; Oscar, residing at Pottsville; and Emma, who married Frank Spearly, of Pottsville.

Charles W. Faust attended public school in Washington township and worked upon the home farm until he was thirty-one years of age. He then came to Schuylkill Haven and worked for Mrs. Raudenbush for some time. In 1903 he engaged in the transfer business in a small way, and has since developed it into great proportions, having now from six to eight horses in use all of the time, besides running an auto truck for the heavier trade.

Mr. Faust was married to Tillie, daughter of the late Levi Kershner, of Schuylkill Haven, and to them have been born three children: Austin, Onedia and Blanche. The family home is on Canal street. Mr. Faust attends the English Lutheran Church, and is a member of the Red Men and the Jr. O. U. A. M. of Schuylkill Haven.

REV. A. V. KAMINSKY, of Minersville, for several years pastor of St. George's Greek Catholic Church, is a native of Galicia, Austria, born in 1876. He received a thorough education in Switzerland and Germany, and for three years was professor of science before coming to America, in the year 1904. His preparation for the priesthood was completed at Baltimore, Md., where he pursued his studies for three years, and he was ordained in 1906 at Scranton, Pa. His first work was at Elizabeth and Newark, in New Jersey, whence he was transferred to St. Clair, Schuylkill Co., Pa., remain-

ing there for six months. In 1908 he was appointed to his present station at Minersville, where he has cared for the congregation most ably, building a fine church and attending zealously to all the needs of the parish. His good work is thoroughly appreciated by all the citizens of Minersville, regardless of creed or class, his energy and efficiency having gained him the good will of all with whom he comes in contact.

ROWLAND WHITFIELD, late of Pottsville, was in his day a most highly regarded citizen of that borough, and a worthy successor to his father, Joseph Whitfield, for many years one of the most popular figures in the business and social life of this section.

Joseph Whitfield was of English birth, born in May, 1807, near Liverpool. He was a relation of Thomas Nuttall, the distinguished English-American naturalist, in whose company he came to this country when seventeen years old on a pleasure trip. But he was so favorably impressed with what he saw in America that he concluded to make his home here, and he shortly afterwards entered Harvard College, from which institution he was graduated with distinction. The class included among its members a number of men who became distinguished in various walks of life—Edward Everett, statesman and orator; Judge Joseph Storey; Washington Allston and Gilbert Stuart, the celebrated painters; Henry W. Longfellow, the poet; as well as others of towering intellect. His association with Stuart and Allston was an inspiration which he obeyed for several years, devoting himself to painting and traveling about in search of subjects and ideas. Though he did not remain long in the profession he acquired a familiar knowledge of art and art work which was a source of the keenest enjoyment to him throughout life. Coming to Pottsville in 1831 he engaged in the dry goods business and followed it to the close of his life—a period of forty-six years, and he was equally successful as a coal operator. He was not only a prosperous business man but popular in his social relations, and led an ideal home life. It would seem that his nature was so broad it grew out and developed along many lines instead of confining itself to a few interests, taking in all phases of the life of his adopted community. In politics he was a staunch Whig, believing in the principles of protection for home industries, and he had great admiration for Henry Clay. In fact, his uplifting influence was felt for many years, and appreciated thoroughly by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Whitfield married Ellen Dornan, and they became the parents of seven children, three sons and four daughters: Mary, who married Col. Henry Royer, general merchant of Pottsville; Rowland; Albert, a resident of the State of Georgia; Fannie, who married Abraham Seligman, a dry goods merchant of St. Clair, Schuylkill county; Franklin B., of Topeka, Kans.; Lucy, who married Edwin W. Harper, of Philadelphia; and Ellen, who married Channing Shumway. For a number of years after her husband's death Mrs. Joseph Whitfield carried on a dry goods store she and her sister established, and their old stand on Centre street is now occupied by the Britton-Hoffman installment house.

Rowland Whitfield was born June 24, 1834, at Pottsville, and there received his education, graduating from public school in 1849. At that time his father was interested in coal operations at St. Clair, this county, where the youth went to work, and he soon entered the mercantile business there, remaining at that location until 1869. Returning to Pottsville he became a



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dealer in flour, on Second street, continuing that business until his death, which occurred at Pottsville April 2, 1897. He is buried in the Charles Baber cemetery. His undeviating honesty and fairness towards his fellowmen, positive success in all his undertakings, conservative, unassuming character and good will to all, won him a degree of respect attained by few men. When a candidate for the borough council he had the honor of being unanimously elected. Politically he was a Republican, in religious connection a Presbyterian. Socially he was a Mason, holding membership in Anthracite Lodge, No. 285, F. & A. M., of St. Clair, of which he was a past master; Mountain City Chapter, No. 196, R. A. M., Pottsville; and Constantine Commandery, No. 41, K. T., Pottsville, of which he was a charter member.

On May 6, 1865, Mr. Whitfield married Lottie E. Brick, of St. Clair, and seven children were born to them: George died in infancy; Charles died in his sixth year; Lucian V. was formerly in business with his father at Pottsville and is now a resident of Philadelphia (he married Catherine Haddock and has one son, Rowland); Rowland died in infancy; Mary R., who graduated from the Pottsville high school, is now the wife of Prof. Thomas C. Knowles, of Pottsville, principal of the commercial department of the high school, and has three children, Rowland W., Thomas C., Jr., and Charlotte W.; Ellen J., also a graduate of the Pottsville high school, is married to Frederick Wetter, of Pottsville, and has two children, Carl S. and George S.; Joseph died in his seventh year.

Mrs. Whitfield resides at No. 309 West Norwegian street, Pottsville. She is highly esteemed, and was a successful business woman for many years, carrying on Mr. Whitfield's business after his death. She owns a fine piece of business property opposite the post office on Second street, the place occupied by the Britton-Hoffman Company.

Louis Brick, Mrs. Whitfield's father, was born in Germany, and met his wife, Charlotte (Frantz), on board the vessel which brought them to America. They were married at Philadelphia, and came to Schuylkill county, settling at St. Clair, where he followed mining. They died there. Four children were born to them: Catherine married Joshua Ketner; Charlotte (Lottie) E. is the widow of Rowland Whitfield; Ellen married William Matthews; Louis lives at Pittston, Pennsylvania.

JACOB R. SCHULZ, of Ashland, Schuylkill county, has been a resident of that place practically all the time since the family came to America in 1880. His parents, Jacob and Barbara (Therm) Schulz, were born in Germany, along the Rhine, and the father was a soldier during the Franco-Prussian war, receiving a pension for his services. They brought their family to America in 1880, leaving Germany June 13th, and landing at New York on the 29th, after a voyage of sixteen days, and thence coming directly to Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa. The father is deceased, and the mother, who still survives, makes her home with her son Jacob. There were ten children born to this couple, namely: Jacob Robert, the eldest; Mary, now in a convent at Lancaster, Pa.; Katie, deceased; Hattie, wife of William Smith, of Ashland; John, a resident of Ashland, Pa.; George; and four children who died in infancy.

Jacob R. Schulz was born May 12, 1872, at Hungard, Germany, on the Rhine, in the county of Ottweiler, Trier, and lived there until eight years old, attending school for about two years before he came with his parents to America. The rest of his schooling was received at Ashland, and he was

but eleven years of age when he commenced mine work, being employed at the collieries near Ashland until he reached the age of twenty-two years. Entering the John Dence shoe factory at Ashland, he remained there for four years, resumed mine work for a time, and later moved to Hopewell, N. J., where he remained for five months. Returning to Ashland, he then established himself in business there, repairing shoes. His place is equipped with modern machinery, and he has an extensive patronage, his skillful and reliable workmanship drawing and holding a profitable trade. He owns the building where he lives, a substantial three-story structure, and his thrifty and industrious life has gained him the respect of all with whom he comes into contact. He is a consistent member of St. Mauritius Catholic Church at Ashland, and for the last twenty-four years has belonged to the St. Mauritius Society and the Holy Name Society. Politically he gives his support to the Democratic party.

Mr. Schulz was married April 21, 1914, to Mary Shearer, a native of America, of German descent, her parents being John and Anna (Gabel) Shearer, now residents of Trenton, N. J. Mr. and Mrs. Schulz were married at that place.

WILLIAM S. ACKER has a well improved little farm in East Brunswick township which he has occupied for over thirty years, and he and his family are among the respected residents of that locality. He comes of an old Pennsylvania family, being a grandson of Jacob Acker, who was a school teacher and followed his profession in Berks and Lancaster counties. He died in young manhood, and is buried at the Lutheran Church in Oley township, Berks county, having been a member of that church. He was married in that county to Caroline Wise, and they had one child, Daniel. The widow remarried, becoming the wife of Matthias Rhodes, by whom she had the following children: Jacob, John, Hiram (who married Sarah Wolfgang), Frank, Kate (who married Lincoln Romich) and Mark. The mother of this family is also buried at the Lutheran Church in Oley township.

Daniel Acker, only child of Jacob, above, was born at Oley, Berks county, and received his education in the township schools. After his father's death he was bound out to Jacob Reichner, with whom he learned the tailor's trade. He owned a small tract of land, and later was a tenant on a large farm for a time, making a good living. He was supervisor in Pottsgrove township, Montgomery Co., Pa., for twenty-six years, also held the office of school director, and took considerable interest in local politics as a member of the Democratic party. He lived to be over eighty, dying Jan. 10, 1896, and his wife Maria (Schoener), daughter of Henry and Catherine (Schwenk) Schoener, was over ninety at her death. They are buried at Mount Zion, in Chester county, Pa. He was a member and leading worker in the Lutheran Church at Pottstown, in which he held the offices of elder and deacon. Mr. and Mrs. Acker had these children: Lydia, who died in childhood; Henry, who married Sarah Hartranft, and after her death Louisa Dengler; Kate, who married Michael Kadeny and after his death Arthur F. Miley; William S.; Daniel, deceased, who married Annie Jacoby; Jonathan, who married Catherine Wise; and Mary, Mrs. David Endy.

William S. Acker was born July 10, 1845, in Douglass township, Montgomery county, was educated in the schools of his native county, and worked among the neighboring farmers, as well as on his father's place, until he was



eighteen years of age. He learned cigarmaking, and then went to the milling trade with Isaac March, at Ironstone creek, Berks Co., Pa., where he remained two years. His next move was to Glasgow, Montgomery county, where he worked in the merchant mill for one year, and from there he went to Walker township, Schuylkill county, following milling at that location for two years. Returning to Pottstown, Pa., he worked in the Davis Merchant Mill for three years, then followed the butcher business in Pottstown for a short time, but sold out after several months and entered the grocery business, in which he was engaged for about one year. At that time he married, and then worked in the rolling mills until April 12, 1881, when he came to his present place in East Brunswick township, a tract of nineteen acres and some perches, where he carries on general farming.

Mr. Acker married Esther Ann Nester, and they are the parents of the following children: Mary Louisa, born Sept. 30, 1872, married William B. Best; Daniel Webster, born Oct. 4, 1873, lives in Montana; Augustus Withers, born April 8, 1875, died when seventeen months old; Bertha Esther, born Sept. 8, 1877, married Fred Heiser; one child, born May 14, 1879, died in infancy; Blanche Anna, born July 22, 1880, married Irvin Eberhart; Bessie Mabel, born July 29, 1883, married John Schoener; Esther Carrie, born Jan. 3, 1886, is in Montana.

Mr. Acker is independent in politics. Formerly he was a member of the Knights of Pythias, I. O. O. F. and P. O. S. of A., in Montgomery county. He and his wife are members of the Church of the Transfiguration (Lutheran), at Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Esther Ann (Nester) Acker, wife of William S. Acker, was born in East Brunswick township July 22, 1844, daughter of Daniel Nester and granddaughter of Daniel Nester. The latter was a native of Hereford township, Berks Co., Pa., and followed blacksmithing and farming. To him and his wife Esther (Moyer) were born the following children: Elijah; Daniel, father of Mrs. Acker; Henry, who married Hannah Zimmerly and (second) Sarah; Aaron; Sallie, Mrs. John Shirey; Esther, Mrs. Samuel Seiple; and Lydia. Mr. Nester was a Democrat in political faith and a Lutheran in religion, belonging to the Hill Church in Hereford township. He and his wife are buried there.

Daniel Nester, father of Mrs. Acker, was born in Hereford township, Berks Co., Pa., Jan. 10, 1804, and was reared there. When eighteen years old he went to Greenwich, Carbon Co., Pa., where he worked in the forge for a time. He then moved to Rauschs, East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, and was employed by Bertolet Brothers (Mayberry and Samuel) in the rolling mill, learning the work of puddling, heating and rolling. After twelve years' employment at Rauschs he removed to Bacherts valley, in East Brunswick township, and bought a tract of land to which he added from time to time until he had a large farm. He cleared a great deal of his property, and carried on general farming very successfully. About twenty years before his death he gave a farm to each of his sons Daniel and Harrison J., and then lived retired for the remainder of his life. His death occurred March 28, 1897, and his wife Priscilla (Kepner), born Sept. 24, 1818, daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Moser) Kepner, survived him just a month, passing away April 29, 1897. They are buried at the Frieden's Church, New Ringgold. Mr. Nester was a member of the Lutheran congregation of that church, a Republican in politics, and held the office of school director. His children were as follows: Cather-

ine married Samuel Marberger, and after his death Amos Gerber, who is also deceased; Daniel married Mary Dewalt, and both are deceased; Samuel, deceased, married Carrie Delaney, and after her death Minnie Matthew; Frank married Lizzie Bock, and both are deceased; Esther Ann is Mrs. W. S. Acker; Henry died in infancy; Harrison J. married Sarah Hartman; John died unmarried.

CHARLES ELLSWORTH MOYER, an enterprising young man now in business at McKeansburg, is a native of Lehighton, Carbon Co., Pa., and a descendant of a family which has been in this section of the State for several generations. His great-grandfather, Isaac Moyer, was a broom and basket maker. He was married in Bucks county, and thence moved to Berks county, where he followed his trades until his death. While on a trip selling brooms he was murdered, his body being found later in a field by hunters. He had six children: Sarah Ann, Mrs. Hosler; Jacob G.; Benjamin; John; Samuel; and Elizabeth, Mrs. Peter Gerhart. Isaac Moyer was a member of St. Michael's German Reformed Church in Tilden township, Berks county, and is buried there. He was a Democrat in political faith.

Jacob G. Moyer, grandfather of Charles E. Moyer, was born in Bucks county, Pa., and received his education there. Moving to Berks county he worked as a woodchopper on the Blue mountain, and later bought a tract of thirty-six acres, all of which he cleared and cultivated in general farming. Subsequently he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, as brakeman. Upon the breaking out of the Civil war he entered the Union army, as a member of the 158th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served nine months. After returning from the army he went back to his farm, which he eventually sold out to all of his nephews. Then he came to East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, and bought a tract of seventy-two acres, ten acres of which were in timber. He conducted this farm until a few years before his death, when he sold this land to Moses Behler and bought a small tract at Dreher'sville, nine acres, upon which he died. He lived to the age of eighty-eight years, passing away in 1911. His widow, whose maiden name was Sarah Meck, still survives, now (1915) seventy-nine years old, and is the owner of the nine-acre tract; she lives at Dreher'sville. She is a daughter of Samuel Meck. Mr. and Mrs. Moyer had the following children: Henry married Lizzie Reeser; Eli married Emma Wert; Amanda married Morris Spatz; Agnes, deceased, married Lewis Myers; Samuel married Priscilla Bolich; Alfred married Mrs. Stella (Medlar) Miller, widow of William Miller; Priscilla died in infancy; Emmalina died in infancy; Ida Rebecca, Emma and Adeline are deceased. Like his father Mr. Moyer was a Democrat, and a member of St. Michael's Reformed Church in Tilden township, Berks county. He is buried there.

Eli Moyer, father of Charles E. Moyer, was born in Tilden township, Berks Co., Pa., Oct. 6, 1860, received his schooling there, and worked on his father's farm until fifteen years of age, when he found employment at the Port Clinton rolling mills, at Port Clinton, Schuylkill county, and learned the trade of puddler, which he followed for two years. Later he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, being one of the mason gang under Charles Jacobs, foreman, and worked along the main line, building and repairing bridges, for one year. He then changed to the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, working in the car shops at Weatherly, Carbon

Co., Pa., and repaired cars, continuing this work in all for thirteen years. Meantime, while in Weatherly, he married, and he removed thence to Packer-ton, Carbon county, continuing in the same employ and following the same work, in the car shops. He was next at Philadelphia, in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at the Park shops, as repairman for one year, during which his family lived in Lehighton, Carbon Co., Pa. Later he entered the employ of the Curtis Bay Car Company, at Curtis Bay, Baltimore, Md., as car repairer, for nine months; went to Wilmington, Del., and was employed by the Pullman Car Company for three months, when he gave up that line and went to Hackelbernie, Carbon Co., Pa., at which place he conducted the "Washington Hotel" for nine years. The hotel burned down May 15, 1913, and he is now living retired with his son Charles E. Moyer at McKeansburg. Mr. Moyer married Emma Wert, who was born Feb. 27, 1861, in Lehighton, Carbon Co., Pa., a daughter of Willoughby and Maria (Hart-ranft) Wert. They had two children: Charles Ellsworth; and Emmalina Elizabeth, born Oct. 18, 1886, who died aged two years, nine months, seven days. Mr. Moyer is a Democrat in political association, and he took an active part in public affairs while a resident of Lehighton, serving in the town council for three years, and as president of that body for one year. He is a member of Washington Camp No. 179, P. O. S. of A., of Weatherly, Carbon county. Mrs. Moyer united with the Reformed Church at Lehighton, and Mr. Moyer's religious inclinations are in the same direction.

Charles Ellsworth Moyer was born Aug. 14, 1885, and was educated in the schools of Lehighton. Most of his young manhood was spent at Hackelbernie, where he worked in the coal mines for the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company, and also at odd times in the Hackelbernie mines, until 1913. That year he went into the hotel business in East Mauch Chunk, where he was located for one year, thence coming to McKeansburg, Schuylkill county. Here he bought the hotel and store property which he is now conducting, the old Leibensperger property, having a general store and the "Hotel Moyer" (formerly called the "Drover Hotel"). He is married to Elizabeth Stoker, born April 11, 1882, a daughter of William and Alice (Brainbridge) Stoker. They have one child, Charles Ellsworth, born Feb. 18, 1914.

Mr. Moyer has always been an active Democrat. While in Carbon county he was county committeeman under James I. Blackslee, fourth assistant post-master general of the United States, and at that time county chairman of Carbon county. Mr. Moyer was candidate for poor auditor, to represent Carbon and Luzerne counties, and was elected, but never served. He acted as secretary and treasurer of Local No. 1595, United Mine Workers of America, from the time the local was started until he left the mines, and was delegate to all the conventions while in office. He joined Washington Camp No. 108, P. O. S. of A., at Mauch Chunk, and was a charter member of Lehighton Tent, No. 442, Knights of the Maccabees of the World. He attended the Episcopal Church at Mauch Chunk.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Stoker) Moyer was born April 11, 1882, at Upper Lehigh, in Foster township, Luzerne Co., Pa., daughter of William Stoker and granddaughter of John Stoker. The grandfather was a miner, beginning that occupation in England, the place of his birth. He married in England and emigrated to America with his family about the time that President Lincoln was assassinated. Landing at Castle Garden, New York, he then proceeded to near Hazleton, Luzerne Co., Pa., where he was a miner until his death,

which occurred when he was over sixty years of age. He was married three times, his first wife being the mother of William Stoker. His second wife, Martha (Kennedy), bore him four children: John married Priscilla Briggs; Charles married Ida Baker; Thomas married Maggie Rheinheimer; George married Lillie Stackhouse. His third wife was Mary Kennedy. Mr. Stoker and his three wives are buried at Wanamie, Luzerne Co., Pa. He was a Republican and a member of the Church of England.

William Stoker, father of Mrs. Moyer, was born in New Castle, England, Dec. 14, 1854, and came with his parents to America when ten years old. He followed the occupation of coal miner at Freeland, Luzerne county, for the Upper Lehigh Company, for thirty-seven years. On leaving the mines he went to Mauch Chunk and assisted his son-in-law in the hotel business, and on the latter's removal to McKeesburg accompanied him. He is still residing there. His wife, Alice (Brainbridge), is buried at Freeland. They had children as follows: John, a resident of Wapwallopen, Luzerne county, married Kate Schaeffer, and they have four children; Elmira is unmarried; Florence resides at Orwigsburg, Pa.; Elizabeth is Mrs. Charles E. Moyer; Mary Ann and Mary Jane died young. Mr. Stoker has supported the Republican party and has been actively associated in promoting its welfare. He has served as judge, clerk and inspector of elections, and held the office of supervisor in Foster township, Luzerne county. Socially he is a member of Loyal Castle, No. 65, Knights of the Mystic Chain, and is a past Sir Knight Commander.

CHARLES HENRY HOPPES, of West Penn township, is a typical representative of a family whose members have been among the respected residents of that part of Schuylkill county since the close of the Revolutionary period. Industrious, progressive and of high personal character, he is upholding in an honorable life the best traditions of the substantial stock to which he belongs and doing his share in advancing the best interests of the region which has been the chosen home of his race for several generations.

John Michael Hoppes, the emigrant ancestor of Charles Henry Hoppes, came to this country from Baden, Germany, it is said about 1740, but the family history of that period is incomplete. He made his home in what is now West Penn township, Schuylkill county, then included in Northampton county, Pa. He had four sons. Life in this region was full of dangers in those days, for the settlers were never safe from Indian raids, and the father of this family eventually lost his life defending his home against the savages. A band of Indians surrounded and attacked the Hoppes home one night, and in the fight which ensued John Michael Hoppes and two of his sons were killed. The other two sons fought until the attackers withdrew defeated, and saved the mother and daughters. The three victims were buried next day under a pine tree near by, and the survivors decided to break up the home, being thoroughly discouraged by the evil turn of their fortune. One of the sons moved to Virginia and made a permanent settlement there. He succeeded in life, acquiring the ownership of a valuable plantation, and owned slaves. The other son, Jonas, remained in Pennsylvania. Born Jan. 12, 1753, he spent his life in Pennsylvania. When the Revolution broke out he took up arms in the cause of the Colonies, serving seven years. He was in a cavalry regiment and under Washington's command. In the retreat from Philadelphia he was captured by the British and kept without food for three days, was rescued by LaFayette's army, and returned to his service. After the

war he became a prosperous farmer in West Penn township, Northampton (now Schuylkill) county (having there located the land grant of 150 acres received for his services), building a log house and barn on his tract, a considerable portion of which he succeeded in clearing. He farmed throughout his active years. His death occurred July 30, 1833, his wife, Catherine (Harr), who was born April 7, 1755, passing away July 5, 1823. They are buried at Zion's Church in West Penn township, and his grave is always decorated on Memorial Day. Mr. Hoppes was one of the most zealous members of Zion's Church, giving the land for the building site and cemetery plot, and he assisted in the erection of the church.

Michael Hoppes, grandfather of Charles Henry Hoppes, was a farmer and miller, owning the farm of 128 acres and the stone mill thereon now owned by his grandson, Michael A. Hoppes, in West Penn township. The mill is one of the local landmarks. He was a Democrat on political questions and a Lutheran in religion, belonging to Zion's Church in West Penn township and helping to build its present stone house of worship. He and his wife are buried in the cemetery of that church. They had children: Joseph, Nathan, John, Michael, Lizzie and Judith.

Michael Hoppes, the father of Charles Henry Hoppes, was born Nov. 17, 1822, at the old mill in West Penn township, and received his education in the township schools. He followed farming and milling all his long life, which covered almost fourscore years, his death occurring Feb. 3, 1902. He was reared and educated in his native township, and after entering upon the serious work of life was occupied as laborer on his father's farm from the age of sixteen until twenty-five, at which time he bought the mill and 128 acres of land. A man of upright life, he was highly respected by all his neighbors and valued as a worker in the Zion's Lutheran Church, in which he filled all the official positions. Politically he was a Democrat. His wife, Catherine (Balliet), survived him ten years, dying Sept. 30, 1912. She was born June 3, 1825, daughter of George Balliet (whose wife was a Houser), and is buried with her husband in the cemetery of Zion's Church. They were the parents of the following children: Polly, now the widow of Nathan Gilbert, is living in West Penn township; Rebecca is the wife of Reuben Nothstein, and lives in the Mahoning valley in West Penn township; Catherine is the widow of Adam Henry, of Carbon county, Pa.; Benneville died young; Charles Henry is next in the family; Michael A., who lives on the old homestead, married Mary Shellhammer.

Charles Henry Hoppes was born April 8, 1856, in West Penn township, in the Mahoning valley. His education was acquired in the public schools of the township, and he remained at home, working on the farm for his father, until twenty-one years old, after which he worked out among other farmers for a period of three years. He then married and removed to New York City, where for three years he was in the employ of Stephen Kistler, driving a team, handling hides and leather. Returning to West Penn township, he purchased from Nathan Gilbert part of the farm which he has since operated, his first purchase consisting of fifty-eight acres, to which he has added until his holdings now consist of eighty-nine acres, seventy of which are cleared. He carries on general farming, marketing his produce at Summit Hill and Lansford. Mr. Hoppes has given practically all his attention to his work, but he has taken sufficient interest in local affairs to give his services for one term as member of the board of school directors, and he is a zealous member

of Zion's Lutheran Church, the religious home of his ancestors for several generations, in which he has served as elder and deacon. On political questions he is a Democrat.

Mr. Hoppes married Fianna Amanda Kistler, who was born Jan. 7, 1860, in West Penn township, near the "Mansion House" hotel, on the farm now owned by Elmer Zimmerman. She received her education in that township and in the public schools of Allentown, Pa., and is a member of the Lutheran congregation of Zion's Church in West Penn township; she takes great interest in its work, and is a teacher in the Sunday school. Mr. and Mrs. Hoppes have had three children, all of whom have been educated in the public schools of West Penn township: Harvey M., born June 28, 1880, is at present in Newark, N. J., where he is engaged as a night watchman; he is a member of the F. & A. M. at Newark; he married Ida Haas, who was born in 1880, and they have two children, Elmer (born April 7, 1901) and Wallace (born May 30, 1905). William H., born Nov. 12, 1889, assists his father on the home farm; he married Esther Helfrich, born May 1, 1891, and they have one child, Walter Eli, born Oct. 11, 1910. Charles A., born April 25, 1896, is living at home.

Michael Kistler, grandfather of Mrs. Hoppes, was a native of Lehigh county, Pa., and died about 1869, when about eighty years of age. He learned the trade of tanner, and owned and operated a farm as well as a tannery. When he retired from active labors, a few years before his death, he moved to a small farm adjoining his old home, and there passed away. He and his wife, Magdalena (Brobst), are buried at the New Jerusalem Lutheran Church near Wessnersville. Mr. Kistler was a member of that church and a Democrat in political opinion. His family consisted of ten children: Stephen, Joel, Jacob (who was three times married, to a Miss Kistler, Mrs. Miller and another Kistler, respectively), Michael, William, Daniel, Angeline (Mrs. Peter Scip), Mary (Mrs. Charles Faust), Sallie (Mrs. Stephen Snyder) and another whose name is not known.

Daniel Kistler, son of Michael, was born about Aug. 1, 1828, in Kistler's valley, below Lynnville, Lehigh county, and received his education in the local township schools. He learned tanning under the able instruction of his father, and when he went to work on his own account continued to follow it for a number of years. He owned sixty-five acres of land in West Penn township (now owned by Elmer Zimmerman) and also had a tannery, operating both for a considerable period. When he sold his farm he removed to Allentown, Pa., where he was engaged at the butcher's trade for three years, at the end of that time returning to his farm, which he had repurchased. He continued to reside there until within a few years of his death, when his daughter bought the property, and he passed the few remaining years of his life in retirement. For some time he ran a bone mill on his farm. He was a well known and much esteemed man in his day, serving fifteen years as a justice of the peace, was an elder and deacon of Zion's Lutheran Church of West Penn township, and superintendent of the Sunday school, and a man of marked probity in all the relations of life, trusted by all his associates. Politically he was originally a Republican, later a Democrat.

Mr. Kistler was first married in Lehigh county, before settling in West Penn township, to Polly Werley, daughter of Sebastian and Lydia (Bittner) Werley. She died in November, 1875, aged fifty years, eleven months, twenty-four days, and is buried at Zion's Church. By this marriage there



were four children: Elmira, now a resident of Hamburg, Pa., married Louis Houser (deceased) and (second) Levi Rehrich; Fianna Ananda is the wife of Charles Henry Hoppes; Rev. William W., of Coopersburg, Pa., married Mary Mantz; Mentana died in infancy. For his second wife Daniel Kistler married Mrs. Sarah (German) Clouse, widow of Edward Clouse, and she passed away in July, 1913, surviving Mr. Kistler, whose death occurred Sept. 7, 1908. There were no children by this union. Daniel Kistler and his wife Sarah are buried at the New Tripoli Church in Lehigh county.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN BENSINGER is one of the best known residents of West Brunswick township. As member of the faculty of the high school at Schuylkill Haven he is brought into direct contact with many of the families living in the borough and vicinity, and his activities in fraternal and church circles have further widened his acquaintance. In business he is a successful farmer, having a valuable tract under profitable cultivation. Mr. Bensinger was born April 10, 1879, at Schuylkill Haven, and belongs to one of the oldest families of this part of Schuylkill county. His great-great-grandfather, Frederick Bensinger, the progenitor of many of the name in this locality, was born in Montgomery county, Pa., and settled in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, before the Revolution. When the war broke out he was engaged in farming there, and he left his private affairs to go to the assistance of the Colonies. In his later years he received a pension for his services. He married Mary Weiman, and had a family of eight children. We have record of Michael; Benjamin; Isaac; Jacob, who married Hannah Dreher, and was the ancestor of another branch of the family in East Brunswick township; Frederick, who married a Koup; and Mrs. Koup. The parents are buried at the Frieden's Church, New Ringgold.

Michael Bensinger, son of Frederick, was a native of East Brunswick township, and died in 1855, aged fifty-seven years. He farmed in that township, where he owned about seventy-five acres of land, which he cleared, erected a log house and barn, and carried on general farming the greater part of his life. He inherited 113 acres from his father, in Bensinger valley. The Indians were still numerous enough in the locality in his day to be a menace, and the neighboring farmers got together at night for protection. Michael Bensinger married Kate Boyer, daughter of Joseph Boyer, and she died aged sixty years. They had the following children: Edward married Sarah Heiser, and both are deceased; William married a Miss Fister, and both are deceased; Franklin B. married Catherine Shuster, and both are deceased; Benneville married Caroline Fahl, and both are deceased; Frederick married Sarah Reed and (second) Emmaline Bock, and they reside at McKeesburg; Priscilla married Thomas Hartung, and both are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Bensinger are buried in the Steigerwalt Church cemetery in East Brunswick township. He was a very active member of that church. In politics he was first a Democrat, later a Whig.

Frederick Bensinger, son of Michael, was born July 15, 1835, in East Brunswick township, where he was educated. His early years were spent in work on the paternal farm, but he left home when fifteen and a half years old and went to boating on the Delaware & Hudson canal, running from Rondout, N. Y., to New York City, down the North river. Then he was a brakeman on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, between Palo Alto, Schuylkill county, and Richmond (near Philadelphia). When he gave up this work he



located at Port Carbon, to learn the trade of cabinetmaker with Jacob Bretz, but he had to stop this work because of illness, which incapacitated him for a year. After following house carpentering for a time he was again taken sick, and subsequently went to Mauch Chunk, where he learned house painting, the business he continued for twenty-four years. For a while after giving up painting he huckstered from McKeansburg, then moved to a farm in Bensinger valley and later to one in Summer valley, thence moving back to McKeansburg, where his first wife died. Buying a small tract of land, he operated it in connection with painting for one year, and in 1880 removed to Mahanoy City, where he began huckstering for H. K. Smith, later going into the green grocery business on his own account. When his store burned out he moved back to the vicinity of McKeansburg, settling on a small tract which he cultivated, meantime also doing painting, for one year. For the next nine years he was tenant on William Bock's farm, afterwards rented various farms for a number of years, and finally bought the property at McKeansburg which he now occupies, living in retirement. He is an interested member of the Steigerwalt Church (Church of God) in East Brunswick township, and is serving on the church committee. On political questions he has always been a staunch Republican.

Mr. Bensinger's first wife, Sarah (Reed), was born March 8, 1832, daughter of Christopher and Maria Catherine (Meyer) Reed, and died June 5, 1879. She is buried at the Steigerwalt Church. "To this union were born children as follows: John Emanuel; Dianna, deceased, who was the wife of Frank Siegfried, of Orwigsburg; Elizabeth, wife of Francis Faust, of West Brunswick township; Frederick, deceased; Elenora; and two that died in infancy. For his second wife Mr. Bensinger married Emmaline Bock, who was born Nov. 15, 1851, daughter of William and Susanna (Sheip) Bock, and they have become the parents of nine children: Lillie Gertrude married Harvey Dundore, of Pottsville; Agnes Louisa died April 20, 1888, aged fifteen years, eight months, twenty days; James Frederick, of Walker township, married Lillie Shock; Katie Susanna is the widow of Walter Shock and is living in Walker township; Emma Justina married Phares Shock, and they live in Walker township; Walter Leroy, of Walker township, married Elneta Boyer; Clarence Eugene, of Walker township, married Ada Leiby; Bertha May married Henry Schwenk, and lives in East Brunswick township; Furman Ambrose married Emma Miller, and they live in Dreherstown, Schuylkill county.

John Emanuel Bensinger, son of Frederick, above, was born Aug. 7, 1855, at McKeansburg, where he was reared and educated. He drove a huckster's wagon in Mahanoy City for his father, whom he also assisted in painting until 1876, in which year he removed to Schuylkill Haven. There he drove a bakery wagon for J. C. Ehman for many years, later resuming painting, and for twenty years he was a painter foreman for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, under C. F. Muehlhof, having charge of the territory to Shamokin, Pa. He is now engaged in the painting business in Schuylkill Haven. Mr. Bensinger is a member of St. John's Reformed Church in that borough, a Republican in political association, and belongs to Washington Camp No. 47, of Schuylkill Haven.

Mr. Bensinger married Susanna Knittle, who was born April 11, 1857, in McKeansburg, daughter of Benjamin Knittle, and four children have been born to them: William Franklin; Frederick Benjamin; Mamie, deceased,

and another, deceased. Frederick Benjamin Bensinger, born Oct. 14, 1881, is now second clerk in the Philadelphia & Reading shops at Schuylkill Haven; he married Bessie Moser, and they have had two children, Arlo James and Emmor Moser, the latter deceased.

William Franklin Bensinger obtained his early education in the schools of Schuylkill Haven, and later attended the Millersville State Normal school, from which institution he was graduated in 1898. He has been teaching at Schuylkill Haven ever since, for the last three years in the high school, and has been steadily successful as an educator, as his long retention in the same field would indicate. Agriculture, however, has claimed part of his interest, and he finds pleasure as well as profit in that line. In the spring of 1911 he removed to his present farm in West Brunswick township, which he purchased from Francis A. Faust, having 100 acres, of which eighty-nine are under cultivation. The land is devoted to general farming, but about fifty acres are in garden truck, and Mr. Bensinger takes produce to the markets at Pottsville and St. Clair twice a week. He makes a specialty of the growing of apples and plums, and finds a ready sale for all his crops. He has fine stock, seventeen head of Holstein cattle, three mules, two horses and fourteen hogs.

Like many of his ancestors Mr. Bensinger adheres to the faith of the Church of God, belonging to the Kimmel Church in his home township (Rev. E. F. Yoder, pastor), which is in the English eldership. He takes a leading part in its activities, being secretary of the church council, secretary of the Christian Endeavor Society, and in charge of a Bible class of young ladies in the Sunday school. He is independent in politics and not specially identified with public affairs. Socially he holds membership in Washington Camp No. 47, P. O. S. of A., of Schuylkill Haven, of which he is a past president, and he was recording secretary of the organization for fifteen years; he also affiliates with Webster Council, No. 23, Jr. O. U. A. M., of Schuylkill Haven.

Mr. Bensinger was united in marriage with Irene Maud Rubright, who was born March 9, 1879, in Shumanstown, Northumberland Co., Pa., and received her education at Shamokin, that county, graduating from the high school there. Before her marriage Mrs. Bensinger clerked in the Miehle store in Pottsville, and later in the general store of Peter Raring, in St. Clair. Like her husband she is a member of the Kimmel Church and interested in its enterprises, being secretary of the Home and Foreign Missionary societies, and an extra teacher in the Sunday school. Mr. and Mrs. Bensinger have two children: Kenneth Rubright, born Dec. 13, 1904, and Marlin Emanuel, born March 7, 1909, both of whom attend school in Schuylkill Haven.

Aaron Rubright, grandfather of Mrs. Bensinger, was born in Schuylkill Haven, and died in December, 1894, aged over seventy-five years. At one time he conducted an inn at Mount Pleasant, Schuylkill county, where the stage-coaches used to stop on their way to Pottsville and Shamokin. During the Civil war he enlisted in a cavalry regiment and saw hard service, remaining in the army throughout the war, and was held prisoner at Andersonville. Later he was a boatman for many years on the canal of the Schuylkill Navigation Company. At the time of his death he was a watchman for the Philadelphia & Reading Company at Shumansville. He was a member of the German Lutheran Church and of Ashland Post, G. A. R., and in politics was a Republican. He and his wife, Sarah (Eyster), who died in September, 1896, aged seventy-eight years, are buried at Lavelle, Schuylkill county. She was

a daughter of Benneville and Camille (Epler) Eyster. They had the following children: Jeremiah, who married Angeline Nuss, living at Mount Carmel, Pa.; Josiah; Nora, wife of Samuel Houch, of Reading, Pa.; Adeline, wife of John Troust, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Mahala, wife of Robert Rogers, of St. Clair, this county; William, who married Tillie Walters and lives at Pottsville; Charles, who married Emma Mench, living at Eagle Hill, Schuylkill county; Sarah, wife of Albert Kramer, of Philadelphia, and Ellsworth (his wife's name is Carrie).

Josiah Rubright, son of Aaron, was born Dec. 25, 1855, at Mount Pleasant, Schuylkill county. He was practically self-educated, having begun work in the coal mines at the age of nine years, and continued to be employed there until he was a youth of sixteen. After that he learned the carpenter's trade with the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, for whom he worked until twenty-eight years old, subsequently having charge of pumps for three years. He was then made outside foreman for the same company, holding that position up to the time of his death, which occurred March 30, 1905. Mr. Rubright is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at St. Clair. He was well known in the local fraternities, belonging to the Knights of Pythias at Lavelle, to Ashland Lodge, F. & A. M., and to John Siegfried Camp, Sons of Veterans, at Mount Carmel. Politically he was a Republican, and his early religious connection was with the Lutheran Church. Mr. Rubright married Berdilla Kirlin, who was born Oct. 31, 1853, in Port Clinton, Schuylkill county, daughter of Effinger Jacob and Caroline (Diener) Kirlin, and she now makes her home with her son Effinger in Ocean View, N. J. Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Rubright were the parents of nine children, four of whom died in infancy, the others being: Mrs. W. F. Bensinger; Gertrude Margaret, born July 14, 1880, wife of Samuel G. Turpe, of Mays Landing, N. J.; George Alonzo, born May 3, 1882, who married Alice Rabond and lives at Wade, Schuylkill county; Charles Edgar, born Feb. 16, 1884, who married Annie Waters and makes his home at St. Clair, Schuylkill county; and Effinger Jacob, born July 14, 1892, residing at Ocean View, New Jersey.

FRED SCHENCK, of Minersville, is a business man of standing and worthy of the respected position he occupies. The shoe store he has conducted for over twenty-five years is a popular trading place, and his patronage has been built up by methods which deserve encouragement, also gaining him the personal esteem of his customers.

Mr. Schenck is a native of Prussia, Germany, born Jan. 14, 1865, son of Fred Schenck. The father was also a native of Prussia, where he worked by the day until he came to America with his family, in 1866. Settling at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., he engaged in railroad work, which he followed for a period of thirty-nine years, being one of the first men that the Philadelphia & Reading Company placed on the retired list. He was a member of the German Lutheran Church, and active in promoting its interests. He died at Minersville. By his marriage to Sophia Voelsch he had a family of six children: Lena, who married Ed. Klinger; Fred; William, deceased; Elizabeth, wife of John Geier; Charles, deceased; and Annie, who married Herbert Drake.

Fred Schenck obtained his education at Minersville, and during boyhood began work at the mines, where he was employed from the time he was ten years until he reached the age of fifteen years. He then learned the trade of shoemaker, and after following it for a few years as journeyman opened a

store of his own, in 1887. Mr. Schenck has been in business continuously since, being now located at No. 218 Sunbury street, and he carries a general line of boots and shoes and has many steady customers. He is thoroughly familiar with the shoe business, and his careful devotion to the wants of his patrons, intelligent understanding of their needs and sincere efforts to please are the foundations upon which his success has been made. His high character and worthy life entitle him to a place among the most estimable citizens of the borough.

Mr. Schenck married Christie Bahnlofink, of Minersville, and they have had a family of six children, namely: Edna, Robert, Herman, Alma, William and Helen. Mr. Schenck is an active member of the German Lutheran Church, and his fraternal connection is with the Royal Arcanum. He is independent on political questions.

HARRY P. KLINE, of Mahanoy City, is one of the qualified mine foremen in the anthracite district. He has been outside foreman at the North Mahanoy colliery, one of the workings of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, continuously since 1907.

Mr. Kline is a native of Mahanoy City, where he has passed most of his life. His parents, William and Sarah (Kline) Kline, are now (1915) seventy-eight and eighty-two years old, respectively, the oldest living couple at Mahanoy City. William Kline was born in Nassau, Germany, and came to America when a youth of sixteen. For a short time after his arrival he was located at Ashland, Schuylkill county, and in 1860 settled at what is now Mahanoy City, where there were then only three houses. He was employed for a considerable period cutting timber and clearing land on the present site of the borough, afterwards taking a position at what was known as the Bowman colliery. For several years he was inside foreman there, remaining at the colliery until 1897, in which year he gave up the foremanship because of failing eyesight. He then worked in a stone quarry for a short time, before retiring, but he has been totally blind for the last few years. Mr. Kline is a large man, six feet, one inch in height, and possessed unusual strength when in his prime. As one of the pioneers in his part of the county he is very well known to many of its residents, and is universally respected for his high character. He married Sarah Kline, of Roaring Creek, Columbia Co., Pa., daughter of John Kline, and they now reside with their son Harry. Six children were born to them: William; Clara, Mrs. Thomas Hillbush; Kate, Mrs. Frantz Kaier; George; Harry P.; and Tillie, Mrs. McNally.

Harry P. Kline was born March 1, 1872, and obtained his schooling in the borough. He was but nine years old when he started mine work in the usual way, as slate picker at the breaker of the Mahanoy colliery, being so employed until he reached the age of fourteen years. He was then transferred to the North Mahanoy colliery, where he was breaker engineer for one year, after which he did machinist work there until eighteen years old. For the next two years he was assistant outside foreman there, followed machine work again for three years, and then became outside foreman at the Potts colliery, at Locust Dale, this county, where he was stationed for two years and eight months—from July 11, 1904, to March 22, 1907. Returning to the North Mahanoy colliery he became outside foreman, in which position he has since been retained, and he has performed its duties creditably, holding the high regard of the men and the confidence of his superiors. This is one of the most important opera-

tions of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, about nine hundred men and boys being employed there. Mr. Kline has won his promotion by honest effort, and he is a good citizen in every sense of the term.

Mr. Kline was married to Celie Burke, who died Nov. 3, 1909. She was the mother of seven children, namely: William; Nicholas; Harry; Daniel, deceased; George, deceased; John, deceased; and a daughter that died in infancy. On Jan. 27, 1912, Mr. Kline married (second) Tillie Graham, daughter of Edward Graham, and two children have been born to this marriage: a son that died in infancy; and Edward. Mr. Kline's religious connection is with the German Catholic Church.

FRANK P. SELTZER has recently settled upon a fine farm in North Manheim township and expects to give considerable attention to its cultivation. He is also engaged in the business of hauling coal, keeping nine horses and four men employed at that work, and in all of his undertakings has displayed enterprise thoroughly typical in Schuylkill county of the name he bears. Mr. Seltzer was born in North Manheim township June 22, 1876, and belongs to an old Pennsylvania family, the branch of which he is a member having been established in Schuylkill county by his grandfather.

The Seltzers were first established in Berks county, Pa., after their emigration to America. Jacob Seltzer emigrated in 1752 from the Upper Rhein, near Coblenz, in the vicinity of the famous "Seltzer Springs" in Germany, where he was born in 1732. He settled in Heidelberg township (where afterwards Womelsdorf was laid out), Berks Co., Pa., and became a naturalized citizen in 1765. Several years before (1762) he established a hotel in the village, which has continued to be known until the present time as the "Seltzer House." He died in 1788. He was married to Maria Catherine Heister, of Bern township, born in 1735, died in 1817, and by her had six children: Jacob, who married Catharine Kauffman; Michael, who enlisted in the Revolutionary war and died of fever shortly before the end of his term of service; Elizabeth, who married Dr. Michael Tryon, a prominent physician of Tulpehocken; Mary, who married Jacob Spang, a prominent ironmaster of Oley; Catharine, who married David Dewees; and a daughter who married Christopher Reed.

Jacob Seltzer was born in 1764 at Womelsdorf, where he carried on farming and kept hotel until his decease in 1825. He was married to Catharine Kauffman (daughter of Jacob, of Oley), born in 1766 and died in 1842, and by her he had eight children: William married Catharine Ruth; John married Mary Van Reed; Daniel married a Weiser; David married Eliza O. Sheetz and moved to Ohio; Jacob married a Hassinger; Michael married Catherine Haine; Anna remained single; Elizabeth married George See.

Abraham Seltzer, great-grandfather of Frank P. Seltzer, was born in Berks county, Pa., and was an early settler in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, where he followed farming until his death, which occurred at Dreherstown. For a number of years he kept hotel at that point, besides following agricultural pursuits. He lived to the age of ninety-one years, and his wife, whose maiden name was Faust, is buried with him at the Red Church. They had the following family: Mrs. Daniel Ebling, Mrs. Edw. Ebling, Michael (who married Mary Freyer), Nathan, Joseph (went West, where he died) and Mrs. Reuben Miller (lived in the West).

Nathan Seltzer, son of Abraham, was born in December, 1827, in East

Brunswick township, and died at the early age of thirty-three years. He was a successful business man, following farming, and kept an inn at Dreherstown for a time, also carrying on a general mercantile business at that point. He was a member of the Reformed Church, and is buried at the Red Church. Politically he was a Democrat. His wife, Catherine, was a daughter of Peter Albright, of West Brunswick township, and four children were born to this union: Elizabeth, Wesley A., Oscar and Mary, all deceased but Wesley; Mrs. Seltzer remarried, becoming the wife of John Walborn, but had no children by that union.

Wesley A. Seltzer was born Jan. 22, 1865, at Dreherstown, in East Brunswick township, and is a farmer, his land being in Orwigsburg borough. In 1874 he married Joanna Hoy, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Faust) Hoy, and they are the parents of the following named children: Frank P.; Mary, who lives at home; Anna, who taught school for a time, now the wife of a physician, of Orwigsburg; Catherine, wife of John Williams, living at Pine Grove Furnace, Cumberland Co., Pa.; John W., living at Franklin Furnace, N. J.; George I., now in New York State; Edward, a student at State College; and Albert, at home.

Frank P. Seltzer attended public school in West Brunswick township. His early training was entirely along the line of farm work, and he spent his young manhood at home, assisting his father. In 1913 he bought a valuable property in North Manheim township, near Adamsdale, comprising 161 acres, to which he removed March 20, 1914. This farm has been owned by the Lindners, Wagners, Heisters and Mowerys, from whom Mr. Seltzer purchased it. The location is excellent and well watered, the land being particularly desirable on that account, and Mr. Seltzer has set about converting his tract into a thoroughly up-to-date farming property. He has various social connections, being a member of Washington Camp, No. 86, P. O. S. of A., and Lodge No. 186, I. O. O. F., both of Orwigsburg. In religion like most of his family he is a member of the Reformed Church. He votes according to his own ideas, supporting the men and measures he approves regardless of the political party by which they are sponsored.

Mr. Seltzer married Ida Hartzel, daughter of John Hartzel, of Black Horse. They have a family of six children: Harold, Anna, Ralph, Oliver, John and Clarence.

GEORGE A. WACHTER, a Pottsville tradesman who stands well in the opinion of his customers and fellow citizens generally, is following a business in which at least four generations of the Wachters have been engaged. His father, Rudolph Wachter, is still following the butcher's trade at Pottsville, and his grandfather and great-grandfather were so engaged in Germany, where the family originated.

John Wachter, the grandfather, was born May 6, 1812, in Wurtemberg, Germany, son of Philip Wachter. He lived and died in Wurtemberg, passing away Jan. 19, 1862. He was a butcher and cattle dealer, and also kept hotel—a prosperous business man, and well known in his section. He was married three times, and by the first union had four children: Stephen, who came to America in 1864 and settled at St. Clair, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he was engaged in the saloon business; Anthony, who remained in Wurtemberg; Andrew, who died in France; and Paul, who came to the United States in 1868 and who has been in the carriage manufacturing business for many



years. For his second wife John Wachter married Clementine Reide, and to them were born five children: Francisca, who settled in Wurtemberg; Rudolph; August, who came to this country in April, 1867, and for a number of years was proprietor of the "West End Hotel" at Yorkville, this county; Conrad, deceased; and Elizabeth. By the third wife he had two children: Mathias, deceased; and Cornelius, a watchmaker, of Wurtemberg.

Rudolph Wachter was born Jan. 16, 1846, in Wurtemberg, where he was reared and educated, receiving the thorough training customary in his native land. When sixteen years old he entered upon his apprenticeship to the butcher's trade, and after completing his preparation followed the business as a journeyman in Germany, Switzerland and France, until he came to America. Arriving in the country in the later part of June, 1868, he settled in Schuylkill county, Pa., at Pottsville. There he worked for different butchers for a few years, in 1872 opening a shop of his own in the borough. After conducting it a few years he removed to Philadelphia, in 1876, and was employed at his trade there for the next ten years. Returning to Pottsville he found employment in the Seltzer packing house, where he remained two years, at the end of that time removing to Yorkville, where he had his home and business interests for a number of years. He had a profitable stand in a good location, and by honest dealing and reliability built up a good patronage, being one of the leading butchers in the borough. He carried on his own shop until 1910, when he decided to lay aside its responsibilities, and he returned to the employ of the Seltzer Packing Company, by whom he is still engaged.

During his active years Mr. Wachter was one of the foremost citizens of Yorkville. He was a member of the borough council for seven years, and was serving as councilman at the time the borough of Yorkville became part of Pottsville. Mr. Wachter was also policeman at Yorkville. In every official position he acquitted himself creditably, showing commendable public spirit and a conscientious regard for the wishes of his townsmen, who reciprocated by giving him their hearty support at the polls. Politically he is a Democrat. Mr. Wachter has been popular among those of his own nationality, having long been president of the local society of German Mechanics, and his religious connection is with St. John's German Catholic Church at Pottsville. His home is at No. 1639 West Market street, Pottsville. In 1912 Mr. Wachter went on a visit to his old home in Germany and also included Switzerland in his tour, spending six months abroad. In 1870 Mr. Wachter married Magdalena Yastadt, daughter of John and Barbara (Ritzel) Yastadt, of Yorkville, this county, who came from Hesse Darmstadt, Germany. Her father served seven years in the German army, came to America before his marriage, and settled at Pottsville, where he died. Of the ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wachter George A. is the eldest; Albert P., who married Emma Rader, is living at Pottsville, and is an electrician with the Philadelphia & Reading Company; Clementina died when four years old; Elizabeth died when nine years old; Emma died when twenty-nine years old; Rudolph, Jr., married Elizabeth St. Clair, and is living at Pottsville; Bertha married Harry Doland and lives at Philadelphia; Catherine is unmarried and living at Reading, Pa.; William, who married Florence Smith, lives in Pottsville and is an electrician with the Philadelphia & Reading Company; Leo is in the West.

George A. Wachter was born Nov. 24, 1870, in Pottsville, where he received a good public school education. When twelve years old he started to work as errand boy for a dressmaker, at Thirteenth and Race streets. Later



he was employed at Philadelphia for five years, three years in an umbrella factory and two years in a soap factory. When he returned to Pottsville he found work with the Seltzer Packing Company, and after three years with that concern changed to the Dolphinger Packing Company, with whom he remained one year. He then assisted his father in the latter's shop until ready to begin on his own account. He has been successfully engaged in selling meat ever since, having a well equipped establishment at No. 1440 West Norwegian street, and he has drawn a large trade by first-class service to his patrons. He owns the place where his business is located and also the property adjoining, and by his own thrift and integrity has attained a position among the substantial residents of the borough, where the name of Wachter is highly respected.

Mr. Wachter has always been public-spirited. When the Spanish-American war broke out he enlisted in Company H, 8th Pennsylvania Regiment, under Captain (now Major) Owens, and served the full term. He was a charter member of the Yorkville Fire Company, and took out the first spadeful of earth when the erection of the new building of that company was begun. He is now a member of the West End Fire Company, and fraternally is associated with the Fraternal Order of Eagles and Woodmen of the World. In religion he is a Catholic.

Mr. Wachter married Emma Roeder, daughter of Louis Roeder, a well known brewmaster of Pottsville, now living retired at No. 1021 Howard avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Wachter have three children: Dorothy, Charles and George.

WILLIAM F. FREESE, a well known farmer of Panther Valley, in North Manheim township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., was born near Dreherstown, this county, in 1854. He is a son of Gideon Freese, and the family is of German extraction.

Gideon Freese, father of William F., was born in Lehigh county, Pa., and during early life followed the occupation of farmer. Later he came to Port Clinton, Schuylkill county, where he started railroad work, in which he was engaged for about twenty-two years. After that time he did day's work at Port Clinton, where he died when over seventy years old. His remains are interred at Port Clinton. Mr. Freese was first married to Mary Ketner, by whom he had three children, William F., George and Sarah. For the second wife he married Mrs. Susanna Moyer, and of their children three are living: Jacob, James and Emma.

William F. Freese attended the public schools of Port Clinton and Schuylkill Haven. He has followed farming all his life, beginning on his own account when he had attained the age of thirty-five. He then bought the farm of his father-in-law, Peter Mertz, consisting of forty-nine acres of good land, which he has put into fine condition, making many improvements upon the buildings and bringing the land into a fine state of cultivation. He does a general farming business, and attends market at Pottsville.

Mr. Freese was married to Annie Mertz, daughter of Peter Mertz, of Schuylkill county, and they have three daughters: Jennie, living in Pottsville, Pa.; Lillie; and Annie. Mr. Freese is a member of the Methodist Church of Cressona, which he has served as trustee and steward, and he takes an active interest in all its work. In politics he is a Republican, but is not active in the political field. He takes a keen interest in all matters agricultural and

endeavors to introduce upon his farm the latest and best methods of cultivation and production. The water on his farm is as pure as any in the county.

STEPHEN E. NOEL is one of the younger business men at Minersville who are making the most of local conditions. His practical application of modern methods to the requirements of his trade has brought him prosperity, as its positive advantages have appealed to his patrons, and they have expressed their gratification in a most unmistakable manner. Though a native of Gettysburg, Adams Co., Pa., Mr. Noel has spent most of his life at Minersville, Schuylkill county.

The Noel family is of French stock, Peter Noel, grandfather of Stephen E. Noel, having been born near Paris, France. Coming to America when a young man he settled along the State road, near Gettysburg, in Adams county, Pa. He purchased land in that county, and followed farming there all his active life, living to be over seventy years of age. He is buried at Gettysburg. Mr. Noel was a member of the Catholic Church. He married Kate Myers, and seven children were born to them, namely: Susan, Mrs. Emanuel Butler; Emanuel N.; Joseph; Peter; Amanda, who married; Julia, who married Stephen Noel; and Jerome.

Emanuel N. Noel was born in Gettysburg, received a public school education and learned the trade of saddler. He was employed in that capacity by the Summit Branch Railroad Company, was a mail carrier in Adams county during the Civil war and subsequently enlisted in the Union army, joining Company F, 163d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. After the war he spent several years in Williamstown, Dauphin county, returning to Adams county, where he engaged in farming, being the owner of three farms. He died there May 12, 1893, and is buried at Gettysburg. Mr. Noel married Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, by whom he had a family of five children, viz.: George R., John R., Joseph A., William H. and Anna. For his second wife Mr. Noel married Ottilla Bueck, daughter of Henry and Anna (Shellthorn) Bueck. Her father was a native of Germany and on coming to America first settled at Tremont, Schuylkill Co., Pa., for a few months, thence removing to Minersville. By trade he was a tailor and followed that business for many years. His children were: Margaret, Ottilla, Annie, Katie, Louise, Henry and Cordella. By his second marriage Mr. Noel had seven children, namely: Cordella, who is deceased; Mary E., deceased; Louisa May, Mrs. George J. Kline; Stephen E.; Emma J.; Ottilla A., and Regina M. Mrs. Noel, the mother, is now a resident of Pottsville, Pa. In her early years she was a school teacher, following that profession at Lykens and at Williamstown, Pennsylvania.

Stephen E. Noel was born Feb. 20, 1886, at Gettysburg, Pa., where he passed his youth, attending the public schools there. When a boy he began to drive wagons for Batdorf & Dando, grocers, at Williamstown, and he has continued in that business ever since. He started on his own account in 1903, and he handles all kinds of staple articles as well as green groceries, at present taking care of a very large trade. His patronage is drawn from the borough and several miles of surrounding territory, and his store at the corner of Front and Lewis streets is well stocked with high grade goods. Though still a young man Mr. Noel has become recognized as one of the substantial dealers in his line at Minersville, and the fact that he is self-made has won him a

place in the good will of his fellow citizens here. He is a member of the well known Mercantile Club at Minersville.

On April 26, 1907, Mr. Noel married Alice C. Evans, daughter of Daniel W. Evans, who was born in Wales. For several years Mr. Evans was foreman for the Pine Hill Coal Company near Minersville, and he now resides at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. He married Dorothy Griffith, and they have had the following children: Marian, Nathan, Alberta, William, Benjamin, Thomas, Frederick and Alice C. (Mrs. Noel). Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Noel, Evan and Ethyl.

KARL W. BURKHART, of Pottsville, is a young business man of that city who is making good in an enterprise which has been well patronized ever since its establishment. He is a son of Frederick Burkhart and grandson of Martin Burkhart, both of whom were natives of Alsace-Lorraine, then French territory. The grandfather served four years in the French army. He brought his family to America when the children were quite young, settling in Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he followed his trade of tailor, being an excellent workman and in great favor in this section. During the Civil war period he did considerable work for the soldiers in Pottsville. He died in the borough and is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery. Three children were born to him and his wife, namely: Martin, Frederick and Sophia, the last named the wife of George Warnick.

Frederick Burkhart, father of Karl W. Burkhart, was born March 27, 1850, and was a young child when brought to America by his father. In early manhood he learned the trade of baker and confectioner, and he followed it throughout his active life. For fifteen years he did business at Shenandoah, at the end of that period returning to Pottsville, where in 1898 he established the Pottsville Noodle Company. He is still a member of the firm, though the active management is now in the hands of his son Karl. The plant is located at No. 308 North Railroad street, and the product consists of homemade noodles, Saratoga chips and macaroni, as well as mustard and peanut butter. The motto "Purity and cleanliness" has been strictly adhered to and accounts for the high reputation which these goods have always had among dealers.

Mr. Burkhart married Mary Louise Brenneman, daughter of the late Philip Brenneman, Sr., and they have had the following children: Anna Catherine, the wife of Clarence Kendricks, who is employed by the well known Sheaffer Estate in Pottsville; Charlotte P.; Christine M.; Anna P., the wife of Rev. A. M. Stump, of Easton, Pa.; Lester A., who is crew manager for the Pillsbury Flour Milling Company; Paul L., who is a student at the Valparaiso (Ind.) University; and Karl W.

Karl W. Burkhart was born Sept. 28, 1889, at Shenandoah, Schuylkill county, and was a boy when the family removed to Pottsville, where he received his education in the public schools. He was still young when he began work with his father, under whose competent instruction he learned the baking business, and he has continued to follow that line to the present. His assistance, energy and up-to-date ideas have had considerable to do with the recent prosperity of the Pottsville Noodle Company, of which he became the manager in 1911. He now handles all the details of the business, and his live methods and thorough familiarity with the needs of the trade have enabled him to keep up with his competitors and extend his custom, which is drawn from all over Schuylkill and the surrounding counties. Personally he is a

young man of excellent character, a good citizen, and thoroughly respected in his home city. He is unmarried and resides with his parents. The family belong to Trinity Lutheran Church at Pottsville.

HOMER F. MILLER has one of the most popular general stores at Valley View. He has been conducting it as proprietor since 1913, but his connection with the business goes back five years further, during which period he clerked for J. E. Rickert, the former owner. In that time he was not only gaining familiarity with the operation of the store, but also laying the foundations for the confidence and good will which have made it a success under his ownership. The uninterrupted patronage of old customers is the best possible evidence of their approval of his methods, and he has expressed his appreciation in improved service and up-to-date stocks in every line. Mr. Miller is one of the younger business men of the town, but nevertheless regarded as substantial and reliable. He is a son of Louis Miller and grandson of Samuel Miller, who settled in an early day at Sacramento, Schuylkill county, where he farmed until his death.

Louis Miller was born at Sacramento, and has passed all his life in Schuylkill county. He has made his home at Valley View since about 1889. For many years he was engaged in butchering, but for the last eight years he has been in the local postal service, having the rural free delivery route from Valley View. He married Kate Herb, who was born in Hegins township, daughter of Abraham Herb, a farmer, who resided in the township until his death. Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Miller: Jennie, wife of Elwin Conrad, of Valley View; Harvey E., who now lives at Williams-town, Pa.; Homer F.; Emory A., living at home; Mabel, wife of George Bixler, of Valley View; I. Walter, who is clerking for his brother Homer F. Miller; Allen, living at home, who is still pursuing his studies; Edna, at home; and two deceased.

Homer F. Miller was born in 1887 at Sacramento, Schuylkill county, where he passed his early years, receiving most of his education in the public schools there. When he was twelve years old the family moved out to Kansas, but returned a year later to Pennsylvania and settled at Valley View. During his youth he worked in the collieries for four years, and then entered the employ of J. E. Rickert, clerking for him five years in the general store which he now owns. In 1913 he bought Mr. Rickert's interest in the business, which he has since carried on on his own account.

In 1909 Mr. Miller married Edna V. Herb, of Valley View, daughter of John and Harriet (Erdman) Herb, who live at Valley View. Mr. Herb is a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have one child, Catherine Harriet. They are active members of the United Brethren Church, and Mr. Miller is a teacher of the Women's Organized Adult Bible Class. Socially he is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M.

JOHN M. EBLING, of Schuylkill Haven, has been a resident of that borough for twenty years and more, for a number of years conducting the well known "Spring Garden Hotel" there, in this connection becoming very well known throughout his section of Schuylkill county. He is a member of the fourth generation of his family in this county, it having been established here by his great-grandfather, Jacob Ebling, a native of Oley, Berks Co., Pa., who settled in West Brunswick township about 1831. Here he engaged in farm-

ing, in connection with which he followed his trade, blacksmithing, but after a few years' residence in Schuylkill county returned to Berks county, where he died. Among his children were Jacob, Gideon, Kate, Sallie, and David. His father was the earliest ancestor of the family in America, having come to this country from Germany and settled in Berks county, Pa., where he lived and died.

Gideon Ebling, son of Jacob, was born in 1813 in Oley township, Berks Co., Pa., and attended public school at Reading, that county, during his boyhood. He accompanied his parents on their removal to West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, in 1831, and followed farming in this county the remainder of his days, owning the tract of 148 acres upon which he made his home. His sincere endeavors to live an upright life won him the esteem of all who knew him. For many years he was a member of the Reformed Church, helped to build the church at Auburn, and was always active in religious enterprises. Politically he was a strong Democrat.

Mr. Ebling married Elizabeth Fahl, daughter of John Fahl, of West Brunswick township, and she is buried in a private cemetery at Auburn. Mr. Ebling died on his farm Oct. 24, 1892. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Ebling, namely: Angeline married John Hosler; Thomas is living at Auburn; Albert, who lives at Tamaqua, served during the Civil war in Company G, 28th Pennsylvania Volunteers. Robert is mentioned below; Elizabeth married Edward Faust; Polly married James Meck; Jacob, who lived and died in West Brunswick township, was a Union soldier during the Civil war, serving in Company K, 97th Pennsylvania Regiment; Susanna married Frank Schwenk; Gideon lives at Auburn.

Robert Ebling, one of the sons of Gideon and Elizabeth (Fahl) Ebling, was born March 22, 1842, in West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, and attended the pay schools common in that region in his boyhood days. He was reared to farming, working at home with his father until he reached the age of eighteen years, after which he learned the trade of blacksmith at Auburn. He followed it for four years, until his marriage, at that time settling on a farm in West Brunswick township, which he cultivated for many years. Moving to Schuylkill Haven he conducted the "Spring Garden Hotel" in that borough for seven years, and is now living retired, occupying the home on Centre avenue which he erected.

Though a Democrat, Mr. Ebling was an ardent Union supporter during the Civil war, serving under two enlistments, as a private in Company G, 28th Pennsylvania Volunteers, under Col. J. C. Frick, of Pottsville, and again during the emergency, in 1862. He has been one of the most efficient party workers in his township, has been delegate to a number of county conventions, and has received substantial recognition and appreciation from his fellow citizens, who have chosen him to several township offices, the duties of which he has discharged with conscientious regard for the best interests of the public. In 1891 he was elected one of the directors of the poor of Schuylkill county, for a term of three years, which office he filled most creditably. Socially he is a member of Lodge No. 543, I. O. O. F., at Auburn, and his religious connection is with the Reformed Church, in whose welfare he has long maintained an active interest.

Mr. Ebling married Sarah De Walt, daughter of Joseph De Walt, of South Manheim township, and she died in 1884, the mother of seven children, three sons and four daughters, namely: Irvin A., formerly of Qrwwigsburg, now a

resident of Mount Carbon, married Annie Miller, of Washington township; Annie is married to Morris Kissler, and lives in Schuylkill Haven; Kate and Joel live at home; Ellen is the wife of W. Wagner, of Schuylkill Haven; John M. is mentioned below; Mary married George W. Butz, a civil engineer and also a well known merchant of Schuylkill Haven.

John Fahl, father of Mrs. Elizabeth (Fahl) Ebling, was a native and lifelong resident of West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county. During his early life the Indians were still in this region, and he helped to open it up to civilization. He lived to the advanced age of eighty-five years, and his wife Elizabeth lived to be ninety years old.

John M. Ebling was born Nov. 11, 1874, in West Brunswick township, where he received his education in the public schools. Up to the age of twenty years he was employed with his father on the farm, and then came to Schuylkill Haven and entered the Philadelphia & Reading repair shops, where he worked for the six years following. After that he embarked in the hotel business, taking charge of the "Spring Garden Hotel," which he conducted until April 1, 1913. Meantime, in 1910, he had purchased the hotel property from the Joel Stump Estate, and during his ownership the hotel underwent material improvements, being converted into an up-to-date establishment. When he gave it up the lease was taken by Mr. Bubeck, but Mr. Ebling continues to own the property, and he owns other valuable real estate property in Schuylkill Haven also. Since the spring of 1914 he has been a sub-agent for the well known Ford automobile at Schuylkill Haven, at present giving the principal part of his attention to this business. Mr. Ebling's genial personality made him highly successful as a hotelkeeper, and he has been equally prosperous in his other undertakings, in all of which he has shown good judgment and executive ability. He is a popular member of the Democratic party, has served as ward committeeman, and is now a candidate for membership of the State committee. Socially he holds membership in the Improved Order of Red Men and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, in the latter connection belonging to Aerie No. 134, of Pottsville, Pa. Like members of the family generally he belongs to the Reformed Church.

Mr. Ebling married Alice M. Auchey, a daughter of Jonathan Auchey, of Wayne township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and they have one child, a daughter, Helen Verna.

WILLIAM J. BURNHAM is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of the borough of Port Carbon, where the family is one of old standing, his father, Joseph Burnham, having been a pioneer settler there.

Joseph Burnham was a native of England, born Nov. 25, 1798, and came to America in young manhood. He was a miner, stocking maker and engineer, worked on the construction of the jail at Cherry Hill, Philadelphia, Pa., and afterwards located at Mount Laffee, near Pottsville, Schuylkill county, where he was employed as a miner and engineer. He hoisted the first coal lifted by steam at the Spoon vein in Schuylkill county, and continued to follow this kind of work to the end of his life, his last position being at the Eagle Hill. His death occurred at Port Carbon April 29, 1865, and he is buried in the Presbyterian cemetery there. Mr. Burnham was especially interested in church work, in which he always took an active part, and he was one of the charter members of the Methodist congregation at Port Carbon, where he served as trustee, steward and class leader. He married Rebecca Mellor, who was born



Jan. 3, 1795, and died June 4, 1885, and she is also buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Port Carbon. They had a family of twelve children, born as follows: George, March 25, 1820; Kate, Feb. 14, 1822; Joseph, Feb. 7, 1824; Susan, April 4, 1826; Joseph, Nov. 7, 1827; Austin, Nov. 24, 1830; Thomas, Jan. 24, 1832; Mary A., Aug. 10, 1833; Hannah, March 27, 1835; Rebecca S., Nov. 9, 1836; John H., June 18, 1839; and William J., June 6, 1841. Mrs. Burnham came with two children from Philadelphia to Mount Carbon, a distance of nearly one hundred miles, making the journey on the deck of a boat loaded with lumber, which was the only protection they had from the weather.

William J. Burnham was born at Port Carbon, and here received his early training and education. When a boy he picked slate at the colliery for a time and spent a few months in Maryland, where he ran an engine for one winter. Returning to Port Carbon he soon afterwards became a chute boss at the colliery at Five Points, near the borough, where he was employed for one year. When he returned from the army he was employed one year as an engineer, until he changed to the oil house, at Palo Alto, Nov. 2, 1866. He was in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Company at that point for nineteen years, until his retirement. He makes his home at Port Carbon, where he has a wide acquaintance and the respect of all who know him.

During the Civil war Mr. Burnham enlisted in Company K, 56th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and on Aug. 28, 1862, he was wounded at Gainesville, Va. On Nov. 2d of that year Mr. Burnham was seriously wounded in the battle at Union, Va., by the bursting of a shell, losing his right arm at the shoulder. For three days he was under shell fire at Rappahannock Station, and for one day at Sulphur Springs, Va. He has always taken an active interest in G. A. R. work, being a member of Allison Brothers Post, No. 144, of Port Carbon, and one of its past officers. He is a leading member of the Methodist Church, which he has served as trustee and steward, and for four years he held the position of superintendent of the Sunday school.

Mr. Burnham has been twice married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Lydia B. Phillips, was from Pottsville, born Sept. 3, 1845, and died Dec. 22, 1891. She conducted a millinery store at Port Carbon for a number of years. Mr. Burnham's second marriage was to Mrs. Hallie Davis, who was from Minnesota, and she died Nov. 8, 1912. There were no children by either union.

Mrs. Hallie Davis Burnham had children by her first marriage.

CHRISTOPHER C. REDDY, train dispatcher at Gordon, Pa., for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, is a man of much literary attainment and is noted throughout Schuylkill county for his ability and brilliancy as a correspondent. He has been correspondent for the *Pottsville Republican*, the *Ashland Evening Telegram* and the *Ashland News* for over thirty-five years. Mr. Reddy is a son of Christopher and Catherine (Reilly) Reddy, both natives of County Meath, Ireland, and was born at Gordon, Pa., Nov. 18, 1860.

Christopher Reddy, the father, was born in County Meath, Ireland, and the grandparents died in that country. He came to America in 1854 and settled in Delaware, where he remained for some time. He was married in Philadelphia to Catherine Reilly, by whom he had the following children: James, a resident of Perth Amboy, N. J.; Thomas, deceased; Anna, widow of Thomas Connor, of Gordon; Christopher C., mentioned below; Patrick, deceased;



Bartholomew, residing in Gordon; and Michael, John and Mary, all deceased. Mr. Reddy removed to Ashland in 1858 and remained there until 1860, when he settled at Gordon. He was one of a construction crew which helped to build the Reading railroad from Gordon to Locust Gap and Gordon Plane, during the time when much of this country was a wilderness. He continued in the employ of the railroad company thereafter, being a watchman at Gordon Plane for forty years. When President Lincoln issued his call for 75,000 men Mr. Reddy enlisted in Company I, 48th Pa. Vol. Inf., and served for three months. He afterwards received a pension for his services. He was one of the charter members of the G. A. R. post at Gordon, and was still a member of that organization, at the time of his death, May 30, 1895. Mrs. Reddy, who was born in County Meath, Ireland, came to America when a child, and died at Gordon, March 20, 1908. Her parents died in Ireland.

Christopher C. Reddy was educated in the schools of Gordon, and in 1872 went to work for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company. In 1880 he took up telegraphy, was soon able to handle a key with the best operators and is now train dispatcher for the railroad at Gordon. He has also been station agent at that point, and has served the railroad company in various other capacities. In addition to this he has been giving the Gordon news to the papers in other parts of the county for over thirty-five years, with success and general satisfaction. Mr. Reddy is a member of the Roman Catholic Church, and of the Philadelphia & Reading Relief Corps. He has served as tax receiver of the county of Schuylkill. He has never married and resides with a married sister.

AUGUST MANDLER, one of the younger business men of Ashland, who has made a thorough success of his enterprise, has a well conducted greenhouse at Millersville, near the borough, which he has been carrying on for several years. He was born near Ashland in 1886, son of John and Anna (Schilling) Mandler. John Mandler, Sr., his grandfather, was a native of Germany, and settled in Schuylkill county, Pa., at an early day. He served his adopted country as a soldier in the Mexican war, and was a miner by occupation.

John Mandler, father of August Mandler, was born in Schuylkill county, and died when his son August was yet a boy. He followed mining all his active life. His wife, Anna (Schilling), also a native of this county, is now deceased. Her father, John Schilling, was a German by birth, and long ago came to America, settling in Schuylkill county. Six children were born to John and Anna (Schilling) Mandler, namely: Matthias, who is a resident of Fountain Springs, this county; John, deceased; Frederick, a veteran of the Spanish-American war, now first sergeant of Company A, 3d Infantry in the United States regular army; August; Catherine, and Michael.

August Mandler attended public school in his home township and at Ashland, receiving a practical education. When he commenced work he took up the florist business, in which he has found congenial and profitable occupation. He has a greenhouse at Millersville, near Ashland, which he has been steadily enlarging and improving as the increase of his business justified, and he bids fair to rank among the substantial business men of the vicinity. His establishment is the only one of the kind there and has received encouraging patronage.

THOMAS HARTUNG occupies a respected position among the substantial farmers of East Brunswick township, which he has attained by hard

work. His ambition has been supplemented by practical efforts which have brought him honorable independence, and he is thoroughly deserving of the good will and friendly esteem which are manifest wherever he goes.

The late Thomas Hartung, his father, was born May 1, 1819, in Pottsville, Pa., and was twelve years old when his father died. The widowed mother brought her boys and girls to West Penn township, Schuylkill county, and there Thomas received his early education. At the age of sixteen years he came to East Brunswick township, to learn the blacksmith's trade with Jacob Bensinger, and after completing his apprenticeship started in business for himself, on the farm now owned by Thomas W. Paul, in East Brunswick township. He had his shop on the farm, which he owned, and conducted it for thirty-three years. The tract was a large one, and about half cleared when he bought it, and he made considerable progress in the task of clearing the remainder. After thirty-three years there he traded farms with his son-in-law, William Paul, and moved to the farm now occupied by his son Thomas. He was on this tract twenty-two years before his death, following general farming, and he passed away in November, 1885, after an industrious and prosperous life. He adhered to the principles of the Republican party. Mr. Hartung was married to Priscilla Bensinger, who was born in December, 1823, and died March 15, 1896, a daughter of Michael and Catherine (Boyer) Bensinger. Children as follows were born to this union: Amanda Mary, born June 30, 1841, died Dec. 2, 1841; Emma Elizabeth, born Dec. 16, 1842, died March 12, 1910, the wife of William Paul; James William, born Jan. 10, 1845, died in February, 1910, married Sarah Gerber, who is also deceased; Eli, born July 20, 1846, died Dec. 27, 1846; Jane, born Oct. 31, 1847, died Nov. 2, 1885, married Joel Dietrich, who is also deceased; Catherine, born June 24, 1849, is the wife of Frederick Yeisly; Matilda, born Sept. 25, 1851, died May 18, 1872, unmarried; Mary, born Sept. 10, 1854, married David Schock; Thomas is next in the family; Priscilla, born Sept. 23, 1857, died June 23, 1872, unmarried. The parents are buried in the Steigerwalt cemetery in East Brunswick township. Mr. Hartung was a member of the Church of God, and served as elder most of his mature life, holding that office at the time of his death.

Thomas Hartung, son of Thomas and Priscilla (Bensinger) Hartung, was born April 19, 1856, in East Brunswick township, on the farm now owned by Thomas W. Paul. He obtained his education in the East Brunswick schools, moving with his father to the place where he now lives; he has had a large share in its improvement. The farm at that time contained thirteen acres, ten cleared. After his father's death he bought the place, and later purchased a tract of fifty-four acres adjoining, without buildings, which latter he has since sold to his nephew, Thomas W. Paul. Mr. Hartung has given his time to general farming and trucking, and attends market at Middleport, New Philadelphia and Big Vein. He has shown his public spirit in six years of effective service on the school board. He is a Republican on political issues. For twenty-six years he has been an elder in the Church of God at Steigerwalt, and is highly regarded by his fellow members in that organization.

On May 13, 1877, Mr. Hartung married Sarah Jane Schock, who was born Oct. 14, 1857, in Liberty township, Montour Co., Pa., daughter of Emmanuel Schock, the ceremony taking place in West Penn township; it was performed by Rev. Eli Souers, of Auburn, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Hartung have no children. She came from her native township to Schuylkill county when six years old.

Jacob Schoch, the grandfather of Mrs. Hartung, was a farmer of Schuylkill (now Walker) township, this county, where he owned a tract of over 100 acres. He married Eliza Beck, a daughter of Emmanuel and Barbara (Fisher) Beck, and we have the following account of their children, of whom there were fourteen: Levi went to war and never returned; John married Hettie Merkel; Emmanuel was the father of Mrs. Hartung; Daniel married Malinda Sheipe; Jacob married Mary Reichert; Lewis married Elizabeth Mosteller; Joseph married Lizzie Kistler; Catherine is unmarried; Barbara married Charles Heisler; David married Mary Hartung. Mr. Schoch was a Republican, but not active in politics. He held membership in the German Lutheran Church, in the Lewistown valley, Walker township, and he and his wife are buried there.

Emmanuel Schock, born Feb. 12, 1833, in Schuylkill township, was educated in the schools of that part of Schuylkill now known as Walker township. He assisted his father on the farm while young, and after his marriage left home. He worked as a farm laborer for a time, later, in partnership with his brother Levi, buying a tract in Liberty township, Montour Co., Pa., which they operated until Levi went into the Union army. Emmanuel Schock then sold the farm and lived in Schuylkill township, this county, for a while, after which he removed to Auburn, Schuylkill county, and with his brother Lewis as a partner bought a 100-acre tract which they operated until after their father's death. They then sold their farm and Emmanuel came to Schuylkill township and bought part of the homestead place, which he operated until after his wife's death. Selling his interest there, he conducted a general store a short distance up the road from the homestead, continuing the business until his death, which occurred Sept. 12, 1907.

On Jan. 7, 1855, Mr. Schock married Caroline Stupp, who was born in December, 1834, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Schoener) Stupp, and died May 26, 1872. She was the mother of six children: Mary, born Jan. 30, 1856, died young; Sarah Jane, born Oct. 14, 1857, is the wife of Thomas Hartung; Charles, born Nov. 5, 1859, married Emma Moyer; Levi Franklin, born April 11, 1862, died young; Samuel, born Oct. 14, 1863, died young; Emma, born May 4, 1866, died young. For his second wife Mr. Schock married Mrs. Rebecca (Hoch) Kessler, the widow of Levi Kessler. She is now (1915) about seventy years of age, and is living in Florida. Mr. Schock was a Republican, and his religious connection was with the German Lutheran Church in Lewistown valley, Walker township; his first wife was a member of the United Evangelical Church, and they are buried in the Evangelical Church cemetery at Lewistown.

GEORGE R. CARMITCHELL has had a varied experience in the mines of Schuylkill county, which he has found very valuable in meeting the requirements of his present position, that of inside foreman at the Tunnel Ridge colliery, at Mahanoy City. He is a descendant of an old family of Schuylkill county, founded here by his grandfather, who was an early settler at Ashland, where he lived and died. His occupation was shoemaking. Of his four sons, Robert, John, Daniel and Charles, all but the last named served in the Civil war, Daniel as a drummer boy. John was the father of twenty-one children.

Charles Carmitchell, father of George R. Carmitchell, was born at Cumbola, Schuylkill Co., Pa., was a miner by occupation, and died in December, 1905, at Mount Carmel, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he is buried. After some

years' residence at Ashland he moved to Helfenstine, this county, and later to Mount Carmel. In 1892 he was made inside foreman at the Natalie (Northumberland county) colliery, where he was stationed until 1894. Returning to Mount Carmel, he again followed mining for several years, in 1900 coming to Mahanoy City. Until 1902 he was fire boss at the Primrose colliery, at Mahanoy City, living at Mahanoy City during this time, and subsequently mined there, until he went back to Mount Carmel, where he passed the rest of his life. His widow, Mrs. Rebecca (Adams) Carmitchell, still resides at Mount Carmel. They had the following children: Janet, who is now deceased; George R.; Rebecca, deceased; Mary; Eliza, deceased; Margaret; Mabel; and Alice.

George R. Carmitchell was born March 9, 1879, at Helfenstine, Schuylkill county. He had ordinary public school advantages until ten years old, when he started mine work as a slate picker at the breaker. At the age of twelve he was given inside work, tending door, etc., and worked at the different positions until he became a regular miner, being so engaged for eight years at the Richards colliery, at Mount Carmel, and at the Green Ridge, Natalie, Primrose and North Mahanoy Collieries. In September, 1903, he became fire boss at Park Place, Schuylkill county, where he remained until June, 1907, when he took a similar position at the North Mahanoy colliery, in the Schuylkill section. He was there for almost four years, from July, 1907, until April, 1911, after which he was assistant inside foreman at the Tunnel Ridge colliery until Sept. 1, 1913, when he was promoted to inside foreman. In this capacity he has the oversight of five hundred and fifty men, and their good opinion of him, as well as the approval of his employers, stamps him as trustworthy and competent. Mr. Carmitchell has not only shown his intention of performing his work conscientiously, but he has been ambitious to gain a thorough understanding of his business from the scientific as well as the practical standpoint, and with this object he has taken a comprehensive course in mining at the International Correspondence Schools, of Scranton. He began these studies in 1900, and he has gone through the complete coal mining course, covering twenty-eight branches, having a diploma in each. He completed this work and passed the last examination in July, 1914. No one knows better than he the advantages of such close application to all the details of his work, or the benefit to be derived therefrom, and its value has been proved many times in actual tests. Mr. Carmitchell is well known socially, belonging to the Washington Hook & Ladder Company, to Lodge No. 617, I. O. O. F., and to the M. E. Church; he has served the church as one of the official board.

In 1900 Mr. Carmitchell married Jennie Hubler, daughter of Richard Hubler, and the following children have been born to them: Charles R., Mabel, Jennie, George, William, Thomas and Alice, the last named dying in infancy. The family home is at No. 1311 East Mahanoy avenue, Mahanoy City.

ALFRED ZIMMERMAN has been a lifelong resident of West Penn township, where he was born Feb. 12, 1848. He is of German descent, being a great-grandson of Leonard Zimmerman, a native of Germany, who settled in Schuylkill county, Pa., many years ago, and reared his family here. His children were: Samuel, grandfather of Alfred Zimmerman; David, who married; and Mrs. John Zehner. Leonard Zimmerman and his wife are buried at Zion's Church in West Penn township. He was a member of the German Reformed Church, and in politics supported the Democratic party.

Samuel Zimmerman, son of Leonard, was born in West Penn township and grew to manhood there, receiving his education in the local schools. In young manhood he learned the trade of carpenter, but farming was always his principal occupation, and he prospered, becoming a large landowner. His home tract, the first place he bought, was the 109-acre property now owned by his grandson Frank Zimmerman, and besides he owned two tracts of sixty acres each, and one of seventy-five. Retiring from arduous farm labors when about sixty years of age, he sold the 109 acres to his son Thomas (father of the present owner) and with his wife moved into a residence he had built on a twenty-acre tract he owned. Mrs. Zimmerman, whose maiden name was Susan Miller, died there when over sixty years old. His death, which occurred at the home of his son Thomas when he was seventy-two years old, was the result of camp fever contracted during his service in the Civil war. Mr. Zimmerman was a Democrat and took considerable interest in public affairs; held the office of constable for many years; and was a prominent member and official of the Reformed congregation at Zion's Church, serving as elder, deacon and trustee. He and his wife are buried at the church. Their children were: Rebecca died unmarried; Benjamin married Polly Martz; Thomas was the father of Alfred Zimmerman; Polly married Samuel Miller; Priscilla married Abraham Halderman; Rudolph married Hannah Donert; Joseph married Polly Schaeffer; Samuel married Lydia Mautz, and died in Oregon.

Thomas Zimmerman, son of Samuel, was born in West Penn township, and died there, on the farm of 109 acres previously mentioned, April 25, 1903, aged seventy-eight years. His education was obtained in the common schools of the township, and in early life he learned shoemaking, which was his chief occupation for a number of years; he gave it up when his son Alfred was ten years old. He had quite an extensive patronage, employing a couple of men to help him. When he turned from his trade to farming he bought the home place from his father, and there remained until his death, though after retiring he sold it to his son Frank. He carried on general agriculture, and marketed his produce at Tamaqua. He was a public-spirited citizen, one of the earliest advocates of the public school system in the township, and served very efficiently as school director; for one year he filled the position of tax collector. Like his father he was a Democrat and a member of the Reformed Church, belonging to Zion's Church, which he served as trustee and in other capacities, being one of its most helpful workers. Mr. Zimmerman married Annie Schaeffer, daughter of George and Catharine (Hoppes) Schaeffer, and she survived him, dying two years ago, when well up in the eighties. Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman are buried at Zion's Church. Of their three children, Alfred is mentioned below; Ellen married Owen Wehr, of Lehighton; Frank is married to Jane Hill.

Alfred Zimmerman grew up in West Penn township, where he received his education in school No. 11. His agricultural training was gained assisting his father, with whom he worked until twenty-seven years old, at which time he married and moved to his present farm, which his father bought for him. The property comprises 109 acres, seventy of which are cleared, and though he carried on general farming he acquired considerable reputation in the locality for his success with fruit, to which he gave special attention. He attended market at Tamaqua. Mr. Zimmerman has retired from agricultural work, his son Howard now owning the farm, but he is still engaged in milling, having a sawmill and chop mill on the farm, the former operated by steam, the

latter by water power. He is a man of active temperament, doing his share in the furtherance of all good movements in the locality, is a trustee of the Reformed congregation of Zion's Church, and in politics associates with the Democratic party. He has acted as judge of election.

By his marriage to Kate George, Mr. Zimmerman has had the following children: Cora Adda, born March 2, 1878, is the wife of Dr. Samuel Zehner, of Lynnpport, Lehigh Co., Pa., and her children are Lorain, Vera, George, Harold and Woodrow; Howard Franklin, born Nov. 28, 1883, now farming the home place in West Penn township, married Rosie Eberts, and they have one child, Lamont Howard; Edna Mabel, born Dec. 23, 1894, was a member of the class of 1915, Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown.

Mrs. Zimmerman was born Oct. 26, 1854, in Lowhill township, Lehigh Co., Pa., daughter of Levi George, who moved to Schuylkill county when she was twelve years old, settling at the hotel now known as the "Three Mile House," in West Penn township, which he conducted for a few years. Previous to his removal to Schuylkill county he was engaged as a huckster, and when he gave up the hotel business he bought a farm in West Penn township, the place now owned by William Kunkel. After cultivating it for a while he moved to Tamaqua, where he conducted the "American Hotel" until his retirement, withdrawing from business principally because his wife had become afflicted with blindness. His son Eli then took the hotel, the parents continuing to live there, however. Levi George was born in 1819, lived to be over eighty years old, and is buried at Zion's Church in West Penn township. By his first wife, whose maiden name was Kemmerer, he had two children: Maria, now the wife of Nathan Snyder, of New Tripoli, Lehigh Co., Pa.; and Sophia, wife of Lewis Guldner, of Tamaqua. For his second wife Mr. George married Esther Snyder, who was born in 1819, daughter of Conrad Snyder, and they had three children; Monroe, of Reading, Pa., who married Mary Wertman; Kate, Mrs. Zimmerman; and Eli; the latter, who is still conducting the "American House" at Tamaqua, married Sabilla Strauss. Mr. and Mrs. George are buried at Zion's Church. He was a member and elder of the Reformed congregation there, and a Republican in political sentiment.

JONATHAN B. EMRICK, late of Pottsville, had a valuable home place in the section known as Mechanicsville, and was one of the most esteemed residents of that section. He was born April 19, 1838, in South Manheim township, Schuylkill county, son of John Emrick and grandson of Jacob Emrick, and was a member of an old Pennsylvania family. His earlier ancestors lived in Berks county, the family having been established in eastern Pennsylvania during the first half of the eighteenth century.

There is record of a number of the name who emigrated to this country during that period, the Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. XVII, showing the following, with the name of ship and date of arrival: Johan "Nickel" Emrich (aged thirty-six), "Glasgow," Sept. 9, 1738; Jacob Emrich (aged nineteen), "Patience and Margaret," Sept. 25, 1748; Johan Fried. Emrich, "Chesterfield," Sept. 1, 1749; Anthoni Emrich, "Royal Union," Aug. 15, 1750; Johan George Emmerich, "Richard and Mary," Sept. 20, 1752; Herman Emrich (aged twenty-seven) and Carl Emrich (aged twenty-seven), "Louisa," Oct. 3, 1753; Johan Peter Emrich, "Bannister," Oct. 31, 1754; Andreas Emrich, snow "Tryall," Dec. 4, 1764; Johannes Emrich, "Chance," Sept. 23, 1766; Joseph Emrich, "Betsy," Oct. 26, 1768; Johan Theobald Emrich, "Minerva," Oct. 13,



1769; Andreas Emmerich, "Charming Molly," Oct. 22, 1773. One John Bolters Emerick died on shipboard April 22, 1806.

That the family has been quite numerous in eastern Pennsylvania is shown by the Federal census report of 1790, in which, under Emrich, we find indexed Adam, Andrew, Balser, Herman, Jacob, Jacob, Jr., John, John (Philadelphia county), John Jr., John Jr., John George, Leonard, Ludwig (Philadelphia county), Michael, Nicolas (Cumberland county), Philip and William; of the Emricks, there were George, Henry (of Dauphin county), and Jacob, John, John and Valentine (all four of Montgomery county). Of these Adam Emrich, of Tulpehocken township, Berks county, had two sons under sixteen and two daughters; Andrew Emrich, of that township, had one son above and two sons under sixteen and four daughters; John George Emrich, of the same township, had four daughters; Balser Emrich, of Bethel township, Berks county, had three sons under sixteen and two daughters; John Emrich, Jr., of Bethel township, had one son under sixteen and one daughter; another John Emrich, Jr., of the same township, had two sons above sixteen; Jacob Emrich, also of Bethel township, had wife but no children; Jacob Emrich, Jr., same township, had one son above and one son under sixteen and two daughters; William Emrich, of Bern township, Berks county, had one son above and one son under sixteen, and two daughters; Leonard Emrich, of Brunswick (or Brecknock) and Manheim townships, Lancaster county, had one son above and one son under sixteen; Michael Emrich had four sons above sixteen and two daughters; Philip Emrich, of the borough of Reading, Berks county, had two sons above and one son under sixteen, and three daughters; Herman Emrich, of Rockland township, Berks county, had one son above and two sons under sixteen, and three daughters. One Andrew Emrich, of Bethel township, Berks county, died before 1789, leaving a wife Margaret and children Valentine, Julianna (married Henry Moyer), John and Henry. During the Revolutionary war one Jacob Emmerick was a private in Capt. James Todd's company from Dauphin county.

Of the Emrich wills on record the earliest is that of Nicholas Emerich, regarding which we find the following in the register general's office at Reading, Berks county: Letters of administration under the said office with a true copy of a translation from the German original of the last will and testament of Nicholas Emerich, late of the township of Rockland in the County of Berks, aforesaid, yeoman, deceased, were granted to Valentine Emerich of the Township of Whitehall, in the County of Northampton, in the Province of Pennsylvania, yeoman, eldest son of the said testator, no executor or executors being therein named, he having first given bond according to Law (Anna Barbara, the widow, relict of the said testator, appearing not to be of sound understanding sufficient to take upon her the burden of the administration of the estate of the said testator); inventory to be exhibited at or before the twenty-sixth day of July next and an account of his administration at or before the twenty-sixth day of June, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand, seven hundred and seventy; which will of the said Nicholas Emerich, deceased, was duly proved by the solemn oath of George Oberdorff and Jaque Baral, the Subscribing Witnesses to the said will, but being in the German language could not be recorded. The will was proved the sixteenth of June, 1769; letters of administration the 26th of the same month. Examined by James Read, deputy register.

Descendants of Valentine Emerick live in Center county, near Center Hall.



One is a doctor, and his sister is married to an attorney who had a number of Emrich family papers.

Other wills recorded are those of Jacob Emerich (1803); Adam Emerich (1809); Balzer Emerich (1810); Adam Emerich (1813); John Emerich (1816); Leonard Emerich (1834); Christian Emerich (1840); Hannah Emerich (1842); Barbara Emerich (1849); George Emerich (1865). Guardians were appointed for John and George Emerich in 1809; for Mary and Catharine Emerich in 1810; for a child of John Emerich (deceased) and for Peter and Joseph Emerich, 1815.

There was a John Nicholas Emerick, born in 1749, who came to this country in 1774, and who engaged in the fur trade as a partner of John Jacob Astor, founder of the celebrated New York family. Astor, also a German, born in 1763, near Heidelberg, was engaged in the manufacture of musical instruments with his brother in London, and came to America in 1783, to Baltimore, with the idea of disposing of some of his instruments. He was the first regular dealer in that line in this country. Having exchanged musical instruments for furs, in New York, he accidentally entered into the business upon which his great fortune was founded. Returning to London with his stock, he disposed of it to such advantage that he speedily made another trip. In time he came to invest largely in real estate in New York, where he made his home until his death, in 1848. (See "Frolic and Fun," by Isabel Allardyce, 1907). John Nicholas Emerick, who was his partner in the fur business for thirty years, was stationed at Berlin and was probably the best known agent in Europe in that line of trade. He never married, leaving all his property to the children of two brothers in the United States. According to tradition Astor and Emerick entered into an agreement to the effect that no settlement of their partnership affairs was to be made for a certain number of years after the death of either. So far as the descendants of John Michael Emerick—supposed to have been a brother of John Nicholas Emerick—are concerned, no settlement has ever been reached. The estate was reputed to be so vast as to stimulate the activities of possible beneficiaries. Franklin Square, Philadelphia, is part of the property involved. Some of the money is in banks at Bremen, Germany. On July 28, 1886, there was a press inquiry and notice to the heirs of the estate of Nicholas Emerick, and newspaper articles relating to the matter which have appeared at various times are preserved by members of the family as possible clues. Several Emericks in different parts of the country are reputed to have received money as heirs, and efforts are being made to have the matter closed up.

Jacob Emrick, the grandfather of Jonathan B. Emrick, of Pottsville, lived in South Manheim township, Schuylkill county, and was a farmer by occupation. He married a Miss Dewalt and they were the parents of the following named children: Jacob, John, Joshua, Sallie, Mary and Lucy.

John Emrick, son of Jacob, above, was born in South Manheim township, where he lived and died, following farming all his life. His death occurred when he was sixty-nine years old, and he is buried at Summer Mountain. By his marriage to Cassie Berkeiser, who died when a young woman, he had four children: Benjamin, Jonathan B., William and John. To his second marriage were also born four children: Daniel, Jacob, Martha and Mary (the last named deceased).

Jonathan B. Emrick was reared in his native township and during his boyhood assisted with the work at home, meanwhile attending school. He was

but ten years old when he commenced work on the Schuylkill canal, and during the early days of its operation he was engaged as boatman for four years. Meantime, during the summer of 1850, he was also employed for a time in a brickyard, helping to make the brick for the first courthouse erected at Pottsville. After leaving the canal he was employed at farm work until twenty years old, and then for a time cut timber in the woods and built barns and houses, following this line for a period of five years. For some time afterwards he was in the employ of the Navigation Company at Schuylkill Haven, thence removing to Cressona, where he obtained employment in the Reading shops, remaining with the company for eighteen years. After that he resided at Pottsville, where he was first engaged in trucking, selling his produce in the borough, for about three years. He then bought the property at what is now known as Mechanicsville, in 1884, ten acres of valuable land upon which he followed trucking until his retirement. Subsequently he laid out eighty-five building lots upon his property, which has a promising future as a residence section. During the summer of 1914, although over seventy-five years old, Mr. Emrick built himself a barn without assistance. He passed away in October, 1914.

In 1859 Mr. Emrick married Mary Reber, daughter of George and Mary (Rucia) Reber, and to them were born ten children, all of whom survive, namely: Elizabeth married James Rubrecht; Alice married George Weaver; Gideon married Elizabeth Marberger; Anna married Frank Boltz; Minnie married Daniel Snyder; Sallie married William Snyder; Jennie married Edw. Gormley; August married Rachel Forney; Martha married Raymond Hoffman; Bruce married Eva Zechman. The family home was at No. 1355 Pottsville street. Mr. Emrick was a Republican from the time he attained his majority, having cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. He was always an earnest church worker, and was long prominently connected with the Evangelical Church at Cressona, serving twenty years as class leader. He attended the camp meetings of the Evangelical association for about fifty years. Mr. Emrick read his German Bible faithfully and was well versed in the Scriptures.

WILLIAM E. LECHER is a man of large business and property interests at Pottsville, representing in the present generation a family whose thrift and other sterling qualities have made the name respected in this vicinity for many a year. The Lecher property at No. 260 West Railroad street has been owned by the family since his grandfather's day.

John Lecher, the grandfather, was a native of Germany. On coming to America he first settled at Reading, Pa., later removing to Pottsville and locating at Fishbach, when that section was mostly in the woods. He followed mining. His death occurred at what is now No. 260 West Railroad street. His family consisted of five children, namely: John, Amelia, Tillie, Catherine and Elizabeth.

John Lecher, son of John, was born in Germany and was about sixteen years old when he accompanied his father to America. Coming from Reading to Fishbach on foot, he found employment with John M. Crosland, building boats for use on the canal, and continued to follow this work for about twenty years. Then he engaged in hauling coal for a time, afterwards conducting a grocery business of his own at No. 260 West Railroad street, which he carried on until his death. To his marriage with Catherine Moyer, like himself a native of Germany, were born children as follows: Mary, Josephine,



Will E. Lecher



Catherine, Sarah, John, George, Elizabeth, Emma, Frederick, William E. and Bertha.

William E. Lecher, best known as Will. E. Lecher, was born May 24, 1862, at No. 260 West Railroad street. After several years' attendance at the public schools he began assisting his father as clerk in the grocery store, and he himself is now doing business at the same location. Continuing in his father's employ up to the time of his marriage, he then began business (at No. 275 Peacock street) for himself, paying six dollars a month rent. After two years of hard struggle he bought the property, the store at the time being 14 by 14 feet in dimensions, three stories high, right up against the mountain. The business has been increasing steadily since, and the store has been enlarged to accommodate its growth, being now 44 by 180 feet in size, and properly equipped to facilitate the handling of a very large trade. The establishment has the reputation of being the most completely stocked in the city, Mr. Lecher's line of general merchandise being the largest and best assorted. His judgment in selecting his goods, his careful arrangement of the store and the convenience of his appointments show close attention to the idea of accommodating customers, high-class service being one of the points upon which this store has set the standard in Pottsville. Its live policy accounts for the constantly widening trade. Mr. Lecher also deals in live stock, cattle, shoats and poultry. He has valuable real estate in the borough, about thirty-five pieces of property, is a director of the New City Building & Loan Association of Pottsville, and a director of the Schuylkill Trust Company, a reliable banking concern. His own transactions have always been above criticism, and his personal reputation is sufficient to create confidence in any enterprise with which he becomes associated. He is a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, and belongs to the local lodges of Elks, Eagles and Foresters. Politically he is not bound to any party.

In 1887 Mr. Lecher married Catherine T. Brennan, daughter of John Brennan, of Carbondale, Lackawanna Co., Pa., and they have had eleven children, namely: Vincent, Ralph, Theodore, Loretta, Archibald, Grace, Vera, Walter, Leo (deceased), Alberta and Edgar.

MICHAEL G. DEWEY, M. D., of Girardville, has just commenced the practice of his profession, and has already received many evidences of the confidence of the community. He belongs to a family of Irish extraction, his grandfather, James Dewey, having been born in Belfast, Ireland, whence he emigrated to America, settling in the Province of Quebec, Canada, where he was engaged in the operation of freight vessels on Lake Erie. Later he came to Schuylkill county, Pa., and lived at Minersville, Ashland, and, finally, Germantown, where he followed mine work and also taught school. He died at Germantown, and his wife, Mary (Carney), a native of County Kilkenny, Ireland, died at the home of her son Patrick in Ashland, in 1902. They were the parents of children as follows: Two who died in infancy; Mary, widow of Michael Dugen, of Shamokin, Pa.; John, now engaged as a mine superintendent at Springville, Ill.; James, deceased; Patrick A., employed as a stationary engineer in the mines near Ashland; Frank, a fire boss in the mines near Ashland; Margaret, wife of John Foley, of Kaskawilliam, this county; Anna, wife of Thomas Eagan, of Ashland; Catherine, Mrs. John Casey, of Ashland; Thomas, Elizabeth and Joseph are deceased.

Patrick A. Dewey, the Doctor's father, was born in Locustdale, Schuylkill  
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county, and married Elizabeth O'Brien. They removed to Ashland, and he became employed as a stationary engineer at one of the mines near the borough. Two children were born to this union, the eldest, James, being deceased.

Michael G. Dewey was born at Ashland June 2, 1889, and received his early education in the public schools of that place. For two years he was employed in a drug store at Ashland, attended Bucknell Academy at Lewisburg, Pa., for one year, and in 1908 entered the University of Pennsylvania, where he spent a year in preparatory studies. In 1909 he matriculated in the medical department of that institution, from which he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1913. Then for a year he acted as interne in the Altoona Hospital, Altoona, Pa., at the end of that period coming to Girardville, in his native county, to establish himself in practice. With the benefit of up-to-date training and the advantages of his hospital experience he is well prepared for his life work, and has made an excellent start to success in his chosen calling. He is a member of the Schuylkill County Medical Society, and of the American Medical Association. Dr. Dewey is a Catholic in religious faith, belonging to St. Joseph's Church at Ashland, and he also holds membership in Sarto Council, Knights of Columbus, of that borough.

MICHAEL J. O'BRIEN, father of Mrs. Elizabeth (O'Brien) Dewey, was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland, and his parents, Daniel and Elizabeth (Hanlahan) O'Brien, were natives of the same section. The family came to America in 1831, first settling at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and later removing to Black Heath, near there. Mrs. Elizabeth (Hanlahan) O'Brien died June 2, 1898. Michael J. O'Brien began teaching school when only fifteen years old, and followed that profession until he reached the age of thirty. He learned engineering, and for three years was engaged as an engineer at the Bancroft mines. At one time he lived at Mahanoy Plane, Pa., and was there engaged in the mines with Lawrence & Myrtle, as owner. Eventually he engaged in the retail shoe business on his own account at Ashland, continuing this until a short time before his death, which occurred in that borough Sept. 14, 1877. Mr. O'Brien served as a soldier in the Civil war. He was married at Minersville to Mary Brennan, daughter of Patrick and Anna (Schmaltz) Brennan, the former a native of County Kilkenny, Ireland, the latter born in Port Carbon, Pa., of German ancestry. They died at Minersville, where they are buried. Fifteen children were born to this union, of whom the eldest, Daniel, died at Shamokin, Pa., where he is buried; Patrick and James are deceased; Terence A. lives at Decatur, Ill.; John lives at Ashland; William, an electrical engineer, lives at Philadelphia; Michael lives at Ashland; John is a resident of Ashland; Daniel is deceased; Thomas F. is a resident of Ashland; Edward also lives at Ashland; Theresa is the widow of John Madden, of Tamaqua, Pa.; Elizabeth is Mrs. Patrick A. Dewey.

FRANCIS B. SELTZER, whose widow now resides at Mahanoy City, was a worthy representative of a family which has long been prominent in the southern part of Schuylkill county. He was born there, in North Manheim township, Aug. 16, 1834, son of Michael Seltzer, a descendant of Jacob Seltzer.

The Seltzers were first established in Berks county, Pa., after their emigration to America. Jacob Seltzer emigrated in 1752 from the upper Rhein, near Coblenz, in the vicinity of the famous "Seltzer Springs" in Germany, where he was born in 1732. He settled in Heidelberg township (where afterwards

Womelsdorf was laid out), Berks Co., Pa., and became a naturalized citizen in 1765. Several years before (1762) he established a hotel in the village, which has been known until the present time as "Seltzer House." He died in 1788. He was married to Maria Catherine Heister, of Bern township, who was born in 1735, and died in 1817. By her he had six children: Jacob, who married Catharine Kauffman; Michael; Elizabeth, who married Dr. Michael Tryon; Mary, who married Jacob Spang; Catharine, who married David Dewees; and a daughter who married Christopher Reed.

Michael Seltzer, son of Jacob, above, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He was taken prisoner and confined with others in an old stone church, where he starved to death. His children were Abraham, John and Jacob.

Abraham Seltzer, son of Michael, was born in Berks county, Pa., and was an early settler in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, where he followed farming at Drehersville until his death, which occurred there. For a number of years he kept hotel at that point, besides following agricultural pursuits. He lived to the age of ninety-one years, and his wife, whose maiden name was Catherine Faust, is buried with him at the Red Church. They had the following children: Joseph, Elizabeth, Michael, Susan, Polly, Catherine, Rebecca and Nathan. One daughter married Daniel Ebling; another Edw. Ebling; Michael married Mary Frey; Nathan married Catherine Albright; Joseph went West, where he died; Mrs. Reuben Miller lived in the West.

Michael Seltzer, son of Abraham, was born in the southern part of Schuylkill county and was a well known man in his day. He was a prominent Democrat, and influential in local politics, served as steward of the county almshouse for some time, and carried on the hotel business at Orwigsburg, in his later life moving to the West, where he died. By his marriage with Mary Frey he had children as follows: Francis B.; Rebecca, Mrs. John Medlar; Abraham, deceased; Amanda, Mrs. Jacob Kimmel; John, a retired banker, living in Springfield, Ill.; Elizabeth, Mrs. Joseph Brody, of Schuylkill Haven; and Charles, who died in the West.

Francis B. Seltzer spent all his life in Schuylkill county. He had fair educational advantages in the public schools there, and later attended Wyoming Seminary, in Luzerne county, from which institution he was graduated. During the most of his active years he was engaged as a clerk, but for a time he conducted a hotel at Port Carbon, and he was employed with George W. Childs in the book business. His death occurred at Schuylkill Haven, and he is buried at Pottsville. A man of fine character and upright conduct in all the relations of life, he had the unqualified esteem of all his associates, and was valued for his good citizenship and altogether honorable career. During the Civil war he served as a member of Company A, 48th Pennsylvania Regiment, and was wounded at the battle of Petersburg.

Mr. Seltzer married Hannah E. Garrett, who was born March 25, 1834, at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and survives him, now making her home with her son and youngest daughter at No. 106 West Mahanoy avenue, Mahanoy City. Though past eighty she is active and in possession of all her faculties, having a clear mind and many interesting recollections of the early days in Schuylkill county. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Seltzer: George W.; Mabel, now the wife of Harry Noeher, of Milton, Pa.; and Rebecca W.

George Garrett, Mrs. Seltzer's father, was of German descent, his grand-



father coming to this country from Germany and settling in Lebanon county, Pa., at an early date. He died there. He became a prominent man of the county, serving as one of the first county commissioners. Jacob Garrett, father of George Garrett, was born in Lebanon county, where he lived and died. He followed farming. His wife's maiden name was Noll, and they had several daughters and two sons, John (who died in Lebanon) and George.

George Garrett, son of Jacob, was reared in Lebanon county, and learned the trade of miller. He came to Pottsville, Schuylkill county, many years ago, and was one of the pioneer settlers at that place, where he died in 1842. He was engaged in burning charcoal. Mr. Garrett married Mary Mills, a member of an old family which was represented by more than one soldier on the Colonies' side in the Revolutionary war. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Garrett: Jacob died at Pottsville; George W., who died at Pottsville, was a soldier in both the Mexican and Civil wars; William died when nineteen years old; Nathaniel J., also a soldier in the Civil war, was outside foreman of the Hill colliery, at Mahanoy City, where he died and is buried; Hannah E. is the widow of Francis B. Seltzer; Rebecca A. married Abraham Brower; Joseph A. and John A. died young.

MARTIN DORMER (deceased) was in his day one of the foremost citizens of St. Clair and all that part of Schuylkill county. The popularity he enjoyed indicated the likable qualities which attracted friends wherever he went, and the ample competence accumulated by his own efforts was an unmistakable evidence of his versatile business ability. The fine picnic grounds near St. Clair which he laid out and developed were long known as Dormer's Park, and upon these grounds has been built the beautiful Catholic Church edifice.

Mr. Dormer was a native of Schuylkill county, Pa., born in the year 1824, son of Patrick Dormer. The father followed mining in this county, and died here, at Mount Laffer. His children were: Thomas, who died in California; James, who died in New York; Patrick, who died at St. Clair; Sarah; Catherine; Margaret; Mary, and Martin.

With few of the early advantages which boys of the present day are allowed, Martin Dormer began work at the mines when a mere boy. In 1849 the gold excitement lured him to California, and he had the grilling experience of a trip across the plains, making his way from Galena, Ill., to San Francisco on foot. It took him six months. En route, he was entertained at Salt Lake City by Brigham Young, being regaled with wine and cake, but most of the journey was characterized by hardships which would have deterred any but a man of determined spirit from continuing it. Upon his arrival in California he was taken sick, and spent some time in a crude hospital, where later he acted as an attendant for a brief period following his convalescence. He remained on the coast until 1852, when he returned to Schuylkill county and located at Pottsville, engaging in the bottling of porter. There he continued to live until ten months after his marriage, when, Mrs. Dormer preferring St. Clair as a residence and business location, they removed thither, establishing themselves at what was known as the "California House," which they conducted for one year and nine months. Mr. Dormer continued the bottling business and also took up the wholesale liquor trade, in which he acquired an extensive connection, becoming very prosperous by close attention to the various lines he followed. In time he built what was known as Dormer's brewery at St.

Clair, conducting it himself for four years. When he abandoned this industry he returned to the wholesale liquor business for a time, later carrying on a saloon, which he owned and operated until his death. He purchased a valuable tract of land in Norwegian township, near the borough of St. Clair, and seeing the need for a desirable picnic place in the locality there laid out and developed Dormer's Park in East Norwegian township, which became a popular gathering place for pleasure outings with all the residents of Schuylkill county.

Few men were more widely known than Mr. Dormer, or more kindly thought of in the community. He was a man of generous impulses, kind to the poor, and affectionate and lovable in his domestic relations. In business he was most successful, and owed much to the wise counsel and assistance rendered by his devoted wife. His fellow citizens had the utmost confidence in his integrity as well as faith in his good judgment, and chose him for several local offices, whose duties he discharged to their entire satisfaction. For twenty-eight years he was a school director of East Norwegian township; for many years he filled the office of township treasurer; and he was a member of the county board of poor directors. Politically he was identified with the Republican party. In religious connection he was a Catholic, and socially he belonged to Catawissa Lodge, No. 178, F. & A. M. Mr. Dormer passed away Jan. 9, 1889, in his sixty-fifth year, mourned by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, and he is buried at St. Clair.

On Sept. 4, 1853, Mr. Dormer was united in marriage with Mary Brannan, daughter of Michael and Margaret Brannan, and she survives him, continuing to make her home at St. Clair. The following children were born to this union: Mary married Winfield Fritz, and both were killed by Mexicans on a cattle ranch in Arizona, in 1884; Thomas, James and Margaret died young; Margaret (2) is the wife of George J. Farne, a prominent merchant of the borough of St. Clair, and their children are Elsie, Margaret, Dorothy, Catherine and George; Michael is deceased; Virgie is deceased.

In July, 1915, Mrs. Dormer visited the San Francisco exposition in company with one of her granddaughters, Margaret Farne. She has many friends at St. Clair, sharing fully in the high esteem in which her husband was held.

JONAS KUNKEL, of East Brunswick township, is making a reputation as one of the wide-awake farmers of his section of Schuylkill county who have adopted modern ideas and methods to their profit. Though he is engaged in general agriculture, truck raising has become his specialty, and by marketing his produce in the nearby coal regions he has solved more than one difficulty which confronts the grower of perishable crops. By patience and industry he has worked out his own problems very satisfactorily, and he well deserves his prosperity.

Mr. Kunkel is a typical descendant of the old German stock which formed so large a proportion of Pennsylvania's early population. He is a native of Berks county, this State, and traces his line back to Georg Kunkel, the founder of a pioneer family of Albany township, that county. He lived near Wessnersville, on land now occupied by one of his descendants, Nathan Kunkel. Georg Kunkel (also spelled Kunckell and Kungel), a native of Germany, located in Albany township some time prior to 1754, and it appears that he reared a large family. In Rupp's History of Berks County, his name appears on the list of taxables of 1756 as "George Kunckell." In 1759, according to Montgomery's History of Berks county (1886), his name is listed as George

Kungel; in the latter year he paid a tax of six pounds. At the Kunkel homestead is an old grandfather's clock that bears the date of 1772. It was brought into the house at the same time the house was being built, and is the workmanship of George Miller, of Germantown. It has kept good time all these years. On the brass face appear the letters "I. G. K." The Kunkel tract has been in the family name since about 1754. Georg Kunkel was a farmer, and since his time his farm has been divided and subdivided. His land at one time included all the upper end of Stony Run. He is buried at Wessnersville. His children were George and Peter.

Peter Kunkel, son of Georg, born Dec. 20, 1774, in Albany township, died Oct. 28, 1830. After his marriage he moved to Lynn township, Lehigh county, where he engaged in farming, and also operated a distillery on his farm. Later he lived near Wessnersville, where he owned a tract of 275 acres, which is now owned by a descendant, Charles Kunkel. In 1797 Peter Kunkel married Maria Magdalena Rausch, born Nov. 10, 1778, died April 12, 1846. They had fourteen children, eleven of whom survived their parents (sixteen grandchildren also surviving). Among these children were: Daniel, David, Andraes, Benjamin, Joseph (married Catharine Snyder and had twelve children), Peter, Polly (married Jacob Elbert), Catharine (married John Dietrich) and Sophia.

Daniel Kunkel, son of Peter, was born in Albany township, Berks county, March 2, 1798, and died Oct. 26, 1863. He was a farmer, owning two tracts, one of two hundred acres, the other of sixty. He owned and lived on the farm which later became the property of his son Jacob, who sold it to Henry Bauscher, his brother-in-law, in 1870, for \$10,000. It comprises 127 acres of excellent land, situated in the potato belt, and is now tenanted and cultivated by Daniel Bauscher, son of Henry. The present barn on the place was built by Daniel Kunkel. He married in 1821 Maria Magdalena Zimmerman, born Feb. 27, 1797, died July 14, 1859, and they are both buried at the Frieden's Church at Wessnersville. They had a large family, thirteen children, among whom were: A daughter who married Daniel Brobst; Catharine, who married Reuben A. Dietrich; Mary, Mrs. Derr; Benjamin, who married Sarah Hartman; John, who lived and died at McKeesburg, Pa.; Jacob, born in 1841, died in 1900; and Sarah, who married Henry Bauscher.

John Kunkel, son of Daniel, was born about 1823 in Albany township, Berks county, and received his education there. He worked on his father's farm until 1850, when he left Albany township and removed to Bensingers valley, in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, locating at what is known locally as Schmaltzdale, in the vicinity of McKeesburg. There he bought 120 acres of land, upon which he remained the rest of his days, engaged in general farming and the raising of truck, which he sold himself, having a route to Middleport, this county. He married Mary Long, daughter of Christopher Long, a native of Albany township, Berks county, and she survived him many years, his death occurring in February, 1875, when he was fifty-two years old, hers on April 15, 1901, at the age of seventy-seven years. They are buried in the cemetery of the Frieden's German Lutheran Church at New Ringgold, to which both belonged. Mr. Kunkel was one of its prominent members, filling all the church offices. Politically he was a Democrat. The following children were born to him and his wife: Sarah married Samuel Bolich, who is deceased, and she lives in Albany township; Jonas is next in the family; William married Mary Nester; Mandus married Lena Neiswender, and they reside in Nebraska; Mary died young; Levina died young; Lewis

married Caroline Leiby, and both are deceased; Henry (deceased) married Ella Dundore, who survives him and is living at Springmont, Berks county; John (deceased) married Lena Merkel, of Lewistown, Pa., and is now living at Orwigsburg; Daniel died unmarried; Emma married Joseph Shoener, of McKeansburg.

Jonas Kunkel was born March 3, 1846, in Albany township, and grew up in Schuylkill county, obtaining his early education in the schools of East Brunswick township (Bensingers valley), with two terms subsequently at Freeland and two terms at the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown. He taught school for one term of six months in Albany township, Berks county, following which he settled at his present place, which his father had bought for him. The property then comprised 140 acres, to which Mr. Kunkel has added thirty acres since, and he now has about eighty acres under cultivation. He managed to pay off his obligations to his father after a few years, and he has prospered steadily. Until 1894 he operated a gristmill on his property, but he now uses this mill as a storage house for fruits and vegetables. However, he still conducts the sawmill on his property which he has operated since 1870, doing general custom work. Mr. Kunkel has changed his operations from time to time as he saw opportunity for betterment, and he is now making a specialty of the raising of fine fruits and vegetables, for which he finds a ready market in the coal regions, the produce being conveyed to market by his own men. His success is a strong argument for the possibilities of intensive farming in his neighborhood.

Like his father, Mr. Kunkel has been active in promoting local interests, being a member of McKeansburg Grange, No. 1256, P. of H., and of Christ Lutheran Church at McKeansburg, in whose affairs he has always been a foremost worker; he has served as elder and in all the offices. His political connection has been with the Republican party, and he has held the office of school director.

Mr. Kunkel married Levina Trexler, daughter of Nathan and Lydia (Bauscher) Trexler, and five children have been born to this marriage: Nathan J., born Aug. 12, 1879, lives on the old homestead; he married Hannah Freeman, and their children are Florence, Esther, George, Irwin and Harry. Benjamin F., born July 9, 1881, married Annie Buehler, and has children, Ethel and Newton; they live at Tumbling Run, in Blythe township, this county. Elmer H., born Jan. 7, 1883, lives on the old Steigewalt farm; he married Jennie Siegfried, and their children are Albert, Annie and Margaret. Agnes M., born March 16, 1885, married Harry Koch, and lives at Drexel Hill, near Philadelphia, Pa., and their children are Mildred, Ruth, Elma, Harry and Catherine. Ellen, born Jan. 16, 1890, is engaged as a school teacher.

Mrs. Levina (Trexler) Kunkel, wife of Jonas Kunkel, was born in Albany township, Berks county, Dec. 21, 1848, a daughter of Nathan Trexler and a granddaughter of Benjamin Trexler. The Trexler family is one of the oldest and most numerous in Berks county. It has numbered in its ranks not alone the honest farmer and industrious laborer, but men in every profession, in civil and military life, and its women have been gracious and womanly. Industry has been a marked characteristic of the family. Money has been made, and when spent spent wisely, even lavishly when given to the less fortunate. Ambition coupled with ability has made leaders of men, and temperate lives have given strength to meet any issue. To Berks county, Pa., came Peter Trexler, some time prior to 1720, settling in Oley township. As early as Sept.

5, 1720, he was one of the petitioners for the erection of the township. It was but a short time afterwards, however, that he left Berks county, and moved to what is now Upper Macungie township, Lehigh county, a territory that, covered with brush and scrub oak as it was, offered very little in the way of attraction to the early settler, other than an abundance of water with which it was blessed. He settled near Breinigsville, his land embracing what is now the John R. Gonser farm. On Nov. 18, 1729, he obtained from Casper Wister, the patentee, a deed for this land, and this deed is one of the earliest, if not the earliest, in that region. A seven-years' residence was required before naturalization, and Peter Trexler did not take out his papers until 1730. He and his family were the first white settlers in Macungie, and Dr. Helfrich, in his history of the various congregations of Lehigh and Berks counties, says: "Way down in the valley near what is now Breinigsville lived, before the general migration into this neighborhood, a Trexler family, with whom the Indians were very friendly. Mother Trexler often presented the Indians with gifts and gave them bread, and in return they brought her wild skins and showed friendship to the pale-faces."

Peter Trexler died in 1758, and his will, dated Dec. 17, 1744, divides his estate among his widow, Catharine, and three sons and three daughters—Jeremiah, John, Peter, Anna, Catharine and Margaret. The son, Peter (2), was made executor of the will. Peter Trexler and his wife were both buried in the family cemetery on their farm, but the graves, originally marked by soft sandstones now wasted away, cannot be definitely located. Steps were recently taken by the Trexler Family Association, in Reunion Aug. 28, 1907, to restore this ancient burial place of their ancestors, and to place a tablet to the memory of Peter Trexler and wife. Of the daughters of Peter Trexler nothing is known, but in the diary of Rev. John Casper Stoeber, Nov. 9, 1732, is the record of the marriage of John George Schumacher and Catharine Trexler, of Macungie.

Peter Trexler, son of Peter the emigrant, was born Feb. 11, 1721, and was bequeathed the homestead near Breinigsville, which had been deeded to him in 1748. He became a man of considerable importance, and was justice of the peace from 1752 to 1776, and, as such, under the Colonial system, sat in the courts at Easton. The first election in Northampton county occurred Oct. 1, 1752, many of the voters being obliged to travel twenty-five miles to deposit their ballots. The opposing parties were the Irish and German settlers. Peter Trexler was elected one of the three county commissioners. He was a frugal man of methodical habits, and in favor of education. When compelled to be away from home to attend court, he filled his saddlebags with provisions so he could board himself. When schools were established in Pennsylvania by the English nobility for the purpose of teaching the English language, Peter Trexler was made one of the trustees of the William Parsons School at Easton. He died Aug. 25, 1798, and was buried in the family cemetery on the home farm. He married Catharine Winck, born Aug. 7, 1728, who died Aug. 14, 1815, aged eighty-seven years. She was the daughter of Casper and Gertrude (Kemp) Winck. According to the Lehigh Church Book, at her death she left sixty-two grandchildren and seventy-nine great-grandchildren. Seven children, three sons and four daughters, survived Peter Trexler. The sons were: Peter, Jonathan and John. The daughters were: Maria Christine, born Nov. 3, 1753, who married Aug. 13, 1776, Peter Haas, and died Sept. 13, 1829, the

mother of ten children; Mrs. Philip Fogel; Mrs. Henry Grim; and one of whom there is no record.

Peter Trexler, son of Peter of Macungie, and the third of the name, was born Aug. 15, 1748, and is known as Mertztown Peter, and frequently in the records appears as John Peter or Hom Peter. He was a patriot of the Revolution, serving as captain of the 5th Company of Colonel Breinig's second battalion of militia, and on May 5, 1783, was made lieutenant colonel. He was elected county commissioner in 1782; representative in the General Assembly, 1785-86-87-88, thus serving four years, the time limit set by the constitution of 1776. He died March 13, 1828, aged seventy-nine years, six months, twenty-eight days, and was buried in the family cemetery. His will (see Will Book 6, p. 187) was made Feb. 15, 1825, and entered April 3, 1828, his sons Peter, Jacob, Reuben and Jonas being executors. He married Catharine Grim, daughter of Henry Grim, youngest son of Geittie Grim, the ancestor of the Grim family so prominent in that section. She was born July 30, 1757, and died July 7, 1828, aged seventy-one years, less twenty-three days. Eleven children were born to Peter and Catharine (Grim) Trexler, namely: (1) Maria married John Folk, and had children, Joshua, John, Reuben, Anna (Shuman), Catharine (first married to a Keizer, and second to a Hilbert), Caroline (Guise) and Lydia (Guise). (2) John Peter (Jan. 2, 1777-March 6, 1828) married Rachel Fogel (Sept. 11, 1784, Jan. 1, 1867), and had children: Caroline (Horlacher), Sarah (Seiberling), Maria (Fogel) and Jonas. (3) Jacob became the father of Reuben, David, Peter, Jacob, Mrs. James Breinig, Catharine (Breinig) and Mrs. Stephen Sawyer. (4) Reuben (1782-1846) was an iron master, residing in Mertztown, Longswamp township, where he also carried on farming and was well and favorably known. He married Anna, daughter of Jacob Leshner, a charming, charitable woman of refined taste, and they lived in the old Trexler mansion in Longswamp township. They had children: Col. William (1816-1905), Horatio (who lived at Reading, where he was president of the National Union Bank), Dr. Leshner (of Fort Wayne, father of Mrs. Anna Wertz, of Allentown, and Mrs. Judith Reno, mother of Claude Trexler Reno, of Kutztown), Lucinda (wife of Gen. James Rittenhouse) and Caroline (wife of William Schall). Mrs. Anna (Leshner) Trexler died in 1848, aged fifty-four years. (5) Benjamin (1784-1855) is mentioned below. (6) Catharine married a Mr. Haas, and had children: Judith (Gregory), Nathan, Leana (Butz), Kate (Hoffman), Tallie (Hoffman), Jonathan T., Reuben T. and J. P. T. (7) Jonas had children: Jonas, Willoughby, Abyle, David, Peter, Sarah (Ludwig), Angeline (Ahlum) and Eliza (Miller). (8) Anna married Philip Dresher, and had two children, Nathan and Judith (Reiter). (9) Nathan lived in Longswamp township, where he died in February, 1865. His will is on record in Will Book 11, p. 363. His wife Phoebe bore him four children: Edwin H., Mary (Mrs. George Schall), Amelia (Mrs. Jonathan B. Grim) and Sarah (Esterly). (10) Daniel died leaving no children. (11) Judith married Rev. Isaac Roeller, and was affectionately known as "Auntie Roeller." She died in 1885, leaving no children. On Aug. 17, 1809, Peter Trexler bought his son Benjamin a large family Bible, printed in 1798, costing seven dollars. This is now in the possession of Oliver Trexler (born Dec. 21, 1852), son of Nathan and grandson of Benjamin.

Benjamin Trexler, son of Peter of Mertztown, and Catharine (Grim), was born Feb. 2, 1784, in the Catawissa valley, and he died June 20, 1855,



aged seventy-one years, four months, eighteen days. He first settled in the Catawissa valley, but in 1825 moved to Albany, Berks county. He married (first) March 10, 1805, Maria Dresher, and became the father of nine sons and two daughters: Daniel, born Nov. 30, 1805; Benjamin, Jan. 31, 1807; Amos, April 27, 1808; Fiana, July 26, 1809 (died young); Jonas, Dec. 16, 1810; Aaron, May 3, 1812; Jairus, July 26, 1813; Anna, April 25, 1815; one stillborn; Nathan, Jan. 11, 1818; and Peter, May 22, 1820. The wife and mother died May 23, 1820, and he married (second) June 13, 1823, Catharine Bolich, who bore him one daughter, Catharine, Sept. 3, 1824. Mrs. Catharine (Bolich) Trexler died Sept. 7, 1855, aged sixty-eight years, nine months, twelve days.

Nathan Trexler, father of Mrs. Jonas Kunkel, was born Jan. 11, 1818, in Albany township, and obtained his education there in the pay schools. He was a farmer, and owned two farms, renting out the larger and conducting the smaller, as well as a general store and custom mill. He died in September, 1879. By his marriage to Lydia Bauscher he had children as follows: Levina, Mrs. Jonas Kunkel; Emma, who married Albert Kistler (both deceased); Oliver, who married Mary Kistler; Mary, deceased, who married Albert Smith, of Lynnport, Lehigh Co., Pa.; and Benjamin, deceased, who married Fannie Seidel. Mr. and Mrs. Trexler were members of the German Lutheran (Bethel) Church in Albany township, and they are buried in the cemetery of that church. Politically he was a Republican.

JOHN RENNINGER, a well known contractor and builder of Schuylkill Haven, with residence and place of business on West Canal street, was born in that town Aug. 2, 1873, and is a son of James Renninger, grandson of John Renninger, and a descendant of an old Northumberland county family. His great-grandfather lived and died in Northumberland county, and his family was reared there.

John Renninger, the grandfather, was born in Northumberland county, and learned the trade of boatbuilder, being one of the early boatbuilders at Schuylkill Haven and Landingville, Schuylkill county. He served nine months in the Civil war, under Captain Jones, from Schuylkill county. He died at the age of eighty-eight years, and is buried in the soldiers' lot in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. Mr. Renninger married Elizabeth, daughter of Philip and Sarah Wolfinger, and their children were: George, living in Berks county; Edward, residing in Pottsville; James, mentioned below; Elizabeth, who married Charles Lloyd, and lives at Newberry, Pa.; and four children who died in childhood.

James Renninger, the father of John Renninger, was born March 8, 1849, in Northumberland county, Pa., and was educated in the schools of Schuylkill Haven and Landingville, Pa. Following the example of his father he became a boatman on the canal, continuing such occupation until the closing of that waterway. He then turned to railroad work, for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, in whose employ he remained for nineteen years, since when he has been working in the borough of Schuylkill Haven. Mr. Renninger married Rebecca, daughter of John and Mary (Ryon) Katerman, and they had children as follows: John, mentioned below; Charles E., residing at Schuylkill Haven; Robert, Lewis and Roy, all residing in the same borough; Eva, wife of William Bitzer; Mary, at home; Lydia married Robert Davis, and died at



the age of twenty-seven years; Laura, who died when six years old; and three children died in infancy.

John Renninger attended public school in Schuylkill Haven, and was but a youth when he began to follow the occupation of his father and grandfather, that of boatman on the canal. He followed the work until the canal was closed and then worked by the day for a time, later following the carpenter's trade with Irvin Becker for six years. Then he began doing contracting for himself, and has continued this work up to the present time with much success. He has an up-to-date establishment, is a skilled mechanic and builder, and many residences in Schuylkill Haven are standing evidences of his ability as an architect. Mr. Renninger married Myra Driesbach, daughter of Lewis Driesbach, and they have three children: Elmer, Clarence and Albert. Mr. Renninger is a member of the United Brethren Church.

SAMUEL KOENIG, a veteran of the Civil war, is one of the oldest living residents of East Brunswick township, where he has spent all of his four-score years except the period he was away in defense of the Union. He was born in East Brunswick township Sept. 10, 1835, son of Samuel Koenig and grandson of Daniel Koenig.

Daniel Koenig was a farmer in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, where he owned 150 acres of land. He was born in the county, and spent all his life there, clearing his land, on which he built a log house and barn. He married Elizabeth Widdowstone, and they had children as follows: Daniel married Sarah Miller; Elizabeth married George Sassaman; Peter married Hettie Riegel; Frederick married Hannah Schaffer; Samuel is mentioned below; all are now deceased. Daniel Koenig lived to the age of eighty-three years, and he is buried in a private graveyard on the farm of Samuel Behler, at Summer Hill, in East Brunswick township. His wife died aged eighty-one years, two months, and is buried at Frieden's Church, New Ringgold. He belonged to the Frieden's German Reformed congregation, and attended services regularly. In the latter part of his life he was a Republican. He held the township offices of school director and supervisor.

Samuel Koenig, son of Daniel, was born in West Penn township April 6, 1804, and attended school in East Brunswick township. He worked with his father until he married, and then bought a tract of 150 acres at Summer Hill, East Brunswick township, part of which farm—the portion on which Mr. Koenig lived—is now owned by John Sassaman. Mr. Koenig cleared a great deal of the farm, built houses and barns upon it, and operated the property until about eighteen years before his death, when he and his wife went to the home of their son Samuel, and there spent the remainder of their lives. While living with his son Samuel Mr. Koenig worked with him, and also did wood chopping, until a few years before he died, April 1, 1881. His wife, Esther (Miller), born Oct. 18, 1801, died in November, 1868. She was a daughter of Jacob Miller, a native of West Penn township. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Koenig: William died unmarried; Samuel is next in the family; Rebecca is the widow of George Eckroth; Caroline married Hiram Koch, and both are deceased; Frank went West, and was never heard from; Catherine married Daniel H. Koch; Solomon, deceased, married Sarah Houser. The father was a Republican and took an active part in local politics. He was a school director many times, and was also elected supervisor

and auditor. He belonged to the Frieden's Reformed Church, at New Ringgold, and he and his wife are buried at that church.

Samuel Koenig, son of Samuel, above, was educated in East Brunswick township and worked there with his father until he enlisted in the Union army. Enlisting in Capt. John W. Kantner's Company G, 104th Pennsylvania Volunteers, under Col. William H. Davis, he was enrolled Feb. 4, 1865, at Harrisburg, Pa., for one year or during the war, and was sent to Portsmouth, Va. In the assault on the works at Petersburg, Va., April 3 and 4, 1865, the regiment participated, and upon the rout of the Rebel army followed in pursuit as far as Chesterfield Station. From this point it was ordered to Petersburg, thence went to Fortress Monroe, and after a halt of four days on to Norfolk. During the last year's service, by economy in the management of the bakery, the regiment accumulated a fund of nearly \$2,000, and \$1,600 of this money was appropriated by the survivors for the erection of a monument in memory of their fellow comrades. This monument was erected in the public square at Doylestown, Pa. Mr. Koenig's health was seriously affected while he was in the service, and he suffered three and a half months of illness while in the army. He was mustered out at Portsmouth, Va., Aug. 25, 1865. Returning to East Brunswick township he was sick with malaria for about one year, living with his father during this time. Later he bought his present place of twenty-four acres, half of which is under cultivation, and made numerous improvements on the property, building stables, etc. The house in which he lives is an old log structure, but weather-boarded and in a good state of preservation. A few years after settling here Mr. Koenig, in connection with his duties on the farm, began work as a section hand on the Philadelphia & Reading road, and after a time hired others to do his farm work. While with the Philadelphia & Reading Company he served under section foremen Abraham Koch, Daniel Koch, and Frank Reicheldeifer. In September, 1905, he was pensioned by the company after a service of thirty-three and a half years. He is now living retired.

Mr. Koenig married Caroline Leiser, who was born Jan. 1, 1843, opposite New Ringgold, in East Brunswick township, and attended the Hecla school in that township. She is the mother of the following children: Hannah Rebecca, born May 6, 1860, married George Freed and has had three children, Floyd, Earl (deceased) and Clayton; William H., born Dec. 30, 1865, married Mabel Alberta Reed, and they have had four children, Clayton (who is married to Annie Weiss and has one child, Alberta), Harry, Howard and Mary (deceased); Rosie Louisa, born June 14, 1870, lives at Weatherly, Pa., the widow of Harry Rehrig, who was an engineer on the Lehigh Valley railroad (her only child, Mary, married Harry Wertman, and has one child, Doris); Clara Kate, born May 6, 1873, married Monroe Rumble, who was killed at the Potts Powder Works (they had seven children: Charles, who was killed at the Atlas Powder Works, Kenvil, N. J.; Mary, who married Fred Haycock, of Kenvil, N. J., and has two children, Florence and Edith; Maude, who married Artie Houser and has one child, Ethel; Iva; Clayton; William, and Earl); Mary Alice, born Aug. 15, 1875, resides in Lehigh county, the wife of Adam Shollenberger (their children are Myrtie, who is married to Elmer Fink and has one child, Lawrence; Hilda; Richard; Harry; Mabel; Oscar; Ray, and Wayne); Annie Christina, born March 2, 1876, is married to Harry Moyer and resides at Schuylkill Haven, Pa. (their children are Myrtle, Harold,

Eddie, Mildred, Marian, Nellie and Florence); Harry Samuel, born Aug. 28, 1884, died Oct. 14, 1891.

Mr. Koenig is a Republican in political connection, is a member of Double-day Post, No. 189, G. A. R., of Tamaqua, Pa., and belongs to the Frieden's Reformed Church, of New Ringgold, of which his wife is also a member.

Samuel Leiser, grandfather of Mrs. Koenig, was the son of John Leiser, who came from Lehigh county and settled in East Brunswick township, where he was a farmer. He married a Miss Bock, and their children were: John, Samuel, Sarah (married Jonas Bock), Jonas and Jacob. The father was a Republican, and in religious connection a member of the Frieden's Church at New Ringgold. The parents are buried there.

Samuel Leiser, son of John, was born in East Brunswick township, and owned a tract of twenty-five acres there. He was a charcoal and lime burner and a sawmill worker, following these occupations all his life. By his marriage to Mary Heiser, daughter of Adam and Sarah (Hoffman) Heiser, he had children as follows: Isabella married George Eckert, and both are deceased; Martin married Catherine Knittle, and both are deceased; Sarah, deceased, married Joseph Moyer; Caroline is Mrs. Koenig; Daniel married Eliza Miller, who is deceased; Catherine married a Mr. Hennessy, and both are deceased; Samuel, deceased, married Amanda Yost; Adam died unmarried. Both parents died at the age of seventy-seven years, and they are buried at Steigerwalts Church, the Church of God in East Brunswick township, to which they belonged. Mr. Leiser was a Republican.

REV. JOSEPH PELECHOVYCH, of Minersville, present pastor of St. Nicholas' Ruthenian Greek Catholic Church, has done excellent work for the parish during the two years he has been established there. He is a native of Galicia, Austria, born at Waniw, County Sokal, March 18, 1870. His literary education was obtained in the high school at Lemberg, Galicia, and in the State University at Vienna, Austria, from which institution he was graduated in 1893. After a theological course he was ordained to the priesthood in 1895 at Przemysl, Galicia, and for three years thereafter served as assistant priest with his father at Waniw. He then became parish priest in the Harnupua district, Jaslo, Galicia, remaining there ten years, and in 1910 came to America. His first station here was at Berwick, Columbia Co., Pa., where he remained four months, after which he was at Scranton and Chester, Pa., for brief periods, for about two years at the "Old Forge," in February, 1913, coming to Minersville to assume the duties of his present charge. Father Pelechovych has become very well known in this section since he entered upon his work in the St. Nicholas parish, and has made many friends in all classes and denominations. He is interested in local affairs generally, as well as in the progress of the people whose spiritual welfare has been intrusted to him, and is regarded as a citizen whose influence in the community is serviceable to her best interests.

Father Pelechovych is married and has a family of five children, two sons and three daughters: Rohdan, Yaraslaw, Nellie, Irene and Mary.

WILLIAM BERGAN, an old time hotelkeeper in Heckscherville, is a most respected resident of Cass township, and is also well known in the surrounding territory in Schuylkill county. In the course of his business he has naturally come into contact with an unusually large number of his fellow

citizens there as well as the traveling public, and by one and all is held in popular esteem.

Mr. Bergan was born in Heckscherville in 1855, son of William Bergan, a native of Kilkenny, Ireland. He spent his early life in that country, coming to America in young manhood and settling in Cass township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., among the early residents at Heckscherville. He was a miner by occupation. He married Ellen Hunt, who survived him, his death occurring at the age of fifty-two years, hers at the age of sixty-four. They are buried at Minersville. They had the following children: James, Annie, Mary, Michael, Patrick, William, Elizabeth and Nellie.

William Bergan, son of William and Ellen (Hunt) Bergan, was reared and educated in Cass township. He began work as a slate picker in the mines when twelve years old, being first employed at the West Pine Knot colliery. Later he drove mules and filled different positions about the mines, eventually becoming a miner, and has spent in all about twelve years at this line of work. He then engaged in hauling for a period of about fifteen years, and for the last thirty years he has been carrying on a hotel business in Heckscherville valley, Cass township. Mr. Bergan built a fine hotel, which he operates, and owns the property as well as the business, and he has always enjoyed a thriving business. His steady success shows him well adapted for his chosen line. Mr. Bergan has always been zealous in the interest of his patrons, providing them with the best possible accommodation, and giving obliging services to all who seek his hospitality. His neighbors and other friends in Cass township have given evidence of their confidence in his substantial character, and years ago he was elected to the position of school director, which office he held from 1883 until 1887, as a fellow member of Michael J. Brady, the veteran school teacher of this section of the county.

Mr. Bergan is a member of the Catholic Church, and fraternally is associated with the Foresters of America and with the Fraternal Order of Eagles, belonging to the Aerie at Pottsville.

Mr. Bergan married Eliza Hoben, daughter of Patrick Hoben, who was also a native of Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Bergan have had six children: William, who resides at home; Patrick, who married Katie Dullard, and has three children, William, Mary and James; James is deceased; John, who died when three months old; John (2), who also died in infancy; and Nellie, at home.

IRVIN A. EBLING, a most successful farmer, trucker and dairyman of North Manheim township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., was born June 16, 1866, in West Brunswick township, this county, son of Robert Ebling. The family is of German descent.

Jacob Ebling, his great-grandfather, was a native of Oley township, Berks Co., Pa., and settled in West Brunswick township about 1831. He was a farmer and blacksmith and engaged at both callings there for a few years, afterwards returning to Berks county, where he died. Among his children were: Jacob, Gideon, Kate, Sallie and David. His father was a native of Germany, coming to America and settling in Berks county, where he lived and died.

Gideon Ebling, son of Jacob, was born in 1813 in Oley township, Berks county, and attended the public schools there. He came with his parents to West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, in 1831, and there followed farming for the remainder of his days, owning the tract of 148 acres upon

which he made his home. He was a man of strong religious convictions, a member of the Reformed Church at Auburn, which he helped to build and politically he was a Democrat. Mr. Ebling was married to Elizabeth Fahl, daughter of John Fahl, of West Brunswick township, and she is buried in a private cemetery at Auburn. Mr. Ebling died on his farm Oct. 24, 1892. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Ebling: Angeline married John Hosler; Thomas is living at Auburn; Albert, living at Tamaqua, served in Company G, 28th Pennsylvania Vols., in the Civil war; Robert is mentioned below; Elizabeth married Edward Faust; Polly married James Meck; James, who lived and died in West Brunswick township, served in Co. K, 97th Pennsylvania Vols., in the Civil war; Susan married Frank Schwenk; Gideon resides at Auburn.

Robert Ebling, son of Gideon and father of Irvin A., was born March 22, 1842, in West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, and attended the pay schools of the period of his childhood. He remained on the home farm until the age of eighteen, when he was apprenticed to learn the blacksmith's trade at Auburn. After his marriage he settled on a farm in West Brunswick township, which he cultivated for many years. Moving to Schuylkill Haven he there conducted the "Spring Garden Hotel" for seven years, and is now living retired, occupying the home on Centre avenue which he erected. Mr. Ebling served during the Civil war as private in Company G, 28th Pennsylvania Vols., under Col. J. C. Frick, of Pottsville, and again during the emergency of 1862. He is a Democrat in politics and has been delegate to a number of county conventions. He was elected one of the directors of the poor of Schuylkill county. Socially Mr. Ebling is a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Auburn, and his religious connection is with the Reformed Church. He married Sarah De Walt, daughter of Joseph De Walt, of South Manheim township, and she died in 1884, the mother of seven children, viz.: Irvin A., mentioned below; Annie, wife of Morris Kisler, of Schuylkill Haven; Kate and Joel, residing at home; Ellen, wife of W. Wagner, of Schuylkill Haven; John M., a prominent business man of Schuylkill Haven; and Mary, wife of George W. Butz, a civil engineer of Schuylkill Haven.

John Fahl, father of Mrs. Gideon Ebling, was a native and lifelong resident of West Brunswick township, and during his early life assisted in the development of this region from a primitive wilderness. He lived to an advanced age and was a highly respected member of the community.

Irvin A. Ebling attended school in West Brunswick township and worked on his father's farm near Pinedale, which he afterwards cultivated on his own account for six years. He then farmed near Orwigsburg for three years; for five years back of Tumbling run, and finally came to North Manheim township in 1907 and bought the old Hamilton farm near Pottsville. This tract of fourteen and a half acres he is now cultivating intensively, doing a general trucking business and operating a dairy, having twelve cows which supply a large number of customers in Pottsville. Through his methods and industry the farm has been developed into one of great productivity, and is much more valuable than when he purchased it. There is a fine spring on the land. Mr. Ebling keeps his buildings in a thorough state of repair, and the success which he has achieved in the vocation of agriculture is due entirely to his enterprise and energy.

In October, 1888, Mr. Ebling was married to Annie Miller, a daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Nagle) Miller, of Washington township, and they have had

eight children: Bertha (married Earl Spotts), Elmer, William, Clayton, Harry, Florence, Charles and Ralph. Mr. Ebling is a Democrat, and has served as school director of West Brunswick and Blythe townships, one term in the latter. In religious faith he is a believer in the tenets of the Reformed Church, which he and his wife attend.

GEORGE FRANKLIN KNITTLE, a resident of the borough of New Ringgold, is a thoroughly respected young man of his section of Schuylkill county. His energetic nature has led him to spend his time outside of business hours in the promotion of the movements which he considers valuable to his community, and he has come to be regarded as a highly useful citizen.

Mr. Knittle was born in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, and received his education at New Ringgold, in that township, attending school until eighteen years old. He then entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, learning telegraphy in the station at New Ringgold, where he remained for one year. After a short service as extra operator he was appointed, Oct. 1, 1904, as regular operator at Kruger, Schuylkill county, where he remained for three years. Thence he was transferred to Sands Siding, where he was stationed for seven years, at the end of that period being returned to Kruger, at which place he has since been the operator. He makes his home in New Ringgold, and is at present serving as assessor of that borough. On July 1, 1911, he was appointed by Dr. Samuel Dixon, head of the Pennsylvania State Health Department, as State health officer for the townships of East Brunswick and West Penn in Schuylkill county, and has served continuously since in that capacity. Mr. Knittle has been quite prominent in the Republican party in his locality, and has served as election inspector. He has also taken an active part in social and church work, being a member of the Reformed Church at New Ringgold, in which he formerly held the office of deacon. He was secretary of the Sunday school for one term. He is a past president of Washington Camp No. 100, P. O. S. of A., of New Ringgold; a past grand of East Brunswick Lodge, No. 802, I. O. O. F., of New Ringgold; a member of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Union; and a member of the Independent Order of Railway Employees, whose headquarters are at Reading.

Mr. Knittle married Carrie Emma Vetter, who was born May 10, 1884, in New Ringgold, daughter of David and Mary C. (Hartzel) Vetter, and they have three children, born at follows: Robert Franklin, Oct. 9, 1905; Alma Catherine, March 29, 1907; Miriam Rodella, Aug. 17, 1908. All are attending school at New Ringgold.

Hiram Koch, Mr. Knittle's maternal grandfather, was a native of East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, and was reared and educated there. He owned a fine farm, and was engaged in general agriculture throughout his life, dying at the age of seventy-five years. His wife, Catherine (Koenig), daughter of Samuel Koenig, died at the age of sixty-eight years, and both are buried in the cemetery at the Frieden's Church. They were regular attendants at the services of the Reformed Church. Politically Mr. Koch was a Republican. We have the following record of the family born to them: Ella, mother of Mr. Knittle, was born in East Brunswick township; Frank, now a resident of Mount Carmel, Pa., married a Miss Betz; Amanda married Howard Freed, and lives at Weatherly, Pa.; William, of Orwigsburg, Pa., married Rella Light; Clara married Charles Dennis, and resides in Philadelphia, Pa.; Annie is the



wife of William L. Rogers, and lives at Mount Olive, Miss.; George, of New Ringgold, married Stella Bachman; two are deceased.

David Vetter, father of Mrs. George Franklin Knittle, was born Feb. 22, 1843, at Pottsville, Schuylkill county, son of John and Mary (Hetzel) Vetter. His grandfather, John Vetter, was born in Germany, and passed all his life in that country. John Vetter, the father of David, was born Feb. 26, 1815, in Baden, Germany, and came to the United States in 1828. Soon afterwards he settled in New York State, and in 1840 moved to Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he lived until 1864. That year he settled at New Ringgold, this county, where his wife died April 20, 1883, and his death occurred Aug. 8, 1885. He was a brickmaker by trade, and followed the business for a number of years at Pottsville, later, however, turning his attention to farming. He was a member of the Lutheran Church and a regular attendant at its services. His wife was also a native of Germany. They had a family of six children, three sons and three daughters, all of whom grew to maturity.

David Vetter passed his boyhood at Pottsville, Pa., and received his education in the public schools there. After leaving school he was employed on the Schuylkill & Erie canal, following boating until his enlistment in the army during the Civil war. On Aug. 22, 1862, he left home and enlisted at Kingston, N. Y., in Company H, 120th Regiment of the New York Volunteers, which was attached to the 2d Brigade, 2d Division, 3d Army Corps. He served with that command until the end of the war and saw much active service, taking part in a number of battles, among them foremost the engagements at Chancellorsville, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Cold Harbor, Wilderness and Spottsylvania. Returning to Schuylkill county at the close of his army experience he learned telegraphy at New Ringgold, and became night operator in the station there, being so engaged for twenty-one years. Then, in 1891, he was promoted to the position of station agent at that point, continuing to fill that position for over twenty years. Mr. Vetter was also United States Express agent at New Ringgold. He has been a prominent figure in public affairs in the borough, having served several terms as justice of the peace, to which office he was first elected in 1878. He took a leading part in the deliberations of the borough council, of which he was a member for five years, and for thirty-five years he held the position of school director, for this time also acting as secretary of the board. Politically he is a Republican in sentiment, but reserves the right to think for himself on all questions. He has been a leading member of the Lutheran Church, serving the congregation in the office of deacon, and for over fifteen years consecutively was superintendent of the Sunday school. Socially he belongs to Doubleday Post, No. 189, G. A. R.; and to Washington Camp No. 100, P. O. S. of A., with which he has been affiliated for over forty years; he has filled all the offices in the local organization.

On June 15, 1863, Mr. Vetter married Mary C. Hetzel, daughter of John and Christina Hetzel, of New York State, and they have had a family of eight children: Sarah E., who married Christian Miller, a miner of Mahanoy City, this county; Mary R., wife of George Sassaman, a farmer of Barnesville, this county; Flora L., married to Marvin Fusselman, a carpenter, of Slatington, Lehigh Co., Pa.; John H., of Chicago; George W., a telegrapher; Katie M.; Carrie Emma, wife of George F. Knittle; and Lottie P.

SAMUEL J. EVANS has spent practically all his active years in mine work and since 1913 has been engaged as inside foreman at the Oak Hill colliery,  
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in Cass township. His father, John S. Evans, a Welshman by birth, was similarly employed throughout his life. When a young man he came to America and settled at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and was employed at the mines here the rest of his days. He became a mine foreman at the Glendower colliery, and was one of the men engaged with James Kealy, district superintendent for the Philadelphia & Reading Company in this district, in tapping a large body of water in the old Monterey workings connected with the Glendower colliery, very hazardous work. He died at Glendower, this county, in 1901, and is buried at Minersville. His wife, Mary A. (Pugh), daughter of Henry Pugh, died the same year. She also belonged to a Welsh family. They were the parents of the following children: Annie, Samuel J., William, Dora, Mary, Elizabeth, Harry and Sallie, all yet living.

Samuel J. Evans was born Oct. 10, 1869, at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and in his early boyhood had such advantages as the public schools of the place afforded. He went to work at the Glendower colliery when nine years old, picking slate, and was engaged in that work and in other duties about the mines for several years, until he became a regular miner. He was so employed for six years, until he became fire boss at the Lytle colliery, whence he transferred to the Pine Hill colliery, becoming inside foreman at the latter. He spent ten years in the employ of the Pine Hill Coal Company, and then ventured into business on his own account, carrying on a grocery at Minersville for about two years. Returning to mining, he was night boss at the Buck Run colliery for thirteen months, after which he was associated in plumbing with his brother-in-law at Minersville, for seven months. On June 1, 1913, he took his present position at the Oak Hill colliery, where he is giving the highest satisfaction. In the course of his long experience at the various operations Mr. Evans has become a skilled mine worker, and he has proved vigilant and faithful in every respect, entirely worthy of the confidence shown to him.

In 1892 Mr. Evans married Hannah Richards, daughter of Samuel R. Richards, who was born in South Wales, and settled in Schuylkill county, Pa., on coming to the United States. Five children have been born to this union: John S., Leroy and Thomas W. are all deceased; Mary E. and Ann R. are attending school. Mr. Evans is well acquainted in the fraternal and other social circles in the vicinity, belonging to the Knights of Malta, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Royal Arcanum, and the Independent Hose Company at Minersville. His religious connection is with the Congregational Church.

JOSEPH R. WHITE, a farmer and dairyman of Butler township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., was born March 12, 1886, at Fountain Springs, this county, a son of James A. and Jennie (Thomas) White.

John White, grandfather of Joseph R. White, came from England at an early date and settled near Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa., later moving to a farm at Fountain Springs, which he had to clear of timber. He remained there until his death. By his marriage to Elizabeth Prosser he had eleven children, nine of whom are still living.

James A. White, father of Joseph R. White, was born at Wiconisco, Dauphin Co., Pa., in 1853. Formerly he was a farmer by occupation, and resided for a number of years at Fountain Springs, in 1900 removing to Frackville, this county, where he engaged in the picture business. He married Jennie Thomas, daughter of David and Susanah Thomas, and they had thirteen children, of whom eleven survive: John, a resident of Fountain Springs; David,

a resident of Frackville; George, residing at Ashland; Joseph R.; Arthur, residing at Frackville; Harvey, residing in Butler township and working for his brother Joseph; Cyril, living at Frackville; Eva, wife of Harry Rubright, of Frackville; Jennie, wife of Joseph Gibson, of Frackville; Susan, at home; and Hayden, who is living in Frackville. Mr. and Mrs. White are still living in Frackville.

Joseph R. White was educated in the township schools and has worked on the farm from childhood. Having spent a lifetime in this occupation he has made a success of the work, and now owns eighty-six acres, upon which he is engaged in general farming and dairying. On Sept. 21, 1912, Mr. White was married to Edna Lauer, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Karbel) Lauer, both of whom are still living in Ashland, where Mrs. White was born. She was one of twelve children, the others being: Elizabeth, wife of Charles Seiler, of Ashland; Frank, who is a resident of Ashland; Cora, wife of Oscar Nolte, of Ashland; Anna, wife of Arthur White, of Frackville; Lillian, at home; Laura, wife of George Fisher, of Fountain Springs; Edward; Florence, wife of Clinton Tiel, of Girardville; Charles, living in Ashland; and Helen and Margaret, at home. Mr. Lauer is engaged in one of the collieries in Ashland. Mr. and Mrs. White are both church members. He is one of the progressive men of his township and county, and is respected and honored by all who know him.

AUGUST MEISGEIER, a venerable resident of Ashland, Pa., where he has been engaged as a locksmith for many years, is a native of Germany, but has lived in this country since 1852. He was born Nov. 7, 1829, son of Christian and Elizabeth (Greaner) Meisgeier, and the family came to America in 1852, landing at Philadelphia. They resided in that city until 1865, at which time the parents moved to Trenton, N. J., the mother dying there in 1870, the father in 1880. They had a family of six children, four daughters and two sons, and August is now the only survivor.

It was in 1865 that August Meisgeier came to Ashland, Schuylkill county. He had received the thorough training and education afforded by the German institutions of learning, and was taught the trade of locksmith in his native land, following it there until he came to America. After removing to Ashland he worked for a time in the foundry, and later for a time at one of the breakers, but eventually returned to his trade, which he has continued to follow ever since. As a skillful workman, Mr. Meisgeier has always attracted sufficient patronage in the locality to keep him busy and afford him an excellent living. His precision and thorough understanding of his work have made him one of the most popular tradesmen in this community. His shop has been a convenience well appreciated in the borough.

Mr. Meisgeier was married in Philadelphia in 1852 to Johanna Horn, a native of Germany, who came to America with her parents; her father died in Wisconsin, to which State he had moved, and the mother passed away in 1889 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Meisgeier. The latter had a family of three children: Louisa, the wife of John Blank, of Philadelphia; Henry A., also a resident of Philadelphia (No. 1720 North Twenty-sixth street); and Anna, deceased. Mrs. Meisgeier died at Ashland Dec. 26, 1914. Mr. Meisgeier owns the comfortable home on Center street, Ashland, where he and his family have resided. He is a member of the German Lutheran Church of the borough, to which his wife also belonged, and is one of its most highly respected citizens.

ANTHONY FERGUSON has been holding positions of responsibility about the anthracite mines in Schuylkill county for the last forty years, having been an outside foreman continuously from 1877 to 1906, and since then timber inspector at the Tunnel Ridge colliery, Mahanoy City. He is a Civil war veteran and prominent in G. A. R. circles, the present commander of Severn Post.

Mr. Ferguson was born in October, 1838, at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where his father, John Ferguson, a native of Ireland, settled a few years after coming to America in 1831. Later he moved to Wadesville, this county, where he died, and he is buried at Pottsville. He worked by the day. To his union with Rosie Burk were born the following children: Patrick and Edward, born in Ireland; Annie, born at Reading, Pa.; Matilda and Thomas, born at Pottsville, Pa.; Anthony; May and John, born at Pottsville; and Rosie, born at Wadesville. During the Civil war Patrick served in Company B, 129th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and Edward in Company L, 3d Pennsylvania Cavalry.

Anthony Ferguson was reared at Wadesville and early found employment at the mines, where he was working as engineer when he decided to give his services in the Civil war. On Aug. 9, 1862, he enlisted in Company K, 137th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for nine months. After the war he located in Ashland, Schuylkill county, where he ran a mine engine until 1877, in which year he was made outside foreman at the Otter colliery, at Branchdale, this county. He was there for the next ten years, in 1887 changing to a similar position at the Elmwood colliery, where he remained about eight years. He was then transferred to the Mahanoy City colliery as outside foreman, for three years, after which he was so engaged at the North Mahanoy colliery, Mahanoy City, for a period of seven years. In 1906 he became timber inspector at the Tunnel Ridge colliery, which position he still fills. His work is highly important, involving the safety of many workers and the inspection of valuable workings, and he has given evidence of his fitness in the most painstaking service; his duties carry a heavy obligation to all the workers in the colliery as well as to his employers.

Mr. Ferguson married Mary A. O'Hara, daughter of John O'Hara, and they have had the following children: John (deceased), Thomas (deceased), Edward, Thomas (2), Mary, Rosie, Joseph, John (2), Frank and Nellie. Mr. Ferguson and his family are Catholics in religious faith. He has been active in Grand Army circles, and a leading member of Severn Post No. 110, of Mahanoy City, of which he has been commander for several years.

CHRIST F. GABBERT, of Mahanoy City, is considered one of the most progressive citizens of that borough, his services on the school board and activity in church work stamping him as one of the public-spirited element who are willing to give personal attention to promoting the general welfare. By occupation he is a blacksmith, in charge of the shop at the Tunnel Ridge colliery.

Mr. Gabbert was born at Mahanoy City in July, 1865, son of Adam Gabbert, a native of Germany, who came to this country in young manhood. He first located at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and was afterwards among the early residents of Mahanoy City, where he settled in 1862 and died in 1885, at the age of sixty years. He is buried at Mahanoy City. Mr. Gabbert followed mining at both Pottsville and Mahanoy City, and was well and favor-

ably known in his day. He married Elizabeth Erisman, and they had the following family: John is deceased; Elizabeth married Henry Sherman; Catherine, deceased, was the wife of James Williams; Christ F. is next in the family; Emma is the wife of Augustus Labas and resides at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Jacob is a resident of Philadelphia, Pa.; Peter died when four years old.

Christ F. Gabbert attended public school in Mahanoy City, but he was still a boy when he went to work picking slate at the breaker. As he grew older he did various other kinds of work about the mines, continuing thus until 1885, in which year he started to learn blacksmithing at the mines. He has followed the trade ever since, now having charge of the shop at Tunnel Ridge. Mr. Gabbert is a proficient mechanic and conscientious workman, and his faithful performance of all the work intrusted to him makes him a valued employee. He is thoroughly respected by his fellow workers and, indeed, wherever known. Seven years ago his townsmen honored him with election to the borough school board, and he has served in that body continuously since, being the present treasurer; he was president for one year. He is an enthusiastic member of St. Paul's Reformed Church and does his full share of church and Sunday school work, being a member of the church consistory and of the Sunday school, in which he has also been a teacher. Socially he belongs to the P. O. S. of A.

Mr. Gabbert was united in marriage with Nalena Rhoads, daughter of Jacob Rhoads, of Mahanoy City. They have had four children: Catherine, Gerald, and two who died in infancy.

CHARLES W. GRUBE, of East Brunswick township, who owns and operates what was formerly known as the Kunkel farm, is a native of this section of Schuylkill county and belongs to an estimable German family founded here over fifty years ago.

Christian Grube, his grandfather, lived in the Province of Hanover, Germany, and was a silver miner by occupation. He died at the comparatively early age of thirty-six, leaving a wife and five children, namely: Charles, who died in Baltimore about 1909, aged seventy-seven years; Charlotte; Louisa, Mrs. Charles Heberling; Dorothy, Mrs. John Weist; and William, who was one year old when his father died. The mother, whose maiden name was Hannah Shear, was a native of Hanover, Germany, and died at the age of seventy-seven in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, at the home of her son-in-law, Charles Heberling. She was a member of the German Lutheran Church, and is buried in the Frieden's Church cemetery. Mrs. Grube came to America with her children eighteen years after her husband's death, the family settling in Baltimore, Md., for two years, and removing thence to Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania.

William Grube, son of Christian, was born July 8, 1834, in Klausthal, Hanover, Germany, was educated in his native country, and came to America with his mother. They first settled at Baltimore, and later he came to Lewis-town, in Walker township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and was engaged at wood chopping for some time. Thence he removed to East Brunswick township, where he bought a farm of thirty acres, cleared most of it, and subsequently bought several tracts aggregating seventy-five acres. These he cultivated to the end of his days, carrying on general farming. He died Oct. 31, 1906, and is buried in the cemetery of Frieden's Church at New Ringgold, of which church he was a Lutheran member. In political sentiment he was a Democrat. Mrs.

Grube still resides in East Brunswick township. Her maiden name was Sophia Reidler, and she was born in Germany Nov. 3, 1841, daughter of Conrad and Maria (Knoblauch) Reidler. They had children as follows: Caroline married George Schaffer; Charlotte married Charles Eckroth; William married Catherine Shellhammer; Minnie married Adam Schofield, who is deceased; Lewis John married Cordelia Bachert; Louis is next in the family; Charles W. married Emma L. Shellhammer; Katie married Harvey Houser; Henry is the next; Walter married Elsie Frantz.

Charles W. Grube was born Aug. 15, 1875, in East Brunswick township, where he was reared and educated. He worked on his father's farm until twenty-three years old, at which time he went to Philadelphia, where he was employed by the Philadelphia Traction Company for one year. Returning to East Brunswick township he went to farming in Kleckners valley, where he operated a tract containing fifty-six acres, forty-five of which were under cultivation. His stay there covered nine years, at the end of which period he bought his present tract of 136 acres, of which 115 acres are cleared ground. This place was long known as the John Kunkel farm. Mr. Grube at one time served his township as school director, in that position giving special evidence of his public spirit and sincere interest in the general welfare. He is a Democrat in political connection; socially holds membership in McKeanburg Grange, No. 1256, Patrons of Husbandry, Washington Camp No. 100, P. O. S. of A., of New Ringgold, and East Brunswick Lodge, No. 802, I. O. O. F., of New Ringgold; and is a Lutheran in religion, belonging to the Frieden's Church.

Mr. Grube married Emma Louisa Shellhammer, who was born in East Brunswick township Oct. 4, 1884, daughter of Benjamin F. and Sarah Ann (Houser) Shellhammer, and they have had eight children, born as follows: William F., June 20, 1904; Helen M., Aug. 8, 1905; Edna May, Dec. 8, 1906; Caroline I., Feb. 27, 1908; Lottie A., Oct. 10, 1909 (died Oct. 14, 1911, and is buried at Frieden's Church); Emma L., Feb. 16, 1911; Carl W., Nov. 18, 1912; Catherine, Jan. 14, 1915.

Michael Shellhammer, Mrs. Grube's grandfather, was a farmer in West Penn township, Schuylkill county. He married for his second wife Catherine Daubenspeck, and of their children but two survive: Mary Ann, widow of James Becker, residing in Mahanoy City; and Benjamin F. Michael Shellhammer died aged thirty-six years, and his widow married (second) Solomon Zimmerman, by whom she had two children: Ellie died when six years old; Emma, deceased, married John Hill, of Weatherly, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Shellhammer were members of Zion's Reformed Church in West Penn township, and are buried in the cemetery of that church. She died when seventy years old.

Benjamin F. Shellhammer was born in West Penn township, Jan. 6, 1852, and was educated in the schools of that township, but in early life was hired out to other farmers to earn his livelihood. He finally came to East Brunswick township, where he rented three different farms before buying his present farm of over forty acres, of which eight acres are in timber. There he still resides, engaged in general farming. He married Sarah Ann Houser, a daughter of Michael and Polly (Kistler) Houser, and they have five children: William O. married Sallie Frantz; Oscar James (who married Netta I. Blue, deceased), Polly Catherine (wife of William Grube) and Thomas Milton (deceased) were triplets; Emma L. is Mrs. Charles W. Grube. Mr. Shellhammer

has taken some part in the administration of public affairs locally, having served as school director and supervisor. His political allegiance is given to the Democratic party. He is a member of Washington Camp No. 100, P. O. S. of A., at New Ringgold; Protection Council, No. 935, Order of Independent Americans; and of Zion's Reformed Church in West Penn township.

GEORGE B. ADAM, a progressive citizen of West Penn township, was born there March 11, 1865, son of Daniel Adam. He belongs to an old Pennsylvania family, long established in Berks county, where his grandfather, John Adam, lived and died, passing away before the birth of George B. Adam. He is buried in Berks county. John Adam operated the clover mill (for cleaning clover seed) in Greenwich township. He was married twice, and his children were: Solomon, who married Cordelia Hendricks; Jacob; Daniel; Nathan; Sallie, who married Ephraim DeLong; and Hattie, Mrs. Heffner. John Adam was a Republican in politics.

Daniel Adam, son of John, who was born May 12, 1829, in Greenwich township, Berks county, and died Dec. 22, 1914. He was reared and educated in his native county, and was twenty-five years old when he came to Schuylkill county, where he followed his trade of tailor until he entered the Union service during the Civil war. He enlisted in Company A, 202d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for nine months, and besides doing his duty as a soldier repaired clothing for his comrades until obliged to give up work at his trade because of the loss of part of his thumb, which had to be amputated on account of a felon. A few years before entering the army he had bought a timber tract of seventy acres in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, and returning to that township at the close of his war service he settled there permanently. Thereafter he devoted himself to agricultural work, in which he prospered, becoming the owner of 217 acres of land, of which 100 acres are cleared. He sold a part of his land to John Moyer and James Beltz, and also sold a little over 100 acres to Amandus Houser, who operated it for a few years, until his death. Mr. Adam then took back the property, which Milton Houser operated for him for a period of four years, after which George Bollinger rented it. The latter is still the tenant on this farm. Mr. Adam's estate has not yet been settled. He married Hannah Hendricks, who was born in Berks county Sept. 17, 1839, and died in June, 1905. They are buried at Zion's Church in West Penn township. Mr. Adam was a Lutheran member of that church, but never took any active part in its work. At one time he belonged to the Odd Fellows fraternity, and in politics he stood with the Democratic party, though his brothers were all Republicans. To Mr. and Mrs. Adam were born the following children: Amanda Jane was the wife of Amandus Houser (both are deceased); James Buchanan, who now resides at Rockport, Carbon Co., Pa., married Rosie Sittler; Amandus Wilson married Isadora Shellhammer, and they reside at Reading, Pa.; Daniel A. is unmarried; George B. is next in the family; Milton Alvin was killed on the railroad (he was unmarried); Mary Alice died when nine years old; Levi Henry, now a resident of Walker township, Schuylkill county, married Olivia Lotz; Tilden Gottlieb married a Miss Schlosser.

George B. Adam grew to manhood in West Penn township and received his education there in the common schools. He worked for his father on the farm until thirty-two years of age, and meantime he married. Then he settled on his present property, a tract of ninety-eight acres, which he bought from



his father-in-law, John S. Zehner, and he has since followed general farming, having eighty acres cleared and under cultivation. Mr. Adam markets his products at Tamaqua, making trips to that point all the year round. By industry and intelligent management he has kept his place in excellent condition, and its productiveness is due largely to his careful operation and good judgment in the rotation of crops. He has devoted his attention almost entirely to his work, taking no part in public affairs, but he is interested in various local activities, and has been a prominent member of Washington Camp No. 132, P. O. S. of A., at Schwartz's, which organization he is now (1915) serving as president. He is a Lutheran member of Zion's Church in West Penn township, but has never filled any of the church offices.

Mr. Adam married Louisa Zehner, who was born Oct. 20, 1869, in West Penn township, and received her education in the public schools there, remaining at home until her marriage. She holds membership also in the West Penn Church. Mr. and Mrs. Adam have one child, Oscar Emory, born Dec. 28, 1893. He received a good education in the schools of West Penn township, and has always worked with his father on the farm. He has also taken considerable interest in township affairs, and at present is serving as tax collector of the township. He is a Democrat, and a prominent member of Washington Camp No. 132, P. O. S. of A., of which he is a past president. He also belongs to the Order of Independent Americans, Lodge No. 406, of Chain, this county.

Johannes Zehner, grandfather of Mrs. George B. Adam, was born in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, where he died when over eighty-four years old. During the summer season he engaged in farming, owning and operating the place where Mr. Adam now resides, and in the winter time followed his trade of cooper, making barrels, etc., continuing both lines throughout his active years. He was a Democrat and served as supervisor of his township. His religious connection was with the Lutheran congregation of Zion's Church, but he was not specially active in its work. He and his wife, Christina (Steigerwalt), daughter of Joseph Steigerwalt, are buried at Zion's Church. They had the following children: William, who married Polly Houser; Moses, who married a Miss Schwartz; Hettie, wife of David Halderman; Gideon, who married Sarah Houser; and John S., who married Rebecca Bennighoff.

John S. Zehner, son of Johannes, was born Sept. 17, 1836, on the property in West Brunswick township now owned by George B. Adam, received his education in the local schools, and spent all his life on that place, which he bought from his father. He carried on general farming very successfully, marketing his products at Tamaqua, and during the last few years of his life lived practically retired. Like his father he was a Democrat in politics, and in 1901 he was elected to the office of supervisor. At one time he held membership in the I. O. O. F., until his lodge disbanded. He was a Lutheran member of Zion's Church, where he is buried, but though interested in its welfare he never held any of the church offices. His death occurred April 30, 1908. Mr. Zehner married Rebecca Bennighoff, who was born Nov. 25, 1847, daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Close) Bennighoff, and they became the parents of the following children: Levi Henry, born June 5, 1865, married Annie Bachman, and now lives at Tamaqua; Matilda Jane, born June 19, 1867, died July 25, 1868; Louisa is the wife of George B. Adam; Wallace, who lives in West Penn township, is married to Alice Behler; John Daniel, born Feb. 11, 1874, died Nov. 20, 1875; Frank Alvin, born April 16, 1876, died



March 22, 1888; Oliver Jacob, born Feb. 12, 1879, died March 26, 1888; a daughter, born Feb. 10, 1881, died Feb. 27, 1881; Grant Delwin, born Feb. 17, 1884, died March 26, 1888; Harvey Francis, born Oct. 1, 1886, died Oct. 1, 1888.

GEORGE B. O'NEILL has but recently settled at Ashland, where he has continued the line of business which he formerly carried on at Reading, Pa., as a member of the firm of O'Neill & Faller. A little over a year ago he established his bakery at Nineteenth and Centre streets, Ashland, where he is engaged in the manufacture of Vienna steam pretzels.

Mr. O'Neill is a native of Schuylkill county, born June 14, 1881, at Shenandoah, son of Dennis and Catherine (Huth) O'Neill. His father was born in Ireland, came to America when a young man, and settled at Shenandoah, where he became well known. At one time he was superintendent of stores there, and he was one of the first telegraph operators at that point. He also managed stores at Minersville and other places in this section. His death occurred in 1894 at Shenandoah. His wife, who was a native of Germany, died in 1909 at Reading, Pa. They are buried at Minersville, Schuylkill county. Of the fourteen children born to them we have record of the following: John, the eldest, a mechanic, lives at Llewellyn, Schuylkill Co., Pa.; Killian, of Shenandoah, is an engineer; Dennis, of Shenandoah, is an engineer at the mines; Mary is the wife of Thomas Reio, of Reading, Pa.; Sylvester is a resident of Reading; Frank lives at Camden, N. J.; George B. lives at Ashland.

George B. O'Neill received a public school education at Shenandoah, this county, graduating from the grammar school. The family moving to Reading, Pa., he found employment there in the pretzel bakery of J. S. Bachman, with whom he remained for ten years, learning the business in all its details. He then became engaged in the same line in partnership with Mr. Faller, with whom he was associated for sixteen months, until he came to Ashland and started the business to which now he gives all his attention. His bakery is a two-story building, equipped with all modern machinery for the production of pretzels. Mr. O'Neill is looked upon as an enterprising young business man, and personally also he deserves the esteem in which he is held. His familiarity with the business, combined with energy, are fair indications that he has a prosperous future.

In November, 1912, Mr. O'Neill was married to Bridget Toomey, of Shenandoah, this county, and they have one child, Katherine. Mr. O'Neill is a Catholic in religious connection and socially he holds membership in Sarto council, Knights of Columbus, at Ashland, and the Knights of St. George, at Reading, Pennsylvania.

THOMAS PATTEN, hotelkeeper at Jonestown, is a successful business man of Cass township, and belongs to a respected family which has been in this section of Schuylkill county for over eighty years.

The Pattens are of English extraction, and the family was founded here by Thomas Patten, grandfather of Thomas, who was born in England, and brought his family to America in the year 1834. Mr. Patten became one of the leading citizens of the day in that locality. Settling at what became known as Patten's Valley, in the neighborhood of Forestville, Cass township, Schuylkill county, he cleared most of the land above Minersville, where Jones-

town is now located, and for a time was extensively engaged in sawmilling, running two mills at Jonestown and another between Forestville and Llewellyn. He continued in the activities of the development of this section until his death. One of his sons, William Patten, ran the first engine over the Mine Hill railroad from Schuylkill Haven.

James Patten, son of Thomas, above, was born in England, and came to this country with the family in 1834. In the early days he hauled cars by horses from Schuylkill Haven to Minersville and Branchdale, but mining was for many years his principal occupation. Part of the time he was an engineer at the mines. He died at the age of seventy-eight years, and is buried at Minersville. To his marriage with Elizabeth Grooms was born a large family, namely: William, Margaret, Elizabeth, Robert, Alice and Mary, twins, Thomas, George (who was two years old when the family left Barry Township), James, Annie and Sarah.

Thomas Patten, son of James and Elizabeth (Grooms) Patten, was born July 18, 1867, in Barry township, Schuylkill county, and was four years old when brought thence to Cass township, in 1871. He had ordinary common school advantages and began work at the mines when a boy, going through the usual routine of picking slate, tending door and driving mules, until he became a regular miner. He was successfully engaged at that calling until 1904, when he became interested in the hotel business, to which he has devoted all his time and attention. He has an up-to-date establishment at Jonestown, which has become very popular under his management, and he numbers many of the residents of Cass township among his friends. He has been associated with public affairs to the extent of serving as assessor.

Mr. Patten married Martha Jenkins, daughter of William Jenkins, of Cass township, and five children have been born to this union: Susanna, the eldest, born Nov. 23, 1888, who is deceased; James, born Dec. 9, 1890; William, born Nov. 5, 1892, who married Mamie Rebuck, of Ashland; Elizabeth, born March 23, 1902; and Thomas, born Oct. 23, 1908.

JAMES M. SEITZINGER, engineer on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, residing at Gordon, Pa., was born Nov. 24, 1846, in Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and is a son of Israel Seitzinger and grandson of Jacob Seitzinger. The ancestry of the family is German.

Jacob Seitzinger, the grandfather, was a member of an old family of Berks county, this state, and came to Pottsville during the days of its settlement. He was very active in politics there, and at the time of his death was a justice of the peace. He was a veteran of the War of 1812. He died in Pottsville and is buried there. Of his eight children, only two are living: Mrs. Elizabeth Bigler, of Anamosa, Iowa, and Mrs. Adelia Hipple, wife of C. D. Hipple, a former captain of the 96th Pennsylvania Infantry, now residing in Kansas.

Israel Seitzinger, father of James M., was born at Pottsville, Aug. 27, 1820, and there gained his education. Coming to Fountain Springs in 1850, he conducted a hotel there, and was also in the same business at Gordon. He married Margaret Heebner, of Schuylkill Haven, and they had ten children: John, a member of Company L., 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry, who had his left foot shot off in a battle of the Civil war, and is now deceased; James M.; Elizabeth, Charles and Jacob, deceased; Isabella, wife of Charles Rice, of

Gordon; Sarah, wife of Elias Thomas, of Mt. Carmel; William O., residing in Gordon; and Harry and Frank, deceased.

It is interesting to record that the war records of Israel and James M. Seitzinger, father and son, are closely interwoven, so that the record of one is part of the other. Israel Seitzinger organized the first company that went from Ashland, April 1, 1861, and was made its captain. This was Company E, 6th Pa. Vols., which saw but three months' service. Then in 1864 both father and son enlisted in Company G, 116th Pa. Vol. Inf., and both served till the close of the war, the father being mustered out in July, 1865, and the son in May of the same year. Both took part in the battles of the Wilderness, Cold Harbor, Spottsylvania and Petersburg. The son was wounded at Reams' Station, near Petersburg, on Aug. 25, 1864, being injured twice in that battle. At the battle of Cold Harbor he saved the colors, and for this was presented a gold medal by Congress, thus making him a member of the Legion of Honor. He was also made sergeant of the company. He has the cap and other articles he wore during the war. At the close of the war father and son returned to Gordon, where the father died in 1894, at the age of seventy-four years.

Margaret Heebner, mother of James M. Seitzinger, was born near Schuylkill Haven, March 29, 1825, and died in October, 1909. She is buried in the Fountain Springs cemetery.

John Heebner, father of Mrs. Margaret Seitzinger, was a native of Chester county, Pa., and was a pioneer at Schuylkill Haven, a well known man of his time. He was a blacksmith by trade. He died in 1871, and his wife in 1870, both being well along in age. He had ten children, only one of whom is now living, residing in Iowa.

James M. Seitzinger was educated in the schools of Pottsville and Gordon, Pa. He entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company as brakeman, was successively promoted to conductor, fireman and engineer, and has now been in the employ of the company for fifty-two years (1915). He has been engineer for thirty-seven years and is still running on different branches out of Gordon. On Dec. 2, 1867, he was married to Hannah C. Evert, daughter of William Evert, of Ashland, and they had the following children: Stella, wife of A. D. Miller, of Philadelphia; Cora, widow of Harry Gasken, of Shamokin; Madue, deceased; Milton, residing in Pottsville, a fireman on the Pennsylvania railroad; Lucy, wife of Harry Dunkleberger, of Philadelphia; Henrietta, wife of Charles J. Groff, of Pottsville. Mrs. Seitzinger died July 2, 1898, and in 1903 Mr. Seitzinger married Mary E. Hopkins, her sister.

Mr. Seitzinger is a member of Post No. 170, G. A. R., of Catawissa, Columbia Co., Pa., and has been commander of that post. He is also a member of Catawissa Lodge, No. 349, F. & A. M., in which he has passed all the chairs, and is connected with the Methodist Church.

Milton Seitzinger, son of James M., is a fireman on the Pennsylvania railroad. During the Spanish-American war he served in Company C, 12th Pa. Vol. Inf., and was discharged after contracting typhoid fever. He is a member of Camp No. 72, Sons of Veterans.

DAVID G. HUGHES ranks among the skilled mine workers in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, having charge as inside foreman at the Suffolk colliery, in Mahanoy township, Schuylkill county. He has been employed at these workings continuously since 1889, and has worked

his own way up to his present position from a humble beginning. Like many expert miners of the locality he is of Welsh origin, having been born in Wales March 2, 1853. His father, Joseph Hughes, was a contractor and builder in Wales, and died there when a young man.

Mr. Hughes was reared in his native land, and began to work in the mines when between eight and nine years old. Mining has always been his occupation, and his experience has been entirely in coal mines. Since he settled in this country he has been employed actively in the Pennsylvania coal fields. In 1886 Mr. Hughes came to America and to Pennsylvania, and for a couple of years worked at Glen Lyon, Luzerne and Nanticoke, all in Luzerne county. In 1888 he located at Girardville, Schuylkill county, where he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, mining there one year, at the end of which time he came to the Suffolk colliery, in Mahanoy township. There he built two large fan holes, shafts, etc., for the mines, and when this work was completed was made fire boss, which position he held for eight years and four months. His next promotion was to assistant inside foreman, and after four years and four months in that capacity he was made inside foreman, in September, 1902, his long familiarity with the workings at the Suffolk colliery qualifying him thoroughly for such responsibility. There are about six hundred men under his charge, and in the arrangement and adjustment of their work he has shown himself well fitted for his duties, as well as by his own competence, which has been tested to his credit on many occasions. Personally he enjoys as high standing as in his business relations, because of his manly worth and reliable character. He is a member of Lodge No. 695, B. P. O. Elks, Mahanoy City, and of the K. G. E. Castle at that place.

Sarah Phillips, the companion of his life, was also born in Wales, and he brought her with him to the United States. They have had five children: David died in infancy; Miriam is the wife of William Davidson, and they are living at St. Nicholas, Schuylkill county; Matilda is the wife of Richard Davidson, of St. Nicholas; Annie and Gladys are deceased.

GEORGE W. SCHAPPELL, of Palo Alto, is one of the oldest employees of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company. He has been an engineer for over thirty-five years. Mr. Schappell was born Sept. 6, 1847, at Spring Garden, Schuylkill county, son of Samuel Schappell, and the branch of the family to which he belongs was established in this country by his grandfather, Jacob, who moved here from Berks county, where his name is on record from the days of its settlement.

In Perry township, Berks county, which until 1853 was a part of Windsor township, Berks county, is a prominent family bearing the name of Schappelle, Choppelle, Schobbel or Schobel, but now more commonly found spelled Shappell, Schappel and Schappell. The original home of the founder was in France, but through religious persecution its members sought refuge in Germany, making their home at Wittenberg. Among the 108 passengers on the good ship "Patience," which landed at the port of Philadelphia Sept. 17, 1753, was a Jeremie Chappelle and one Jean Pierre Chappelle. The kinship of these two emigrants is unknown, but it is not doubted that they were relatives. What became of Jean Pierre after landing in the New World is not known. Jerenias Schappelle (as it appears on the tombstone) or Schobel and Eberhart Schoppel, brothers, were residents in Windsor township, Berks Co., Pa., in 1754 (see Rupp's History).

According to the tombstone inscription at Zion's Church, in Perry (formerly Windsor) township, Jeremias Schappelle was born in 1715, and he died Oct. 15, 1804. His wife Catharine, born in 1724, passed away June 8, 1801. The will of Jeremiah Shappel (sic) is on record in Berks county courthouse in Will Book A, page 505. It was made Feb. 11, 1803, and probated Jan. 7, 1805. At the time the will was made he was a resident of Windsor township. The following children were mentioned in the will: Jacob (who was made executor of his father's estate), Matthias, Jeremiah, Magdalena and Catharine. In the cemetery at Zion's Church is a tombstone bearing the following inscription: "Elizabeth Schappelle, wife of Jeremias, formerly of, Deutschland, born Feb. 16, 1771, died July 9, 1817, aged forty-six years, five months, twenty-three days." This probably refers to the wife of Jeremias or Jeremiah, son of Jeremias (1).

Jacob Schappell, son of Jeremias, was better known as "Jockey," a nickname evidently taken from the German pronunciation of his name. He was born in Wittenberg, Germany, Feb. 2, 1744, and died Sept. 11, 1826. As stated above he was the executor of his father's will in 1805. His wife Susanna was born Feb. 2, 1751, and she died July 24, 1828. They were both buried at Zion's Church. Jeremias, Eberhart and Jockey were founders of the original Zion's Church. Tradition says Jacob and Susanna had a large family, some of their children, however, dying in infancy and childhood. Of these of whom there is record may be mentioned: Peter, born April 19, 1770; Col. Jeremiah, born March 20, 1774; Daniel, who was a taxable resident in Manheim township, Schuylkill county, in 1790; and Hannah, married to George Hoffman, a farmer of Perry township.

There is a valley in Perry township known to the local residents as Schappell's Dale, because of the many Schappells living there.

Peter Schappell, son of Jacob and Susanna, was born April 19, 1770, and died Nov. 18, 1851. He was a farmer in Windsor township, and he and his family all belonged to Zion's Church, and are buried in the cemetery there. His first wife was Elizabeth (Lenhart) (1768-1790), and his second Annie (Kosch) (1778-1841). His children were: Jacob, who located in Schuylkill county; Benjamin, who died young; Daniel, who settled in Schuylkill county; Samuel, who settled in Windsor township; John, who settled in Richmond township, Berks county; Mary, married to William Miller; Kate, married to Martin Eisenhaur; Elizabeth, married to Jacob Boyer; a daughter married to Anthony Adam; and Solomon.

Jacob Shappell lived at Shartlesville, in Berks county, until his removal to Schuylkill county, where he settled in North Manheim township with his family. Purchasing a tract of land, he followed farming successfully during the remainder of his days, dying here, and is buried in the old cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. His children were as follows: Jacob, who died in Northumberland county; Samuel; David, who died in Schuylkill county; Mary, who married John Womer; and Lydia, Mrs. Long.

Samuel Shappell, son of Jacob, was born in 1825 at Shartlesville, Berks county, accompanied his father to Schuylkill county, and passed the remainder of his life here. After working several years as a boatbuilder he bought the J. Womer farm, in North Manheim township, comprising twenty acres, and later increased his holdings by the purchase of part of his father's homestead, as well as part of the Pryor estate. He also acquired part of the Osewald farm and some land from Fred Hinckle, having a total of 108 acres. He

carried on general farming and the timber business as well for many years, becoming a well known man in his day. He was a Democrat, and in religion a member of the Reformed Church, in which he was active, holding the position of deacon. Mr. Shappell married Sarah Oswald, who was born in 1823, daughter of Daniel Oswald, and lived to the age of eighty-two years, dying in 1906. His death occurred many years before, in 1884, when he was fifty-nine years old. Mr. and Mrs. Shappell are buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. They had a large family, namely: George W.; Henry, who is a resident of Philadelphia; Sarah, deceased; Maria, Mrs. Frank Luckenbill, living in North Manheim township; Samuel, who went West; Benjamin, of North Manheim township; Hattie, wife of Jonathan Achey, of Allentown, Pa.; Mahlon and Galen, twins, the former deceased, the latter in the West; and Isaac, of Schuylkill Haven, who is in the employ of the Reading Company.

George W. Shappell attended public school and remained on the home farm until he reached the age of twenty-one years. He then went to learn the blacksmith's trade at Schuylkill Haven, and he followed it for three years, until he received the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company in 1873. His first position was that of brakeman and he was afterwards fireman, until promoted to engineer in 1878. For many years he was on the Frackville grade, and he is now engineer on the Pottsville shifter. Mr. Shappell is a man of reliable character and steady industrious habits, which have gained him the respect of his associates and the confidence of his superiors. He is a member of the Philadelphia & Reading Relief Association and of the P. O. S. of A., and his religious connection is with the English Lutheran Church. His home is at No. 302 Savery street, Palo Alto.

In 1874 Mr. Shappell married Clara Burton, daughter of George W. Burton, a member of an old family of Philadelphia. Eleven children have been born to this union, namely: Mary L., now deceased; Samuel E., deceased; Ida M., the wife of William Nabholtz; George B.; Charles F.; Elwood I.; William H.; Bessie, wife of Fred Reinhart; Maude E., wife of George Runkle; Clara E., wife of William Dewalt, and Ralph F.

MILTON BARR, of Schuylkill Haven, a well known contracting plasterer was born Dec. 14, 1868, in that borough, son of David S. Barr, grandson of Jacob Baer and great-grandson of Melchior Baer.

The Baer (Barr) family of Pennsylvania has an interesting history. The name in different forms is common in both Europe and America, and the Colonial records show that over forty immigrants of the name came to America prior to 1750. Those of the family in eastern Pennsylvania have their origin in three distinct branches or families; those of John, Melchior and Christopher, or Stoffel, as he was familiarly called. These three men of the name of Baer, with other immigrants, crossed the ocean in the ship "Phoenix," landing at Philadelphia Sept. 30, 1743. Their descendants are many and are scattered through the counties of Berks, Lehigh and Schuylkill. The German spelling of the name is Bär, and in various sections it is written Baer, Baehr, Bahr, Bair, Bare, Bear and Barr.

Melchior Baer, the great-great-grandfather of Milton Barr, settled in Lehigh county, Pa., where he farmed and reared a large family, being married twice. He died in Upper Milford township, Lehigh county. Among his children was a son, Melchior.

Melchior Baer (2) was a farmer, as his ancestors had been, and lived during his youth and early manhood in Lehigh, his native county. Afterwards he moved to Mercer county, Pa., where he died, at the home of his youngest daughter. His children were: Daniel, Jacob, George and Charles (twins), Susan, Henry, Mrs. Rice, Mrs. Jacob Dieffenderfer and Mrs. Moses Dieffenderfer.

Jacob Baer, grandfather of Milton Barr, was born in Lehigh county, Pa., and was a stonemason, following that trade all of his active life. He died in Macungie, Lehigh county, in 1861, at the age of sixty-nine years. He married Maria Snyder, of Berks county, and they had twelve children: William, Charles, Henry, Solomon, Jonas, David S., Sallie, Lydia, Susanna, Hannah, Maria and Emma.

David S. Barr, father of Milton, was born in Macungie, Lehigh Co., Pa., June 7, 1838, and was reared upon a farm, attending the country schools there. In the year 1854 his father moved to Schuylkill Haven. Until then he spelled his name "Baer," but his brother and cousin here used the spelling "Barr," and he also adopted it. It has continued to be the form used up to the present by this branch of the family. David S. Barr learned the trade of plasterer, and for many years was engaged in that work in Schuylkill Haven. In 1894 he retired and turned his contracts and work over to his sons. He now leads a quiet existence with his son George at Schuylkill Haven. Mr. Barr served in the great conflict between the North and South, having early enlisted in Company B, 16th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and remained in the army until the close of the war, participating in several engagements. He was mustered out in September, 1865, at Manchester, Va., at the close of the conflict. He is a member of Jere Helms Post, G. A. R., of Schuylkill Haven.

Mr. Barr was married to Elizabeth Groh, daughter of David and Anna Maria (Degler) Groh, and she died Nov. 18, 1907, and is buried at Schuylkill Haven. Of the children born to this union three are living: Milton; Oscar, a railroad man of Schuylkill Haven; and George, who is a partner with his brother Milton in the plastering business at Schuylkill Haven. Mr. Barr is a member of the Evangelical Church.

Milton Barr attended public schools at Schuylkill Haven, and later learned the plastering business with his father. When his father retired in 1894 he and his brother George took over the business and have continued to take contracts in the borough since that time. The firm, known as Milton Barr & Bro., is noted throughout this section of the county for good work and thoroughness of detail. Both of the brothers are skilled mechanics, and they employ from five to ten men throughout the year in their various contracts.

Milton Barr was married to Mrs. Cora Jane (Potteiger) Deitrich, daughter of Henry and Emeline (Hicks) Potteiger, of Shartlesville, Berks county; she was first married to Irvin Deitrich, who was a veterinary surgeon at Schuylkill Haven, where he died, leaving her with two children, Robert and Alice. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Barr.

Mr. Barr is a member of Page Lodge, No. 270, F. & A. M., of Schuylkill Haven, of which he was master in 1897. He is also a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M., the Red Men and the Heptasophs. He attends the English Lutheran Church. A Republican, he has served for several years as judge of elections in his district.



GEORGE M. SCHWALM, of Porter township, is one of the leading figures among the wide-awake agriculturists in his section. The fine place he occupies and cultivates, adjoining Reiner City, is a model farm and residence property, improved according to the most modern standards, and its condition is typical of everything Mr. Schwalm handles. Progressive and aggressive, his example has been a helpful influence in promoting the advancement of farming in Schuylkill county, where the family has been settled for several generations. Mr. Schwalm has spent practically all his life in Porter township. He was born in Hubley township, this county, Sept. 20, 1865, son of Peter Schwalm and grandson of Frederick Schwalm. The great-grandparents, John and Tillie Schwalm, came from Germany and settled in Schuylkill county, Pa., among the pioneers in what is now known as Hubley township (then Mahantongo), in the Hegins valley. They were farmers by occupation.

Frederick Schwalm, grandfather of George M. Schwalm, was born in what is now Hubley township, and there spent all his life, engaged in farming. He was a member of the German Reformed Church, and a Democrat in politics. He married three times, and by his first wife, Catherine (Stein), also a native of Schuylkill county, had a family of thirteen children, all now deceased except Daniel. William was a retired farmer, of Valley View, this county; Emanuel was postmaster at Hegins; Daniel is a farmer in Hubley township; Peter had a twin sister Catherine, who resided in Indiana; Louisa lived and died at Hoopeston, Ill. For his second wife Frederick Schwalm married Sarah Sufing, who died leaving no children, and he subsequently married Harriet Dieter. By the last union there were three children: Otilla and Elizabeth, both now deceased; and Jackson, of Hegins township.

Peter Schwalm was born Aug. 21, 1836, in what is now Hubley (then Lower Mahantongo) township, this county, and there passed his early years, receiving his education in the public and subscription schools which flourished in the neighborhood during his boyhood. His father was one of the directors of the first free school established in the township. Peter Schwalm remained at home until twenty-five years old, when he took charge of the farm of his brother, Samuel, who had entered the army for service in the Civil war, giving three years and one month of his time to the Union cause. He was thus occupied for a year and a half, and then bought the Schrob gristmill, which he carried on for several years, selling out and removing to Porter township, where he had acquired property in the meantime, having purchased 129 acres in the Williams valley. Though the land was not all cleared and the buildings were old, he had paid \$5,500 for this place, and he set at once about the task of improving it, which was no small matter. Some parts were so wild and overgrown with underbrush that the foxes would come close to the farmhouse in broad daylight and carry off the chickens, and Mr. Schwalm trapped thirty foxes during his first few years there. He continued to reside on that farm until 1895, when he built a home in Muir to which he removed, living in retirement there until his death, which occurred July 25, 1908. His son George then took charge of the home farm. In 1887 Mr. Schwalm had purchased another tract, containing about 118 acres, in Hegins township, which before his death passed into the ownership of his son Ellsworth. The village of Muir is built partly upon his Porter township farm. Mr. Schwalm was a man of active temperament, enterprising in looking out for the welfare of his locality as well as his own interests, and he served his township in the public offices of school



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director, tax assessor and tax collector. Politically he was a Republican, and his religious connection was with the Reformed Church at Orwin.

On April 23, 1861, Mr. Schwalm married Maria Schrob, who was born Oct. 29, 1843, in Hegins township, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Holde-mann) Schrob, who had a family of six children, four of whom attained maturity: Jacob died when sixty-five years old; Amos lives at Valley View, this county; Catherine lives in Kansas. Mrs. Schwalm died April 1, 1911, and is buried with her husband in the Fairview cemetery near Muir. Mr. and Mrs. Schrob were among the early settlers in their section of Schuylkill county, and both died there. They were members of the Lutheran Church.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Schwalm: Elizabeth married Alfred Hand, and is deceased; she had two children, Harry H. and Ira W., the former dying when eleven months old; the latter married Elizabeth Jobe and has two sons, Elbert and Ivan. Ellsworth, a farmer of Hegins township, married Jane Kessler, and their children are Elmer, Ralph, Ruth, Beulah, Effie and Lloyd, surviving, and Claude, who died in infancy. George M. is mentioned below. Albert T. is a teacher of long experience in Porter township, and now principal of schools there. William O. lives near Midland, S. Dak., where he is engaged in agriculture and cattle raising on a large scale; he married Annie Bixler, and has children, Ira and Ray (twins), Merle, Dorothy, Arthur and Ben. Mary E. married Thomas Moser, a teacher of Porter township, and has children, Irma, Clair, Lyle, Glenn, Ruth, Paul and Jeanette. John P., who has long been carrying on a hardware business at Reinerton, married Catherine Lebo, and they have three children, Beatrice, Harold and Mark.

George M. Schwalm was but seven months old when the family moved from Hubley to Porter township, and there he grew up, obtaining his education in the local public schools. He was trained to farming from boyhood, but for seven years during his youth and early manhood he worked at the mines. Returning to the homestead farm, he has continued to devote his energies to agriculture since, and in 1894 he began operating the place on his own account, renting it from his father. In 1903 he purchased the property from his father, having a fine tract of 102 acres, adjoining the town of Muir. He has earned the reputation of being one of the most up-to-date farmers in his neighborhood, not only because of his actual accomplishments in the line of agriculture, but on account of the ideal condition in which he keeps his surroundings. He has built a fine residence, and all the other buildings are modern and well cared for, Mr. Schwalm believing that true economy consists in a judicious outlay rather than too conservative a policy. He makes a specialty of raising corn and potatoes, for which he has no trouble finding a market. Mr. Schwalm's fellow citizens have the utmost confidence in his integrity and judgment, and he has been elected to the township offices of auditor and supervisor, in both of which he has performed his duties creditably and intelligently. He is one of the best known residents of his section. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Swatara Lodge, No. 267, F. & A. M., of Tremont, and he also holds membership in the P. O. S. of A.

Mr. Schwalm married Agnes Haertter, daughter of Christian Haertter, and the following children have been born to them: Lottie B., who is now living at home, graduated from the Porter township high school and later attended the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, and afterwards taught three terms in Porter township; Lillian E. graduated from the township high

school, taught three years, and then entered the normal school at Kutztown, graduating there, since when she has taught one term in Monroe county, Pa., and three terms in Porter township, at present being so engaged at Hoopston, Ill., where she took her present position in 1915; Corine, who graduated from the township high school and the Wade business college at Lancaster, Pa., is now stenographer for the grand regent of the Royal Arcanum at Lancaster, Pa.; Elma C. graduated from the township high school and subsequently spent one year in the Mahanoy City schools and the Wiconisco school, from which she was graduated in 1915, and is now at home.

SAMUEL KLECKNER, of New Boston, Schuylkill county, has been in the employ of Jones, Delano & Co., throughout his business career, being at present their store manager at New Boston, where he also fills the position of postmaster. He has spent all his life in this part of the county, having been born at Mahanoy City Nov. 15, 1879, and the family is of long standing here. His grandfather, the late Joshua Kleckner, was born in West Penn township, this county, in what is known as Kleckners Valley, came to Mahanoy City in 1870, and was employed about the mines during his active years. He was living retired at Mahanoy City at the time of his death, May 29, 1915, at the venerable age of eighty years. He married Mary Follweiler, and they had children as follows: Frank, Wallace, Pierce, Catherine and Dora.

Frank Kleckner, father of Samuel Kleckner, was born in Kleckners Valley, in West Penn township, and for several years followed mining in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal Company. Later he was engaged as a watchman at Park Place, Schuylkill county. He died June 8, 1915. He and his wife Sarah (Sassamen) had two children: Samuel and Norman, the latter a clerk in the colliery at Park Place.

Samuel Kleckner received his early education in the public schools of Mahanoy City, finishing with a course at McCann's business college, in that borough, where he was graduated in 1897, with the first class from that institution. He then found a position as bookkeeper with Jones, Delano & Co., at Buck Mountain colliery, where he remained for nine years. His next work was at the Vulcan colliery, where he was coal shipper for eighteen months, and since 1907 he has been located at New Boston, as store manager. In addition to his mercantile duties he serves as postmaster. Mr. Kleckner is a trustworthy young man, and his ability and fidelity to his duties have been apparent in the prosperity of the store under his management. His services have been highly satisfactory to his employers and to the public, and he is a citizen of high standing. In fraternal connection he is a Mason, belonging to Mahanoy City Lodge, No. 357, F. & A. M., and Mizpah Chapter, No. 252, R. A. M., as well as to Washington Camp No. 124, P. O. S. of A., and Lodge No. 695, B. P. O. Elks, all of Mahanoy City. He is a member of the Reformed Church.

Mr. Kleckner married Elizabeth Holman, a daughter of B. I. Evans, of Mount Carmel, Pa., the well known mine inspector. They have two children, Frank and Elizabeth.

WILLIAM M. DAMPMAN, foreman of the repair shops of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company at Gordon, Schuylkill county, was born in Lebanon, Lebanon Co., Pa., son of James M. and Elizabeth (Irons) Dampman, both natives of Pennsylvania. The father is of German descent.

James M. Dampman was born in Reading, Berks Co., Pa., March 27, 1851, and moved thence to Lebanon at an early age. He has been connected with the Reading Railway Company from boyhood, first as messenger, then at other employments until he was made an engineer at Reading in 1875; he now holds that position at Mahanoy Plane, and resides in Frackville, Pa. Mr. Dampman married Elizabeth Irons, and they had four children: William M., mentioned below; Jennie, living at Lebanon, Pa.; Mary, widow of George Kienzle, of Frackville; and Daniel, a resident of Frackville, in the employ of the Reading railroad. Mrs. Dampman died in 1884.

James Dampman, the grandfather of William M. Dampman, was a native of Chester county, Pa. He was connected with the Reading Railway Company from its earliest days of existence, and had the honor of running one of the first hard-coal burning engines used on the road. He had eight children, five sons and three daughters, of whom four are living. Philip is a resident of Point Pleasant, N. J. David took part in the Civil war, was afterwards employed by the Reading Railway Company, and is now deceased. Mrs. William Livingston resides in Philadelphia; Mrs. Harry Rippman, in Norristown, Pa.; Mrs. Harry Bailey, in Philadelphia.

William M. Dampman attended school in Philadelphia during the time his parents resided there, completing his education in Frackville. After his school days were over he came to Mahanoy Plane, and on the 1st of December, 1880, became a messenger for the Reading Railway Company. He was rapidly advanced to caller, and from that to other positions, until in 1891 he was made stationery engineer at Mahanoy Plane. In July, 1894, he was apprenticed to the machinist's trade at that place in the shops, working thus until December, 1900, when he was transferred to his present position of foreman, of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway shops at Gordon.

In 1898 Mr. Dampman was married to Harriet Copley, of Mahanoy Plane, and they have had these children: James M., Beatrice, Samuel, Douglas and Jennie. Mr. Dampman is a member of the Lutheran Church, and in politics he is a Republican. He has been president of the school board of Gordon for four years, is secretary of the board of health and treasurer of Citizens' Fire Company, No. 1. He is also a member of Ashland Lodge, No. 294, F. & A. M., of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and of the Royal Arcanum.

Samuel Copley, father of Mrs. Dampman, was a fire-boss in the mines at Mahanoy Plane. He married Elizabeth Coles, and they had eight children: James, a resident of St. Louis, Mo.; Charles, living at Mahanoy Plane; Margaret, wife of James Garraway, of Frackville; George, a resident of Lansdale, Montgomery county; Mrs. Dampman; Elizabeth, unmarried; Samuel and Elmer, deceased.

THOMAS FRANKLIN BLEILER has an up-to-date harness shop in West Penn township, where he has been established for almost twenty years, having moved here in 1897 from Lehigh county, where he was born and where his family has been settled for several generations. He is a son of David Bleiler and grandson of John Bleiler, the latter a lifelong resident of Lehigh county, the owner of a tannery and farm of 125 acres in Weisenberg township, both of which he conducted successfully. He lived to be over sixty years old, and is buried at Siegel's Church near Fogelsville, Lehigh county. He was a Democrat, and a member of the German Reformed Church. His children

were: James; John; Thomas; William; David; Mrs. Sallie Smith; and Mary, who married Dennis Bachman.

David Bleiler, father of Thomas Franklin Bleiler, was born in 1823 in Weisenberg township, Lehigh county, and died at Lynnville, that county, in December, 1882. He received his education in the schools of the home locality, worked for his father on the farm, and also learned the trade of harness-maker, which he followed in connection with agriculture, doing well in both lines. At the same time he carried on a hotel at Lynnville. He retired about six years before his death, and spent his closing days in Lynnville. A man of public spirit and enterprising character, he took an interest in all the affairs of the community, served several terms as school director at Lynnville, was identified with the Democratic party in politics, and was a leading member of the German Reformed Church at Lynnville, which he served as treasurer for the long period of fifteen years. Mr. Bleiler married Sarah Seiberling, who survived him, passing away Jan. 28, 1898, aged seventy-three years, eight months, one day. She was the youngest of ten children born to John Seiberling (whose wife's maiden name was Bear), who was of the same stock as the well known Seiberlings of Ohio, manufacturers of the Buckeye harvesting machinery. John Seiberling made an unusual official record as postmaster at Lynnville, holding the office for sixty-five years, and he was the oldest postmaster in the United States in his day. He died at the age of ninety-four years.

Mr. and Mrs. David Bleiler are buried at the Lynnville German Reformed Church. They had a family of eight children: John H. died unmarried; Elizabeth died unmarried; Thomas Franklin is next in the family; Dr. Peter Oliver, who was a physician at Allentown, Pa., now deceased, married Emma Kistler; Mary Amanda died unmarried; James died in childhood; Dr. Charles Alfred, born June 24, 1859, at Lynnville, now deceased, married Alice Kistler (deceased) and (second) Carrie Adams; William Frederick, a farmer of Lehigh county, now living at Lynnville, married Jane Knerr.

Thomas Franklin Bleiler was born Nov. 9, 1850, in Lynn township, Lehigh county, and received his education at Lynnville. He learned harness-making with his father, and continued to follow the trade at Lynnville, where he had a thriving shop of his own, until his removal to his present place in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, in the year 1897. He occupies a nice property, which he purchased, has a well equipped saddlery shop with a desirable tract of ground, and has carried on a prosperous business throughout the period of his residence here. Though of late years Mr. Bleiler has not been specially active in public and church affairs he is a citizen whose co-operation and influence in such matters are valued. While at Lynnville he served two terms as postmaster, during President Cleveland's administration, making a highly creditable record. He was a prominent member of St. Peter's Reformed Church there, holding the office of deacon for six years, and he joined Council No. 204, Order of Independent Americans, at New Tripoli, Lehigh county, many years ago.

Mr. Bleiler married Louisa Lydia Swoyer, who was born Nov. 18, 1857, in Albany township, Berks Co., Pa., and when one year old accompanied her parents to Lehigh county. She received her education in the public schools of Lynnville, and remained at home until her marriage. Mrs. Bleiler is a Lutheran member of St. Peter's Church at Lynnville. To this union have been born three children: (1) Addie Louisa, born Feb. 13, 1877, died Oct.



27, 1889. (2) Elizabeth Louise, born April 6, 1880, is the wife of George Sittler, an employee of the Victor Talking Machine Company, of Philadelphia; they have one child, Thomas Bleiler, born July 28, 1909. Mrs. Sittler was educated in Lehigh county and at the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, Pa., and taught school for seven terms in West Penn township. (3) George Thomas, born Nov. 9, 1885, died Aug. 28, 1887.

Killian Swoyer, grandfather of Mrs. Thomas F. Bleiler, spent all his life in Albany township, Berks county, where he owned a large tract of land and followed farming. He was a Democrat, and a member of the German Lutheran Church at Stony Run, in Albany township, and he and his wife, Barbara (Merkel), are buried there; she lived to the age of eighty-four years. They had one child, Ephraim.

Ephraim Swoyer was born Nov. 9, 1804, in Albany township, Berks county, where he was reared and educated. He worked for his father until the latter's death, and inherited the homestead property. When his daughter Louisa was one year old he sold the place and removed to Lynnville, Lehigh county, where he bought a farm of ninety-five acres which he operated for a number of years. On retiring he spent his closing years with his daughter Mrs. Hermany. He married Catherine Smith, like himself a native of Albany township, daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Bachman) Smith. She died at the age of seventy-three years, the mother of children as follows: Caroline married Henry D. Kistler, of New Tripoli, Lehigh county; Sarah Ann married Charles Miller, and both are deceased; Amanda married Edward Hermany; Alfred, deceased, married Lucetta Smith, of Hazleton, Pa.; Elizabeth is the widow of John Shifferstine, and now resides at Tamaqua, Schuylkill county; William died when thirty years old; Henry, deceased, married Sallie Williams, of Philadelphia; Mary Ann married Henry Shifferstine, of Tamaqua; Kate married William Ettinger, who is now deceased, and she lives at Allentown, Pa.; Emma died young; Levi J. married Kate Smith, and they reside at Hazleton, Pa.; Louisa Lydia, Mrs. Bleiler, is next in the family; James D. died young. The parents of this family are buried at St. Peter's Church, Lynnville. Mr. Swoyer was a member of the Lutheran congregation of that church, and a Democrat in political sentiment.

THOMAS WILLIAM PAUL, of East Brunswick township, is a substantial citizen of the region where his family has held a respected position for several generations, his great-grandfather, John Paul, having been a pioneer settler in the township. He owned the farm now occupied by John Schoener, built a log house and barn upon his tract, and succeeded in clearing a great portion of the land. He had the following children: Jacob; John; Daniel; Philip, who married Sallie Yeager; Charles; William, who married Sallie Will; Henry; Diana, Mrs. Peter Miller; Kate, Mrs. John Matz; Mollie, Mrs. Andrew Bankes; Sallie; and Susan, Mrs. Reber. The parents were members of the Reformed Church at Orwigsburg, in whose cemetery they are buried. Mr. Paul was a Republican.

Daniel Paul, the grandfather, was educated in the schools of East Brunswick township, and remained on the homestead farm all his life. Before his father's death he bought the farm property. Mr. Paul married Kate Yeager, a native of West Brunswick township, daughter of Henry Yeager, a farmer of that township, and to this union were born the following children: Hannah, born Jan. 24, 1834, married George Gangloff; Sarah, born July 25,

1835, married Charles Matten, and is deceased; William is mentioned below; Phoebe born Jan. 12, 1841, died aged nineteen years; Kate, born Aug. 5, 1843, married Samuel Meck; Mary, born Feb. 5, 1845, married Joshua Schoener, and is deceased; John, born Oct. 9, 1846, married Emma Leiby; one child died in infancy. Mr. Paul died Dec. 5, 1893, aged eighty-three years, seven months, two days, his wife at the age of seventy-two years. They are buried in the Steigerwalt cemetery. Mr. Paul adhered to the principles of the Republican party, and his religious connection was with the Church of God at Steigerwalt.

William Paul, son of Daniel, was born March 20, 1839, in East Brunswick township, and was educated in the schools of that township. He assisted on the home farm until he was twenty-seven years old, when he married and bought the tract of thirteen acres now occupied by Thomas Hartung, remaining on that place for six years. Trading farms with the father of Thomas Hartung, he removed to the tract now owned by his son, Thomas W. Paul, where he has resided ever since, being now practically retired. His life has been unassuming, but useful and commendable to such a degree that he has the unqualified esteem of his neighbors and other friends. He is a valued member of the Church of God at Steigerwalt and has served the congregation for years as trustee. On political questions he is a Republican.

Mr. Paul was married to Emma E. Hartung, born Dec. 16, 1842, a daughter of Thomas and Priscilla (Bensinger) Hartung, and they became the parents of three children: Kate Louisa, born Feb. 12, 1866, is now keeping house for her father in a part of the dwelling on the farm which his son now owns; Thomas William is mentioned below; Mary Matilda, born Aug. 25, 1877, is the wife of Harry Frantz. Mrs. Paul died March 12, 1910, and is buried in the Steigerwalt cemetery.

Thomas William Paul was born Sept. 7, 1872, in East Brunswick township, where he received most of his education in the public schools, later attending the high school at Palo Alto one term. He taught school for one term in West Brunswick township. He grew up on the home farm, and continued to assist his father in its operation until twenty-two years of age. Then he married and entered the employ of Jonas Kunkel, as a farm laborer, remaining with him one year, after which he returned to the home farm, later buying the place from his father. The tract contains about one hundred acres, seventy-five acres of which are under cultivation, devoted to general farming. Mr. Paul attends market at Port Carbon and St. Clair, and being ambitious and diligent has taken his place among the most progressive agriculturists of the neighborhood. His neighbors have given practical evidence of the high opinion they have formed of his trustworthiness by electing him to the township school board, in which body he served for a period of sixteen years, until the new code went into effect. He supports the Republican party, and like a number of the family holds membership in the Church of God at Steigerwalt, of which he is elder at present. For some time he was superintendent of the Sunday school.

Mr. Paul married Amanda Becker, a daughter of William and Catherine (Stitzel) Becker, born May 19, 1870, in West Brunswick township, and their children have been born as follows: Hilda May, Nov. 17, 1895; Clarence Edward, Jan. 24, 1897; Emily Cecelia, July 30, 1900; Ettie Mildred, June 20, 1903, died Jan. 4, 1904; Edward Milton, twin of Ettie (died May 26, 1904);

Mabel Irene, May 20, 1909. All the surviving children are at home, and attending school in East Brunswick township.

William Becker, father of Mrs. Thomas W. Paul, was born in West Penn township about the year 1829, son of John Becker. He was a farmer and wood chopper, owned a small tract of land which he operated and also assisted other farmers in his neighborhood. His first wife, Harriet (Lutz), born in 1834, died in 1862, the mother of children as follows: Francis married Hannah Bachert; James, born in 1857, died in 1876; Kate married John Coldren. Mrs. Harriet Becker was buried in the Evangelical cemetery at Drehersville, Pa. For his second wife Mr. Becker married Catherine Stitzel, born in 1833, who died in 1876, and by whom he had five children: Lizzie married Abraham Oswald; Cordelia married James Marburger; Samuel married Sallie Hillegass; Amanda married Thomas W. Paul; Neda married George Moore. The mother is buried at Drehersville. Mr. Becker's third marriage was to Mrs. Cecelia (Dorward) Reinert, widow of Benjamin Reinert, and to this union were born three children: Cora married Claude Bachert; Charles and George are unmarried. By her marriage to Benjamin Reinert, Mrs. Becker had the following children: Agnes married Harry Carey; Elmira married Jacob Price; Emma married Martin Custer; William married Mamie Sterner. William Becker died in the fall of 1913, aged eighty-four years, and his widow now resides at Skippack, Montgomery Co., Pa. He was a very active member of the United Evangelical Church at Drehersville, serving as class leader and in other church offices, and he is buried at Drehersville. Politically he was a Republican.

MARTIN WITTMER, deceased, was a substantial citizen of the borough of Mahanoy City, where his widow and children still live, ranking as he did among the most respected residents of the place.

Mr. Wittmer was a native of Baden, Germany, born Nov. 28, 1854, son of Blasius Wittmer, who was a farmer in that country, where he lived and died. Martin Wittmer learned the brewing business in the Fatherland, and upon coming to America, in October, 1885, first found employment with Andrew Kaier, at Dushore, Sullivan Co., Pa. After four months there he came to Mahanoy City, Schuylkill county, and entered the employ of Charles D. Kaier, working for him until May, 1886. He then went to New York City to meet his wife and three children coming from Germany, and the family located at Katonah, about thirty miles from the metropolis, where Mr. Wittmer carried on farming for seven months. He then returned to Mahanoy City, bringing the family with him, and he resumed work in the brewery of Charles D. Kaier, with whom he remained until 1901. That year he became the local agent for the Rettig Brewing Company, and was so occupied until he purchased a hotel, in 1905, at No. 1301 East Mahanoy avenue. He devoted all his time and attention to the hotel business for the remainder of his life, dying Dec. 29, 1913. He is buried at Mahanoy City. Mr. Wittmer became very well known here in his various business connections and made many friends. He was a member of the St. Fidelius German Catholic Church, exemplary in his domestic life, and beloved by his large family as he was esteemed by a wide circle of acquaintances.

In Germany Mr. Wittmer married Mary Maier, who was born in Baden, daughter of John Maier, and they had three children born in that country, the rest being natives of the United States, namely: Blasius, now employed

by the Liberty Brewing Company, living at Mahanoy City; Charles F., also of Mahanoy City, agent there for the celebrated Feigenspan beer; Susan, wife of Herbert Evans, of Mahanoy City; Josephine, wife of John Nolter, of Mahanoy City; Martin, John, Mary, Herman and Mathew, all living at home; and Theresa, who died Feb. 27, 1906.

OLIVER MACHAMER has been a mine worker in Schuylkill county from boyhood, and by reason of his sterling character and attention to duty has advanced to the responsible position of inside foreman at the Otto colliery, an important working at Branch Dale, in Reilly township. Mr. Machamer is a native of Pennsylvania and of old Berks county stock. His father, Jonathan Machamer, was born at Bern, Berks county, where he followed farming. Later he removed to Tower City, Schuylkill county, and engaged in the butcher business, continuing same until his death. He passed away at the age of sixty-four, and is buried at Tower City. To his marriage with Catherine Merkel, a native of Tilden township, Berks county, were born the following children: Clara, Ida, Manetta, Morris, Oliver, Reuben, Howard, Mirty and Emily.

Oliver Machamer was born June 15, 1863, at Bern, Berks county, and was educated at Tower City, attending public school. When thirteen years old he entered upon work at the mines, beginning at a slate picker at the Brookside colliery, where he was employed at outside work until nineteen years old. He was then given duties inside, remaining until he was made fire boss at the Brookside. He filled that position for fourteen years, at the end of that period becoming assistant inside foreman at the East Brookside colliery. After four years in that capacity he was given his present place, in 1907, inside foreman in the nest section of the Otto colliery. About two hundred and forty men are employed at these workings, and Mr. Machamer has made a creditable reputation among his fellow workers as well as with his employers. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Minersville Lodge, No. 222, F. & A. M.; Schuylkill Chapter, No. 159, R. A. M.; Constantine Commandery, No. 41, K. T., of Pottsville; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading. He also holds membership in the P. O. S. of A.

Mr. Machamer married Ida Vanhouten, of Tower City, this county, and they have the following children: Ada, Eva, John, Fred and Ruth. The family are members of the Lutheran Church.

JACOB F. BROWN, who holds the position of baker at the Schuylkill County Home, was born at St. Clair, Schuylkill Co., Pa., March 26, 1860, and is a son of Michael Brown. The family is of German ancestry, the name having been changed in spelling since their arrival in Pennsylvania.

Michael Brown, the first of the family to come to America from Germany, settled first at Pine Grove, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he remained one year, moving then to St. Clair, where he worked as a teamster for Mr. Price and Mr. Boone during the remainder of his active days. He was a popular man in his section and was respected for his honesty and industry. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. His death occurred July 10, 1910, and he is buried at St. Clair. Mr. Brown married Mary Magle, who was also a native of Germany, and their children were: John, Jacob F., George, Charles, William (who died young), Michael, Mary and Kate.

Jacob F. Brown was educated in the public schools of St. Clair, and

followed the work of slate picking at the coal breakers for four years. Finding this not remunerative employment, he entered the baking business, working for four and a half years to learn the trade. He then engaged in business for himself at St. Clair, and continued thus until 1905, when he was appointed baker at the County Home. He has proved himself well qualified to do the work in a satisfactory manner. About three barrels of flour are used daily, and the product is as wholesome and palatable as that of any of the bakeries in this section.

Mr. Brown married Angeline Evans, daughter of James and Sarah (James) Evans, and they have had ten children: Etna, married to George Wedemuth; Charles; George; James; Catherine; Gladys; John; Margaret; Eleanora; and William, deceased. Mr. Brown is a Republican in political affiliation, and in religious connection is a member of the Lutheran Church.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SHELLHAMMER is one of the practical agriculturists who have improved conditions in East Brunswick township during the last generation so notably that the locality is gaining steadily in farm values. He has been settled there since he began farming on his own account, and was born in the adjoining township of West Penn, Schuylkill county, Jan. 6, 1852, son of Michael Shellhammer. His grandfather, also named Michael, was a native of West Penn township, where he owned about seventy-five acres and followed farming all his life. He cleared most of his land, built a log house and barn thereon, and died on his farm about 1864, at the age of seventy. He was a Democrat, but took little part in politics or other public affairs. In religion he adhered to the German Reformed Church, belonging to Zion's Church in West Penn township, where he and his wife are buried. They had the following children: Solomon; Michael; Samuel, who married Mollie Bennekoff; David, who married Sallie Saxe; and Mollie, wife of Nathan Hoppes.

Michael Shellhammer, the father of Benjamin F. Shellhammer, was born in West Penn township about the year 1820. He was educated in the local schools, and assisted his father on the homestead farm until he was eighteen years of age, when he went to learn the blacksmith's trade with Moses Bennekoff. He completed an apprenticeship and became a good mechanic. But after following his trade for six years and finding he could not stand the work he bought a tract of fifty acres in West Penn township, from a Mr. Keplinger, cleared most of it, built a house and operated this land until his death, which occurred in June, 1857, when he was thirty-seven years old. Like his father he was a Democrat, and a member of Zion's German Reformed Church in West Penn township. He was twice married, his first union being with Priscilla Baer, daughter of Daniel Baer, whose wife's name was Houser. Mrs. Shellhammer died in childbirth, when twenty-four years old. His second marriage was to Catherine Daubenspeck, daughter of David and Polly (Baer) Daubenspeck, and we have the following record of their children: Mary Ann, now a resident of Mahanoy City, married James Becker, at one time chief Burgess of Mahanoy City; Benjamin F. is next in the family; Moses died when two years old; David died when about three years old; Polly died at the age of eleven years. After the death of her husband, who passed away at a comparatively early age, Mrs. Catherine (Daubenspeck) Shellhammer married (second) Solomon Zimmerman, a son of George Zimmerman, a native of West Penn township. There were two children of this

marriage: Ellie died when six years old; Emma married John Hill, of Weath-erly, Carbon Co., Pa., who after her death married (second) Ida Kenmerly. After the death of Michael Shellhammer his widow sold the farm and went to live with her mother in West Penn township. When she remarried she moved to East Brunswick township, and later to West Penn township, finally returning to East Brunswick township, where she died at the home of her son Benjamin in 1902, aged seventy-four years. She is buried at Zion's Church in West Penn township.

Benjamin F. Shellhammer was educated in the schools of West Penn and East Brunswick townships. Subsequently he worked out as a laborer on the neighboring farms until he was twenty-three years of age, when he married. Later he tenanted David Gottshall's farm in East Brunswick township for five years, the Samuel Dreisbach farm in East Brunswick township for two years, and the farm of Frank McGovern, now the Ernest Grube farm in East Brunswick township, for fifteen years. At the end of that period he bought his present place of forty-five acres, eight acres of which are in timber. Afterwards he made another purchase, of sixty-four and three-fourths acres (three acres of which are brush), from Mary Heiser, operated this tract for two years, and has since sold it to his son James Oscar Shellhammer. Mr. Shellhammer has followed general farming and also markets to Mahanoy City. His progressive disposition led him to encourage new ideas which promised to benefit farmers, and he was at one time a member of the Farmers' Alliance. He has served his fellow citizens three years in the capacity of supervisor and two years as school director, to which office he was elected on the Democratic ticket. Socially he belongs to Washington Camp No. 100, P. O. S. of A., of New Ringgold, and to Protection Council, No. 935, Order of Independent Americans, of McKeansburg. He is a member of Zion's Reformed Church in West Penn township, and was baptized, confirmed and married by Rev. Mr. Zulick.

Mr. Shellhammer married Sarah Ann Houser, and they have had five children, namely: (1) William Oliver married Sallie Frantz, and they have had a large family: Roy; Harold; Robert; Mamie; Alma, deceased; Florence; Milton, deceased; Edna; and one daughter that died in infancy. (2) James Oscar married Annette Irene Blue, who is deceased; his children are Wilbert James and Ralph Franklin. (3) Polly Catherine married William Grube. They have one adopted child, Harry. (4) Thomas Milton is deceased. (5) Emma Louisa married Charles W. Grube, and has children: William, Helen, Edna, Caroline, Lottie, Emma, Carl and Catherine.

Mrs. Sarah Ann (Houser) Shellhammer was born in Pottsville, this county, Aug. 12, 1844, was educated in West Penn township and stayed at home until her marriage. Her father, Michael Houser, was educated in the pay schools conducted during his boyhood and became a farmer in East Brunswick township, operating a tract of sixty acres, nearly all cleared land. He built a new house and barn there. Mr. Houser married Polly Kistler, who was born in West Penn township, daughter of "Squire" Jonathan and Mary (Shellhammer) Kistler; her father held the office of justice of the peace for the long period of thirty-six years. Mrs. Houser died at the age of seventy-four years, and is buried with her husband at Zion's Church in West Penn township, to which church he belonged. Politically he was a Democrat. They had a family of eight children: Sarah Ann, wife of Benjamin F. Shell-

hammer; Emma Louisa, Mrs. Joseph Steigerwalt; Rebecca, Mrs. Thomas Greaflly; Mary Ann, who married Aaron Kleckner, and after his death (second) Frank Knaeff; William; John and Michael, twins, who died young; and Kate, who died young.

MORGAN MORGAN, of Gilberton, Schuylkill county, has filled a useful place in the life of his community, giving valuable service in the administration of its public affairs and taking his part in the direction of various local interests important to the general welfare. His occupation has been in the industry for which this region has become famous, and as outside foreman at the Boston Run colliery for a long period he has had his share in its development.

Mr. Morgan is a Welshman by birth, and was only about a year old when his father, Richard Morgan, brought the family to America, in 1861. They first settled in New Jersey. Richard Morgan had followed farming in Wales, but after settling in the United States he did rock work in the mines in New Jersey, where he remained for about five years. He then moved to Mahanoy City, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and followed mining the rest of his life, dying at Gilberton, this county, aged fifty-five years, eleven months. He is buried at Frackville, Schuylkill county. His wife, Mary (Jones), survived him many years, dying at Gilberton at the age of eighty years, five months and is also buried at Frackville. Their children were: Margaret, Morgan, William, Susan, John (deceased), David (deceased) and Annie.

Morgan Morgan was born May 16, 1860, and was a mere boy when the family settled in Schuylkill county. He attended public school at Gilberton, and was only eight years old when he began picking slate at the colliery there, continuing at that work for six years. For a couple of years following he was employed at the mines, at the age of sixteen entering the blacksmith shop, where he remained three and a half years. For eight years he labored with his father in the mines, doing day's work for him, and subsequently mining in partnership with him one year. He returned to the blacksmith shop for one year, spent another year mining with his father, was engaged in tunnel work for about eight months, and then commenced mining on his own account at the Draper colliery. After four years at that he became fire boss at the South Laurel Ridge, holding the position eight months, resumed blacksmithing until 1894, and was then assistant outside foreman at the Draper colliery for over three years before taking his present position, in 1897. Since that time he has been outside foreman at the Boston Run colliery, where about four hundred men are employed. His long retention in the same position is sufficient evidence of his competence and the value his employers place upon his work. Personally he is highly regarded, his intelligence and honorable character holding the respect of all with whom he comes in contact.

Mr. Morgan has been an influential worker in the Republican party in his locality, having been a delegate to several of its county conventions. His fellow citizens showed their confidence in him by electing him to the Gilberton borough council for three years, and during one year he presided over that body.

Mr. Morgan is married to Annie Tregea, daughter of Samuel Tregea, and eight children have been born to them: Abbie L., wife of William Randenbush, living in Pittsburgh, Pa.; Amy A.; Annie Blanche, wife of John De-



Long; Carrie, who died young; William F.; Morgan H.; Clayton Tregrea, and Richard H. The family are members of the Methodist Church.

Samuel Tregrea, Mrs. Morgan's father, was born in England, and coming to America when a young man first settled at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa. He was a skilled miner, and won promotion by his competence and fidelity to duty, acting in turn as fire boss at the Phoenix Park colliery, inside foreman at those workings, and inside foreman at the Boston Run colliery, being the second man to hold that position at Boston Run. On leaving Boston Run colliery, in 1868, he went to the Draper colliery, where he worked for a few years, and he was retired at the time of his death, which occurred when he was sixty-six years old. He is buried at Minersville. Mr. Tregrea took a leading part in the work of the Methodist Church and Sunday school at St. Nicholas, being the first superintendent of the Sunday school, which presented him a gold-headed cane in recognition of his services. His wife, Catherine Ferris, daughter of Stephen Ferris, was born in England, and came to America when thirteen years old. She now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Morgan. To Mr. and Mrs. Tregrea were born nineteen children, among them being: Mary Jane, Catherine, Emily, Lydia (who died in 1913), James, Annie (Mrs. Morgan Morgan) and George (who died in 1915).

WILLIAM F. DEIBERT, one of the younger business men of Schuylkill Haven, has reached a substantial position by the straightforward policy he has followed, dealing honorably with all his patrons. His operations have extended gradually but steadily until he now commands a profitable trade.

Mr. Deibert is a descendant in the fifth generation of Michael Deiver (as his generation spelled the name), who was the founder of this branch of the family in Schuylkill county. He was born in Germany, and came with his parents to America, the family settling in Bern township, Berke county, in the then Province of Pennsylvania, near Michael's Church. There were five children, three sons and two daughters: Michael, Christopher, Wilhelm, Mrs. George Huntzinger and Mrs. John Devert. When the sons were grown they moved to Manheim township, Schuylkill county, and married, Wilhelm to a daughter of John Renschler, from Bern township, Berks county; Michael to Elizabeth Waver. In the year 1744 the brothers, Wilhelm and Michael, bought in partnership, three hundred acres of land in North Manheim township, at the road leading from Schuylkill Haven to Landingville, Wilhelm's part being at the location occupied by Edward Peale in 1884, and Michael's where John Filbert lived at that time. The third brother, Christopher, settled in Bedford county, Pennsylvania.

In the beginning Wilhelm and Michael Deiver had the Indians for their neighbors, and were molested considerably. Deer and bears were plentiful in the region at that day, and as they divided the meat with the savages when they shot any, the Indians became more friendly. In the pamphlet published in 1884 by Daniel Deibert, a grandson of Wilhelm Deibert, we find this paragraph: "My grandfather said after the Indians went away, some of them came back again to rob them of their planting fruits. My grandfather and his brother Michael had to flee over the Blue mountain to their father's home. They buried their implements on the other side of the Schuylkill river, in the woods, that the Indians could not get them; but when they came back they didn't find them any more. And they didn't find them till the Schuylkill canal was made, then they dug them out again."

Michael Deiver (according to the same pamphlet) had five sons and three daughters, but only two daughters are named, viz.: Henry, Andrew, Michael, Christian, John, Catharine and Elizabeth. Henry married Miss Kriner; Andrew, Miss Luckenbill; Michael, Miss Luckenbill (they had no children); Christian, Miss Miller; Catharine, John Dewald; Elizabeth, Daniel Repp. The father, Michael, died on his property in North Manheim township, and is buried at the Red Church in this county.

John Deibert, son of Michael, was born in North Manheim township, and was a farmer by occupation. He is buried in the old cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. He was twice married, the maiden name of his first wife being Renschler, of his second, Wagner. His children were as follows: Daniel, who lived in Schuylkill Haven; George; Jacob, who died at Schuylkill Haven; John, who died at Schuylkill Haven; Benjamin, who died at Pottsville; William, who died in the Upper Mahantongo valley, Schuylkill county; Samuel; Hannah, wife of John Humel, of Selinsgrove, Pa.; and Christine, who married Henry Shelly and lived at Pottsville.

George Deibert, son of John and grandson of Michael, was born at the old homestead of his parents, and followed farming until a few years before his death, when he retired to Schuylkill Haven. He died when about seventy years old and is buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven, as is also his wife. He had many interesting experiences in the early days. His father owned a large tract of land where Fishbach is now located (near Pottsville), then thickly wooded. When the timber was cut it was floated down the Schuylkill. One day, while going past what is now known as Mount Carbon, he was followed by a wolf, and hastened to reach the river that the animal might lose his scent when he forded the stream. When somewhat older he had another exciting time while plowing the homestead, on the Second mountain. A deer ran out and got into a pond, and Mr. Deibert, thinking he could kill it, went into the water after it, but the animal almost drowned him. He also had some adventures with panthers.

Mr. Deibert was a Democrat, and a German Lutheran in religion, belonging to the White Church in North Manheim township. He married Susanna Reed, daughter of James Reed, and she survived him, living to the age of seventy-one. The following children were born to them: Charles V. B., of Schuylkill Haven, married Emma Sterner; Sarah married Abraham Sharadin; Mahlon died when nine years old; Amanda married Harrison Berger, and both are deceased; James, living on the old homestead in North Manheim township, married Mary Faust, who is deceased; Frank is mentioned below; George R., living at Landingville, married Mary Deibert; Hannah married Edw. Schappell; Elwin is living at Schuylkill Haven; William died when sixteen years old.

Frank Deibert, son of George, was born March 21, 1852, at Schuylkill Haven, and learned the trade of blacksmith, which he followed all his life. He made his home at Schuylkill Haven, and was an active member of the German Lutheran Church there, holding a number of official positions in that organization. This was his principal interest aside from his home and work, for he took no part in politics or other public affairs, though he was a faithful supporter of the Republican party. He belonged to the P. O. S. of A. camp at Schuylkill Haven. Mr. Deibert married Mary A. Stump, who was born March 27, 1851, in Washington township, Schuylkill county, daughter of Joel and Lydia (Stoufenhauer) Stump, and six children were born to them, William Francis being the only son; Kate E. married Oliver Meck; Lydia S. married

Walter Fisher; Mary Gertrude married Elmer Neiman; Tillie E. married Harry Loy; Amanda V. died when eighteen months old.

William Francis Deibert was born Oct. 24, 1883, in Schuylkill Haven, and obtained most of his education in the public schools there, later attending the Pottsville business college. After leaving school he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, as fireman, and was assigned to a coal run between Palo Alto and Philadelphia. He continued in that capacity for six months, and then entered the car shops of the same company at Schuylkill Haven, to serve an apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade. He remained in the shop for a period of four and a half years, and next entered the employ of James Schucker, coal dealer, of Schuylkill Haven, as driver of a coal team. He was with Mr. Schucker four and a half years, until he began the general hauling and teaming business for himself. He has carried it on successfully ever since, and now also takes contracts for digging cellars. Mr. Deibert's success may be attributed entirely to his own industry and honesty. He is a member in good standing of several local fraternal bodies: Carroll Lodge, No. 120, I. O. O. F.; Schuylkill Haven Council, No. 1105, Royal Arcanum; Schuylkill Haven Conclave, No. 1087, Improved Order of Heptasophs; and the Odd Fellows' Fraternal Protective Association, of Boston, Mass. His religious connection is with the Evangelical Lutheran Church, of which Rev. Mr. Haynes is pastor, and he is a member of the Bible class. Politically he supports the Republican party.

Mr. Deibert married Emily Rebecca Shappell, a daughter of Robert and Eva (Hummel) Shappell, and they have had three children, born as follows: Willis Franklin, Oct. 8, 1904; Charles Robert, Nov. 5, 1906; Mary Magdalene, July 23, 1911.

Mrs. Emily Rebecca (Shappell) Deibert was born June 28, 1886, in Schuylkill Haven, where she received her education. Her grandfather, Frank Shappell, was a boatman on the Schuylkill Navigation Company's canal. He married Rebecca Reber, and they had the following children: Frank married a Miss Flammer; Charles married Ellen Long; Robert was the father of Mrs. Deibert; Mary married Charles Keller. The mother of this family is buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven.

Robert Shappell, son of Frank, was born June 4, 1852, in Schuylkill Haven, and received his education there. He followed railroading all his life, becoming an engineer on the main line of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad; for a few years before his death, which occurred Dec. 11, 1911, he was yard engineer in the yards at Palo Alto. His wife, Eva (Hummel), born May 30, 1858, daughter of Frank Hummel, died Nov. 17, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Shappell are buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. They had the following children: George married Kate Heim and (second) Lizzie Boltz; Irene is next in the family; Robert married Kate Rubright; Laura married George Rumble; Emily Rebecca is Mrs. W. F. Deibert; Margaret married Joseph McGovern; Samuel is unmarried. The father was a Republican, and a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Schuylkill Haven, and of the United Brethren Church.

GOTTFRIED KNOEDLER has gained a place among the most substantial, thrifty farmers of West Penn township by well directed industry and the painstaking attention to his work characteristic of the German race. He purchased his present farm there some fifteen years ago, and has been im-

proving it steadily ever since, with the result that it has kept increasing in value and is one of the most fertile tracts in that part of Schuylkill county. Mr. Knoedler is a native of Germany, born April 26, 1865, in the kingdom of Wurtemberg. His grandfather, Bernhard Knoedler, also lived in that section, where he owned a small farm and followed agricultural pursuits, besides working for the government as a forester. He died when his grandson Gottfried was a small boy, and he and his wife are buried at Grunbach, Wurtemberg. In religion he adhered to the faith of the German Lutheran Church. His children were: Frederick, who became a farmer; Bernhard; and Caroline, who married Jacob Stoble, a stonemason, of Steinoch, Wurtemberg.

Bernhard Knoedler, son of Bernhard, above, was born Aug. 1, 1819, in Wurtemberg, and was there reared and educated. In his early life he learned the trade of baker, which he followed until his marriage, after which he secured a position on the railroad running through the locality, operated by the German government. For twenty-five years he was freight agent at Grunbach, and died suddenly in his office there Aug. 10, 1887, from a stroke. He married Susanna Giddinger, who was born in the Canton of Aarau, Switzerland, and died in March, 1896, aged seventy-three years. Mr. and Mrs. Knoedler were members of the German Lutheran Church, and are buried at Grunbach. They had children as follows: John; Adolph; Carl, who died while serving in the German army; Susanna, who married Lewis Gunch; Christianna; Catherine; Gottfried; and Carolina.

Gottfried Knoedler obtained his education in the public schools near his early home, attending until he reached the age of fourteen years. Thereafter he worked out among farmers until he was seventeen years old, at which time he came alone to America, landing at New York City. The day after his arrival he set out for Lehigh county, Pa., coming to Slateville, where he worked in the slate quarries for two and a half years. He next hired out to William Klingerman, at Steinsville, Lehigh county, as a farm laborer, and remained with him for three years, following which he worked on the farm of Daniel H. Greitz for three years. At that time he married and returned to Slateville, where he spent another year at work in the quarries, leaving to enter the employ of Daniel Feinhour, at Jacksonville, Lehigh county, as farm laborer. When he had worked for him one year he went to Lewistown, in Walker township, Schuylkill county, where he was employed on James Faust's farm one year and for the same length of time by Daniel Leiby, at Lewistown. Then he removed to Lynnport, Lehigh county, where he worked on Jacob Hartman's farm for three years, changing to the farm of Amandus Zehner, at Zehner station, Schuylkill county, upon which he was employed for five years. He then rented that farm for one year, moving from there to his present place, which he bought fifteen years ago from Mrs. Sarah Ernst. His home has been on this property continuously since. It consists of seventy-one acres, fifty-two acres of which are cleared, and he has had excellent success in general farming and trucking, marketing his crops at Tamaqua. Mr. Knoedler is highly respected in his neighborhood as a man of good character, and he is an esteemed member of the Lutheran congregation of Zion's Church in his township; formerly he was a member of the Jacobs Lutheran Church at Jacksonville, Lehigh county, where he served as deacon. In politics he is a Democrat.

Mr. Knoedler married Mary A. Schaller, who was born Jan. 13, 1870, in Weisenberg township, Lehigh county, daughter of George and Amanda

(Wegknecht) Schaller, who when she was one year old moved with their family to Lynnport, where she received her education. She remained at home until her marriage. Like her husband she is a member of Zion's Lutheran congregation in West Penn township. Mr. and Mrs. Knoedler have had seven children: Mary Susanna, born Feb. 15, 1889, is at home; Sadie Annie, born April 11, 1891, is at home; Mabel Victoria, born Jan. 29, 1893, is at home; Queenie Amanda, born March 21, 1895, died Sept. 22, 1898; Frederick George was born Feb. 2, 1897; Paul Edwin, Sept. 4, 1899; Ralph Robert, Oct. 3, 1903. All this family have had the best educational advantages afforded by the township schools.

George Schaller, Mrs. Knoedler's grandfather, was born in Weisenberg township, Lehigh county, had a small farm, and was also an excellent mechanic, working as a carpenter, wheelwright and pumpmaker; he first engaged in the manufacture of threshing machines, later turning out pumps. He died in Weisenberg township, and is buried at Seiberlingville, Lehigh county. In politics he was a Democrat, and his religious connection was with the German Lutheran Church. After his death Mrs. Schaller, whose maiden name was Boger, went to Mercer county, Pa. They had children as follows: George, Owen, Jonathan, Daniel, Lydia, Mary, Rosie and Eliza. All moved west except George.

George Schaller was born May 28, 1828, in Weisenberg township, and died Dec. 23, 1894, at Lynnport. He received his education and early training in his native township, learning the various trades which his father had mastered and following them in much the same way. When he settled at Lynnport he engaged in the manufacture of pumps, and also operated a small tract of land which he owned, working steadily until a year before his death, when he retired because of ill health. Like his father he was a Democrat and Lutheran, belonging to the church at New Tripoli, Lehigh county, where he and his wife are buried. Mr. Schaller married Mary Amanda Wegknecht, who was born May 16, 1831, and died Jan. 28, 1892. They had a large family, viz.: Joel married Flora Rex, and both are deceased; George married Charlotte Geiger, and they reside in New York; John married Sarah Leiby, and is living in Walker township, Schuylkill county; Jonathan married Sarah Rauch, and their home is at Lynnport, Lehigh county; Edwin married Martha Bush, of Lakeside, Schuylkill county; Sarah Amanda, deceased, was the wife of Frank Grant, of Packerton, Carbon county; Mary Ann is the wife of Gottfried Knoedler; Eliza, deceased, was the wife of Fred Speidle, of New Philadelphia, Schuylkill county; Catherine and Rosie are deceased.

HOWARD WILLIAM HESSINGER is a well and favorably known resident of East Brunswick township, where he has been a farmer most of his life, successful in business and active in the higher interests affecting social conditions in the community. For three generations this family has been associated with the old Frieden's Church at New Ringgold. The Hessingers are of German origin, and Mr. Hessinger's great-grandparents, John Philip and Margaret (Schmidt) Hessinger, lived and died in Germany, where they are buried. They were members of the German Reformed Church. They had two children, John and Valentine, the latter being the only one of the family to come to America.

Valentine Hessinger was born in Germany March 12, 1816, in the parish of Armsheim, Woerstad Canton, Alzey Circle, Grand Duchy of Hesse Darm-

stadt. He was baptized March 22, 1816, by Theodore Wienkelbech, Reformed minister, was educated in Germany, and learned the trades of carpenter and miller. Emigrating to America in 1840, he first settled at Kutztown, Berks Co., Pa. In 1845 he was married to Elizabeth Reinard, born May 1, 1816, in Germany, and they had the following children: Lewis was killed while in the army; Frank died in childhood; Lucy died aged twelve years; Catherine, widow of Joseph H. Kee, resides in New Ringgold (they had seven children, John L., Lydia M., Katie E., deceased, Annie R., Hattie B., Minnie G. and Harry F.); Emmanuel L. is the father of Howard W. Hessinger; William married Rosy Yost, and they have had children, Lewis (deceased), Florence, May, Preston and Ruth; Lizzie is the widow of David Holtzman, and had children, Alfred, Abner (deceased), Leon (deceased), Esther and Carrie. In 1853 Valentine Hessinger moved to McKeansburg, in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, where he remained one year. Then he removed to New Ringgold, where he spent the rest of his days, following milling and later in life working among the farmers, until he retired, a number of years before his death, which occurred April 16, 1894. When the iron furnaces were at New Ringgold he was employed there for a time. He became a well known citizen of the township, holding the position of tax collector for years; was a Democrat in politics; and a prominent member of the Frieden's Reformed Church. He served as superintendent of the Sunday school. His wife died July 6, 1899, and they are buried at the Frieden's Church, New Ringgold.

Emmanuel L. Hessinger was born at New Ringgold July 7, 1857, was educated in the public schools there, and learned the carpenter's trade with his brother-in-law, the late Joseph H. Keefer. He has followed that calling all his life, and has been with the Pennsylvania & Reading Railway Company, in the North and Green streets shop, for nearly forty years. He makes his home on the farm he owns in East Brunswick township, a property of 130 acres, of which seventy-five are under cultivation, his son Howard looking after its cultivation. Mr. Hessinger married Josephine Freed, who was born Aug. 29, 1859, daughter of William and Isabella (Miller) Freed, and they have had four children: Bessie May, born April 29, 1880, a milliner, lives at home; Howard William is mentioned below; Clarence Edward, born in October, 1892, died when eight weeks old; Walter Morris, born May 3, 1895, is a student in the Tamaqua high school. Mr. Hessinger is a member of Protection Council, No. 935, Order of Independent Americans, at McKeansburg; of the Pittsburgh Pension Life Association; and of the Philadelphia & Reading Relief Association. Though not a member he is a regular attendant at the services of the Frieden's Lutheran Church. Politically he is a Democrat.

Howard William Hessinger was born Dec. 24, 1881, at Hecla, East Brunswick township, and was educated in the schools of the township principally, later taking a commercial course in Rev. H. V. Stoner's business college, at Reading, Pa. Returning to the farm he worked there five years, when he took a position as signal inspector on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, holding same for two years. Then he came back to the farm, which he is now renting from his father. He has been very successful in its operation, but has also found time for other affairs. He has served as election clerk, filled the office of township auditor, and has been specially interested in the success of the Republican party. His religious connection is with the Reformed congregation of the Frieden's Church, in which he has long been a prominent worker. Formerly a deacon, he is serving in the office of elder at present; has been a



member of the church choir for fifteen years; and is a teacher in the Sunday school, of which he was assistant superintendent for six years. He is also a member of the Home and Foreign Missionary Society. Mr. Hessinger is a member of the Pittsburgh Pension Life Association.

Mr. Hessinger's wife, Elizabeth (Schaffer), was born March 9, 1883, a daughter of Benjamin and Savina (Halderman) Schaffer. They have one child, Arlin Stanley, born June 19, 1907, who is attending school in East Brunswick township.

Mrs. Hessinger is a granddaughter of Jacob Schaffer, who was a farmer and stonemason in East Brunswick township. He learned his trade early in life, and later he bought a farm of forty-five acres, part of which he cleared. He operated his farm in connection with work at his trade, and when his children became old enough they took care of the land while he gave his time to his trade entirely. He died on the farm. His wife, Priscilla (Sassaman), died in October, 1912, aged ninety-one years. Children as follows were born to them: Jacob, deceased, married Emma Yoxhammer, who now lives in Chicago, Ill.; Henry, deceased, married Sarah Bachert, who resides in East Brunswick township; Benjamin is next in the order of birth; Priscilla married Jacob Marbach, and they reside at Middleport, Pa.; Amanda married Harry McMullin, and they reside at Reading, Pa.; Mary married Solomon Bachert, and they are residents of East Brunswick township; Lizzie married a Mr. Reed, and both are deceased; Emma married Frank Halderman, and resides at New Haven, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Schaffer are buried at the Frieden's Church, New Ringgold. He was a leading member of the Lutheran congregation of that place, which he served as elder, deacon and in other capacities. His political sympathies were with the Democratic party, and he held the office of supervisor.

Benjamin Schaffer, son of Jacob, was born in East Brunswick township June 3, 1851, was reared and educated in that township, and assisted his father on the farm until twenty-one years of age. Then he married and bought a few acres in East Brunswick township, on which he settled. He learned the trades of plasterer and stonemason, which he followed for a few years, when he sold his little place and bought a tract of fifty acres in West Penn township, this county, and cultivated it in addition to working at his trades. Later he sold this tract and came to East Brunswick township, first purchasing a tract of fifty acres and later a tract of 153 acres, for his son Salem. Up to 1914 he had about eighty acres. He then bought a house and small lot and is now living retired, his son Norman Edward having bought his home farm, and his son Salem having bought the first tract, which now contains 108 acres. He has always followed plastering and stonemasonry as well as agricultural work. His wife, Savina (Halderman), now about sixty-seven years old, is a daughter of Abraham and Priscilla (Zimmerman) Halderman, and children as follows have been born to them: Amanda, who died in infancy; Harvey Franklin, who died young; Salem Benjamin; Claude, who died young; Elizabeth, wife of Howard W. Hessinger; Samuel, who married Maude DeLong; Maude, living at home; and Norman Edward, who married Annie Heiser. Mr. Schaffer is a Democrat, and has been elected school director, and is a devout member of the United Evangelical Church at New Ringgold; at one time he was a teacher in the Sunday school.



EDWARD BARR, who is now living retired at Pine Grove, is a descendant of one of the most honored pioneer residents of that borough, its first postmaster, and a substantial citizen in every respect. He is a member of the fourth generation of his family in this country, and each generation has had a representative in the army, assisting in the defense of the nation whenever need arose. The great-grandfather, who came from Switzerland, was a sailor before his settlement in Pennsylvania. It is possible he located in Berks county. During the Revolution he served as a supporter of the Colonial cause.

John Barr, Sr., grandfather of Edward Barr, was a soldier in the war of 1812. He was an early settler in Pine Grove, and one of the substantial men of his day, owning a large farm which he cultivated profitably and also conducting what is known as the "Eagle Hotel." When the Pine Grove post office was established, in 1819, he became postmaster, and his son Paul afterwards filled the office for twenty-four years. John Barr, Sr., died at Pine Grove. A chair used in his household, now more than one hundred years old, is one of the prized possessions of his grandson, Edward Barr.

John Barr, Jr., was born in Pine Grove, where the "Eagle Hotel" now stands, was a blacksmith, and besides following his trade carried on farming near Pine Grove. He died in 1893. During the Mexican war he volunteered, but the war closed before his company and regiment reached the front and he saw no active service. Mr. Barr married Abbie Fiddler, who was born in what is now Washington township, Schuylkill county, daughter of John Fiddler, who came here in the early days. He followed farming, and there was a general demand for his services as a general mechanic, his skill as a blacksmith, cabinetmaker and wheelwright making him a valuable acquisition in the pioneer community. From this section he moved out to Iowa, where he died. He was of English ancestry. Mrs. Barr died in 1904, when ninety years old. She was the mother of eight children, of whom but three survive: Elizabeth, deceased; Elmira, deceased; Amelia, deceased; Edward; John F., a farmer of Hegins township, this county; Sybilla, widow of George Sausser; and George and William, both of whom died in infancy.

Edward Barr was born Feb. 8, 1845, in Pine Grove township, where he was reared. He was educated in the local public schools, and followed farming from boyhood, also learning the trade of millwright in his young manhood. He was only a youth when the war broke out, but he served during the latter part of the conflict, enlisting from Pine Grove Feb. 17, 1865, and going to the front from Auburn as a member of Company B, 16th Pennsylvania Cavalry. He received his discharge at Richmond Aug. 11th of that year, and lost no time joining the regular army, as a member of Company F, 2d United States Cavalry, his term expiring Sept. 27, 1868, when he was mustered out at Fort Russell, Wyo. Returning to Pine Grove, he has since made his home there, a citizen whose reliable character commends him to the esteem of all who know him. For some time he did painting and paperhanging, the demand for his services keeping him steadily employed until his retirement several years ago. He is a member of Wolf Post, No. 203, G. A. R., and is serving as chaplain of that organization. His religious connection is with the United Brethren.

On April 9, 1870, Mr. Barr married Pollie Ann Hehn, a native of Berks county, Pa., whose parents, Henry and Mary (Naftsinger) Hehn, were born in Schuylkill and Berks counties, respectively. They died in Washington township, Schuylkill county. Mr. Hehn was a farmer by occupation, owning a large

farm. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Barr: Melissa, who married Albert M. Idell and lives at Germantown, near Philadelphia (they have three children, Albert E., Abbie C. and Catherine D.); Mary A., wife of Michael J. Donavin, of New York; John H., deceased; Amelia and Edward Jr., both at home.

WILLIAM A. STARR, proprietor of the "Starr Hotel" at Tuscarora, turned to his present business some years ago after a varied experience, in 1906 buying out Elmer Garber, who was conducting a saloon in J. F. Rehm's property. Mr. Starr was born March 31, 1868, at Branch Dale, Schuylkill county, son of David Starr, and belongs to an old family established in this county by his great-great-grandfather, who settled here on his arrival from Germany.

Peter Starr, Sr., great-grandfather of William A. Starr, was born in Schuylkill county. He learned the trade of tailor, at which he worked in Branch and Reilly townships, and was a well known man in that section in his day. He lived to the great age of ninety-eight years, seven months, fifteen days, and is buried in the old Frieden's Church cemetery near Llewellyn, in Branch township. His children were: Abraham, Peter, Jr., John, Jacob, Elizabeth, Susan, Maria and Catherine.

Abraham Starr, grandfather of William A. Starr, was born and reared in Schuylkill county, and passed all his life here, dying when sixty-eight years old. He is buried in the cemetery of Frieden's Church. He always worked by the day. By his marriage to Rebecca Zechman he had a large family, five of whom still survive: Charles, William, Jacob, Abraham and David.

David Starr, son of Abraham, was born Feb. 28, 1845, at Llewellyn, in Branch township. When but six years old he came to the place where he has since made his home, the farm of his uncle, Peter Starr, Jr., who reared and educated him, having no children of his own. David Starr remained with his uncle until the latter's death. He assisted with the farm work, and is still engaged in cultivating what he retains of the tract, having sold the part upon which the famous Black Diamond colliery is situated. In his uncle's day it was worked by independent operators, but it is now owned by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, who acquired it at sheriff's sale.

Mr. Starr has been township treasurer, and succeeded his uncle Peter as supervisor of Branch township, holding the office for six months. He has been a prominent member of the Reformed Church, in which he has served as elder. He married Mary M. Henry, and they have had a family of nine children: Sarah R., unmarried; William A.; Catherine, wife of Fred A. Barrows, living in Boston, Mass.; Jane G., wife of Milton Starr, living in Branch township; Samuel O., at home; and four who died young.

William A. Starr grew up in Branch township and attended the public school at Stine's Mill. Meantime he assisted his father on the farm, and was so occupied until he reached the age of twenty-one years, when he went to work at the Atkins rolling mill, remaining there one year. After another year at home he found employment in a sawmill at Branch Dale, where he worked three years, following which he did carpenter work at the Blackwood colliery for four years. For the next six months he was engaged in a planing mill at Reading, Pa., spent another six months conducting a grocery business at Reading on his own account, and then returned home again for a short time. His next position was at the Otto colliery, where he was timber man for a

time, he and Charles Shadel becoming partners in the timber business there and so continuing until the strike of 1902, after which Mr. Starr did prospecting for the Black Diamond Anthracite Coal Company at Branch Dale, where he subsequently acted as outside foreman for two years. From there he changed to the Blackwood breaker, where he did carpenter work for eighteen months, at the end of that period coming to Tuscarora, where on Sept. 25, 1906, he rented the hotel of J. Franklin Rehm, which he has since been conducting. He continued to rent it until Dec. 31, 1910, when the property was sold by the sheriff to M. J. Duffy, from whom Mr. Starr has since purchased it. In his various connections he has become very well known, and his personal popularity has aided him greatly in making a success of his hotel, which is well patronized. Mr. Starr has taken considerable interest in the public affairs of the locality, and has served as a member of the election board. Socially he belongs to the Buffaloes at Tamaqua.

On Dec. 15, 1904, Mr. Starr married Lulu Holwig, daughter of John Holwig, of Newton, Schuylkill county, and they are the parents of two children, Louis S. and Wilbert H. The family are associated with the Reformed denomination.

JOSEPH SCHEAFFER, of Frackville, has the most popular ice cream parlor and confectionery store in the borough, where he has been engaged in business for the last six years. A native of Schuylkill county, he was born at Pottsville April 10, 1857, son of Sebastian and Elisabeth (Spotts) Scheaffer, and is of German parentage.

Sebastian Scheaffer was born Oct. 1, 1822, in Germany, whence he came to the United States just about the time he attained his majority. Left an orphan when but nine years old, he early commenced to support himself, working for various farmers in the home locality until he set out for America. Another young German accompanied him, but was so homesick by the time they reached New York that he returned to the Fatherland at once. Mr. Scheaffer proceeded to Philadelphia, locating at Pottsville, where before long he was doing business as a huckster, and he continued thus for a period of twenty-five years. In the year 1873 he removed with his family to Frackville, and conducted the "Frackville House" for ten years, and he carried on a wholesale liquor store for seven years. His death occurred at Frackville July 18, 1887, and he is buried in the Lutheran cemetery there. He was a member of Miners' Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Pottsville. Nine children were born to his marriage with Elisabeth Spotts, all still living: Joseph; Margaret, wife of George Hardesty; Charles; Emma, widow of Oscar Shirey; Harry; Tillie, wife of William Eisenbise; Elisabeth, married to William Stevenson; William; and James.

Joseph Scheaffer received his education in Pottsville, attending public schools. When twelve years old he became employed as a tobacco stripper, and from that work naturally went into cigarmaking, which he followed regularly until 1889. Meantime he had moved to Frackville with his parents, and he had a small cigar factory of his own. After giving up that occupation he did railroad work for a couple of years for the Philadelphia & Reading Company, being employed at Mahanoy Plane, just adjoining Frackville. Then for fourteen years he was in the dairy business, in 1909 changing to his present line. He opened up a new and attractive ice cream and confectionery establishment, with up-to-date fittings and convenient in arrangement, and it

has been liberally patronized from the start, Mr. Scheaffer controlling the best trade in the borough. In his turn he has endeavored to give to customers high-class products and convenient service. He is a man of honorable character, and though in recent years he has not taken an active part in public affairs he has a long record of efficient service as postmaster, having served during both the Cleveland administrations. He is a Democrat, a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M. and Royal Arcanum, and in religion a Lutheran.

On Aug. 13, 1878, Mr. Scheaffer married Sarah Ella Wagner, and after her death he married her sister Alphie. He has three children, all by the first marriage: Harry James, George Arthur and Anna Susan.

George Wagner, the grandfather of Mrs. Joseph Scheaffer, was born in Bern township, Berks Co., Pa., and followed the milling business. Removing to Cressona, Schuylkill county, he there operated a mill until his death, in 1867. His wife was Sarah Boyer, and they had the following children: George, Harrison, Benjamin, Reuben, Daniel, Andrew and Sarah.

Reuben Wagner, the father of Mrs. Joseph Scheaffer, was born Nov. 18, 1833, in Bern township, Berks county, and was a carpenter by trade. He was one of the early residents of Frackville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., to which place he came in 1869. He did contract work when he first settled there, and later was employed at his trade at the collieries near by, continuing thus until his death, April 14, 1903. He married Susanna A. Schiffert, who died Dec. 29, 1876, aged forty-two years, two months, four days, and they had the following children: Sarah Ella was the first wife of Joseph Scheaffer; Charlotte married Frederick Sanner; Alphie married Joseph Scheaffer; Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of Samuel Reber; Katie married George Yeager; William died young; Laura died aged sixteen years; Frederick is living in Frackville.

Reuben Wagner served in the Civil war in Company L, of the 21st Regiment, Pennsylvania Reserve Cavalry. Company L was originally a militia organization, called the Reading City Troop. It was reorganized by Capt. J. C. A. Hoffeditz, from men principally of Berks county, with a few from Lancaster and Lebanon counties, and was mustered into the United States service as an independent company of cavalry, July 30, 1861. The company was stationed in the city of Baltimore, on duty at headquarters, Military Depot, about five months. It was attached to the 1st Regiment, Pennsylvania Reserve Cavalry, Oct. 14, 1861, and joined the regiment Jan. 5, 1862, at Camp Pierpont, in Virginia. Mr. Wagner served three years and six weeks, and during that time was never wounded, nor was he home on any furlough.

CLARENCE H. EVANS, of Tamaqua, is an enterprising young business man, and has shown excellent qualities in the start he has gained towards substantial position. He is a son of Jonathan R. Evans, with whom he is associated in one line of business, and a grandson of Philip Evans, the latter a native of Wales who came to America during the first half of the nineteenth century. He settled at Seek, in Schuylkill county, Pa., where he lived and died, and his occupation was mining. His children were: Jhoida, Benjamin, Elizabeth, Annie, Philip, Florence, Windon and Jonathan R.

Jonathan R. Evans was born in Schuylkill county, was here reared and educated, and in his younger days was employed at the mines. Later he engaged in the machine business, which he still follows, he and his son Clarence conducting the Indian Garage at Tamaqua, which they own in partnership. They

have the agency for the Indian motorcycle and Buick cars, which they are placing successfully in this section, commanding a fine trade and catering to many residents of the locality as dealers in motor supplies and repairmen. Mr. Evans married Nancy Walker, daughter of James Walker, the latter a pioneer resident of Tamaqua and for thirty-five years superintendent for the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company. Mr. Walker died at Lansford, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Evans have had but one child, Clarence H.

Clarence H. Evans was born Nov. 2, 1887, at Tamaqua, where he acquired his early education in the public schools. Later he attended the University School, at Cleveland, Ohio, a preparatory institution for boys, as well as McCann's business college at Mahanoy City, being given excellent advantages. In 1907 he entered the employ of Dr. G. A. Wilford, of the Chestnut Ridge Lumber Company, and for several years has acted in the capacity of assistant manager, proving a trustworthy and capable overseer. In April, 1914, Mr. Evans and his father opened the Indian Garage, which has been in successful operation since.

Mr. Evans married Clara Bell Allen, daughter of Charles F. Allen, of Tamaqua, and they have one child, Nancy Katherine. Socially he holds membership in the B. P. O. Elks and the Odd Fellows fraternity.

MICHAEL V. STILES, of Cumbola, is a popular citizen in his section of Schuylkill county, both as a business man and local official. At present he is filling the office of tax collector in Blythe township, which he has held for seven years, and he has served creditably in other public positions of trust, displaying an intelligent and public-spirited interest in promoting good government.

The Stiles family has lived at Cumbola for many years. John Stiles, the father of Michael V. Stiles, was born in Ireland, and was brought to America when about eight years old. The family settled at Phoenixville, Chester Co., Pa., where he remained for four years, after which his home was in Schuylkill county. He became a stationary engineer, running an engine at Valley Furnace for a time and later going to the "Shoo Fly" colliery, where he was similarly employed, for the McQuails, with whom he continued for several years. After that he lived retired until his death, which occurred June 21, 1902. He is buried at New Philadelphia. Mr. Stiles took a keen interest in local affairs, and for a time held the office of township clerk. He married Catherine Welsh, whose parents, Michael and Julia (Delaney) Welsh, were natives of Ireland and remained in that country until after their marriage, coming to America with three children. They settled at Cumbola, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where both died. Their children were: Mary, Eliza, Ann, Joanna, Margaret and Ellen (twins), John, Thomas, Luke and Catherine (Mrs. John Stiles). To Mr. and Mrs. John Stiles were born seven children, namely: John, who lives at Cumbola, Pa.; Michael V.; Luke, of Silver Creek, this county; James, of Pottsville; Margaret, wife of James Flood; Mary, wife of Michael Devlin; and Joanna, deceased. Mrs. Stiles continues to make her home at Cumbola, where she is highly esteemed.

Michael V. Stiles was born July 30, 1874, at Cumbola, where he had such advantages as the public school afforded. In his early life he was employed for about eight years at the Eagle Hill breaker, where he began work as a slate picker, and subsequently found employment at the colliery as fireman and engineer. From there he changed to Kaskawilliam, where he sank the Bore Hole shaft, the deepest in Schuylkill county, and when it was ready for opera-

tion he took charge of the engine there, running it for ten years. Mr. Stiles has not done any mine work since. For a few years he was in the hotel business at Five Points, in Blythe township, conducting what was known as the "First and Last Chance Hotel," which he gave up when he bought the fine property he is now operating at Cumbola, which is also in Blythe township. He has a substantial, convenient building, where he began the hotel business in 1914, and his business-like management has brought him many patrons, who appreciate the comforts and excellent service he provides. Mr. Stiles has made his way by application to his duties, whatever they might be, and the high standing he enjoys among his fellow citizens is a recognition of his substantial qualities. He is well known all over the county, and has been specially active in the workings of the Democratic party, which in the fall of 1915 honored him with the nomination as candidate for clerk of the courts of Schuylkill county; he had no opposition in the party. Mr. Stiles has given evidence of ability in the services he has already rendered. For four years he was a member of the Blythe township school board, and held all the offices in that body; for the last seven years he has been serving as tax collector.

Mr. Stiles married Bridget Purcell, who was born at Windy Harbor, in Blythe township, daughter of Michael and Mary (Convill) Purcell. They have three children, Katie, Mary and Francis.

ALFRED B. WAGNER is known personally to a very large percentage of the residents of Mahanoy City, his duties keeping him in touch with most of the householders there, and he is a citizen highly respected for his integrity and upright life.

Mr. Wagner is a native of Berks county, Pa., where the family has long been settled. His grandparents, George Wagner and wife, lived and died in that county. He was born March 3, 1776, and died Aug. 21, 1857; she was born May 5, 1777, and died aged forty-four years, nine months, three days. They lived at the old Wagner homestead about five miles west of Hamburg, where he followed farming. He was married three times, and we have the following record of his children: Solomon died in September, 1808, aged ninety years, nine months; Daniel, born July 1, 1801, died July 12, 1882; Mrs. Salem died Sept. 7, 1889, aged eighty-six years, ten months, five days; Benjamin, born Aug. 29, 1804, died Jan. 3, 1892; Samuel, born Oct. 11, 1809, died in April, 1887, aged seventy-seven years, five months, twenty-five days; William, born Oct. 14, 1811, died March 27, 1888; George, born May 10, 1816, died June 10, 1896; Elias was born Jan. 25, 1820.

George Wagner, son of George, above, was born May 10, 1816, on the old homestead in Berks county, and died June 10, 1896, at Weissport, Carbon county, Pa., just one month after the completion of his eightieth year. For many years he followed farming, and he also engaged in the pottery business. His wife, Rebecca (Boyer), was a daughter of Andrew Boyer and member of a prominent family of Berks county, of French descent. They were the parents of children as follows: Landon; George; Alfred B.; Lavina, Mrs. Isaac Backenstose; Catherine, Mrs. Thomas Wessner; Sallie, Mrs. George Faust; and Luanna, Mrs. William Phifer.

Alfred B. Wagner was born Aug. 11, 1849, at Hamburg, and was brought up in Berks county. His education was begun in the public schools of the home locality, and being ambitious he later attended Lebanon Valley College. For a time he taught school. In 1873 he located at Mahanoy City, Schuylkill



county, where he found a position with Wagner Brothers, merchants, as clerk, remaining in their employ seven years. He then spent eight years in the employ of the late Franklin B. Wagner, after which for nine years he was with the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, as clerk. His next connection was with the Mahanoy City Light Company, with which concern he has continued since; it is known as the Schuylkill Light and Electrical Company, of which he was secretary for a time. He now devotes his time to looking after the collections. Outside of business he is specially interested in the activities of the English Lutheran Church, having been a member of the board of trustees for many years, and also choir leader.

In 1874 Mr. Wagner married Susan H. Faust, daughter of Dewalt Faust, of near Auburn, Schuylkill county.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN LEIBIG, proprietor of the "Pennsylvania House" at Quakake, Schuylkill county, belongs to a family of successful hotelkeepers, being the third generation to follow the business in this section. John Leibig, his grandfather, for several years conducted the well known old "Stone Tavern" in Rush township, where he also owned and operated a farm. He lived retired for several years before his death, which occurred when he was about seventy years old. He is buried in Quakake Valley. To his marriage with Barbara Kester were born the following children: Harriet, wife of Reuben Daubert; Mary Ann, wife of John Brobst; Elizabeth, who married Ammon Eberts; Ellen, who married Henry Gearhart; and Jacob.

Jacob Leibig, son of John, was born in Quakake Valley, in Rush township, and in his early life farmed with his father, afterwards following that vocation for a few years on his own account. He was then in the butcher business at Stone Tavern for about three years, removing thence to Tamancund, this county, where he carried on a hotel for eight years. For the next three years he had a hotel at Hometown, Rush township, where he died in 1904. He is buried in Quakake Valley. He held the office of tax collector in Rush township. Mr. Leibig married Sarah Catherine Hauck, daughter of Benjamin Hauck, whose children were: Angeline, William, Stephen, Samuel, John, Benjamin, Jeremiah, Sarah Catherine and Henry. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Leibig: Benjamin Franklin and Eva May, both living at Quakake. The daughter is the wife of James M. Faust, who is in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, and they have a son, Marl F. Mrs. Leibig resides with her children at Quakake.

Benjamin Franklin Leibig was born March 28, 1882, in Rush township, and obtained his education in the public schools, being allowed good advantages. He assisted his father until the latter's death, when he took the management of the Hometown hotel, carrying it on for six months. Then he came to Quakake and purchased the "Pennsylvania House," which has been greatly improved during his ownership and is one of the most popular stopping places in that part of Schuylkill county. Mr. Leibig has the faculty of making his guests comfortable and at ease, and his courteous attention to their wants has held all the old trade at this stand and won many new patrons.

ELMER G. REISEG, of Lakeside, is well and favorably known in his section of Schuylkill county, having been proprietor of the "Lakeview Hotel," near East Mahanoy Junction, since 1910. Mr. Reiseg was born at Mahanoy City, this county, in 1871, and is of German extraction, being a son of Fred-



erick Reisig, Sr., who is now living retired on a small tract of land near Lakeside, in Rush township.

Frederick Reisig, Sr., is a native of Saxony, Germany, born Jan. 17, 1842, son of John Reisig. The grandfather was also born in Saxony, where he lived and died, but the grandmother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Leitenberger, came to America and died at Brandonville, Schuylkill Co., Pa. John Reisig followed farming and also had a pipe factory. His family consisted of five children: Frederick, George, Bertha, Sophia and Casper. The last named was an officer in the German army during the Franco-Prussian war and is again serving as an officer in the present conflict.

Frederick Reisig came to this country when fourteen years old, and first settled at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he followed blacksmithing and huckstering. He made his home there and at Glen Carbon, this county, until twenty-five years old. Then for about fifteen years he was established at Mahanoy City, where he worked at his trade and had a marble yard. His next location was in Ryon township, where he followed farming and for a period of eleven years also conducted a store and hotel, thence in 1903 removing to Rush township, where he has since remained. Here he did considerable contract work, putting in building foundations, in fact he laid all the walls for the houses at Maryd, but he withdrew from arduous work some time ago, and now occupies a small tract which he owns, near Lakeside. During the course of his active life he accumulated some valuable property, owning yet 221 acres of farming and timber lands in Ryon and Rush townships, including his home property of one acre, with house and barn.

Mr. Reisig has always been a good citizen, ready to bear his share of the responsibilities of government, and intelligent in understanding the needs of the community. He was a school director of Ryon township for seven years and secretary of the board; and for a similar period filled the office of township clerk there. Church work has also interested him and had his warm support. He is a prominent member of the German Lutheran denomination in his locality, was Sunday school superintendent for sixteen years, and is still an officer of the church, serving as trustee. During the Civil war he enlisted from Minersville in the Pennsylvania State Militia, serving under Colonel Chest and Capt. Jacob Lawrence, and was orderly sergeant. His company was engaged in guarding the capitol at Harrisburg, did guard duty at Philadelphia and Hagerstown, and moved the army wagons at Philadelphia under John Arnold.

Mr. Reisig married Mary Hornberger, of Minersville, who died in August, 1908, and is buried at St. Peter's Church in Ryon township. They had a large family, viz.: Emma, who became a physician, practicing in Philadelphia, where she died when forty-two years old; Hettie, deceased; Wilfred, who died young; Frederick, who is now keeping a hotel in Ryon township; John, deceased; Willis Florence, deceased; Elmer G.; Charles, who is a farmer in Rush township; Edward, deceased; Gertrude, Mrs. Krebs; Maude, Mrs. Freudenberger; and Joseph, a farmer in Ryon township.

Elmer G. Reisig attended school at Mahanoy City and Locust Valley, the latter in Ryon township, and subsequently assisted his father at farming until twenty-one years old. At that time he married, and for several years afterwards was engaged in teaming and farming at Locust Valley, until he started in the hotel business in Ryon township, which he carried on for a period of eleven years. After giving that up he was in Mahanoy City for one year in

the same line, in 1910 coming to his present location at Lakeside, in Ryon township, near East Mahanoy Junction, where he bought the "Lakeview Hotel" and six acres of land in connection. His establishment receives a large share of the local patronage, which has increased steadily throughout his ownership, his endeavor to please all his guests being thoroughly appreciated by all who have enjoyed his hospitality. Mr. Reiseg's property is admirably located, commanding a fine view of the surrounding country. He is a man of substantial character, and considered thoroughly reliable in all his dealings.

Mr. Reiseg married Laura Blue, daughter of William and Rosanna (Keller) Blue, and they are the parents of three children: Lottie is now the wife of Harry Stegmeyer, of Tamaqua, and has one son, Harry; Cora married David D. Fusselman, and they also reside in Tamaqua; Wilford is at home. The family adhere to the Lutheran faith. Mr. Reiseg holds membership in the P. O. S. of A., to which he has belonged for the last sixteen years.

JOHN BEVAN has spent all his active years in the mines of Schuylkill county, and is now one of the trusted men in charge at the Lytle colliery, in Cass township. His conscientious attention to all of his duties and his competence have been sufficient to justify the confidence of his superiors. Mr. Bevan is a native of Schuylkill county, born at Minersville in 1866, son of Isaac Bevan.

Isaac Bevan was born in South Wales, where he passed his youth and young manhood. He learned the trade of blacksmith, but later turned to sailing, and followed the sea for about ten years. It was during the Civil war period that he came to America, and he enlisted as a marine in the United States navy, serving about four years, until the close of the war. Subsequently he came to Schuylkill county, Pa., and resided first at Minersville, where he was located for about one year. Taking employment at the William Penn colliery, near Shenandoah, he remained there two years, then coming to the Lytle collieries, where he had been employed about two years when he was killed in the mines, in 1874. His death occurred at Packer colliery, No. 3. Mr. Bevan is buried in the cemetery at Minersville. He married Elizabeth McGuire, daughter of Michael McGuire, and she is also deceased. Three children were born to this union, namely: John; Mary, unmarried, who lives in Philadelphia; and Catherine, wife of Richard Forran, inside foreman at the Maryd colliery, in Schuylkill county.

John Bevan was but nine years old when he began to work at the mines, and he was employed outside for about five years, beginning inside work at the age of fourteen. He was engaged at different collieries until he took employment at the William Penn colliery, near Shenandoah, where he spent twenty-two years, gaining a comprehensive experience of all the details of anthracite mining. In 1909 he came to the Lytle colliery in Cass township, where he has since been inside foreman. The position requires ability and judgment, steadiness and a thorough familiarity with mine operations, and Mr. Bevan has shown himself well qualified for its demands. Personally he is a man of sterling character.

Mr. Bevan married Bridget Sweeney of William Penn, Pa., and they have three children: Elizabeth, Margaret and John. Mr. Bevan and his family are members of the Catholic Church.

Michael and Bridget (Reynolds) McGuire, the maternal grandparents of

John Bevan, were natives of Ireland. The grandfather came to America when a young man and settled at Phoenix Park, in Cass township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he followed mining. He died in Cass township at the age of forty-seven years. His wife long survived him, dying in Cass township when seventy-three years old. Their four children were: Elizabeth (Mrs. Isaac Bevan), James, Mary and John. Of this family John also became a miner, and he is still residing on his father's homestead in Cass township. He married Ellen McCabe, daughter of Francis McCabe, and of the children born to this union four are still living: Michael, Francis Edward, John and Mary. Mr. and Mrs. John McGuire also reared their nephew, John Bevan, who was but a boy of eight years when his father died.

FRANCIS J. BUEHLER is one of the most enterprising young men in his section of Schuylkill county, and as mining engineer in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, at Pottsville, is in active touch with the development of some of the most important interests of this vicinity. He was born at Pottsville Dec. 12, 1886, son of John J. Buehler, and grandson of Michael Buehler, who was one of the best known pioneer settlers of the Yorkville district. His mother was Caroline Allar, of Newtown, Schuylkill Co., Pa. The grandparents on both sides were natives of Germany.

Francis J. Buehler was educated in the German parochial schools of the borough and at the Pottsville Business College, graduating from the latter institution in 1905. He began work as an employee in the Pottsville store of Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, doing office work, and was subsequently a clerk in the office of the Blackwood colliery, owned and operated by the Lehigh Valley Coal Company. In 1906 he became an employee of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, as a clerk, and later as a member of the engineer corps. Since 1909 his duties have been in and outside of the office, doing practical engineering work, etc. He has shown himself both skillful and trustworthy, and has won the confidence of his superiors by his conscientious attention to every detail and responsibility.

Mr. Buehler is one of the most progressive young men in the Yorkville district of Pottsville, where he has made many friends in church and social circles. He is a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, and of the Knights of Columbus, Knights of St. George, and the St. John Beneficial Society, as well as of the Holy Name Society, of which he is secretary. He is also a prominent member of the Yorkville Hose and Fire Company, which he is now serving as recording secretary, and is foreman and chauffeur of their motor apparatus; and is a member of the Pottsville Board of Fire Trustees and Firemen's Relief Trust Association. His home is at No. 1802 West Market street.

JOHN H. FELTY, a retired farmer of Pine Grove township, is a grandson of Martin Felty, one of the pioneer residents of that part of Schuylkill county. The family is of German extraction, and the name was formerly written "Fallentine."

Martin Felty was born in Pine Grove township, and spent the greater part of his life there, dying in 1845, at the age of seventy-eight years. He owned a large amount of land, which has since been divided up into a number of small farms and is still for the most part in the possession of the Felty family. By occupation Martin Felty was a farmer. He was the father of seven children, three sons, John, Levi and another, and four daughters; Levi married

Lavinia Barshore. Politically Mr. Felty was a Whig, in religion a member of the Lutheran Church.

John Felty, son of Martin, was born in Pine Grove township, and like his father was engaged in farming. He remained in his native township until his death, which occurred in 1847. He married Elizabeth Hossler, who was born in Berks county, Pa., her father coming to this county at an early time and dying here; he is buried in Pine Grove. Mrs. Felty died in 1890. Six children were born to this marriage, viz.: Leo, who is deceased; Elizabeth, deceased; Mary, deceased; John H., living retired in Pine Grove township; Levi, deceased; and Ferdinand, who lives in Pine Grove township.

John H. Felty was born in Pine Grove township in 1840, and was reared in the neighborhood where he now makes his home. For several months during the latter part of the Civil war he was in the Union army, enlisting in Company C, 214th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and serving until the close of the conflict. He was mustered out at Washington, D. C., and received his discharge at Alexandria. His regiment was under the command of Col. J. H. Brannan and attached to the 9th Army Corps, Army of the Potomac. It was in the battle of the Wilderness, May 5, 1864, where Mr. Felty lost his bearing; Spottsylvania, May 8 to 18, 1864; North Anna River, May 23 to 27, 1864; Petersburg, June 15 to 30, 1864; Cold Harbor, June 1 to 12, 1864; Mine Explosion, July 30, 1864; Poplar Springs Church, Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 1864; North Sedgwick, Nov. 5, 1864; fall of Petersburg, April 2, 1865; pursuit of Lee and conduct of prisoners to Appomattox, April 9, 1865. Mr. Felty shared the fortunes of his regiment in all its movements after he joined it, and was taken sick while in the service with typhoid fever, which kept him in the hospital at Annapolis, Md., for three weeks, and also in the hospital at Philadelphia. He was honorably discharged July 17, 1865, at Alexandria. Returning to Pine Grove township after his military experience Mr. Felty has since resided there, for a number of years engaging in farming. For some time he has been employed by the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A. and of the Grand Army of the Republic, in the latter connection belonging to Wolf Post, of Pine Grove. In religious belief he is a Lutheran.

Mr. Felty married Elizabeth Behney, daughter of John Behney, and a native of Lebanon county, Pa., member of one of the old families of that region, whence Mrs. Felty's parents moved to Suedberg, this county. Here they remained until they died. Mrs. Felty died in 1903 and is buried near the old home. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Felty, of whom Mary, the eldest, is deceased; two died in infancy; Elizabeth is the wife of John Hoster, of Pine Grove township; Reuben is deceased; John is a farmer of Pine Grove township; William E. is a merchant at Outwood, this county; Frank, twin of William, is living in Pine Grove township; Jacob also lives in Pine Grove township; Clara is married to Andrew Bohr and lives in Pine Grove township.

HENRY REICHWEIN, a prosperous farmer and dairyman of Barry township, Schuylkill county, was born in Germany in 1861, son of Frank Reichwein.

Frank Reichwein and his wife were natives of Germany. In 1870 he came to America with his children, his wife having died in the old country. They landed in New York, and from there proceeded to Locustdale, Schuyl-

kill Co., Pa., where Mr. Reichwein lived for a time, later going back to New York, where he died. Of his surviving sons, besides Henry, Joseph, the eldest, is in New York; John is living in Barry township; Anthony is in New York. Henry Reichwein has two step-brothers.

Henry Reichwein was but nine years old when he came with his father to America, and at the age of twelve he entered the mines at Locustdale. He continued to work in the mines until he began farming at Rocktown, this county, at which place he remained for about ten years, when he bought his present farm in Barry township. He is engaged in general farming and dairying and has made a success of his venture.

Mr. Reichwein was married in 1883 to Elizabeth Reichwine, daughter of Peter and Margaret Reichwine, old settlers of this county and residents of Fountain Springs until they died. To this union have been born seven children: Katherine, wife of Peter Schuerer, of Barry township; Peter J., also a resident of this county, engaged as a farmer; William, Mary, Anna, Raymond and Herman, all at home. Mr. Reichwein and his family are members of St. Mauritius' Roman Catholic Church of Gordon.

RICHARD W. HOPKINS, proprietor of a plumbing and heating establishment at Gordon, Schuylkill county, was born at Ashland, this county, in 1878, son of Richard W. Hopkins. His paternal grandfather was a native of Wales and a doctor by profession.

Richard W. Hopkins, Sr., was born in Cardiff, Wales, became a miner by occupation, and after coming to America followed that vocation at Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa. There he died. He married Mary Evert, daughter of William Evert, of Ashland, and they had five children: Elvira, wife of Isaac Sproats, of Ashland, now living in Elizabeth, N. J.; Thomas, residing in Mount Pleasant, Pa.; George and Edith, deceased; and Richard W., the youngest of the family. After the death of Mr. Hopkins his widow married James M. Seitzinger, a railroad engineer, of Gordon.

Richard W. Hopkins, Jr., was educated in the schools of Ashland, and at the age of fifteen years went to Philadelphia to learn the trade of plumber. He also worked for a time in Ashland, later coming to Gordon, where he entered the shops of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, remaining there some years before he opened his present place of business in Gordon. In 1897 Mr. Hopkins was united in marriage to Martha McAndrew, daughter of Thomas C. and Sarah (Dobson) McAndrew. Mr. McAndrew was one of the pioneers at Ashland and came to Gordon about 1869, entering the employ of the Reading Company, and serving successively as fireman and engineer; he has been retired by the company and is now residing in Gordon. The mother of Mrs. Hopkins was born in Carlisle, Pa., and died in Gordon in June, 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins have had three children, Thomas, Marie and Willard. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is connected with the Patriotic Order Sons of America.

HENRY KNAUBER, now living retired at Newtown, in Reilly township, was one of the best known citizens of that section of Schuylkill county in his active years, occupying an enviable place in the esteem of his fellow men. He has been a resident of that town since he came to the county, in the year 1866.

Mr. Knauber was born in Prussia, Germany, in 1838, son of Adam Knauber, who lived and died in Germany. Henry Knauber came to this

country in 1863, arriving at Castle Garden, New York City, Nov. 27th, and continued his journey at once to Pittsburgh, Pa., where the next month he enlisted for service in the Civil war, joining Company L of the 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry. He was in the army until June 15, 1865, receiving an honorable discharge at Philadelphia, and he was incapacitated for about a year thereafter, having been injured in the first charge at Petersburg. A ball passed through his right wrist, and he will always bear the marks of the wound. Returning to Pittsburgh after the war, he remained there until 1866, when he settled at Newtown, in Reilly township, Schuylkill county, and for over thirty years was engaged in mining, at Sharp Mountain, the Otto colliery and Middle Creek. In 1898 he gave up that occupation, and became interested in the hotel business as proprietor, conducting the "Washington House," which he still owns, though his son has taken the active management, Mr. Knauber having retired a few years ago. The hotel has always been popular under his ownership, as may be judged by the number of its regular patrons. He has been associated with the administration of public affairs in the township to some extent, having served six years as school director and nine years as constable. He is a Catholic in religious belief. Being eligible to the Grand Army of the Republic because of his Civil war service, Mr. Knauber belongs to Williamstown Post, No. 280.

Mr. Knauber married Charlotte Baune, who was born in Germany, in the same town as he was, and died in 1902. She is buried at Clouser's Church. Seven children were born to this marriage: Matilda married David Beyer; Catelina married John Irving; Ida married James Bowle; Louis, deceased, served in the Spanish-American war; Henry is now operating the "Washington House" at Newtown for his father; Blanche is teaching public school at Newtown; Leo, M. D., graduated from the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, and is now an interne in the Pottsville hospital.

MONCURE R. SPOHN, late of Pottsville, was a well known merchant there for many years and his widow still maintains the old homestead in that borough. Mr. Spohn was a descendant of an old Berks county family, several of whose members have been conspicuous in the history of that section. The cemeteries show some of the early records of the family: Henry Spohn, born March 10, 1729, died Jan. 21, 1813; and his wife, Maria Katharine, born March 12, 1736, died Jan. 25, 1810. Adam Spohn (son of Henry), born Jan. 25, 1758, died Jan. 18, 1831; and his wife, Elizabeth, born Dec. 15, 1764, died Sept. 23, 1829. Maria Katharine Spohn, wife of Henry, was a famous nurse in her day, and attended the births of 1,114 children. During the war of the Revolution Philip Spohn became, May 17, 1777, first lieutenant in the 8th Company, Berks county militia; on May 31, 1781, he was a private in Col. Joseph Hiester's Battalion and Sebastian Miller's Company; he was captain of the 8th Company, 6th Battalion, Lieut. Col. Joseph Hiester, May 27, 1780. Henry Spohn, presumably the Henry mentioned above as born March 10, 1729, was courtmartial man in the 8th Company, of which Philip Krick was captain, May 17, 1777.

John Spohn, father of Moncure R. Spohn, was born in Berks county, and moved to Schuylkill county shortly after his marriage. He engaged in the hotel business at Broad Mountain, conducting the hostelry well known in pioneer days in this section, as the stagecoaches stopped there. After many years at that place he removed to Pottsville, locating in the section known as

the Orchard, and here too he carried on the hotel business. He built one of the first houses in this vicinity and was in business there until his death. His wife, Margaret (Harf), was a native of Reading, Berks county, and their family consisted of six children, namely: Barbara; John, who is living in Kentucky; Moncure R.; Sarah; Eliza, and Frank.

Moncure R. Spohn was born at Broad Mountain, Schuylkill county, where he grew to manhood. When a young man he learned the trade of butcher, which he continued to follow all his life, for many years doing business on his own account. His meat market, on Mahantongo street, Pottsville, was one of the best known in this part of Schuylkill county, and is not only one of the oldest places in the county, but also one of the most popular. Mr. Spohn was thoroughly familiar with all the details of his business and absolutely reliable as a tradesman, and the large custom which his market enjoyed was the result of years of good service to his patrons and unimpeachable business methods. Socially he was widely known and esteemed in the borough, taking particular pleasure in his Masonic associations, having been a member of Cressona Lodge, No. 426, F. & A. M., at Cressona, this county; of Mountain City Chapter, No. 196; Constantine Commandery, No. 41, K. T., Pottsville; and Lu Lu Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He died in April, 1906, at the age of seventy-three years, and is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Pottsville.

In 1857 Mr. Spohn married Eliza Womelsdorf, a daughter of Philip and Mary (Nunemaker) Womelsdorf, and the following children were born to this union: Emily married George F. Seltzer; Fannie is the widow of W. C. Ulmer; Maggie is the wife of R. C. Green, a prominent jeweler of Pottsville; Maude is married to W. S. Cowen, a successful druggist of Pottsville. Mrs. Spohn continues to reside on the old homestead at No. 309 Mauch Chunk street, Pottsville, and she is affectionately esteemed by a large circle in the borough.

OSCAR ST. CLAIR, who is now living retired at Pottsville, represents a family of Scotch extraction which has been settled in Pennsylvania since the early days of the Commonwealth. His grandfather, a weaver by trade, was a native of Berks county, and lived in Reading for many years, later removing to Schuylkill Haven, this county, where his death occurred. His children were: Mary married John Jennings and (second) William Koch, and died at Schuylkill Haven; Abraham was the father of Oscar St. Clair; Reuben married Susan Christian and they had children, Sarah, Charles, John, Edw., Elizabeth, Alice and Clara; Jacob settled in Illinois, where he died, leaving a family; Hartman settled in or near Danville, Montour Co., Pa., where he became a well known farmer, and died there.

Abraham St. Clair, father of Oscar, was a tinsmith, and followed his trade for many years at St. Clair and Pottsville, where he died in 1859. He is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at the latter place. He was twice married, first to Hannah Cook, and his second wife was Lydia Dries, who was born at Maiden Creek, Berks Co., Pa., daughter of Jacob Dries. They had one son, Oscar.

Oscar St. Clair was born Dec. 1, 1855, at St. Clair, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and in his boyhood attended the local schools. At an early age he began work in a rolling mill, and was employed at that kind of labor for eight years. For two years following he was engaged at a blast furnace, and then followed railroad work for a period of five years, in the employ of the Philadelphia &





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Reading Company. For the six years succeeding he was in the hotel business on South Centre street, Pottsville, returning thereafter to the Philadelphia & Reading Company, as an employee in the blacksmith shop for five years. He has since lived retired, residing at No. 1337 West Market street, Pottsville, in the fine home he built some years ago. Mr. St. Clair is well and favorably known in Pottsville. Though he has not recently taken any active part in public affairs, he served his fellow citizens very faithfully as councilman for seven years when Yorkville was an independent borough, and during three years of that time had the honor of being president of the council. Politically he is a Democrat. He has been a member of the Good Intent Fire Company for the last thirty years, belongs to the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Owls, and is a member of St. John's Catholic Church at Pottsville. His fidelity to duty in all the relations of life has had its reward in the good wishes of friends and acquaintances, and the respect of every member of the community with which he has so long been identified.

Mr. St. Clair married Theresa Weismiller, daughter of Clement Weismiller, and she died Oct. 3, 1909. One child of this union is living, Elizabeth, now the wife of Rudolph Wachter, Jr., of Pottsville; Mr. and Mrs. Wachter have one daughter, Margaret.

MICHAEL R. BRENNAN, a resident of Heckscherville, has assisted actively in the administration of public affairs in this section of Schuylkill county, being particularly interested in promoting the efficiency of the public school system. He was born in 1867 in Cass township, where the family has resided for fifty years or more, his father, Patrick Brennan, having settled here when he came to America. He was a native of Ireland and a miner by occupation. He married Mary Kennedy, and both died in Cass township. Of the eleven children born to them, eight are still living.

Michael R. Brennan attended the public schools of Cass township, and with a brief exception has been employed at the mines ever since he began work. He started as a breaker boy, picking slate, and did inside work at the mines for about fifteen years, at the end of that time engaging in the hotel business in Cass township. After three years' experience in this line he returned to mining and for some time he has been employed at the Pine Knot colliery, where he has charge of the safety lamps. He has made a reputation as a man of reliable habits, intelligence and strict regard for the importance of the duties intrusted to him, and he stands well with all his fellow workers. He has been a lifelong resident of Cass township, at present making his home at Heckscherville, where he is well and favorably known. Mr. Brennan is unmarried.

Mr. Brennan has been closely associated with public affairs in his township for some time, and is at present serving as president of the school board, of which body he has been a member for the last seventeen years.

MONROE HEADER, a well known mechanic who has been successfully established in business at Mabel for a number of years, has been a lifelong resident of Barry township, Schuylkill county. His father, Joel Header, followed blacksmithing there for many years, and his grandfather, Jacob Header, was a hatmaker by trade.

Joel Header was born at Valley View, in Hubley township, this county, and after learning his trade came to Mabel and started blacksmithing on his

own account, carrying on a shop throughout his active years. He died in 1902, several years after his wife, Amelia, who passed away over twenty years ago. She was born in Barry township, daughter of Reuben Yoder, a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Header were the parents of five children, Monroe being the eldest: Nora is the wife of Ez. Dieber, of Mabel; Hannah is the wife of Edward Hazen; Calvin lives at Valley View; Katie is the wife of Alfred Brown, of Lavelle.

Monroe Header was born in 1870 in Barry township, and there grew to manhood, receiving a common school education and learning the trade of blacksmith under his father's capable guidance. He worked several years for his father, and eleven years ago, not long after the latter's death, started the shop at Mabel which he has since conducted. He is a man of substantial qualities and much respected in the town, where his industrious life and upright character have gained the utmost esteem.

In 1892 Mr. Header married Mary Mosser, a native of Barry township, daughter of Charles and Esther (Morgan) Mosser, both of whom are deceased. Four children have been born to this union: Viola, Alma, Roy and Monroe.

DAVID C. HUGHES, as inside foreman at the Phoenix Park colliery in Branch township, holds an important position in the operation of one of the largest coal properties in Schuylkill county. He was assigned to that position over twelve years ago, from which it may be inferred that he has made a record of competence and has close familiarity with the workings and local mining conditions. Mr. Hughes has spent a lifetime in the mines, and his father, John D. Hughes, was also a miner. The latter came to this country from Wales and settled at Shenandoah, Schuylkill Co., Pa., in 1869, following mining there until his death.

David C. Hughes was born in Wales, Oct. 6, 1862, and came to America in 1872, with his mother, two brothers and one sister. He attended public school at Shenandoah for a couple of years, but was only a boy of twelve when he began working at the breaker, picking slate. After a time he was put to work inside the mine, tending door, and gradually worked his way up through the various stages until he became a regular miner, in which capacity he was employed for twenty years. For seventeen years he was at the Shenandoah City colliery, during five years of that period as fire boss. Then he was made assistant inside boss at the Turkey Run colliery, where he continued for two years. In December, 1902, he was made inside foreman at the John Veith colliery, but had been there only a month when he was transferred to the Phoenix Park colliery, taking charge of the inside work. As there are about six hundred inside employees, his duties are not light, but he has come fully up to all requirements, and the commendation of his employers has been frequently expressed. Among his fellow citizens he is equally respected. His religious connection is with the Methodist Church, and for many years he sang in the choir. While at Shenandoah Mr. Hughes was admitted to the Odd Fellows lodge and Masonic blue lodge (No. 511, F. & A. M.), and he also belongs to Philadelphia Consistory, being a thirty-second-degree Mason.

Mr. Hughes was married to Mary MacLavan, daughter of William MacLavan, the latter a native of Scotland who settled at Shenandoah, this county. Two sons have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hughes: Leroy, a druggist, employed at Camden, N. J.; and James A., who is employed at the Phoenix Park colliery. They also have an adopted daughter, Evelyn.

JAMES B. MONAGHAN, as manager of the general store owned by the estate of Michael J. Monaghan, his father, is carrying on an old established business of Ashland. The Monaghans are a most respected family of Schuylkill county. They are of Irish extraction, Michael J. Monaghan and wife having been natives of Ireland, whence they came to America with their people. For a time the family resided in New York State, moving thence to Columbia county, Pa., and settling in Centralia, where the father was employed for several years in the mines. He finally located at Ashland, where he became interested in business as proprietor of a general store, since owned by the family. He continued his connection with the business until his death, which occurred Feb. 19, 1908.

Michael J. Monaghan married Mary Monaghan, daughter of Patrick and Anna (Conly) Monaghan, who came to America many years ago, settling at Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa. Patrick Monaghan died in Ashland in 1901. His widow still survives. They had a family of six children, namely: Edward, who is a resident of Philadelphia, Pa.; Mary, Mrs. Michael J. Monaghan; Bridget, deceased; Patrick, of Ashland, Pa.; John, deceased; and Catherine, deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Monaghan were also born six children: Ellen, Mary, Sallie, James B., Michael J., and Owen, all deceased but James B.

James B. Monaghan was born in Columbia county, Pa., but has passed the greater part of his life in Schuylkill county. His competent management of the general store founded by his father, and now belonging to the Monaghan estate, has stamped him as a reliable young business man of the town, and he is trusted and respected by all his associates. Mr. Monaghan is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Ashland, and also belongs to the local council of the Knights of Columbus.

On June 23, 1913, he was united in marriage with Catherine Staudenmeier, of Ashland, who was born in the borough. They are the parents of one child, Mary.

DAVID BEVERIDGE is one of the expert mining engineers in the Schuylkill county coal fields, now engaged at the Lytle colliery in Cass township. He is a man who has achieved his present success entirely through ambition and work. Obligated to commence work in early boyhood, he has combined study with practical experience, until now he is recognized as one of the most skillful men in his calling in this region. Mr. Beveridge is of Scotch extraction. His father, Robert Beveridge, was born in Scotland, coming to America in 1850 and settling at Llewellyn, in Schuylkill county, Pa., where he followed mining the rest of his life. He was killed at the mines in 1863 and is buried at Llewellyn. To him and his wife, Margaret (Pennman), were born seven children, namely: Elizabeth, Robert, Helen, Jane, Margaret, William and David.

David Beveridge was born March 1, 1863, at Branch Dale, Schuylkill county, and was but a few weeks old at the time of his father's accidental death. The youngest of a large family, it was necessary for him to begin work early, and from the age of seven years until he was eleven he was employed picking slate at the breaker of the St. Nicholas colliery, at Branch Dale. As he grew older he was engaged at loading coal, later ran an engine, and then followed mining for a period of four years. However, he was anxious to advance himself, and he began to study, taking a special course under Prof. William Owen, of Shamokin, Pa. In 1887 he became a member of the engineer corps of the

Mineral Railroad & Mining Company, at Shamokin, and for seventeen years continued work in that section as a mining engineer. For one year he held the position of superintendent of the Dodson Coal Company, and then became borough engineer of Mount Carmel, Northumberland Co., Pa., being so engaged for three years. On Aug. 11, 1907, he took his present position, becoming mining engineer at the Lytle colliery, in Cass township, Schuylkill county. His attainments and comprehensive experience have proved highly valuable in the discharge of his important duties at this colliery. The self-reliance which Mr. Beveridge exhibited in making his way upward has also carried him through many difficult situations he has met in the course of his work, and his determination has been quite as serviceable an asset as his professional training in this respect. Fraternally Mr. Beveridge is both a Mason and an Odd Fellow, belonging to Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 378, F. & A. M., and the I. O. O. F. lodge at the same place.

Mr. Beveridge married Esther Jones, daughter of John R. Jones, the latter a native of Wales. They are the parents of the following children: Robert, Martha, Norma (deceased), David, Margaret, Esther and John.

GOTTLIEB BUCHSBICE (deceased), a former railroad man and farmer of Butler township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., was born in Germany, and was a son of Elias and Augusta Buchsbice, both also natives of that country. The parents came to America and settled at Ashland, Pa., where they remained a short time. They died on the farm of their son.

Gottlieb Buchsbice worked in the mines at Ashland for a short time and then moved to Gordon, Schuylkill county. For many years he was in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, in his later years working in the shops. He died Sept. 21, 1908. He bought a farm in Butler township, near Gordon, which is now owned by his widow. On July 26, 1874, Mr. Buchsbice was united in marriage with Dorothy Klineleine, and to them were born the following children: William, a resident of Bath, Pa.; Hannah, wife of William Seybrecht, of Detroit, Texas; Rudolph, a resident of Schuylkill county; Laura, wife of Oscar Wallauer, residing in Utah; Fred, living in Ashland; Edward, living in Utah; Christian, of Ashland; August, deceased; Anna, Louis and Elmer, at home; John and Lawrence, deceased; and one that died in infancy. Mr. Buchsbice was always a faithful member of the Lutheran Church, to which his widow also belongs.

Jonathan Klineleine, father of Mrs. Buchsbice, was a native of Germany, as was also his wife, Christiana. They came to America in March, 1863, and settled first at Ashland, later moving to Locustdale, the father working in a colliery in the vicinity. He died at Ashland in 1900; his wife died in February, 1914.

CHARLES J. MONAGHAN, ex-member of the State Legislature and resident of Girardville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., was born Dec. 9, 1874, in that town, a son of Charles and Anna Monaghan. The family is of pure Irish descent. Both of the parents died when Charles J. was very young, so he was obliged to make his way unaided through this world. He attended public school in Butler township until he had attained his seventh year, when he went to work in the mines, continuing to labor in the coal region until his service in the Spanish-American war. In 1898 he enlisted, in Company F, 8th Pennsylvania Volunteers, which was sent to Augusta, Ga., where they

remained until the close of the war, without having taken any direct part in the struggle, but suffering from sickness and poor food. At the close of the war the company was mustered out at Augusta, and Mr. Monaghan returned to Girardville.

For a few years Mr. Monaghan was engaged in the wholesale business, in 1902 opening his present saloon in Girardville. In 1908 Mr. Monaghan was elected from Schuylkill county to the State Legislature, and served until 1910. In 1914 he was again nominated on the Democratic ticket for the same position.

In 1900 Charles J. Monaghan was married to Mary Tierney, daughter of Patrick and Ann (Ryan) Tierney, natives of Ireland and early settlers of Girardville, where they are yet living. The father was for some years a miner there. To Mr. and Mrs. Monaghan were born seven children: Harold, John, Anna, Mary, Leo, Charles and William. Mr. Monaghan is a member of Ashland Lodge, No. 284, B. P. O. Elks; was the first president of Aerie No. 446, Fraternal Order of Eagles; belongs to The Foresters of America; to Division No. 4, Ancient Order of Hibernians, of Girardville; the Girard Hose Company No. 1, and the Catholic Legion. All of Mr. Monaghan's family, as well as himself, are members of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, of Girardville.

IRWIN DEWALD, who is engaged in the bakery business in Auburn, Schuylkill county, was born in that town Sept. 2, 1875, son of Samuel Dewald. His grandfather, Edward Dewald, who was of German descent, was a resident of Schuylkill county in the days of its early development. He was a farmer by training, but spent many years as a boatman on the Schuylkill Navigation Company's canal. While chopping wood upon the farm of his son-in-law, Benjamin Dewald, he was suddenly stricken with a fatal illness, his body being found later. He was married to Catherine Steinbach, who was born Jan. 1, 1823, daughter of Philip Steinbach, and was killed on the railroad April 25, 1895. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Dewald were: Sarah (deceased) married Benjamin Dewald; Abraham married Kate Schoener; Benjamin married Hannah Becker; Samuel is mentioned below; Mildred married Amandus Miller; Edward married Ida Rollman; George married Emma Miller; John married Mary Bartlett. Mr. and Mrs. Dewald were members of the Summerhill Lutheran Church, and both are buried in St. John's cemetery, at Auburn, Pennsylvania.

Samuel Dewald was educated in the schools of South and North Manheim townships, and became a boatman on the Schuylkill canal, first as a station driver. When the telegraph was introduced into the canal service he became an operator. Later he worked on the Schuylkill & Susquehanna railroad as a brakeman on the Broad Mountain division, putting in the empty cars and taking away the loaded ones. Then he went to Auburn to work on the main line of the Reading road. The total time he served as a railroader was twenty-seven years, divided as follows: Brakeman, eight years; conductor on coal trains, four years; fireman, four years, engineer, eleven years. When he retired from the railroad work he opened a bakery at Auburn, conducting it for twelve years, and in 1909 selling out to his son Irwin. Mr. Dewald is now serving the borough of Auburn as tax collector and supervisor, having held the former office for fourteen years, and the latter office for four years.



He previously served three years as school director of Auburn. Politically he is a Republican.

Samuel Dewald was married to Emmaline Bachert, who was born July 11, 1852, in Dreherstown, Schuylkill county, daughter of Nicholas and Sarah (Kramer) Bachert. By this union there were born three children: Morris, born Sept. 17, 1872; Irwin, born Sept. 2, 1875; and Carrie, born Feb. 28, 1878, who married Charles Huntzinger, a railroader, of Auburn. Mrs. Dewald died at the age of forty-three years and is buried in St. John's cemetery, Auburn. Mr. Dewald later married (second) Sabina Bachert, born Oct. 27, 1868, in Pine Grove township, a sister of his first wife, and to this union have been born four children: Leroy Samuel, born Oct. 18, 1894; Frederick, born Nov. 17, 1890, who died Oct. 29, 1906; Edith Catherine, born Jan. 9, 1893, who died Sept. 22, 1893; and Raymond Edward, born Jan. 21, 1900, who died Aug. 9, 1900. Mr. Dewald is a member of Washington Camp No. 45, P. O. S. of A., of Auburn, and of Auburn Castle, No. 168, Knights of the Golden Eagle, and is now a past chief and keeper of the exchequer, having filled the latter position for the last twenty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Dewald are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Auburn.

Irwin Dewald was educated in the schools of Auburn, Pa., and upon completing his studies entered the employ of Jones & Moyer, brick manufacturers, for a time. He next went to work for D. J. Driscoll, in the bolt and nut works at Auburn, where he labored at various occupations until he was twenty-one years of age, finally becoming a rougher on the rolls. He then entered the bakery conducted by his father, continuing with him until July, 1909, when he acquired the business by purchase. He has a store in connection with the bakery, in which he carries a good stock of confectionery, and he commands a fine trade. Mr. Dewald married Estella Augusta Meck, who was born in July, 1877, at Harrisburg, Pa., daughter of John and Sarah (Luckenbill) Meck. The following children have been born to this union: Floyd Irwin, born Aug. 28, 1898, graduated from the Auburn high school before he was fourteen years of age, subsequently taking the course in the Pottsville high school; Faye Estella, born Sept. 30, 1903, is a student in the public schools.

Mr. Dewald is a Republican in his political affiliation, and has served the borough as school director for five years, and as auditor and clerk of elections. He is a member of Washington Camp No. 45, P. O. S. of A., which he has served for a number of years as financial secretary; of Auburn Castle, No. 168, Knights of the Golden Eagle, of which he is a past chief, and has been master of records for the last sixteen years; and of Black Diamond Commandery, No. 466, Knights of Malta, of Pottsville. Mr. Dewald is a member of the First Reformed Church of Auburn, which he is now serving as deacon.

Mrs. Estella Augusta (Meck) Dewald was born in Harrisburg, Pa., and was educated in the public schools of Auburn, Pa., after the death of her mother living with her aunt, Mrs. John Berger, until her marriage.

John Meck, the grandfather of Mrs. Dewald, was a resident of Pinedale, West Brunswick township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he lived to an honored age, and is there buried beside his wife. They had the following children: William, Samuel, David, John, Hiram, Levi, Daniel and Missouri.

John Meck, father of Mrs. Dewald, was born in West Brunswick township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., in 1853, and attended the township schools while assisting his father on the farm. When he was eighteen years of age he entered the employ of the Susquehanna & Schuylkill Railroad Company, as freight brake-

man between Harrisburg and Auburn. After two years he moved to Harrisburg, where his wife died. He then went to Bethlehem, Pa., and became a conductor for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, between Bethlehem and Philadelphia. Later he was made yardmaster at the Reading Terminal Station, Philadelphia, and finally transferred to the Third and Berks street station of the same company, as assistant trainmaster, holding the position for twenty-five years, only relinquishing it when ill health interfered seriously with the performance of his duties. He was then retired and pensioned by the company.

Mr. Meck was first married to Sarah Luckenbill, born in 1858, a daughter of Emanuel Luckenbill, and they had these children: Carrie Rebecca, who died at the age of three; and Estella Augusta, Mrs. Dewald. Mrs. Meck died in May, 1882, at the age of twenty-four years, and is buried at Auburn, Pa. Mr. Meck married for his second wife Euphemia Hoffman, who was born at Norristown, Pa., and they have had two children: Irwin, a student at Mount Airy Lutheran Theological Seminary, ordained in 1915; and Marian, who married William Frederick and lives in Philadelphia. Mr. Meck is a Republican, a member of Lulu Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Philadelphia, and an attendant of the English Lutheran Church.

WILLIAM P. EIFERT, a prosperous and progressive farmer of North Manheim township, Schuylkill county, was born June 5, 1865, in Danville, Montour Co., Pa., son of John Henry Eifert, Jr., of Grovania, that county, and grandson of John Henry Eifert, a native of Germany.

John Henry Eifert, the founder of the American branch of the family, was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, as was also his wife, Mary Rausch. Mr. Eifert became involved in an insurrection against the reigning grand duke and was compelled to leave suddenly, coming to America. With him came his sons, John Henry and Peter, and they landed at Baltimore, where they made their home, the father residing there until his death.

John Henry Eifert, Jr., became infatuated with the life of a sailor and enlisted as a landsman in the United States navy in 1862, when but sixteen years of age. To do so he had to run away from home, owing to parental opposition. He was assigned to the steam sloop-of-war "Maratansas," which was detailed to shell the intrenchments of the Confederates along the James, York, Rappahannock and Potomac rivers. After this work the vessel sailed along the Atlantic coast down through the Gulf of Mexico to Galveston, participating at various times in some of the lesser engagements of the war on the water. Mr. Eifert's brother Peter enlisted in the famous "Black Horse Cavalry" on the Confederate side. After the close of the war Mr. Eifert returned to the North, going to Columbia county, Pa., where he worked for a time on the old Catawissa railroad, and was promoted to section foreman. Having amassed a moderate competence he bought a farm in Montour county, near Grovania, where he is now spending his declining years. He still does part of the farm work. Mr. Eifert married Mary Lazarus, a native of Montour county, and they have had the following children: Ida, now the widow of Daniel Smith, of Shamokin, has ten children; William P. is mentioned below; John, living in Bloomsburg, Columbia county, has eight children; Thomas is deceased; Mary, widow of George Hartzell, has six children; Phoebe, wife of William Washant, resides at Tamaqua; Elizabeth, wife of Frank Delsart, of Danville, Montour county, has one

child; Annie, wife of Charles Knorr, of Danville, Montour county, has five children; Daniel Tobias, also residing in Danville, has three children; Samuel, residing on the home farm, married Bertha Knapp, of Danville, and has one child.

William P. Eifert attended the public schools and for two terms was a student at the Bloomsburg State Normal School. He then engaged in railroad work with the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, and was located for a time at Catawissa, Pa., later being transferred to Tamaqua, from there to Gordon, and subsequently to Cressona. He was with this company for a period of nineteen years and nine months, resigning in 1906. Having purchased a farm in Panther valley, near Cressona, consisting of sixty-seven acres, he settled there, and has greatly improved the place. He is engaged in general farming and trucking, attending the markets at Pottsville. Mr. Eifert was married to Uphaina Hubler, daughter of the late John Hubler, who for twenty-nine years was connected with the Reading Railway Company. To this union have been born nine children: Norman, of Cressona; Grace, wife of Robert Brineth, of Tamaqua; Gertrude, wife of Ray Ramsay, of Reading; Carrie; Albert; Lulu; Chester; Emanuel, and Leroy. Mr. Eifert is independent in politics. He is a member of the State Grange and of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. He is a consistent member of the Evangelical Church.

ELMER E. ARTZ is outside foreman at the Pine Knot colliery, situated in the Heckscherville valley, where he is widely known and respected. His honorable character, shown in the most conscientious regard for his duties, makes him thoroughly deserving of the esteem in which he is held.

The Artz family came to this country from Germany, and was established in Berks county, Pa., in the vicinity of Womelsdorf, at an early day. A number of the name were prominent farmers in that region. Simon Artz, grandfather of Elmer E. Artz, was an early settler in Hubley township, Schuylkill county, where he followed farming, and died upon his farm there Dec. 6, 1908, aged eighty-nine years. He had two sons, Preston and Daniel E.

Daniel E. Artz, son of Simon, was born and reared on the homestead place in Hubley township, and in his early years was employed at farm work. Later he owned and conducted a store at Sacramento, Hubley township, but eventually he returned to the home farm and resumed agricultural pursuits. A short time before his death he went to live with his daughter at Gratz, Pa., and there he died June 10, 1913. He and his wife Esther (Umholtz) are buried in the cemetery of the well known Artz Church in Hubley township. They were the parents of eight children: Lillie, a daughter that died in infancy, Elmer E., Edwin, Sidney, Dora, James and Lottie.

Elmer E. Artz was born Oct. 9, 1867, at Pine Valley, in Hubley township, where he grew to manhood, meantime attending public school. When sixteen years old he went to work at the carpenter's trade in the home township, and in 1888 entered the employ of the Reading Company as a carpenter, working thus until January, 1905, when he became foreman in the Kalmia Washery for the Reading Company. In January, 1906, he was transferred to the Anchor Washery, in the same capacity, remaining there until he entered on his duties as outside foreman at the Otto colliery, situated at Branch Dale, in Reilly township, in December, 1909. There he had about two hundred and forty hands under his direction doing outside work at the mine, where employment

is afforded to a large proportion of the population of the vicinity. On June 8, 1915, he was transferred to the mammoth Pine Knot colliery, owned by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, situated in the Heckscherville valley, where three hundred and twenty men are employed. Mr. Artz's prompt attention to every detail of the work in his care has gained him the appreciation of his employers, and the men under his charge are united in respect for his judgment and loyal personal esteem. He is regarded as a valuable citizen, and is a member in good standing of the Modern Woodmen and the Masonic fraternity, in the latter connection belonging to Minersville Lodge, No. 222, F. & A. M.; Schuylkill Chapter, No. 159, R. A. M., of Minersville; Constantine Commandery, No. 41, K. T., of Pottsville; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading.

Mr. Artz married Clara Smeltz, by whom he has had six children: Eva, now the wife of George Gottschall; Laura; Harry; Sadie; Edna, who died young; and a son that died in infancy. The family are of the United Brethren faith.

HENRY E. GABLE, of Hegins township, is a creditable representative of a much respected family of old standing in this section of Schuylkill county.

The first ancestors of this Gable family in America came to the New World from Germany. Daniel Gable, grandfather of Henry E. Gable, was a mason by trade. His son, Charles Gable, was born in Hegins township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and farmed in that township all his life, owning and operating the place where his son Henry now lives. He died on the home farm May 6, 1894. His widow, Ellen (Zerbe), lived to be eighty-eight years old. She was born at Newtown, Schuylkill county, daughter of John Zerbe, who died at Llewellyn, this county. Nine children were born to this couple: Sarah, the eldest, is the wife of Noel Geist, a veteran of the Civil war, and they live in Barry township, Schuylkill county; Charles is a resident of Ashland, Pa.; William is deceased; Ellen is the wife of Frank Yoder; Mary is married to Charles Miller, of Valley View; Daniel resides in Hegins township; Henry E. is mentioned below; Kate, twin of Henry, is the wife of Elias Buffington, of Ashland; Emma is the wife of Marcus Herb, of Mount Carmel, Pennsylvania.

Henry E. Gable was born in 1864 in Hegins township, and spent his boyhood on the home farm there, receiving his education in the local public schools. For two years he was located at Klingerstown, this county, but with that exception has lived in the township where he was born. Farming is his principal occupation; but he also works in the collieries, arranging his employment so that he is kept busy all the time. His industry and fidelity to all his obligations have gained him the respect of all who come in contact with him, and he is a citizen of recognized worth. He is a member of the Church of God at Hegins.

On Jan. 19, 1891, Mr. Gable married Amanda Schucker, of Hegins township, who was born at Fountain, Schuylkill county, daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ and Lucinda Schucker, old residents of the county; both her parents are deceased. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gable: Emma, Elmer, Kate, Maude, Henry, Dorothy and Armer. The eldest son died recently, at the age of twenty-one years.

HARRY J. BRACHMAN, of Brockton, Schuylkill county, has been a resident of that place all his life, having been born there July 10, 1876, and he

has been closely identified with the administration of its public affairs as well as its business interests from early manhood. He is indeed a representative member of one of the oldest families in the town, where his father, Frederick W. Brachman, settled in the early forties.

Frederick W. Brachman was born in Germany July 13, 1823, and spent his early years in that country, coming to the United States when a young man of nineteen. He was one of the first settlers at Patterson (now Brockton post office), in Schuylkill township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he spent the rest of his life, at first doing mine work there, until 1864. Then he engaged in the hotel business, carrying on the "Schuylkill Valley Hotel," which he conducted until his death, Sept. 18, 1888. He is buried in the Lutheran cemetery at Middleport. A man of intelligence and progressive ideas, he took a genuine interest in the welfare of the community and the proper administration of local government, and himself served as tax collector and school director, holding the latter office for many years. He was a Lutheran in religious doctrine. Mrs. Brachman died March 20, 1910, and is buried at Brockton. They were the parents of the following children: Caroline died in infancy; Kate married Richard McBreen; John is a resident of Middleport, this county; Mary is married to Frank Wadlinger; Sophia married Fred Krantz; Peter is a resident of Tamaqua, this county; Lena (deceased) was the wife of Peter L. Hoffman, of Brockton, who survived her many years, dying in 1915; Frederick W. is a prominent business man of Tuscarora, this county; Margaret (deceased) was the wife of Lewis Lawrence, district superintendent for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, at Shenandoah, Pa.; Matilda married Michael J. Hoffman; Emma married Michael Bonenberger; Harry J. completes the family.

Harry J. Brachman obtained his education in the public schools of Brockton. He was quite young when his father died, and he assisted his mother in the operation of the hotel, which was in the family for a period of fifty years altogether. After his mother's death Harry J. Brachman continued it on his own account until 1913. Meantime he had had various other business interests. He was the first postmaster at what is now known as Brockton, taking office March 3, 1899. At that time the post office was known as Harry, so called in his honor, and that name was used for seven years, when it was changed to Brockton—practically a corruption of the family name Brachman, as it was adopted in compliment to the Brachmans. For about ten years Mr. Brachman manufactured cigars at Brockton. Since giving up the hotel business he has devoted his time to dealing in real estate, and as a broker in that line, and a private banker, he has built up a patronage which now occupies most of his time. He has always taken a keen interest in promoting those things which would have a beneficial effect upon the development of the town, and his own operations have qualified him to judge correctly of the value of local enterprises, regarding which his opinion is sought and valued. For the last nine years Mr. Brachman has held the office of tax collector in Schuylkill township, his comprehensive knowledge of the worth of real estate fitting him particularly well for such duties. His political affiliation is with the Republican party, in which he has been an active worker, having served as delegate and committeeman.

On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, 1915, Mr. Brachman was united in marriage with Mae Mitchell, daughter of James and Mary (McBreen) Mitchell,

of Mahanoy City. The present residence of Mr. Brachman is the old family house which has been occupied by the Brachmans for more than half a century.

JOHN J. PAUL has been connected with the Pine Knot colliery in Cass township in the capacity of outside foreman since 1908, and has done his share in securing its profitable operation by conscientious attention to his particular duties. He has proved himself capable and trustworthy, and personally is deserving of the high regard in which he is held wherever known.

Mr. Paul was born at Tremont, Schuylkill county, in 1869, and his father, Emanuel Paul, was also a native of the county, born at Valley View. He followed mining until his accidental death, having been killed at the East Franklin colliery in West End.

John J. Paul had public school advantages in youth, and though he commenced to pick slate at the breaker when eleven years old, spent part of the time at his studies until he grew a little older. He obtained the usual experience in different positions at the mines, until he became foreman at the Independent colliery, where he remained for a period of five years. The next five years he was at Wadesville, this county, in the position of outside foreman, and in 1908 he came to the Pine Knot colliery, where he has since held a similar position. He has a wide acquaintance throughout the mining region of Schuylkill county.

Mr. Paul married Kate Miller, a daughter of William Miller, of Pine Grove, this county, and they have the following children: Esther, Charles, Ruth, Bertha, John, Edna, Edith, George and Mildred. The family are Methodists in religious association. Fraternally Mr. Paul is a Mason, belonging to Swatara Lodge No. 267, F. & A. M., of Tremont, this county.

CHARLES O'NEILL, a prosperous farmer of Butler township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., was born Oct. 31, 1846, at Minersville, this county, son of Philip and Mary (O'Neill) O'Neill, both natives of Ireland.

Philip O'Neill, the father, came to America at an early date and settled at Minersville after remaining for a time at Philadelphia. He was a weaver by occupation, but after coming to Minersville worked in the mines. He died there in 1851. Of his three children, two sons and one daughter, Charles is the only survivor. After the death of her first husband Mrs. O'Neill married Bernard Fuller, and they had eleven children, only one of whom is now living. Mrs. Fuller died in 1907 at the home of her son Charles.

Charles O'Neill attended the schools of Minersville but a short time, commencing work in the mines at an early age. He went to Ashland in 1867 and worked there in the mines for a time, about 1905 settling in Butler township, where he bought his present farm, which he has continued to reside upon and cultivate ever since. Mr. O'Neill was married June 8, 1872, to Mary Durkin, a native of Pottsville, and to them have been born twelve children, of whom Mary is the oldest living; Philip, who conducts a saloon in Mahanoy City, married Lucy Thomas, of Schuylkill county, and they have two children, Charles and Barbara; Charles runs an ice wagon; Peter, James, Irene and Thomas are at home.

John Durkin, father of Mrs. O'Neill, was born in Ireland and came to America after his marriage, settling at Pottsville, Pa. He followed mining after locating here. He and his wife Mary are both deceased. They had ten children: Patrick died in Ireland; Annie is the wife of Thomas Grady, of

Ashland, Pa.; Sarah is the wife of a Mr. Casey, of Ashland; Mrs. O'Neill is next in the family; Thomas resides in Ashland; John is living in Philadelphia; Ella is the wife of Timothy McCarthy, of Ashland; and the remaining three are dead.

Both the O'Neill and the Durkin families are members of the Roman Catholic Church.

LEWIS A. KLINGER, a prominent farmer of Barry township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., was born in that township in March, 1880, and is a son of George Klinger and grandson of David Klinger. The members of the Klinger family are numerous all over Berks and Schuylkill counties, most of them being descended from a common ancestor, who came over from Germany about 1749 or 1750, and settled in this part of Pennsylvania.

David Klinger, grandfather of Lewis A. Klinger, was one of the early settlers of Barry township and was a farmer by occupation. His son, George Klinger, father of Lewis A., was a farmer all of his life, and resided in Barry township, where he died Dec. 2, 1908. He was married to Emma Morgan, daughter of Samuel Morgan, of the same township, an early settler and farmer. Mr. Morgan was born in 1812, and died at the age of eighty-five years. Mrs. Klinger is still living in Barry township. She is the mother of nine children, of whom Charles, Mabel, Eva, Sarah and Thomas are all deceased; John is a resident of Barry township, on the home place; Lewis A. is mentioned below.

Lewis A. Klinger attended school in Barry township, lived while a child at Minersville, and was employed in the mines until he had attained the age of fifteen years. He then went to work on a farm, and has continued to follow agricultural pursuits up to the present time. In 1911 he purchased his present farm in Barry township, and has made of it a fertile and valuable tract. He does a general farming business, and has modern ideas which he applies to the work of cultivation and marketing of his products.

In 1904 Mr. Klinger was married to Nora Geist, a native of Barry township, daughter of Noah and Sarah (Gable) Geist, both of whom are living in Barry township. Mr. Geist was a soldier in the Civil war, serving in the 50th Pennsylvania Infantry. Mrs. Klinger has two brothers living: Frank, at Mount Carmel, Pa., and Oscar, at Gordon, Pa. To Mr. and Mrs. Klinger has been born one child, LeRoy. They attend the Lutheran Church. Mr. Klinger is a member of the Barry township school board. He belongs to the P. O. S. of A. camp at Weishample, Barry township.

HENRY M. SEITZINGER, now living retired at Fountain Springs, belongs to a family identified with that locality from the beginning of its settlement. The place was so named by his first ancestor here, Nicholas Seitzinger, and no family in this section of Schuylkill county is more deservedly honored.

The Seitzingers are one of the families descended from Hessian soldiers who remained in America following their services in the American Revolutionary war. Nicholas Seitzinger was a German by birth. He came to this country as one of the Hessian soldiers hired by England, and thus took part in the Revolution, but his sympathies were with the Colonial cause, and after the war he did not return to the old country. For a time he lived in Bucks county, Pa., removing thence to what is now Schuylkill county, where he took up 1,600 acres of land. The region was then a wilderness, but he set bravely about



the task of making a home for himself and family, and it was he who established the town of Fountain Springs, which was really named in his honor. He is buried in the cemetery there. His family consisted of six children.

Peter Seitzinger, son of Nicholas, was born in Pottsville, Schuylkill county, and followed farming all his life, making his home in Butler township. He died in 1874, and he, too, is buried in the cemetery at Fountain Springs. His wife, Catherine (Shelley), born in 1808 at Pottsville, was a daughter of Charles Shelley, and member of a family which has been settled in Butler township from the early days. Mr. Shelley was a carpenter by trade. He is buried in the cemetery at Fountain Springs. Of the twelve children born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Seitzinger, Alice, the eldest, is the widow of Thomas Connor, of Butler township; Catherine is the widow of Atkin Seltzer, of Butler township; they and their brother Henry are the only survivors of this large family. Among the deceased are Barbara, Amanda and Alexander.

Henry M. Seitzinger was born Jan. 21, 1845, and spent his early life on the farm in Butler township, acquiring such education as the neighboring public schools afforded. He followed farm work until his enlistment in the Union army, in 1864, with which he served until the close of the war as a member of Company G, 116th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was mustered out in 1865. Mr. Seitzinger saw service in many battles, and was wounded three times at the Po river. Returning home he resumed work on the farm, which he continued to follow for many years, his thorough and industrious methods and systematic labors bringing him steady prosperity. He is now living in retirement at Fountain Springs, enjoying the earnings of his earlier years. Mr. Seitzinger has interested himself in the public welfare of his locality, has served his township as supervisor, and as a worthy representative of a substantial family has always been reckoned among the best citizens of his locality. He is a member of the G. A. R. post at Ashland.

On Jan. 13, 1866, Mr. Seitzinger was married to Elizabeth Ebert, whose parents, William and Ellen (Hughes) Ebert, were natives of Berks and Columbia counties, respectively. Mr. Ebert belonged to an old pioneer family of Berks county, and Mrs. Ebert was of Quaker stock which came to Schuylkill county in an early day and settled at Minersville. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ebert are buried in the cemetery at Fountain Springs. They were the parents of nine children, of whom Edward, the eldest, is deceased; Maria is deceased; Regina, deceased, was the wife of Stephen Reese, of Ashland; Mrs. Seitzinger, the next in the family, was born at Minersville; Mary is the wife of James Seitzinger, of Gordon, this county; William is a resident of Ashland; Jerry is deceased; Caroline is deceased.

Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Seitzinger, Laura is the wife of Peter Bilder, of Mount Carmel, Pa.; Caroline is married to Harry Connor, who is a physician at the State Hospital, Fountain Springs; Peter is deceased; Mary is deceased; Catherine is the wife of John Williams, of Philadelphia; Harrison and Luther live at Fountain Springs; Lucy is the wife of Yoel Kehler, of Locust Dale, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Seitzinger are members of the Fountain Springs Congregational Church.

FERDINAND FELTY, a farmer of Pine Grove township, is a descendant of an old family of Schuylkill county of German origin. The name was formerly written "Fallentine."

Martin Felty, grandfather of Ferdinand Felty, was born in Pine Grove

township, and spent the greater part of his life there, dying in 1845, aged seventy-eight years. He owned a large amount of land, which has since been divided up into a number of small farms and is still for the most part in the possession of the Felty family. By occupation Martin Felty was a farmer. He was the father of seven children, three sons, John, Levi and another, and four daughters; Levi married Lavinia Barshore. Politically Mr. Felty was a Whig, in religion a member of the Lutheran Church.

John Felty, son of Martin, was born in Pine Grove township, and like his father engaged in farming. He remained in his native township until his death, which occurred in 1847. He married Elizabeth Hossler, who was born in Berks county, Pa., her father coming to this county at an early time and dying here; he is buried in Pine Grove. Mrs. Felty died in 1890. Six children were born to this marriage, viz.: Leo, who is deceased; Elizabeth, deceased; Mary, deceased; John H., living retired in Pine Grove township; Levi, deceased; and Ferdinand.

Ferdinand Felty, son of John, was born May 21, 1846, in Pine Grove township, was brought up near his present home, and obtained his education in the public schools of the township. In 1864 he enlisted in the Union army, joining Company K, 48th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, took part in many battles, and lost his hearing while in the service. He was mustered out at Harrisburg. Upon his return home Mr. Felty engaged in farming in Pine Grove township, and he has met with more than average success. The house he now occupies is the old homestead place of Henry Felty, his wife's grandfather.

On April 14, 1866, Mr. Felty married Angeline Felty, a native of Pine Grove township, daughter of Seaward and Elizabeth Etta Felty, farming people, the former born on the place where Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Felty now live. He continued to reside there until his death, in 1885. Mrs. Elizabeth Felty was born in Berks county, Pa., where her family was settled from pioneer times. She died in 1872, the mother of twelve children, of whom but three now survive: Angeline, Mrs. Ferdinand Felty; Emeline, widow of William Reiger, of Lebanon, Pa.; and Catherine, Mrs. Behler, of Pine Grove.

Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Felty: Tressie, the eldest, is the wife of George Moose, of Pine Grove; Charles, who now gives his time to the operation of the home farm, married Lillie Klinger, of Pine Grove township; Virgie is the wife of John Reinbold, of Pine Grove township; Gertie, twin of Virgie, is the wife of Wilson Minnich, of Schuylkill Haven; the others are deceased.

Mr. Felty holds membership in the Lutheran Church. He keeps in touch with his Civil war comrades as a member of Wolf Post, G. A. R., of Pine Grove, and also belongs to the P. O. S. of A. camp at Suedberg. His sterling personal qualities, and the industrious, useful life he has led, account sufficiently for the unqualified esteem in which he is held by all his associates.

EZRA J. BOUGHTER has been a resident at Suedberg for over forty years, and is now living retired in the enjoyment of the competence won in his active days. He is a native of Lebanon county, Pa., and a representative of one of the early families of that section, where his grandfather, Joseph Boughter, was a pioneer. The latter was of Scotch descent. Of his children, Amos (now deceased) was a lawyer of Lebanon, Pa.; Sarah was the only daughter.

Levi Boughter, son of Joseph, was born in Lebanon county, and like

his father became an iron worker. Moving into Lancaster county, Pa., he was engaged in the management of iron furnaces, and remained there until his death, which occurred at Marietta. He married Elizabeth Strohman, who was a native of York county, Pa., where her father, Joseph Strohman, was also born. The Strohman's moved to Lebanon county and settled in Union township. Mrs. Levi Boughter died in Lebanon county in 1865. She and her husband had two children.

Ezra J. Boughter, son of Levi, was born Dec. 25, 1839, in Swatara township, Lebanon county, and was reared in that county. He attended the public schools. When the Civil war broke out he was living in Lebanon county, and there he enlisted, Oct. 4, 1861, in Company B, 93d Pennsylvania Regiment. He served all through the rest of the war, and was mustered out at Washington, D. C., with the rank of sergeant. In 1864 he was made corporal, and later promoted to sergeant. He took part in several of the battles of the Army of the Potomac.

Returning to Lebanon at the conclusion of his army service Mr. Boughter clerked in a store for a time and later worked in the rolling mills. Then he moved to Suedberg, Schuylkill county, and is now leading the leisurely life to which his industrious career entitles him. While in Lebanon county Mr. Boughter held the office of assessor, but he has not taken any direct part in public affairs since settling in Schuylkill county. By reason of his Civil war service he holds membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, belonging to Wolf Post, of Pine Grove, of which he is senior vice commander. He is also a prominent member of the P. O. S. of A., and was the first commander of the camp at Suedberg. In religion he is a member of the Methodist Church.

In 1864 Mr. Boughter was married to Mary A. Lewis, of Lebanon, daughter of John and Keziah (Boyce) Lewis, of York county; Mr. Lewis was a furnace worker. Mrs. Boughter died Aug. 6, 1910, the mother of nine children, namely: John, the eldest, is a resident of Pine Grove township; Laura is the wife of Frank Ditzler, of Pine Grove township; Lillie is the wife of William A. Reed, of Suedberg; Robert lives at Suedberg; Mary is married to Harry Schneck, of Pine Grove township; the others are deceased.

JOHN E. HUNTSINGER has been a prosperous young business man of Valley View, meeting with notable success in the same line his father follows at Hegins, where he became established over thirty years ago. As furniture dealers and undertakers of unquestioned reliability they command the greater share of the business in their field in this portion of Schuylkill county.

The Huntsinger family here under consideration has been in Pennsylvania since the Provincial period. It is of German origin, and the emigrant ancestor, John George Huntsinger, arrived in this country Oct. 2, 1743, on the ship "Jacob," Capt. Adolph de Grove, from Rotterdam, via Shields, England. There were 290 more of his countrymen among the passengers. He had the following children: Susanna, George, Daniel, Viola, Michael, Henry, John, Jacob, and another daughter.

Jacob Huntsinger, youngest son of John George, grew to manhood in Pennsylvania and here passed the rest of his life. He was survived by a family of ten children: George, Samuel, Phoebe, William, Jacob, Edward, Elizabeth, Sarah, Charles and Frank B.

George Huntsinger, son of Jacob, and next in the line of descent we are

tracing, was the father of eleven children: Elizabeth, Mary, George, William, Joseph, Emanuel, Hannah, David, Reuben, Marcus and Harriet.

Reuben Huntsinger, son of George, was in his day one of the leading farmers in the vicinity of Valley View, Schuylkill county, owning the tract near that town which is the property now of P. H. Updegrave. There he made his home until his death. He married Angeline Artz, and they became the parents of eight children: Samuel A., Josiah H., Catherine, Lucy, Emanuel M., Caroline, Reuben R. and Abby.

Samuel A. Huntsinger, son of Reuben, was born in 1847 at Valley View, Schuylkill county, and there grew to maturity. He had excellent educational advantages for the period, attending the local public schools until seventeen years old, and meantime assisted with the farm work at home. He turned from agriculture to take up the carpenter's trade, at which he served a full apprenticeship, afterwards working as a journeyman for twenty years. During that period he had been advancing steadily, preparing himself for all branches of his chosen calling, and when he started business at Hegins on his own account, in 1884, he was well equipped for a successful career. In the year mentioned he commenced to manufacture cabinets, furniture, porch work, handrails and window frames. He also secured a certificate as undertaker, being called upon for all the work of that kind needed in the town and much of the adjoining territory. His trade in all lines has shown a constant increase, a substantial evidence of the appreciation of the community for his thorough work and intelligent attention to all patrons.

Mr. Huntsinger married Louisa Schwartz, who was born in Hegins township, daughter of Abraham Schwartz, a farmer of that township, and they have had eleven children, namely: Cora is the wife of William Minnick, of Hegins township, and has a large family, Alma, Stanton, Charles, Bulu, Ira, Albert, Laura, William and Myrtle; Catherine A. is married to William Dierff, of Minersville; Tamie is the wife of Samuel Herb, of Hegins; Ellen G. is the wife of Harry Coleman, of Hegins; Francis E. is a resident of Hegins; Mary J. lives at home; John E. is next; Sadie A. is the wife of Elmer Miller, of Hegins; James V., Emma E. and another are deceased.

John E. Huntsinger was born at Hegins, this county, in 1883, and was reared there. He obtained his education in the public schools, and began his business career as his father's assistant, in that capacity receiving a thorough training in carpenter work, to which he gave the principal share of his attention for five years. He also acquired a comprehensive knowledge of undertaking, by practical experience and regular training, taking a course in the Eckels School of Embalming at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated April 24, 1905. He continued to be associated in business with his father until he opened his own establishment, at Valley View, where good judgment and up-to-date service have had their reward in liberal patronage. Personally he has a character which wins him friends among the most respected residents of the town.

On Jan. 16, 1904, Mr. Huntsinger married Frannie E. Coleman, of Hegins, daughter of John and Maria (Maurer) Coleman, who now live near Hegins, Mr. Coleman having retired after a considerable experience as a farmer. He and his wife are both from Mahantongo. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Huntsinger: Elvin, Ruth and Reuben. Mr. Huntsinger and his wife hold membership in the German Lutheran Church.

ALBERT STEPHENS, of Tower City, is proprietor of the "Hotel Stephens," operating the establishment formerly owned and conducted by his father, and which has been a popular place of entertainment in the borough for many years. He has proved an excellent business man in that connection and has also acquired a valuable farm property in Porter township, having a substantial start on the road to prosperity.

Mr. Stephens was born at Tower City March 2, 1881, son of James S. Stephens. His grandfather, James Stephens, a native of England, left his family in that country and started for America alone, and it is supposed he was drowned at sea, as the ship sank and he was never afterwards heard from. His children were: James S. Frederick, Samuel and Elizabeth.

James S. Stephens was born in England and spent his early life in that country, coming to America when eighteen years old. He settled in Schuylkill county, Pa., where he worked as a rockman in the mines, being also employed in that capacity at Williamstown, Dauphin county, this State. For some time he was engaged in the hotel business at Tower City, where he died at the age of fifty-seven years; he is buried in the Greenwood cemetery near the borough, in Porter township. His wife, Mary Ann (Williams), of Montour county, Pa., also lived to the age of fifty-seven years. They had the following children: Three who died young; Bessie, unmarried, a trained nurse, now located at Pasadena, Cal., where she is superintendent of the Pasadena hospital; Frank, a miner, of Tower City; Albert; and Herbert, who lives in Philadelphia.

Albert Stephens had the best advantages afforded by the local public schools, attending the preparatory and high schools at Tower City, and passed his early years as most boys in the vicinity have done, at work in the mines. He also assisted his father in the operation of the hotel at Tower City, and in 1904 bought the business for himself, which he has found to be a wise investment. The hotel is at the corner of Seventh street and Grand avenue, and is a well known stopping place for the townspeople as well as strangers. Under Mr. Stephens' careful management it has been improved in many respects, and he has been well repaid in the increased patronage attracted to the house. He owns a fine farm of seventy acres in Porter township, located at Reinerton, upon which he has a tenant. Mr. Stephens is a member of the Knights of Pythias at Tower City and of the Loyal Order of Moose at Lykens, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Stephens married Emily Reiner, daughter of John Reiner, of Reiner City, Porter township. They have no children.

The Reiner family is one of long standing in this section of Schuylkill county, Pa. John Reiner, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Stephens, lived in the Mahantongo valley, where he followed farming. Later in life he removed to Clearfield county, Pa., and he died at the home of his daughter Esther. His children were: George and Jacob (twins), John and Esther.

George Reiner, son of John, above, was born in the Mahantongo valley, lived for a time in Hegins township, this county, where he carried on farming, and in 1854 settled in Porter township, where he bought a tract of 150 acres at what is now known as Reiner City. The town was built on his land and named after him. The post office is known as Muir. He became a prominent citizen of the township and was called upon to fill many offices of trust, serving as tax collector, supervisor and treasurer, and his cooperation could always be relied upon for any good cause, his honorable intentions mak-

ing his participation particularly desirable. He died upon his farm when sixty-three years old and is buried at Reiner City; his wife, Eliza (Snyder), lived to be over seventy. They had the following children: John; Christiana, widow of John Schneider; Lydia, wife of Henry Unger; Henry and George, who live at Reiner City; and Elizabeth, widow of George Evans.

John Reiner, son of George, generally known as "Johnnie" Reiner, was born April 28, 1854, was born at the Reiner homestead in Porter township, where he now lives, was reared upon the farm, and obtained his schooling in the immediate locality. In 1897 he purchased the home place. It is favorably located, and he has sold part of it for building lots, following general farming on the portion he retains. He has continued to improve it systematically, and has been very successful in his agricultural operations. Like his father he takes a keen interest in securing good government for the township, and has himself served as supervisor. He married Hannah Stutzman, daughter of Israel Stutzman, of near Fountain, Hegins township, and they have had the following children: Elizabeth, who died when twenty-seven years old; John, who lives at home; Emily, wife of Albert Stephens, of Tower City; Lottie, who graduated from the Porter township high school, and has been a public school teacher in the township since 1912; and Leroy, at home. The family are members of the Evangelical Church.

FELIX H. LESHER has become an influential resident of his section of Schuylkill county by repeated demonstrations of his fitness for leadership. His proved efficiency and trustworthiness in a number of local positions of trust have kept him in public affairs, and he is a substantial business man as well, a progressive agriculturist and successful cattle raiser.

Henry Lesh, his grandfather, came to this region from the Stone valley, in Northumberland county, Pa., settled in the Mahantongo valley, and farmed here until his death. His son, Henry Lesh, father of Felix H. Lesh, was born in the Mahantongo valley, and engaged in farming throughout his active years. He is now living retired. His wife, who died in October, 1897, was Mary Hepler, a native of Eldred township, this county, daughter of George Hepler, a farmer, who lived in Eldred township until his death. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lesh: George, the eldest, is now living in Indiana; Agnes, Charles and Cora are deceased; Felix H. is next in the family; Calvin is a resident of Lansford, Pa.; Bertha is married to Harvey Wetzell, of Michigan; Laura is the wife of Huber Strause, of Lansford; Maizie is married to Hector Stoner, of Michigan; Henry is on the Mahantongo valley farm with his father; Minnie is also at home.

Felix H. Lesh was born in 1876 in the Mahantongo valley in Eldred township, and there received such education as the local public schools afforded. His experience in farming has covered all his lifetime, for he continued agricultural work when he began life on his own account, and thirteen years ago he bought his present property, a fertile tract of eighty-six acres in Barry township. Here he has since raised general crops, and he has made a specialty of cattle raising, having developed this branch of his work, in which he has been notably successful, to profitable proportions. His enterprise has been the means of introducing better grades of stock throughout the vicinity, many having followed his lead after he proved the wisdom of his course. Local farmers who hesitated to make the comparatively heavy investment necessary to establish a valuable herd have come to see the excellent

policy he has advocated, and its results have fully justified the change. Mr. Leshar has been chosen to a number of township offices and has made good in all the positions for which his neighbors and other friends have supported him so loyally.

On Dec. 12, 1894, Mr. Leshar married Augusta Wedde, who was born in Barry township, and they have become the parents of eleven children: Clarence, Thomas, Violet, Norman, Rosie, Carrie, Raymond, Gertrude, Ada, Lottie and Roy. Mr. and Mrs. Leshar unite with the German Lutheran Church.

FRANK A. SCHMELTZER, of Pottsville, has been engaged in the bottling business at that borough for over thirty years. He is a member of the third generation of his family in that place, his grandfather, Jacob Schmeltzer, having settled here in 1835.

Jacob Schmeltzer, the grandfather, was born in St. Engbert, Rheinpfalz, Bavaria, Germany, in 1797, and there passed his early life. Bringing his family to America in 1835 they landed at Philadelphia, and came thence to Pottsville by canal, arriving here Sept. 13th. He was a shoemaker by trade, but during his residence in Schuylkill county was employed at the mines. He died at St. Clair in 1855. Mr. Schmeltzer married Mary M. Ochs, a native also of St. Engbert, born in 1799, and they had a family of six children, four sons and two daughters, when they came to the United States. Four more children were born to them after they settled in America, and we have the following record of this family: George settled in Bremer county, Iowa; Peter, at St. Clair, Schuylkill Co., Pa.; John, at Tacoma, Wash.; Hannah, Mrs. Wallner, became a resident of Dakota; Mary M. is deceased; Francis made his home at Pottsville; Nicholas, a carpenter, lived at St. Clair; Anthony, a blacksmith, also settled at St. Clair; Elizabeth, Mrs. Carns, lived in Bremer county, Iowa; Gertrude is deceased. The family were all members of the German Catholic Church. The mother died in 1857.

Francis Schmeltzer, son of Jacob, was born Oct. 12, 1824, at St. Engbert, Bavaria, came to America with his parents in boyhood, and a few years later commenced work at the mines. He was thus employed at Mount Laffee, Schuylkill county, and for a number of years did different kinds of work, picking slate, driving mules, etc. By application to his duties he won the confidence of his employers, and when thirty-six years old he was made foreman at Locustdale, being so engaged for the next fifteen years. In company with Charles Frantz Mr. Schmeltzer began the operation of a colliery at St. Clair, and continued thus for many years. He was one of the first mine inspectors appointed by the government, serving a term of five years during the seventies, and when he gave up that work entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, for whom he acted as district superintendent. He held this position for about fifteen years, until his retirement, in May, 1892, because of ill health, and he spent the remainder of his days in enjoyable leisure. He died July 28, 1904. Mr. Schmeltzer was an intelligent and trustworthy man, and bore a high reputation for ability and sterling personal qualities, which gave him the confidence and esteem of all with whom he came in contact. His home was at No. 1301 West Minersville street.

Mr. Schmeltzer was married Feb. 10, 1855, to Margaret Thum, of Philadelphia, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, daughter of Jacob Thum, a



native of the Rheinpfalz, where he died. Mrs. Schmeltzer came to America when she was a girl, and died two years after her husband. They had the following children: Elizabeth married Henry J. Ney, and they reside at Pottsville; Peter J. is a resident of Pottsville; Frank A. is next in the family; Mary died unmarried; Margaret died when fourteen years old; Lena is deceased; Joseph J., of Pottsville, married Louisa Sterner, of Pottsville; John F. is in business with his brother as a member of the firm of Schmeltzer Brothers; George E. is deceased.

Frank A. Schmeltzer was born Feb. 14, 1863, at Locustdale, Pa. He received a public school education and in his boyhood commenced working at the collieries, where he was engaged for two years. He then found employment in the spike and bolt works at Pottsville, where he remained for about eight years, in 1883 becoming associated with three of his brothers, Peter, John and Joseph, in the bottling business at Pottsville. The business has been successful from the beginning, but two of the brothers have withdrawn, and the works are now owned and operated by Frank A. and John F. Schmeltzer, who do business under the name of Schmeltzer Brothers. Their place of business is at No. 9 North Thirteenth street, at Market street. They are engaged in the production of high-grade carbonated beverages, also bottling porter, ale and beer. They make a specialty of their Gold Seal and Red Label Ginger Ale, for which there is a large demand, not only in Pottsville, but all over Schuylkill county. They keep two teams constantly busy. The Schmeltzer Brothers are regarded as trustworthy, honorable business men, and have maintained the high standard set by their honored father.

Frank A. Schmeltzer married Mary T. Shank, daughter of Frederick W. Shank, and they have five children, namely: Florence, George, Edwin, Agnes and Margaret, the last named deceased. They reside at No. 1301 West Norwegian street. Mr. Schmeltzer belongs to St. John's Roman Catholic Church, and to the Holy Name Society.

WALDYSLUW RAYKOWSKI, of Shenandoah, where he is best known as J. W. Raykowski, is carrying on a thriving business in that borough as a shoe dealer, and by honorable treatment of all his patrons has become one of the popular merchants there. He is a native of Russian Poland, born June 27, 1872, at Gonsewe, son of Stanislaw Raykowski, who was born at the same place and died when his son Waldysluw was six years old. The father followed farming in his native land all his life, and he and the mother Leonora (Bartut) are buried at Szelun, near the village of Gonsewe. They were members of the Polish Roman Catholic Church. They had eight children: Anthony, who was drowned when twenty-two years old; Frank; Alexander, a farmer, who served nine years in the Russian army; Rosalya; John, a clerk in the post office at Pultsk, Poland; Waldysluw (in English Walter); Enoch, and Ignace. Frank, the elder brother, reared all his brothers.

Waldysluw Raykowski received his education in the government schools in his native country, whose teachers are appointed by the authorities, and was reared in agricultural surroundings, helping with the farm work until twelve years old. He was then apprenticed for three years to Stanislaw Konopsinski, to learn shoemaking, and at the end of that period received his traveling card, showing him to be a qualified journeyman shoemaker. He visited different places, following his trade, and the last place at which he did shoemaking in his own land was Makuf, near his old home. By this

time he had begun to feel that he would like to see for himself what advantages the New World had to offer, and he was ambitious to become a merchant. So he left the country of his birth, traveled through Germany to Hamburg, and there took passage for Glasgow, whence he sailed for America, landing at New York City. He was accompanied by a friend who had been to this country before, and they continued their journey to Shenandoah, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where Mr. Raykowski worked at the breaker for two months. Then he found employment at his trade, working one year with Roman Smoczynski, shoe dealer; five months with John Slattery; three months with Alfred Morgan, shoe dealer; after which he left Shenandoah for Reynoldsville, Jefferson Co., Pa., where he was engaged for two years in the soft coal mines. Returning to Schuylkill county he took a position with Frank Bakula, in Mahanoy City, in whose employ he remained over a year, and he has since been located in Shenandoah. Here for eleven years he was with William Nawitzki, shoe dealer, until he ventured into the business on his own account, in May, 1906; he has an up-to-date store on Centre street, carries a fine line of goods, and also conducts a first-class repair shop in connection which is as well patronized as the store. Mr. Raykowski learned his business thoroughly in youth, and has found his training invaluable in both branches, being an excellent judge of manufactured goods and a skilled workman, perfectly able to turn his hand to any detail of shoemaking. He is well known and favorably thought of among his own countrymen at Shenandoah, being a member in good standing of two Polish societies, the Narodny Slovensky Spolok and Zwnzek Narodny Polski, and treasurer of the former. He also belongs to the Order of Owls, and is a governor in that body. In religion he is a Catholic, a member of St. Kasimir's Polish Church. In politics he supports the Republican party.

Mr. Raykowski married Jadwiga Klosowski, who was born Jan. 21, 1883, in Warsaw, Poland, where she received her education, coming to America with her mother when twelve years old. They have had two children: Hubert Stanislaw, born Nov. 13, 1900, died when eleven months old; one child died unnamed.

Mrs. Raykowski's father, Tomos Klosowski, was born in the county of Warsaw, Poland, and was an innkeeper in his native country, serving meals to farmers, travelers, etc. When he gave up that business he removed to the city of Warsaw, where he remained awhile, and left his family there while he set out to find a new home for them. For a time he was in Liverpool, England, where he was engaged in peddling, and then he came to America and settled at Shenandoah, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where his family joined him, and where he did outside work at the mines. Mr. Klosowski married Ustina Szauer, whose parents were lost in the Revolution of 1870, for which reason she was brought up by her grandmother. The latter's children were engaged in different trades. To Mr. and Mrs. Klosowski were born two children: Mrs. Raykowski, with whom the mother now makes her home; and Bertha, married to Martin McClelland and living at Malvern, Pa. The family are members of St. Kasimir's Roman Catholic Church at Shenandoah.

JOHN LEHR, now living retired, has been a lifelong resident of Pine Grove township and the immediate vicinity, and was born in that township June 30, 1843. His grandfather was a pioneer farmer of this section.

Henry Lehr, father of John Lehr, was born in Pine Grove township in

1812, and died in 1895. He married Mary Minnick, also a native of the township, where her father, Adam Minnick, was an early settler and followed farming. Mr. and Mrs. Lehr had a family of nine children, of whom only two survive at this writing, John and Susan, the latter the wife of John Derr, of Tremont.

John Lehr was reared in Pine Grove township and attended school in the neighborhood. Though only a youth when the war broke out he soon enlisted, from Pine Grove, on Feb. 8, 1862, joining Company G, 107th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for three years. On Feb. 28, 1864, he was discharged, the same day reenlisted in the same company and regiment, and served to the close of the war. He was discharged July 13, 1865, as corporal. The many battles in which he took part include Cedar Mountain, Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg (where he was wounded). Returning to Pine Grove township at the close of the war he turned his energies to the carpenter's trade, and subsequently entered the mines near Cherryville, being so engaged until he retired from active work. He has been chosen by his fellow citizens for various public duties, having served efficiently as clerk and assessor of Tremont township. In religion he united with the Republican denomination, belonging to St. Paul's Church and taking a leading part in the conduct of the Sunday school, of which he is treasurer. He is a member of Washington Camp, No. 49, P. O. S. of A., and of Wolf Post, G. A. R., of Pine Grove. Of upright character and useful life, he is thoroughly respected wherever his work calls him. His home is at Cherryville.

In 1867 Mr. Lehr married Emma Russell, of Pine Grove township, daughter of William and Susan Russell, and they are the parents of the following children: William, who is deceased; John L., living in Philadelphia; Mary Ann, wife of Robert Weinrich, of Cherryville; Lillie Mae, deceased; Charles O., deceased; James E., of Pine Grove township; Elizabeth, deceased; Sadie S., wife of William Marshall, of Cherryville; and Cora E., wife of Harry E. Lengle, of Hershey, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES OSCAR REED has a thriving blacksmith and wheelwright business at McKeansburg, where he has made a good reputation as a mechanic and justly earned a name for sound character. His family is of old Berks county stock, his grandfather, Daniel Reed, having been a native of Maxatawny township, that county. He was a farmer, owning a large tract of land, and he and his wife are buried in Berks county. Only two of their children survive: William, a blacksmith of West Penn township, Schuylkill county, who married Elizabeth Miller; and Daniel, who is unmarried. The family adhered to the German Lutheran Church.

Henry A. Reed, father of Charles O. Reed, was educated in Albany township, Berks county. He became a blacksmith, and followed that trade all his life in Albany township, where he died aged fifty-seven years. By his marriage to Kate Feinour, daughter of Joseph Feinour, he had children as follows: Horace, William, David, James, Charles O., Oliver and Kate (Mrs. Berger). The father and mother are buried at New Bethel Church, in Albany township, Berks county.

Charles Oscar Reed was born Jan. 7, 1882, received his education in the schools of Albany township, and learned the blacksmith's trade with his father. After serving his apprenticeship he went to Shoemakersville and entered the

employ of George Althouse, with whom he remained over a year, thence moving to Tamaqua, where he worked for George Bond over a year. Leaving there he went back to Albany township, and began business for himself, after three years of experience in that location coming to McKeesburg, where he bought the place he is now occupying. He does general shop work, painting, blacksmithing, horseshoeing and wheelwrighting. He has now been doing business at McKeesburg for about eight years, during which time he has been gaining steadily in the esteem of his fellow citizens. His energies have not been given entirely to business, however, for he has found much to interest him in the town where he has established his home. He is a past counselor of Protection Council, No. 935, Order of Independent Americans, at McKeesburg, and district treasurer for the Pension Life Society of Pittsburgh. As a member of Christ Lutheran Church of McKeesburg he has aided in its work, and has been especially active in the Sunday school. Politically he is independent.

Mr. Reed was married to Stella May Boyer, daughter of Lewis W. Boyer, and they have had three children: Florence Irene, born in November, 1910; Oscar Henry, born in March, 1912; and an infant yet unnamed.

Samuel Boyer, great-grandfather of Mrs. Charles O. Reed, was a farmer, owning a small tract of land. He died aged about sixty years, and is buried with his wife in the cemetery of the Frieden's Church at New Ringgold. He belonged to the Lutheran congregation there, and was a Democrat in politics. Mrs. Boyer's maiden name was Lutz, and she was the mother of the following children: Henry married Polly Lorah; Samuel went West; Louisa married Jacob Ptery; Mary married Frederick Pflueger; Jacob was the grandfather of Mrs. Reed.

Jacob Boyer was educated in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, assisted his father on the farm, and also did wood chopping. Later he bought a farm of eighty acres in East Brunswick township, upon which he remained the rest of his life. He married Anna Moyer, daughter of Matthias and Magdalena (Bachert) Moyer, and they became the parents of two children: Mary, who married John Stemmler, of Walker township, Schuylkill county; and Lewis W., who is the father of Mrs. Reed. The father died at the age of fifty-eight years, the mother when fifty-five years old, and they are buried at New Ringgold, in the Frieden's Church cemetery. They were members of the Lutheran congregation there. Mr. Boyer was a Democrat in political opinion.

Lewis W. Boyer was born Nov. 27, 1861, in East Brunswick township, where he was reared and educated. For a time he worked around among farmers, and later was employed at Eckerts Furnaces, New Ringgold, and at the Maryd mines, Tuscarora, doing carpenter work for eleven years.

Mr. Boyer married Emma Nangle, daughter of John Nangle, a native of Cornwall, Lebanon Co., Pa., and by that union had four children: John Jacob, unmarried, who lives at Elizabeth, N. J.; Stella May, Mrs. Charles O. Reed; Maude, Mrs. Harvey Eisenhower; and Lewis, deceased. The mother died, and Mr. Boyer married (second) Emma Pitts, by whom he has the following children: May, Roy, Walter and Clara. He is a Democrat in politics.

JESSE M. ROMBERGER, of Valley View, has in the few years of his business life there shown himself worthy of the patronage of the community, and his well conducted bakery has become deservedly popular with the townspeople. Combining ability in the management of his affairs with a

thorough practical knowledge of his trade, he has the prospect of a useful and prosperous career.

Born in 1886 at Helfenstein, Schuylkill county, he comes of an old family of Dauphin county, this State, where his great-grandfather was born. His grandfather, William Romberger, was an old resident of the Lykens valley in that county. During the Civil war he enlisted from either Snyder or Perry county, Pa., for the Union service, and was accidentally drowned while on his way home after the close of the war. James M. Romberger, father of Jesse M. Romberger, was born at Gratz, Dauphin Co., Pa., and is now living retired at Pitman, Schuylkill county. Throughout his active years he was engaged in merchandising, having a general store at Helfenstein, this county, for five years, and he also did business at Valley View and Pitman. He married Josephine Sigfried, who was born in Columbia county, Pa., daughter of an old settler of that county, and they are the parents of nine children, namely: Walter W., the eldest, is now engaged in business at Pitman, dealing in general merchandise and agricultural implements; John is a resident of Cressona, this county; Elwood is deceased; Jesse M. is next in the family; James is living in California; one daughter is the wife of Elias Wetzel, of Pitman; Raymond and Jennie are deceased; Edna is the wife of Victor Snyder, of Pitman.

Jesse M. Romberger grew up at Helfenstein and received a public school education. He learned his trade at Valley View, serving his apprenticeship with a Mr. Keifer, and six years ago became established in the business there on his own account. By supplying his customers with high-class goods he has had a steadily increasing trade, and he has endeavored to merit the good will and substantial approval of his patrons. He has allied himself with local affairs outside of business, having joined the I. O. O. F. lodge and P. O. S. of A. camp at Valley View, and he and his wife hold membership in the Church of God.

On Nov. 17, 1906, Mr. Romberger was married to Sallie Klinger, of Sacramento, Schuylkill county, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Updegrave) Klinger, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. Klinger was a farmer in the valley. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Romberger, namely: Verna, Josephine, Melvin and Bernice.

HOWARD DENGLER is farming the same tract in Barry township where his father and grandfather found the main occupation of their active years, the family being one of recognized worth and old standing in this portion of Schuylkill county. The grandfather, Francis F. Dengler, was born at Orwigsburg, this county, and was the first of the family to settle on the farm now owned and operated by his grandson. However, he did not give all his time to its cultivation, conducting a store and hotel at Taylorsville, where he was the first postmaster, the office being known as Barry. He died on his farm.

Henry F. Dengler, father of Howard Dengler, was born on his father's farm in Barry township and always made his home on that place, spending all his active years in improving and working it. During the Civil war he served as a Union soldier in the 17th Pennsylvania Cavalry Regiment and took part in many battles, being wounded at Gettysburg. He was a member of the G. A. R. post at Ashland. Mr. Dengler married Mary Yoder, who was born in the Mahantongo valley, where her father, Reuben Yoder, was an

early settler, and a prosperous farmer. Mrs. Dengler died Jan. 25, 1910, Mr. Dengler Nov. 6, 1912. Their family consisted of three children: Katherine, the eldest, is the wife of Monroe Kimmell, of Barry township; Howard is the only son; Emma is the wife of Harry E. Hoch, a merchant at Taylorsville, Barry township.

Howard Dengler was born in 1869 on the paternal homestead, where he now lives. His education was gained in the local schools and he was thoroughly trained in farm work on the home place. For a number of years he gave up agriculture, living at Gilberton seven years and in Frackville five years—both towns in Schuylkill county. Returning to the farm, he has resided there ever since, endeavoring to make the most of a valuable property, whose fine condition is a credit to the locality and a certain indication of his thrift and up-to-date ideas. Mr. Dengler has lined himself with the progressive element in Barry township on questions of general interest, and as a member of the school board has served his fellow citizens most acceptably, representing them faithfully and using his influence to carry out their wishes.

In 1892 Mr. Dengler was married to Sallie Miller, a native of Lewistown, Pa., daughter of George G. and Sarah (Reed) Miller, both of whom died in Hegins township, this county. Mr. Miller conducted a store in that township. Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Dengler: Daniel, who is now located at Gilberton, this county; Harry, at home; Emma, residing at Frackville; and George, Katie, Robert, Elsie, Russell, Bertha and Carrie, all at home. Mr. Dengler and his family are members of the German Lutheran Church.

LYMAN A. HUBER, of Pine Grove, foreman at the Lincoln colliery, is a grandson of John Huber, one of the pioneers of the town, who died in Pine Grove township. In his early life he was a farmer, later engaged in the coal business. Of his ten children Washington is the only survivor. David was a soldier in both the Mexican and Civil wars, died at the age of seventy-seven years, and is buried at Pine Grove; Jefferson (twin of Washington), who was in the Union service during the Civil war, is also buried at Pine Grove.

Washington Huber, father of Lyman A. Huber, was born in Pine Grove, and during his residence there was employed at railroad work. About 1887 he moved to Harrisburg, Pa., where he has since made his home, engaged on public works. He married Sarah Hehn, who was born in Washington township, Schuylkill county, where her father, Absalom Hehn, was a farmer until his death. Mr. Hehn was a Civil war veteran, and one of his sons also entered the army during that war, dying while in the service. Absalom Hehn had a large family, one sons and three daughters still living. To Mr. and Mrs. Washington Huber were born seven children: Lyman A. is the eldest; Harry, who lives at Harrisburg, is a conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad; Linnie, also of Harrisburg, an employe at the Statehouse; James, who was killed while in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; Ivy E., chief clerk in the health department at Harrisburg; Frank, a resident of Reading, Pa.; and Charles, who was killed in March, 1899, while in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Lyman A. Huber was born June 20, 1863, and was reared at Pine Grove, receiving his education in the public schools there. When seventeen years old he commenced to work at the Lincoln colliery, where he has been engaged continuously since, being now mine foreman. A man of reliable habits and exem-



plary character, he won promotion on his own merits, and he holds the esteem of his fellow men in all the relations of life.

Mr. Huber was married Nov. 13, 1883, to Kate Heckman, who was born in Hamburg, Pa., daughter of Isaac and Eliza (Madara) Heckman, of Hamburg, where they died and are buried. They had a family of six children: Ella, wife of Benjamin Shaddow, of Philadelphia; Lucy, wife of Francis Shaler, living at Hamburg; Sarah, widow of Peter Seidel, of Pine Grove; Mary, wife of James Shomo, of Reading; Kate, Mrs. Lyman A. Huber; and Orphemus, the only son, deceased.

Mr. Huber and his wife have had one daughter, Lutie, now the wife of Ross Crull, of Harrisburg. Mr. and Mrs. Crull have one child, Louise. Mr. and Mrs. Huber are church members at Pine Grove. He has belonged to the Patriotic Order Sons of America since 1882.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS (deceased), was a skilled miner for many years employed at the Silver Creek colliery in Blythe township, where his sons are now engaged. The Welsh are numerous represented among the coal mine employes in this section of Pennsylvania and have always been classed among its industrious and reliable citizens. The Williams family has been no exception to this rule. They have been well and favorably known at New Philadelphia for a long period, William Williams, father of the late William Williams, having carried on the hotel business there very successfully. He died in that borough. His children were: Evan, who now lives at Port Carbon, Schuylkill county; William; Llewellyn, deceased; Thomas, deceased; Alice, wife of Solomon Silliman, of Ashland, Pa.; Mary, wife of Walter Wallace, of Ashland; Sarah, Mrs. Thomas Murry; and Annie, Mrs. William Murry.

William Williams, son of William Williams, above, was born at New Philadelphia, and worked at the collieries in this region, in time becoming a competent miner. As such he was in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company at their Silver Creek colliery, a large and important mine, being last occupied in the Big Vein workings. He was a man of good habits and honorable life, and held the respect of all who knew him. His death occurred at New Philadelphia Jan. 27, 1896, and he is buried in the Odd Fellows' cemetery at Pottsville, this county. Fraternally he affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Williams married Annie Edwards, and they became the parents of three children, all of whom reside with their mother: William, who is employed as timber clerk at the Silver Creek colliery; Edward, who is a carpenter there; and Anna, who attended public school at New Philadelphia, graduated from the commercial school at Pottsville, and is now a public school teacher at New Philadelphia.

Edward Edwards, father of Mrs. Annie (Edwards) Williams, was born in Wales, and coming to the United States settled at Minersville, in Schuylkill county, Pa., where he followed farming. He married Keziah Jones, daughter of Daniel Jones, also of Wales, and they had a family of eight children, viz.: William, Annie (Mrs. Williams), Catherine, Daniel, Edward, John, Thomas and George.

ALEXANDER HUNTER has been a thrifty agriculturist in Barry township, Schuylkill county, for a number of years, having returned to the occu-



pation of his youth after over a quarter of a century's experience in mine work. In connection with general farming he is making a specialty of dairying, in which branch of his work he takes great pride, his readiness in adopting modern ideas being largely responsible for his success.

Mr. Hunter's parents, Alexander and Mary (Todd) Hunter, were natives of Scotland, and were reared, educated and married in that country. Coming to America when a young couple, they arrived at New York, made a short stay there, and next moved to Philadelphia, Pa. Soon afterwards they made a permanent settlement in Clarks valley, in Dauphin county, Pa., and Mr. Hunter gave all his attention to farming in the latter part of his active life. He spent his last days in retirement at Williamstown, Dauphin county, where his death occurred. Mrs. Hunter died at Harrisburg, Pa. Of their eight children, four were born in Scotland, Jeanette, Mary, Margaret and Christina. Belle, Susan, George and Alexander were born in this country. Jeanette and Alexander are the only members of the family now surviving.

Born Oct. 4, 1854, in Clarks valley, Dauphin county, Alexander Hunter was reared there and attended school in the vicinity. Meantime he helped with the farm work at home, but in his young manhood he turned to mine work, which he followed for a period of twenty-six years. Having decided to go back to farm work, he settled on his present farm in Barry township, Schuylkill county, some eight years ago, buying the tract of fifty-eight acres which he has since been cultivating. Besides raising general crops he has given particular attention to dairying, which he carries on in an up-to-date manner, complying fully with the strict sanitary regulations of the day. He is esteemed by all his neighbors as a citizen worthy of their respect and confidence, highly regarded for his many dependable qualities.

Mr. Hunter married Jeanetta McFee, who was born in Scotland, but has lived in this country from early girlhood. Her father, William McFee, now lives with his son at Mount Carmel, Northumberland Co., Pa.; Mrs. McFee is deceased. Twelve children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hunter: Mary, the eldest, is married and living at Scranton, Pa.; William, who lives in Schuylkill county, is in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Company; John resides at Shamokin, Pa.; Margaret is the wife of Elias Hepler, of Rocktown, Schuylkill county; Roy, Archie, Ann and Ruth are at home; four are deceased.

HENRY McNOLDY, of Sharadin, who owns and operates a teaming business, is one of the substantial citizens of Porter township. He was born at Norristown, Montgomery Co., Pa., in 1861, a son of William and Mary A. (Miller) McNoldy. William McNoldy was born in the same section as his son, Henry, and was there reared. For some time he was engaged driving a powder team between Philadelphia and Pottsville. In 1862 he removed to Schuylkill county, locating near Tremont, where he was employed as a hostler for the following twenty-five years. He then moved to Gratz and was engaged for some years in operating a pump at Bear Valley. His death occurred when he was seventy-eight years old. The mother died at the age of seventy-one years, and both are buried at Gratz. Their children were as follows: Daniel, David, a son that died in infancy unnamed, Jacob, Henry, and Sarah (who became Mrs. Charles Zerfing).

During his boyhood Henry McNoldy worked among the farmers in Hegins and Hubley townships, Schuylkill county, and later on went to the West

Brookside colliery, where for seventeen years he was employed on the hoisting engine at No. 1 slope. At the expiration of this period he began doing hauling and teaming at Tower City, and developed the very profitable business which he is still operating. As his earnings accumulated Mr. McNoldy invested them in Porter township property, which has since increased in value. During his years of usefulness Mr. McNoldy has never shirked any task laid upon him, but has performed what he believed to be his full duty, and the prosperity to which he has attained has been honestly and fairly won.

Henry McNoldy was married to Sarah Alice Snyder, of Gratz, who was born at Berrysburg, Pa., daughter of Jacob Snyder, and died Jan. 3, 1912. She is buried in Greenwood cemetery, Tower City, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. McNoldy became the parents of the following children: Alfred Daniel, who is a carpenter, of Minersville, Pa., married Hilda Kaufman, daughter of Claude Kaufman, and they have two children, Fay E. and Henry Earle; Jacob, who is living at Tower City, married Mrs. Cecilia (Bush) Fisher, widow of Albert Fisher (they have no children); Charles Edward married Nevattah Maria Schaffer, daughter of Lucas Peter Schaffer, and has three children, Edward Charles, Margaret A., and Alma Althea.

ROBERT P. MILLER, for a number of years outside foreman at the Oak Hill colliery, in Cass township, was formerly engaged in educational work in Schuylkill county. He made a high record for efficiency in the profession, but while following it was also engaged in mine work, some years ago deciding to give all his time to that calling. His success has justified his choice. Mr. Miller belongs to an old Schuylkill county family, of German extraction, his grandfather, Philip Miller, having been a native of Germany. Coming to this county, he settled in Montgomery county, Pa., and followed farming there until his death.

George G. Miller, father of Robert P. Miller, was born in Montgomery county, Pa., and spent his early life there, coming to Schuylkill county when a young man. He located in Hegins township. Having received an excellent education he taught school for thirteen terms, and then engaged in the general store business at Sacramento, in Hubley township, this county. Subsequently he followed the general mercantile business at Bloomsburg and Hazleton, Pa., for a short time, returning to Schuylkill county and to Hubley township, where he resumed business, carrying on his store for a number of years. He retired about five years before his death, which occurred March 9, 1909; he is buried at Sacramento. In his day he was one of the most popular officials of that part of Schuylkill county. For seventeen years he served as justice of the peace of Hubley township; was mercantile appraiser of the county; established the post office at Springdale, in Hubley township, then known as Artz, and served as postmaster there for many years. His son, J. I. Miller, now carries on his father's old store there, and is also serving as postmaster, the post office at present being known as Spring Glen. George G. Miller was one of the best known Democrats in Schuylkill county in his generation. His wife, Sarah R. (Reed), daughter of Philip Reed, survived him a few years, dying in March, 1913. They were the parents of fourteen children, several of whom are deceased. We have record of the following: Amanda, Mary, Lydia, Phebe (deceased), Sallie, Emma, Robert P. and J. I., previously mentioned.

Robert P. Miller was born April 19, 1871, in Hubley township, Schuyl-

kill county, and was reared there, receiving his early education in the local schools. He began mine work when nine years old in the usual way, picking slate at the breaker, but continued his studies until he had completed a course at the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, Pa., from which institution he was graduated in 1891. He soon began teaching public school, and was so engaged in Hubley, Frailey and Hegins townships, Schuylkill county, continuing the profession for twelve years in all. While attending school and teaching he followed mine work during the summer seasons, and in 1901 he took a position at Duncott, in Cass township, with the Oak Hill Coal Company. He was clerk in the company store for a year and a half, and on Jan. 1, 1903, was given his present position, becoming outside foreman of the Oak Hill colliery, one of the important producing coal properties in Cass township. Mr. Miller's capabilities and energetic disposition have been felt in every department of the work here, and his efficiency has won the thorough commendation of his employers, as well as the respect of those under his charge. Mr. Miller is a member of the German Lutheran Church at Minersville, and socially he is connected with the Knights of Malta.

In 1889 Mr. Miller married Annie Shade, daughter of David Shade, of Hubley township, and they have had four children, namely: Mollie, the wife of J. Grant Du Boise, has two children, Robert and Mabel (they reside in Philadelphia); Minnie is the wife of LeRoy Updegraph, and has two children, Miriam and Robert (they live at Duncott, this county); Hattie is attending school; Roy is deceased.

OLIVER C. THOMPSON, a well known business man of Tower City, is a son of the late Robert Thompson and a grandson of Alexander Thompson, the founder of the family in this section.

Alexander Thompson was a native of Scotland, and came to this country during his young manhood. The rest of his life was spent in Schuylkill county, Pa., where he was widely and favorably known during his active, useful career. He first settled at Middleport, where he was engaged in hauling machinery, timber, etc., and later lived at the York Farm, near Pottsville, which he bought, cultivating that tract for many years. He also had small drifts opened on the property and sold coal to the public, this being the first coal taken from the workings later developed into the famous York Farm colliery. After a long residence there he removed to Porter township, in 1854, being one of the early settlers in this section, where he bought a farm of 110 acres, from which he subsequently sold a number of building lots for the town of Sharadin, which was laid out in 1869. This was his home until his death, which occurred Dec. 4, 1873; he is buried in the Greenwood cemetery in Porter township. Besides farming, Mr. Thompson also engaged in milling in Porter township, building a gristmill upon his tract which was known in his day as Thompson's mill. It was sold to Grimm & Womer, and later to the Reading Company, the present owners of the land. Mr. Thompson was a man of intelligence and strong character, and in his day was one of the most influential men in this section.

By his first marriage, to Isabella Pennman, Mr. Thompson had nine children: George was killed at York Farm; David P., deceased, was a soldier in the Civil war; Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of Hiram Kimmel; Janette married Benjamin Houtz; William died while serving in the Civil war; Alexander is living at Lykens, Pa.; Robert is deceased; Isabella is the

widow of George Powell; James is living in West Virginia. For his second wife Mr. Thompson married Mary Bast, daughter of Isaac Bast, and by this union there was also a large family: Isaac B.; George, who is now living in Alaska; Mary, wife of Daniel Stout; John, residing at Sharadin, Pa.; Andrew, a resident of Michigan; Charles, deceased; Abraham, deceased; Winfield S., of Michigan; William U. S. G., deceased; Elmer E., of Sharadin; and Rebecca M., wife of Hoplin Evans, living on the old Thompson homestead in Porter township.

Robert Thompson, son of Alexander Thompson, was born at York Farm, and died in 1909. During the greater part of his life he was engaged at mine work, being employed for many years at the Brookside colliery, at Tower City. He served three years as supervisor of Porter township, and was looked upon as a citizen of substantial character, deservedly respected by all who knew him. His wife, Lydia (Goodman), died in 1883, and they are buried in the Greenwood cemetery near Tower City. They were the parents of four children: Oliver C.; Laura Louise, who is the wife of Charles McGough, of Frankford, Pa.; Abel, living in Porter township; and Benjamin, who died young.

Oliver C. Thompson was born Dec. 13, 1875, in Rush township, Dauphin Co., Pa., and had an average common school education. He followed mine work for about twenty years, beginning as a boy at the breaker, picking slate, later acted as door boy, and so on through the various grades until he became a regular miner. He gave up mining in 1902, when he engaged in the hotel business, and he has been so occupied ever since. In 1910 he became proprietor of the well known "Mansion House" at Tower City, which has prospered very well under his judicious management, receiving a very good share of the local patronage. Mr. Thompson was a charter member of the Volunteer Hose Company of Tower City, and his social connections are with the Knights of the Golden Eagle, Loyal Order of Moose and Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Thompson married Blanch Charlesworth, daughter of Edward Charlesworth, of Tower City. She died July 1, 1915, and is buried in the Greenwood cemetery in Porter township. Five children were born to this union: Ruth, Anna, Blanch, Mildred and Arline.

HARRY E. HOCH is now established as a general merchant at Taylorsville, Barry township, after twenty-five years as a farmer in that township, where he has lived from boyhood. As a citizen he has shown himself worthy the confidence of his fellow men in all the relations of life, and the personal esteem he commands is the result of a career of integrity and honest purpose.

Mr. Hoch's grandfather, Thomas Hoch, was a native of Schuylkill county, a farmer, and followed that occupation after settling in Barry township. During the Civil war he enlisted in the 17th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and he was killed in battle.

Joseph Hoch, son of Thomas, was born near Minersville, and passed all his life in this county, dying in 1887 at Ashland. He began life for himself as a mine worker, and was always employed in the collieries. He married Elizabeth Millard, who was born in the Roaring creek valley, in Columbia county, Pa., and was of Quaker stock which came from Berks county about 1785, settling at an early day in Columbia county. Mrs. Hoch died in 1889. Of the six children born to them, Thomas, the eldest, is living in the State

of Colorado; Joseph is deceased; Millard lives in Arkansas; Harry E. is mentioned below; Katie and Elizabeth are deceased.

Harry E. Hoch was born in 1874 in Ashland, this county, where he was reared and obtained a public school education. He lived there until fourteen years old, at which age he came to Barry township and started life on his own account, following farming for the next twenty-five years. In July, 1913, Mr. Hoch engaged in the general mercantile business at Taylorsville, to which he is now giving the principal share of his time and attention, and in which he has succeeded by the same methods that brought him prosperity in his agricultural operations. He is a prominent member of the P. O. S. of A. at Taylorsville, and he is serving as treasurer of the camp. He and his wife are members of the German Lutheran Church.

In 1896 Mr. Hoch was married to Emma Dengler, daughter of Henry F. Dengler, and they have one child, Emma Marie.

IRVIN H. BIXLER, blacksmith, now located at Valley View, has had a shop of his own since 1906 and commands a profitable trade. Born at Valley View in 1880, he is a son of Emanuel Bixler and grandson of David Bixler, an early settler in the Mahantongo valley, where he farmed and made his home until his death.

Emanuel Bixler was born at Valley View and is now a resident of the town of Hegins. For over thirty years he has been engaged at work in the mines, and he is much respected in Hegins township, where he is at present filling the office of supervisor. He married Elmira Fetterolf, daughter of Elias Fetterolf, an old resident of this section of Schuylkill county, now living at Hegins. To this marriage were born the following children: Irvin H.; Rufus, who is a resident of Hegins; David, who lives with his parents at Hegins; Lillie, wife of Charles Schadler, of Hegins; Elizabeth, wife of David Artz, of Valley View; Mamie, wife of Irvin Artz, of Hegins; Elwin, of Hegins; Verna, wife of Christopher Hoffstetter, of Tremont, this county; Gertrude, Iva and Weelah, at home.

Irvin H. Bixler grew up in Hegins township, in his boyhood attending the public schools, and he learned his trade at Hegins from James Schucker, afterwards working for other employers until he engaged in the business for himself. In 1906 he became the owner of a shop at Hegins, where he did business until his removal to Valley View. He is a first-class workman, and his industry and good management have been well rewarded, for he is kept constantly busy with a great variety of work. His high personal character makes him an esteemed member of the community, where he is well known socially, belonging to Washington Camp No. 45, P. O. S. of A., at Valley View, and to the Valley View Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., of which he is a past counselor.

In September, 1913, Mr. Bixler married Sadie Lucas, of Summit Station, this county, daughter of Charles and Kate (Keanie) Lucas, old residents of Schuylkill county; Mr. Lucas is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Bixler are members of the Church of God.

HARRY P. GABLE, outside foreman at the East and West Brookside collieries, at Tower City, has won his way to his present position of prestige through earnest and faithful discharge of all the duties intrusted to him. It has been his fortune to have recognized his opportunities as they have appeared, to have made the most of them, and to have fairly won the respect and con-

fidence of those with whom he has been associated. Mr. Gable was born at Shenandoah, Schuylkill Co., Pa., June 23, 1878, son of Philip H. and Mary (Haglegantz) Gable and a grandson of Ludwig Gable.

Ludwig Gable was born in Germany, from which country he came to the United States in 1854, settling at Pottsville, Pa. For a time he worked in the mines, but later turned his attention to agricultural work, and also did hauling. He died at the home of his son, Philip, at Shenandoah, in 1904, and was laid to rest in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Pottsville. The mother had passed away at Pottsville in 1894. Mr. and Mrs. Gable were the parents of the following children: Margaret, the wife of William Soell; Augustus Daniel, who is outside district superintendent of mines at Shenandoah; Philip H.; Helena, who is the wife of Thomas Dower; Annie, who is the wife of Charles Sweinbold; Ludwig, of Philadelphia; Kate, the wife of Charles Schultz; and Elizabeth, the wife of William Hoehn.

Philip H. Gable was born at Pottsville, Pa., and in his youth learned the trade of carpenter, a vocation which he followed industriously at Shenandoah until 1895. Then he became pumping engineer, and has been so employed since with the Reading Company, at the West Shenandoah colliery, being one of that concern's trusted employes. His first wife, who was born in Germany, died in 1884, and is buried at Shenandoah. There were four children by this union: Annie, who married William Gradwell; Harry P.; Martha, who married Howard Perry; and C. Lewis, a stenographer in the post office department, at Washington, D. C., who married Catherine Hinkle. Philip H. Gable was married a second time, to May Yeager, and they have five children: Elizabeth, the wife of Joseph Snyder; May P., who married L. I. Winch; and Margaret, Ruth and Hannah, who reside at home.

Harry P. Gable was given good educational advantages in his youth, attending the public schools of Shenandoah, the Woods business college, and the Bloomsburg State Normal School, from which last-named institution he was graduated with the class of 1896. For two years thereafter he was engaged in teaching school at Shenandoah, then going to Lehigh county, where he was employed for one year in the cement works. He next became a clerk at the mines at West Shenandoah, where he was made assistant outside foreman in 1907, and continued in that position until March, 1912. In that month Mr. Gable was promoted to outside foreman, working at the West Shenandoah, Turkey Run and Kohinoor collieries, and in June, 1915, was transferred to the East and West Brookside collieries, at Tower City. Mr. Gable is one of the highly respected citizens of his community and one who takes a pride in its progress and development. He is a valued member of the local camp of the P. O. S. of A., in which he has numerous friends, and in religious connection is a Lutheran.

In 1904 Mr. Gable was married to Mary Kaufmann, daughter of Godfrey Kaufmann, of Shenandoah, and they have two children, Christina and May, both attending school.

DANIEL DONNE, now living retired at Pottsville, Pa., has been a life-long resident of Schuylkill county. He was born in the borough of Port Carbon June 24, 1840, and is of English stock, being a son of Henry S. Donne, grandson of Stephen Donne, and a direct descendant of John Donne, an English poet and divine, born at London in 1573, who died there March 31, 1631. According to the Century Cyclopedia of Names, "He studied at Oxford and



*Daniel Donne.*





Lincoln's Inn, and in 1596 was appointed secretary to Sir Thomas Egerton, keeper of the great seal, which office he lost about 1600 by a clandestine marriage with the lord keeper's niece. In 1610 he published a work entitled 'Pseudo-Martyr,' which procured for him the favor of James I., who persuaded him to take holy orders in 1615, made him a royal chaplain in the same year, and in 1621 appointed him to the deanery of St. Paul's. Besides his poems, a collective edition of which appeared in 1633, and his theological writings, the most notable of his works is 'Biathanatod, A Declaration of that Paradoxe or Thesis, That Self-homicide is not so naturally a sin, that it may never be otherwise,' etc. (1644)." The Donnes were a distinguished family in their part of the world. Burke gives several coats of arms as belonging to them, viz.: Donne or Doan (Cheshire)—Az. two bars ar. over all a bend gu. charged with three arrows or; crest—a bundle of arrows or, headed and feathered ar. banded gu. Donne (as borne by J. G. Donne, Esq.)—Az. a wolf salient or; crest—a wolf's head erased, or. Donne (granted 1605)—Az. a wolf salient ar. a chief of the last (under Don, Donn or Doon he gives, Az. a wolf salient ar.; crest—out of a ducal coronet a mount, and thereon a stag standing at gaze, all proper). Donne—Az. a unicorn couchant ar. armed or, between ten crosses crosslet of the third (under Don we find, Az. a unicorn rampant or between ten crosses crosslet or). Donne or Doune—Paly of six, arg. and az. on a fesse gu. three mullets or.

The grandfather of Daniel Donne was a native of England, and like most of his family, in the government service. He died in that country. His children were: Stephen Henry and Henry Stephen, twins, the former of whom died in India, and Elizabeth, Mrs. Roberts, who died in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Henry Stephen Donne, father of Daniel Donne, was born in England and came to America in 1825, locating in New York City. He was engaged as a traveling salesman. It was not long before he returned to England, but in 1828 he again came to America, settling at Port Carbon, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he became a coal shipper on the canal, following this business during the rest of his active life. He died in 1876 at Locust Valley, Schuylkill Co., Pa., at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles Seddon, when seventy-five years old. His wife, Martha (Davis), a native of Wales, died at Port Carbon. They were the parents of five children: Ann, deceased, who was the wife of Charles Seddon; Daniel; Phoebe, deceased; Frances, deceased, wife of Edward Seddon; and James, who is living at Pottsville.

Daniel Donne was educated in the public schools of Port Carbon. When a boy he began to work with his father and later for a few years was employed in the mines. Then, for about twelve years, he was a workman in the Benjamin Haywood Rolling Mills at Palo Alto, Schuylkill county, after which he was with C. M. Atkins and Zach. Boyer, eventually becoming a partner in the ownership of the Mount Carbon Rolling Mills, the concern being known as the Mount Carbon Rolling Mill Company. His associates in this enterprise were John E. Winecoop, Isaac Conner and Alex. Goven. The product was what is known as puddle bar, and over one hundred hands were employed. Mr. Donne was associated with this business until 1879, when he turned his attention to the grocery trade, and was also in the coal washing business at Middleport with Elwood T. Priest, being in this line for about six years, until 1898. Afterwards he continued in the grocery business at Palo Alto until

1907, in which year he removed to Pottsville, where he has since been living retired. His home is at No. 401 South Centre street.

Early in the Civil war, in August, 1861, Mr. Donne enlisted for three years in Company G, 48th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, which was attached to the 1st Brigade, 2d Division, 9th Army Corps. He was promoted to corporal at Fredericksburg in 1862 and to sergeant in 1864, being discharged with this rank at Harrisburg, Pa., July 17, 1865. In December, 1863, he had reenlisted, while in camp at Blain's Cross Roads, Tenn. During his long service he took an active part in many important engagements, and on three occasions received slight wounds—at the battle of Bull Run, at Fredericksburg, and in front of Petersburg. Mr. Donne still keeps up his Civil war associations as a member of Gowen Post, No. 23, G. A. R., of which he is a past commander. In 1896 he attended the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at St. Paul, Minn., as delegate, and he was also a delegate to the national encampments at Los Angeles, Cal. (1912), Chattanooga, Tenn. (1913), and Detroit, Mich. (1914). He was also a member and past officer of Miners Lodge, No. 20, I. O. O. F. His religious connection is with the Episcopal Church. While living at Palo Alto Mr. Donne was active in the affairs of the local government, holding various public positions. As councilman, member of the school board for four years (and secretary of that body), assessor, tax collector and auditor, he promoted the interests of the borough so faithfully that he was made chief burgess, holding that office for four years. On political questions he was a Republican. Though he has lived retired since settling at Pottsville, he is well known there, by reason of his various activities in public and business life, and he held the esteem of all with whom he came in contact.

In the year 1865 Mr. Donne married Sarah A. Bassett, daughter of William and Caroline (Randall) Bassett. Nine children were born to this union, as follows: William H., in August, 1866 (deceased); Daniel, Dec. 30, 1867 (deceased); Caroline M., April 21, 1869 (married William H. Shuman, Jr., a grocer of Pottsville, Pa., and they have two children, Harold E. and Daniel O.); Phoebe A., Dec. 6, 1870 (deceased); Martha F., Oct. 7, 1875 (deceased); Philip P. B., Dec. 8, 1876 (deceased); Minnie L., April, 1880 (deceased); Clay W., Nov. 24, 1882 (married Helen Wammelsdorf, and they have seven children, Daniel, Grace, Charles, Philip, Eleanor, Sarah and Helen Jean); and James F., July 4, 1887 (deceased). The mother of this family died Aug. 26, 1907, and is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery. Mr. Donne has lived retired since that year. In September, 1912, he made a trip to California.

THOMAS GREEN, farmer and dairyman of Barry township, was born on the farm where he now lives, son of Daniel F. Green and grandson of Richard Green.

Daniel F. Green was born in Ireland, and coming to America settled in Schuylkill county, Pa., first at Pottsville and later at Ashland. For a time he was foreman at one of the collieries. Moving to Barry township, this county, he located in the Patten farm formerly occupied by his father-in-law and later bought that place, which is now occupied by his son Thomas. It comprises 103 acres, and he farmed there until his retirement, a few years before his death. Removing to Shamokin, he died there in 1902. Mr. Green was married to Anna Patten, daughter of Thomas Patten, who came from England, eventually settling in Barry township, Schuylkill county, where he

carried on farming. Mrs. Daniel F. Green died some twenty years ago. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Green, namely: Robert P., born at Ashland Sept. 3, 1856, is a resident of Barry township; Ida is the wife of Balcom Farrand, of Shamokin; William, deceased, was a resident of Ashland; Eleanor is the wife of Dr. J. H. Enterline, of Shamokin; Thomas is next in the family; Daniel is living at Shamokin; Annie is deceased; Alice completes the family.

Thomas Green was born June 21, 1868, and grew up in Barry township, where he had such educational advantages as the public schools of the neighborhood afforded. Trained to farm work from boyhood, he has always made agriculture his occupation, and the productive capacity of his farm has improved steadily under his wise management, the value of his crops increasing yearly. His cattle are his pride, Mr. Green raising his own Guernsey and Holstein stock, and dairying has become quite an extensive branch of his operations. Mr. Green has taken a public-spirited citizen's interest in the affairs of his home locality, and his fellow citizens have benefited by his zeal. At present he is serving as township supervisor, to which office he was first elected seven years ago, holding it continuously since.

In February, 1890, Mr. Green married Catherine Wedde, who was born in the valley, in Barry township, daughter of Henry and Cecilia (Miller) Wedde, old settlers in this section, now living in Hegins township, this county; Mr. Wedde follows farming and milling. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Green, viz.: Daniel, who lives in Barry township; Lottie; Annie; Thomas; Howard; Alice; Robert; Roy, and Margaret. Mr. Green is an Episcopalian in religious connection, Mrs. Green a Lutheran. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to the lodge at Lavelle, this county.

IRA W. HAND, who is engaged in the hardware, tinning and plumbing business at Reinerton, Pa., was born July 23, 1885, in Porter township, Schuylkill county, son of Alfred and Elizabeth (Schwalm) Hand.

The Hand family is one of the oldest of Porter township, where the great-great-great-grandfather of Ira W. Hand was a pioneer settler. John Hand, the great-grandfather of Ira W., passed his entire life in Porter township, and was engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred upon his large farm. He was the father of seven children, namely: David, Joseph and Edward, all of whom died in Porter township; John, who died in Clearfield county, Pa.; a daughter, who married William Goodman; Polly, who married William Wagner; and Elizabeth, who married Henry Miller.

Joseph Hand, the grandfather of Ira W. Hand, was born on the homestead farm in Porter township and passed his entire life in the locality, being engaged in farming and also following mining for some years. He died on his farm Dec. 25, 1913, and was buried at Orwin cemetery. He married D. Kessler, a daughter of Abraham Kessler, and they had ten children: Alfred; Lucy, who married John Hoffman; Andrew, residing at Orwin; Catherine, who is the widow of Adam Bendigo and lives at Orwin; Valeria, who married Isaac Bendigo; Frank, of Orwin; Emma who married Lincoln Adams; Paul, who died in Porter township; Joseph, who is living upon the old homestead; and Elmer, living in Porter township.

Alfred Hand, father of Ira W. Hand, was born in Porter township in 1854, and during the active period of his life followed farming and mining.

At this time he is retired from active pursuits and makes his home with his son. Mr. Hand married Elizabeth Schwalm, now deceased, who was a daughter of the late Peter Schwalm. Two children were born to this union: Harry, who died at the age of two years; and Ira W.

Ira W. Hand was reared at the home of his grandfather, Peter Schwalm, in Porter township, and secured his education in the public schools. He continued as a farm boy until seventeen years of age, at which time he entered the mines, spending five years in the East Brookside, Good Spring and Lincoln collieries. He then placed himself under the training of his uncle, John P. Schwalm, who taught him the trades of plumbing and tinning, and with whom he remained for four years. In April, 1913, he opened his present establishment at Reinerton, where he has built up a very satisfying business. He is a dealer in tinware and furnaces, makes a specialty of steam fitting and plumbing, and accepts contracts for tinning, roofing, spouting and repairing, giving special attention to the latter branch of his business. Also he is agent in this district for the Oakland automobile and the I. H. C. truck. Mr. Hand is an enterprising and energetic business man, whose success has been won entirely through his own efforts. From earliest youth he has displayed industry, seeking to perform well each task that has come to his hand, while his business associates know him as a man of strictest integrity, whose word can be absolutely relied upon. Fraternally he is a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and as a citizen he has given his support to good men and beneficial measures. He and Mrs. Hand are consistent members of the Evangelical Church.

Mrs. Hand before her marriage was Eva E. Jobe, and she is a daughter of Thomas Jobe, who was born in England and came to the United States when a boy, later settling at Muir, Schuylkill county. Mr. and Mrs. Hand are the parents of two sons: Elbert and Ivan.

JOHN KRELL, late of Rush township, was a well known citizen of his section of Schuylkill county, where his widow and several of his children are yet residing. He was a native of Germany, born March 17, 1827, in Hessen-Cassel, where his early years were spent. Coming to America in 1847, he settled at Tamaqua, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he first found work in the mines, later engaging in the butchering business, on his own account. He continued it for about twenty years, meeting with steady success, and then removed to Rush township, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying here July 7, 1903. He is buried at Tamaqua. He was a member of the German Lutheran Church and well known socially among his countrymen, belonging to several German societies.

In 1853 Mr. Krell married Eva M. Jacobs, by whom he had three children, namely: Margaret, who married Fred Deheit; and two sons who died young. On March 12, 1860, Mr. Krell married (second) Maria E. Hagelgons, a native of Germany, daughter of Henry Hagelgons, who was born in Germany and came to America with his wife and family when Mrs. Krell was fourteen years old. They settled at Tamaqua. Of the seven children who were born to John and Maria E. Krell, Mary is the wife of Adam Hartwig, of Tamaqua; Elizabeth married John Wetzel, of Tamaqua; Minnie is the wife of Martin F. Ryan, a business man of Tamaqua; Fred died Oct. 10, 1905; John is living at West Milton, Pa. The mother of this family is now living at Hometown with her daughter Mrs. Ryan. She has many friends in the town and vicinity,

and is highly esteemed by all who know her, having always shared the great respect which Mr. Krell enjoyed among his acquaintances everywhere.

MARTIN F. RYAN has been doing business at Tamaqua for a number of years and formerly resided there, but he now maintains his residence at Hometown, in Rush township, having a fine home. He was born at Tamaqua. In young manhood he learned the trade of painter, which he has since followed, being now one of the most successful contractors in that line in this section of Pennsylvania. He keeps several men constantly employed, doing work at Tamaqua, Lansford, and in the surrounding territory.

Mr. Ryan is considered one of the valuable workers in his locality in behalf of good government, and he has held the position of school director for several years, being still on the board, where his cooperation is highly prized. He married Minnie Krell, daughter of John and Maria E. (Hagelgons) Krell, and they have three children: Maria, who is now the wife of Elmer Ifert; John, and Clarence.

WILLIAM RENNER is engaged in a business which he and his father, in turn, have carried on in Ashland for a period of almost fifty years. He is a successful manufacturer, and succeeded his father in the business which the latter established shortly after the Civil war, continuing it until his own death.

The Renner family has been established in this country for three generations and is of German origin. The grandparents of William Renner came to America at an early date and first settled in Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where the grandfather continued to reside until his death. By occupation he was a carpenter. His family consisted of five children, of whom Francis was the eldest; Minnie is now a resident of Ohio; August is a resident of St. Clair, Pa., where he is engaged in business as a wheelwright and blacksmith; Mary is the wife of Frank Selig, of Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

Francis Renner, the father of William Renner, was born in Saxony, Germany, and was very young when brought to this country. He grew up in Schuylkill county and learned the trade of carpet weaver, which he followed until he enlisted on the Union side for service in the Civil war. He was in the army to the close of the conflict, and then came to Ashland, where in 1866 he began the business which he followed to the end of his days. His death occurred March 24, 1896. Mr. Renner married Catherine Sent, who was born in Schuylkill county, Pa., and died in 1881. To this union were born four sons and four daughters, namely: George, August, Frank, William and Christine, all residents of Ashland; Mary, Minnie and Katie, all three deceased.

William Renner was born Feb. 3, 1876, in Ashland, and received his education in the public schools of the borough. When old enough to be of assistance he began to help his father in the carpet weaving business, and remained with him, taking full charge of the business upon the latter's death. He is still weaving with a loom that was made in 1781. There is a steady demand for his services in the borough, and for his output, and the business has afforded him a substantial income. Mr. Renner is at present serving as high constable of Ashland, to which office he was appointed in 1912. Officially he has proved capable and trustworthy, discharging his duties to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. He is a Democrat in political connection, and

a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, and socially is a prominent worker in the P. O. S. of A. camp at Ashland, in which he has held office.

In 1910 Mr. Renner married Mabel West Wood, of Lancaster, Pa., daughter of Howard and Mary Wood.

GEORGE F. DIMMERLING, of Pottsville, is a capable young business man of that borough and member of a substantial family which has been settled there from the time of his grandfather. The latter, Jacob Dimmerling, was born in Germany, and came to America when a young man. He made his home at what has since become Yorkville, now a part of Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he bought property and built a log house. By trade he was a carpenter, but he was engaged at the mines most of his life, and became very well known in this section. He died on Twelfth street, Pottsville. His children were: Peter, John, Mary, Catherine and Jacob. Of these, Peter served in the Civil war, was captured and confined in Libby prison, and was one of the few that escaped from that place.

Jacob Dimmerling, father of George F. Dimmerling, was born at Yorkville, which now forms part of Pottsville, and died Oct. 30, 1892. After some years' employment at mine work he became an engineer for the People's Railway Company at Pottsville, was so engaged for several years, and later was in the hotel business at the present location of his son George. He married Barbara Beeler, daughter of Michael Beeler, like himself a member of one of the early families at Yorkville. After her husband's death Mrs. Dimmerling continued the hotel business for some time, and she passed away Oct. 30, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Dimmerling were among the respected citizens of their day in the borough. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Peter (deceased), Jacob, Eva, George F., Charles (deceased), William and Joseph. William was with his brother George in the hotel business for some years, but is now following contracting and building at Pottsville, and has a large patronage.

George F. Dimmerling was born at Pottsville April 22, 1878, and obtained his education here, attending St. John's parochial school. When a youth he began work driving wagon for L. C. Thompson, merchant, by whom he was employed for one year. He then learned the trade of barber, which he followed for two and a half years, when he turned to mine work, becoming gig boss at the York Farm colliery, which position he held for one year. Then for a period of twelve years Mr. Dimmerling was occupied at blacksmithing, and since July, 1906, he has been in the hotel business. For several years he was in partnership with his brother William, under the firm name of Dimmerling Brothers, but he has been alone since May 1, 1913, when he bought out his brother's interest. His hotel is at Eighteenth and West Market streets, Pottsville, and is well known and justly popular, being conducted with all consideration for the comfort of patrons, whose custom Mr. Dimmerling has retained by courteous attention and business-like methods. He is well known among his fellow citizens in Pottsville, being a member of the Yorkville Hose Company, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Liederkranz and St. John's Society. His religious connection is with St. John's Roman Catholic Church. Politically he is a Democrat.

Mr. Dimmerling married Mary Buchanan, daughter of John and Mary (Evans) Buchanan, and they have had four children, namely: Evadora, George, Mary and Charles, the last named deceased.



JOHN F. HAND, inside foreman of No. 2 slope at the Lincoln colliery, near Tremont, is one of the youngest men in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company to hold so responsible a position. He is thoroughly respected in the borough as a typical member of one of the old families there whose members have all belonged to the substantial element of the community.

The Hand family has been in Pennsylvania for several generations, founded here by John Hand, an Orangeman from the North of Ireland, who came to America with his brother William. The latter settled in New Jersey, John Hand coming to this State, where he made a settlement in the Lykens valley, taking up a farm. He lived and died there. His children were: William, Abraham, John, and two daughters.

William Hand, son of John, above, also followed farming in the Lykens valley, later removing to Clearfield county, Pa., where he purchased a farm and engaged in the timber business as well as agriculture. He died at the age of eighty-eight years, and is buried there. His wife's maiden name was Zimmerman, and their children were: John, William, Elias, Henry, Joseph, George, James, Kate (Mrs. Daubert), Mrs. Young, and a daughter who died in Pittsburgh.

John Hand, son of William, was born in what was then Upper Mahan-tongo (now Hegins) township, on the old John Reed farm about three quarters of a mile northeast of Hegins. He learned shoemaking, but did not follow that trade long. Later he learned stonemasonry, at which he was also engaged but a short time, eventually going to work at the mines, where he was occupied for about forty-five years. In 1844 he settled at Tremont, where he was one of the pioneers, and lived there until his death, Feb. 18, 1902, at the age of eighty-one years. He is buried in the M. E. cemetery at Tremont. Five children were born to his marriage with Elizabeth Shuckert, daughter of Henry Shuckert: Daniel, James Monroe, William F., Mary and Margaret.

James Monroe Hand was born at Tremont in 1849, and had rather limited advantages, being only a young boy when he began to pick slate at the mines. With the exception of about eighteen months during which he was employed in a foundry at Tremont he has been engaged at the mines continuously since, and he is now one of the reliable hands at the Lincoln colliery. He has served many years as member of the borough council, and for three years he was health officer. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and P. O. S. of A. Mr. Hand married Elizabeth Carl, daughter of Elias Carl, and they have had children as follows: Amelia, Susanna, John F., William Elias, Eleanor (twin of William, deceased in infancy) and James M., Jr.

John F. Hand was born at Tremont Feb. 15, 1881, and received a good education there in the public schools. In his boyhood he started work at the old Lincoln breaker, and he was variously employed about the collieries until he became thoroughly experienced in all the branches of the work. For one year he was engaged as a miner at the Goodspring colliery, returning to the Lincoln for a time. In 1906 he went to the Blackwood colliery as fire boss, remaining there for four years, when he went back to the Lincoln in the same capacity. Later he became assistant inside foreman there, and in July, 1915, he was further promoted, to inside foreman at the No. 2 slope. His long employment at these workings has qualified him amply for the duties of the position, and his dependable personal qualities have been recognized by his immediate associates and superiors alike.

In 1905 Mr. Hand married Mary M. Wagner, daughter of Joseph Wagner, of Tremont, and they have four children: James, Helen, Paul and Grace. The family are associated with the Evangelical denomination in religion. Mr. Hand is a member of the Tremont Fire Company, No. 1, and fraternally he affiliates with the I. O. O. F. and P. O. S. of A.

FRANK D. DIETRICH, whose farm is situated a mile south of Friedensburg, in Wayne township, is a successful agriculturist and a man of recognized personal worth. Reliable in business transactions, and whole-hearted in his sense of responsibility towards all his fellow men, he has a reputation for honesty and good citizenship creditable to himself and beneficial to the locality. His up-to-date farming operations have also assisted in its material betterment.

Mr. Dietrich is a native of Wayne township, Schuylkill county, born Sept. 28, 1875, son of Neri and Catharine (Snyder) Dietrich, now residents of Cressona, this county. His education was obtained entirely in the public schools. With the exception of about one year, during which he was engaged in conducting the "Park Hotel" at Cressona, Mr. Dietrich has carried on farming, in which, by diligence and thrift, he has found profitable occupation. In 1907 he purchased and settled upon the place where he now resides, a seventy-acre property under excellent cultivation, and well improved in every respect. He is noted for his attention to detail, and the condition of the farm bears every evidence of his care in little things as well as the main lines. Modern methods have been adopted wherever practicable, and Mr. Dietrich has proved the value of systematic management by the satisfactory results which have attended his efforts. He understands the economy of neatness, and in appearance his land bears comparison with any other in the vicinity. In connection with his agricultural work he deals in fertilizers, acting as agent for Lister's fertilizer, which through his enterprise has been well introduced in this part of Schuylkill county. He takes a live interest in politics and other local affairs, has served as election inspector, and is now judge of election; his connection is with the Republican party. Socially he belongs to the Patriotic Order Sons of America and to the Independent Order of Americans.

In 1901 Mr. Dietrich was married to Ida Reed, of Wayne township, daughter of L. G. and Lizzie (Womer) Reed. Of the two children born to this marriage one survives, Claud R. The family are members of the Lutheran Church.

MICHAEL MURPHY, who has charge as inside foreman at the Pine Knot colliery, in Cass township, has had the thorough experience necessary to the proper discharge of his duties, having held the position since he himself opened up the colliery ten years ago. Mr. Murphy is a native of Cass township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., born at Heckscherville, in 1868. He is a son of Patrick Murphy and grandson of Michael Murphy, and of Irish extraction in both paternal and maternal lines.

Michael Murphy, the grandfather, lived and died in Ireland. He was engaged as a "car man," hauling coal to the towns, where he sold it. After his death his wife brought her family to America, and they lived for a short time at Brooklyn, N. Y., before coming to Pennsylvania, where they located at Heckscherville, in Cass township. Here Patrick Murphy, father of Michael Murphy, began to work in the coal mines at an early age. Intelligent and am-

bitious beyond the ordinary, he became a skilled operator and undertook mine work on his own account, for many years filling contracts to drive slopes and tunnels for the Reading Coal & Iron Company. Few men in the anthracite regions were more widely known or more highly regarded than Mr. Murphy, and his death, which occurred in 1901, was deeply regretted. He met with an accident at the Big Mountain colliery, near Shamokin, and died in the Fountain Springs hospital, near Ashland. Mr. Murphy served as tax collector of Cass township, but he was not an office seeker and seldom accepted public honors, though well known in the locality and in political circles, and always active in the public affairs of his time. He was a member of the Roman Catholic Church, and is buried at Heckscherville. Mr. Murphy married Ann Conville, who was born in Ireland, daughter of Patrick and Catherine (Foley) Conville, and came to America with her parents, the family settling at Heckscherville, in Cass township, Schuylkill county. Mrs. Murphy continues to reside at the Murphy homestead in that township. She is the mother of a large family namely: Michael is mentioned below; Catherine married James Sweeney; Patrick, who lives at Shenandoah, was formerly sheriff of Schuylkill county; John, twin of Patrick, died in March, 1913; Mary married Jeremiah Brennan, and lives in Cass township; James is a resident of Shenandoah, Pa.; Margaret, deceased, was the wife of Joseph O'Donnell; Joseph and William are next in the family; Elizabeth married Frank Elkon, and they reside at Shamokin, Pa.; Berner died when thirteen years old.

Michael Murphy attended public school in his native township, but his advantages were cut short at an early age, for he was but ten years old when he commenced to pick slate at the breaker. After employment of various kinds about the mines he began to cut coal, and was so engaged for about fifteen years. By that time his competence and steadiness had attracted the attention of his employers and he was made assistant foreman at the Richardson colliery, where he remained for ten years. Changing to the Glendower colliery he was assistant foreman there for two years, and on March 22, 1905, he came to what is now the Pine Knot colliery, where he has since been inside foreman. Mr. Murphy had charge of the opening of its works, and all of the inside work has been done under his instruction. He is thoroughly familiar with every detail of the operations, and is particularly valuable for that reason, though his long general experience has been by no means a negligible factor in the success he has had since he took charge here. He is well and favorably known in the various parts of Schuylkill county to which his work has called him. Mr. Murphy is a Catholic in religious faith.

By his marriage to Mary Kennedy, of Heckscherville, this county, the following children have been born to him: Annie I., now a public school teacher at Heckscherville; Edward E., who is an engineer at the Pine Knot colliery; Patrick F., also an employe at that colliery; Daniel J.; Florence; Bernadetta; and Mary L., Mary Estella and Bernard, all three deceased.

ROURINDINE PERRY, well known in both Orwigsburg and Schuylkill Haven, is a native of Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, born Feb. 14, 1882, son of Peter Perry.

Peter Perry was born near Girardville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and was reared upon a farm near Mahanoy City, meantime attending the local schools. His first work was at the mines, and from that vocation he entered the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company as brakeman, continuing in that com-

pany's employ until he met his death in a railroad accident in the State of New Jersey. Mr. Perry married Mrs. Alice (Moyer) Eaton, a widow, who had one child, Cora, by her first marriage. By this union Mr. Perry had the following children: Arlington C.; Rourindine; and Annie Mary, wife of Frederick Gruhler, living in Phillipsburg, N. J. Mr. Perry died at the age of forty-two years, and his wife at the age of forty-one years. They are buried in the Reformed Church cemetery at Orwigsburg, Pennsylvania.

Rourindine Perry obtained his education in the public and high schools of Orwigsburg. Owing to the death of his father he was obliged to begin work, and he entered the employ of S. R. Kepner, a cigar manufacturer of Orwigsburg. Upon the completion of his apprenticeship he continued cigarmaking with this employer, with whom he has remained until the present time. In 1909, in partnership with his brother-in-law, Alfred L. Bowen, Mr. Perry built an up-to-date motion picture theatre on Main street, in Schuylkill Haven, Pa., having a seating capacity of 475 people and modern in the highest degree. Here are shown all licensed and big feature reels, and the patronage of the best people of the borough attests to the popularity of this place of amusement. Mr. Perry married Millie May Bowen (born April 29, 1885), daughter of John A. and Josephine (Hohl) Bowen. In political faith Mr. Perry is independent. He is a member of Washington Camp No. 86, P. O. S. of A., and the Independent Order of Americans, of Orwigsburg, and Conclave No. 1087, Improved Order of Heptasophs, of Schuylkill Haven. He attends the Methodist Church at Schuylkill Haven, and has taught in the Sunday school.

Mrs. Millie May (Bowen) Perry was born in North Manheim township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and educated in the township schools, and in the public and high schools of Schuylkill Haven. She then entered the employ of her father in the underwear mills, where she remained until her marriage.

John Bowen, great-grandfather of Mrs. Perry, during his early working years was a foreman at Port Clinton, Schuylkill county, but later in life farmed in North Manheim township, becoming the owner of a large tract of land there. He built a log house and barn on that tract, the former still standing (1915), and continued to farm until the time of his death, which occurred at the age of fifty-eight years, through injuries received in a runaway accident. Mr. Bowen married a Hartman, and they had the following children: Samuel, John, Martin, Caroline, Hannah, Mrs. Schroeder and Mrs. Kether. Mr. Bowen and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church, and both are buried in the Union cemetery in Schuylkill Haven.

Martin Bowen, son of John and grandfather of Mrs. Perry, was educated in the North Manheim township schools and assisted his father in the work of the farm. He inherited a third share of the homestead, a tract of sixty-five acres, which he cultivated until his death. Mr. Bowen was married to Mary Kershner and these children were born to them: Charles K. (deceased) married Mary Staller; Amanda (deceased) married Jacob Kirk; Matilda died at the age of sixty-nine years; Lewis is unmarried; John A. is mentioned below; Morris married Mary (Staller), widow of his brother Charles. Martin Bowen was a Democrat in political affiliation, but not active in the party. He was an active member of the German Lutheran Church and was one of the building committee which supervised the erection of the Jerusalem Union Church, then in North Manheim township but now in the limits of the borough of Schuylkill Haven, Pa. He and his wife are buried in the cemetery at Schuylkill Haven.

John A. Bowen, son of Martin and father of Mrs. Perry, was educated in the schools of North Manheim township, where he was born Aug. 29, 1853. In his earlier days he assisted with the work of the farm, but later on learned the trade of painter with Israel Kline, with whom he remained for about five years, next working as painter with the Schuylkill Navigation Company for four years, in the boat yard. He then took charge of his father's farm, which he operated for sixteen years. Finally he formed a partnership with J. D. Reed in Schuylkill Haven, conducting the Union Knitting Mills, for the manufacture of underwear. This partnership was dissolved after five years and Mr. Bowen entered the car shops of the Philadelphia & Reading Company at Schuylkill Haven, doing contract work for a time. He next entered the S. Thomas Knitting Mills, where he is employed at the present time. Mr. Bowen was united in marriage to Josephine Hohl, who was born April 30, 1858, and is a daughter of John and Leah (Berger) Hohl, and to this union were born three children: Alfred L., who married Minnie Honsberger and has two children, Florence and Dorothy; Millie May; and Homer, who died at the age of two years. Mr. Bowen is independent in his political views. He is a member of the First Methodist Church of Schuylkill Haven, of which he is now a trustee; he has served in all its offices and as superintendent of the Sunday school.

THOMAS HARLOR, at present inside foreman at the North Mahanoy colliery, Mahanoy City, has acquitted himself creditably in the various positions he has held in the anthracite regions, where he has worked all his life. Born Aug. 1, 1863, at Thomaston, Schuylkill Co., Pa., he is a son of Joseph Harlor, a native of England, who was reared and married in that country. He and his wife, Sarah (Miles), came to America with one child and settled in Schuylkill county, Pa. He always followed mining. His death occurred at Hazleton, Pa., when he was seventy-six years old, and his wife had passed away at Mahanoy City when fifty-two years old. Their children were: Emily, Mary, Charles, James, Thomas, Harriet, Elizabeth, Joseph, Lydia, William, Eleanor, and a daughter that died in infancy.

Thomas Harlor attended public school at Raven Run, Schuylkill county, and Centralia, Pa., but he was a mere child of seven when he went to work at Miller's breaker, Shenandoah, picking slate. When nine years old he commenced inside work, and later ran a cross shift with his father, when seventeen years old. He continued to follow mining until 1894, after which he was engaged for seventeen years as fire boss, first at Glendon, for J. C. Haden & Co., later at the Primrose mine, near Minersville, Schuylkill county, then at Tunnel Ridge, where he was assistant fire boss for a short time, and afterwards at the Boston Run colliery. Again he mined for one year, was next fire boss at the North Mahanoy colliery, in the Schuylkill section, and once more was at Tunnel Ridge, as assistant inside boss for two years. He has since held the position of inside foreman at the North Mahanoy colliery, Mahanoy City. Mr. Harlor is a man of thorough reliability, and his high character and knowledge of mines and mining work make him absolutely trustworthy. He deserves the confidence he enjoys and the respect which all his associates show him, for he has worked his way up unaided, relying only on his fidelity and honest performance of duty for advancement. He is an Odd Fellow in good standing, belonging to the lodge at Girardville, this

county, and he is a prominent member of the Methodist Church, which he is serving as trustee. Personally he bears a high reputation.

Mr. Harlor married Sarah Palmer, daughter of William Palmer, of Mahanoy City, and they have three children: Roy, who married Mary Yoe, lives in Mahanoy City, and is employed as clerk at the Boston Run colliery; Ethyl, a graduate of the Mahanoy City high school, is living at home; Mae is also a graduate of the Mahanoy City high school.

ROBERT J. NESBITT, deceased, was a hotel man at Pottsville for a number of years, following in the footsteps of his father, who was a veteran hotel proprietor of that place.

William Nesbitt, the father, was born in Ireland, and coming to the United States settled at Cumbola, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he followed mining for a number of years. Later he became engaged in the hotel business, which he followed for a period of forty years. He married Mary Brown, and they had one child, Robert J. Both of the parents died in Pottsville.

Robert J. Nesbitt was born Jan. 22, 1850, at Cumbola, Schuylkill county, and received an excellent public school education. He taught school in this county for several terms, and later assisted his father in the conduct of his hotel, being so engaged until his death, which occurred Dec. 9, 1884. He is buried in the No. 2 Catholic cemetery at Pottsville. Though very young during the Civil war Mr. Nesbitt enlisted at the latter part of that conflict, serving nine months in the Union army.

Mr. Nesbitt married Kate Rosenberger, daughter of Adam and Mary (Krine) Rosenberger, the former of whom came to this country from Germany. After a three years' residence at Philadelphia, Pa., he settled at Pottsville, where he worked by the day. He died at the age of eighty-one years, his wife reaching the age of eighty-six. They are buried at Pottsville. Of the ten children born to them, five still survive: Jacob, Laurence, Elizabeth, Mary and Catharine.

Mrs. Nesbitt continued the hotel business after her husband's death for a period of twenty-five years, conducting his establishment at Fishbach, and the house lost none of its oldtime popularity under her conscientious management. Several years ago she sold her interest, and she is now making her home at No. 1580 West Market street, Pottsville. Mr. and Mrs. Nesbitt had one child, Mary, who is now engaged in teaching school at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. All of this family have borne a high reputation for thrift and reliability, and they occupy a most creditable position among the worthy citizens of the borough.

JOHN F. KANE, of Tuscarora, has become a well known citizen of Schuylkill township during the long period he has acted as inside foreman at the Bell colliery there—almost twenty years. He is a man of intelligence and reliable character, conscientious in the fulfillment of his business obligations and helpful in the activities of the community. Mr. Kane is a native of Schuylkill county, born at New Philadelphia, son of John and Mary (Fogarty) Kane.

John Kane, the father, was born in Ireland, and was brought to America in childhood. When a boy he commenced work at the mines, and always followed that occupation, becoming very well known among miners and operators in this section, where he filled a number of responsible positions. For

a time he was superintendent at the Furnace colliery and furnace for Mr. Rhoads, later going to the Pottsville Gap colliery, where he was superintendent until the workings were abandoned. He then came to Tuscarora, being engaged at the Swift Creek colliery here, known now as the Maryd, where he was superintendent until its abandonment, after which he was at the Tuscarora colliery, for Shaw & Donahoe, as superintendent, until the boiler explosion in 1876. The colliery was then closed, and he subsequently lived in retirement until his death, which occurred in 1882. He is buried at New Philadelphia. After his demise the family removed to New Boston, this county, where Mrs. Kane passed away in 1893; she, too, is interred at New Philadelphia. To Mr. and Mrs. Kane were born children as follows: Margaret, who is the wife of Dennis Cooney; John F.; William, who lives at Tuscarora; Michael, also of Tuscarora; Edward, living at Maryd; Mary, wife of James Kerns; and Catherine, wife of James Hagerty.

John F. Kane attended public school at Pottsville and Tuscarora, but he started work early, like most boys in this region, picking slate at the New Boston breaker. From time to time he was given other work about the mines, being promoted as opportunity offered until he became assistant inside foreman at New Boston, where he remained until 1893. In that year he returned to mining, which he followed at the Vulcan, Tunnel Ridge and Morea collieries, afterwards becoming assistant inside foreman at the Kaskawilliam colliery for two years. From there he came to the Bell colliery in 1896, as inside foreman, and has held that position continuously since, to the satisfaction of all concerned. This colliery, which is located in Schuylkill township, is operated by Gorman & Campion, and when running at full capacity gives employment to about two hundred men, whose respect Mr. Kane has earned by his strict attention to his own duties.

Mr. Kane has always considered it a privilege to do what is in his power towards promoting good government and upholding proper standards in social conditions, and he has done excellent work as school director in two of the townships in which he has made his home. While in East Mahanoy township he was a member of the school board for three years, and has served the same length of time in that capacity since settling in Schuylkill township.

Mr. Kane married Margaret C. Carr, daughter of Patrick Carr, of Port Carbon, Pa., and they have three daughters: Mary, who is now a public school teacher in Schuylkill township; Catherine, and Margaret. The family home is at Tuscarora.

JOSEPH BREEN, of Jonestown, is at present an official of Cass township, being a member of the board of school directors and vice president of that body. He has been doing business at Jonestown as a hotelkeeper for the last ten years.

Patrick Breen, father of Joseph Breen, was a native of Ireland, and spent his early boyhood in that country, coming to America when thirteen years old. Settling at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., he became engaged at mine work. Subsequently he removed to Jonestown, a small hamlet in Cass township, just beyond the borough line of Minersville, and he became well known among his fellow citizens there, holding several local public positions. He was a school director and for three terms township supervisor. Mr. Breen died at his home in Cass township, and is buried at Minersville. He married Catherine Tobin, daughter of Patrick Tobin, and of the twelve children born



to them, five still survive: Mary, Julia, Catherine, Joseph and Thomas. The last named is teaching school in Cass township. Mrs. Breen now makes her home with her son Joseph. She is one of the oldest residents of Cass township and she and Mrs. Dolbin, also living there, were schoolmates many years ago.

Patrick Tobin, father of Mrs. Breen, was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland, and was forty years old when he brought his family to America. They landed in the United States in September, 1849, after a stormy voyage, and were soon settled at Forestville, in Cass township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., being among the pioneer residents of that borough. While in Ireland Mr. Tobin had teams and did hauling, but after coming here was a miner and mine boss, and he spent the remainder of his life at Forestville, dying there in August, 1855. He is buried at Minersville. He married Julia Maley, daughter of Thomas Maley, the latter a farmer of Ireland, and eleven children were born to this union, namely: Catherine (Mrs. Breen), Mary, Laurence, Ellen, Thomas, Margaret (who died young), James, Edward, Bridget, Margaret (2) and Julia. All but the three last named were born in Ireland, they being natives of Cass township.

Joseph Breen was born Nov. 8, 1882, at Minersville, Schuylkill county, and attended the public schools of Cass township. In common with many of the boys living in the neighborhood of the mines, he began to pick slate at the breaker of the Oak Hill colliery when quite young, and continued to be employed around the mines for about ten years, in 1905 turning to his present business. At that time he bought his brother's hotel, located at Jonestown, in Cass township, and he has since conducted it, having worked up a profitable trade through attention to customers and careful management. Mr. Breen has always taken an active part in local affairs, has served as township committeeman, and in 1912 was elected a member of the township school board, for a six-year term. He is now vice president of that body. Mr. Breen is unmarried, making his home with his mother. Like the rest of the family he is a member of the Catholic Church at Minersville, and fraternally he belongs to the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

VALENTINE SPITZNER, of Tremont, is one of the well known residents of that borough, of which he has been a lifelong resident. His work, as well as his association with various local interests, has brought him into contact with a large proportion of his townsmen, and he is respected for his upright character and good citizenship wherever known. Mr. Spitzner was born at Tremont in the year 1867, son of Joseph and Applonie (Keefer) Spitzner, who settled in the borough in 1866, making their permanent home there. The father was born in Germany, and his death occurred at Tremont in April, 1915, when he was eighty years old. By occupation he was a mine worker. He had the following children: Joseph, who lives in Colorado; Elizabeth; Valentine; John, who is editor of the *West Schuylkill Press*, a local newspaper; and George.

Valentine Spitzner attended the public schools at Tremont until he began work, at the age of thirteen years, in the local mines. When twenty-four years old he became baggagemaster at Tremont, and has held that position at different times since, being so engaged at the present time. For three years he was on the railroad, between Lebanon and Brookside, and for four years he was in business on his own account at Tremont, conducting the "Spring Street Hotel." He has become very well known in this section as

a baseball player, having for many years been captain and manager of the popular Tremont Baseball Club, with which he played second base. He has taken an active part in the work of the Tremont Fire Company, No. 1, and is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Tremont, serving as captain of the team. The welfare of the town has always been a matter of deep interest to him, and he has done his share in promoting it in various capacities. He is now serving his third term as member of the borough school board, to which he was last elected in November, 1915. His religious membership is in the Reformed Church.

Mr. Spitzner married Katie Beard, a daughter of James Beard, and to them were born two daughters: Catherine, who lives in Pottsville, this county; and Mary, a graduate of the local high school. The mother passed away, and Mr. Spitzner subsequently married her sister, Mary Beard. There are no children by this union.

WALTER F. ESTERLY, of Pottsville, though one of the younger business element in that borough, has already become known for his ability and good judgment. He has been sufficiently active in public affairs to entitle him to a place among the progressive citizens who may be relied upon to keep the community up to the best standards. Mr. Esterly was born at Pottsville June 22, 1885, son of Frank Esterly and grandson of Daniel L. Esterly.

Daniel L. Esterly was born in Berks county, this State, and came to Pottsville before the Civil war. He engaged in the hardware business at Centre and Mahantongo streets, and carried it on with success until his death.

Frank Esterly, father of Walter F. Esterly, was born at Pottsville and received his business training under his father, with whom he was associated until the latter's death, afterwards continuing the business on his own account. He died May 7, 1905, and is buried at Pottsville, where his widow continues to reside. Mr. Esterly was one of the active spirits of the day, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and looked up to in all the relations of life. He married Sallie Argall, of Pottsville, and their children are Walter F. and Ruth, the latter the wife of Thomas Williams, of Pottsville.

Walter F. Esterly obtained his education in the public schools of Pottsville. When a youth he became a clerk in his father's store, where he was employed for six years, until the business was sold in 1905, since when he has given part of his time to the automobile business, in which he is still interested. Mr. Esterly was but twenty-two years of age when elected a member of the town council, having the distinction of being the youngest man ever chosen to service in that body. He continued to act as councilman for five years, and proved so thoroughly worthy that his fellow councilmen chose him for service on the Law and Ordinance committee, in whose work he cooperated effectively. He is a member of the Yorkville Fire Company, and a Democrat on political questions.

Mr. Esterly married Catherine Wolff, daughter of Frantz Wolff, of Mahanoy City, Schuylkill county, and she died May 19, 1913, at the age of twenty-eight years. No children were born to this marriage. Mrs. Esterly is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Pottsville.

HARPER H. BROWN, assistant mine foreman at the Goodspring colliery, in Schuylkill county, was born at Muir, in Porter township, this county,

June 2, 1884, son of Henry and Maria (Stein) Brown, grandson of Jacob Brown, great-grandson of Philip Brown, and great-great-grandson of Peter Brown or Braun, as the name was spelled in Germany.

Peter Braun was born in Germany near the border of Switzerland, whence he came to America as a member of the army sent here by the English to subdue the colonists. He had been promised lands and money for his service, but was captured by the Patriots and later became a servant in the household of Gen. George Washington. One of his brothers, who accompanied him to this country, and of whom all trace has been lost, is supposed to have been killed in the battle of Brandywine, while another brother served under the command of General Washington for seven years. Peter Brown (or Braun) lived in Virginia for some years, but after the Revolutionary war came to Pennsylvania, and was engaged in driving a supply team from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh. Later he settled in Berks county, and, being a member of the Lutheran faith, joined the church at Host, or Yohst, and became an active worker therein. Some years later he came to the Williams valley and bought the Neidlinger tract, now known as the John Hoffman farm, which forms the greater part of the site of Tower City. He lived on this tract and farmed it until in old age, when he made his home with one of his sons, Peter, who lived on a farm in the Clarks valley region, which is now owned by Charles Kessler. He went to live with another son, Philip, a few years later, on the Josiah Parker farm. Mr. Parker later sold this farm to John Houtz, who sold it to John Dieter, and it is now known as the Henry Bohr property. Here Peter Brown died about the year 1835. This Peter Brown had three sons: Jonas, Peter and Philip, and three daughters, one of whom married a Reedy; another became the mother of Michael Goodman, while the third married a Mr. Snoke.

Philip Brown, the great-grandfather of Harper H. Brown, married Kate Swab, and was the father of five children: William C.; John; Jacob; Elizabeth, who married Sam Bomberger; and Pauline, who married Abraham Hand. William Brown was twice married and became the father of nineteen children.

Jacob Brown, the grandfather of Harper H. Brown, was born in Lykens township, Dauphin Co., Pa., and was six months old when brought to Schuylkill county by his parents. With the exception of a period of a few years he resided here throughout his life. At the time of his death, when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-six years, eleven months, one day, Mr. Brown was one of the oldest surviving settlers and the last of the real early settlers of the Williams valley country. It was his privilege to remember the primitive conditions of the valley, when instead of roads there were paths or Indian trails, when instead of towns and villages there were the forests as nature had left them, and the childhood scenes and pictures of which were more real to him than the civilized conditions ruling to-day. As early as the year 1845 he was employed at the old Lorberry colliery, at which time the coal was taken to market by the canal which ran through Pine Grove. Mr. Brown assisted in the driving of the first tunnel at the Short Mountain colliery at Lykens, and at that time was paid at the rate of one dollar per day, but his meals were only six cents a day, expenses not being as heavy as now. In 1863, while working at the Osterman drift, he also was the proprietor of a boarding house, and subsequently, while helping to build the State road from Goodspring to Rausch Gap, he conducted the tavern which is now

known as Shadles' Tavern, located on the above road. He died in the Williams valley and his funeral was held from the home of Monroe Brown, services being conducted at the Lutheran and Reformed Church at Orwin, with Rev. Ira F. Frank officiating. These services were attended by a vast concourse from near and far who came to pay their last respects to this sturdy old pioneer. Interment was made in the cemetery adjoining the church. Mr. Brown was united in marriage with Elizabeth Heberling, and they became the parents of seven children, namely: Simon, who lives at Williamstown, Dauphin county; Henry; Harriet, the widow of Charles Weaver, living at Reiner City, Pa.; Philip, who died at Reiner City; Andrew, who also passed away there; Hiram, whose home is at Philadelphia; and Monroe, who is a resident of Reiner City.

Henry Brown, the father of Harper H. Brown, was born in Porter township, Schuylkill county, Jan. 16, 1852, and was reared on his father's farm. His educational advantages were not great in his youth, for he was early called upon to contribute his share to the family income, and when he was only ten years of age he began working in the mines. He continued to be connected with mining until 1903, when he returned to the farm, taking up his residence on his property in Porter township, which he has since continued to occupy and cultivate. He has developed his tract of twenty-two acres into one of the valuable small farms of his locality, with good improvements. Mr. Brown married Maria Stein, a daughter of Christian Stein, a native of Germany who came to the United States in young manhood. Mr. and Mrs. Brown became the parents of the following children: Walter E., who is engaged in farming in Porter township; Ada May, who died young; Sadie, who is the wife of George Kuntzelman; Edna, who married Edward Carl; Harper H.; Guy, a resident of Schuylkill Haven, Pa.; Roy, whose home is in Porter township; Ray, living at Port Carbon, Pa.; Lottie, who is the wife of Charles Ivey; Mattie, who married Wayne Kahler; Lillie, who died as a child; Earle, who resides with his parents; and Harold, who is attending school. Henry Brown served as a member of the school board of Porter township for some years. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Patriotic Order Sons of America. Until 1890 he was a member of the Evangelical Church, in that year changing his membership to the United Brethren Church, and has been a member of the board of trustees for several years. At Orwin he was superintendent of the Sunday school during a long period.

Harper H. Brown attended the public schools of Porter township, and like the majority of youths of his neighborhood early began to be employed at mining, his first occupation being as a breaker boy. After three years of experience of this kind he was employed by his father in the mines on gangway and rock work, and after four years was put on breast and gangway work on his own account at the Lincoln and Brookside collieries, thus continuing six years. Now a thoroughly experienced man, he was made stable boss at the Lincoln colliery, a position which he held for one year, and was then promoted to the position of inside night inspector. This latter position he held until Nov. 10, 1913, when he came to the one which he now occupies, that of assistant inside foreman at No. 1 Slope, under Foreman Joseph Watkins. He is one of the popular young men of the community, and the advancement which he has gained has been fairly earned through energy, industry and fidelity.

Mr. Brown was married to Elsie V. Kimmel, daughter of John and Anna  
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(Fessler) Kimmel, and three children have been born to this union: Ruth, Wilbur and Harlow. Mr. Brown is a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America and the Improved Order of Red Men, in both of which fraternities he has numerous friends.

CHARLES HENRY SMITH, former proprietor of the "West End Hotel," at Yorkville, was born Sept. 27, 1882, in what was then the borough of Yorkville, now a part of the city of Pottsville. He is a son of Albert Smith, and grandson of the Albert Smith who located at Yorkville about 1840.

Albert Smith, the grandfather, was a native of Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, and coming to America about 1840 settled at Yorkville, in Schuylkill county, Pa. After he did day's work for a time he turned to coal mining, and though he later carried on farming he was for many years in the employ of the Mine Hill Railroad Company, as a section foreman, holding this position until his death, which occurred in his forty-ninth year. He married Magdalena Siegel, who was born in Alsace-Lorraine, at that time French territory, and came to America when nine years old. Mrs. Smith survived her husband, reaching the age of sixty-six years. They were the parents of nine children (seven of whom grew to maturity), namely: Elizabeth, who is deceased; Albert; Henry; Andrew, deceased; Margaret, deceased; John, deceased; Mary, deceased; Joseph, deceased; and Bernard.

Albert Smith, son of Albert and Magdalena Smith, was born June 4, 1845, at Pottsville, Schuylkill county. He grew to manhood in this county and had common school advantages in his early years, but he was only a boy when he commenced work, in 1856, as water boy for the section hands on the Mine Hill railroad. He then became a member of the section gang, and he served continuously on this branch of the Philadelphia & Reading road until his retirement in June, 1913. From 1864 he was section foreman, becoming established at Yorkville in 1870. Mr. Smith has been one of the substantial citizens of that borough, having served as school director when it was an independent municipality, and his sympathies have usually been with the Democratic party. He is a charter member of the Philadelphia & Reading Relief Association and a member of the Philadelphia & Reading veterans. Mr. Smith prizes highly a letter received from Rufus R. Wilder, of Cressona, the former superintendent of the Mine Hill railroad, dated Jan. 31, 1900, from which we quote: "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 married Catherine Christ, daughter of George and Margaret (Rice) Christ, of West Wood, Pa., and she died Jan. 5, 1906, at the age of fifty-six years. Seven children were born to this marriage, namely: Eliza, who married Howell Quinn; Albert, Jr., of Pottsville; George, of Pottsville; Margaret; and Edward, Charles Henry and William, all residents of Pottsville. The father belongs to the German Catholic Church at Yorkville, of which the mother was also a member.

Charles Henry Smith was brought up in Pottsville, receiving his educa-

tion in the public and parochial schools of that borough. He was reared to habits of thrift and industry, when a youth beginning work in a brickyard, and later learning the trade of cigarmaker, which was his principal occupation for a period of thirteen years. In the year 1912 he turned to the hotel business, in which he was notably successful, the "West End Hotel" drawing a steady patronage under his management, not only from the local trade, but also the custom of many travelers in this section. In connection with his hotel he had a large stable, with accommodations for twelve horses. He gave up the hotel in March, 1915, and is now living at No. 1704 West Norwegian street, Pottsville. Mr. Smith is very well known in the community, where he has been a member of the Yorkville Fire Company for many years. He is a Democrat on political questions, and like his father and mother a member of the German Catholic Church.

Mr. Smith married Bertie Zimmerman, daughter of Samuel Zimmerman, of Port Clinton, Schuylkill county, and they have two children, Albert and Marguerite.

HARRY F. SCHULZE, New Philadelphia (Post Office Silver Creek), Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania.

THOMAS SIMMONS, outside foreman at the Maryd colliery in Schuylkill township, is respected as one of the substantial, intelligent residents of that section, in which he is well known. He has been employed in the mines in Schuylkill county all his life, and his father, Philip Simmons, followed the same occupation here.

Philip Simmons was born in England and was reared in his native land, being a young man when he came to this country. For a time after his arrival here he lived at Tamaqua, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and later moved to near Minersville, this county, where he spent the rest of his life, dying there when seventy-two years old. He was a skilled miner and so engaged for many years. By his marriage to Margaret Lewis, a native of Wales, daughter of William Lewis, there were eleven children, eight of whom survive at this writing (1915): Sallie, Margaret, Elizabeth, Priscilla, Philip, William, Thomas and Owen. Mrs. Simmons came to America when a young girl.

Thomas Simmons was born March 14, 1869, at Minersville, Schuylkill county, where he attended the public schools during his boyhood. When he went to work it was as a slate picker at the Mine Hill Gap breaker, for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, and from that humble position he worked up to more responsible labors, becoming pumpman and engineer, and eventually outside foreman at the Silver Brook colliery, where he was retained for two years in that capacity. In 1906 he came to the Maryd colliery, where he has been outside foreman continuously to the present time, having about one hundred and sixty men in his charge. Such a fine grade of coal is mined at this working that the output is in constant demand, and the men are steadily employed even when other collieries in this section are not being operated up to capacity.

By reason of his long association with mining operations in the locality Mr. Simmons is very well known, but his reputation has not been limited to his fellow workers, for he has interested himself in public and social affairs, enjoying the activity and responsibility of such associations. While a resident of Kline township he served four years as a member of the school board, of which

he was president and secretary, doing notably efficient work. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Tamaqua Lodge, No. 238, F. & A. M., the Consistory of the Valley of Bloomsburg, and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Simmons married Clara Hinkle, who was born at Buck Mountain, Schuylkill county, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Hinkle, and died June 17, 1900; she is buried at Mahanoy City. Two sons were born to this marriage: Roy F. and Wilbur E., both of whom are now employed as machinists at the Maryd colliery.

GEORGE BECK, of St. Nicholas, Schuylkill county, has charge as outside foreman of the St. Nicholas and Suffolk collieries, where about fourteen hundred men are now employed. The settlement of the town of St. Nicholas began in 1861, simultaneously with the opening of the mine, just a couple of years before Mr. Beck was born, and he has been employed there all his life, in various capacities, but always faithful to duty and strict in his adherence to high principles of conduct. He is a son of the late John Beck, who came to this country from Germany in the year 1858, landing at New York City. He settled at Tamaqua, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and for several years was employed as a miner at the Greenwood colliery. In 1865 he located at St. Nicholas, where he was similarly engaged until his death, in 1880. He is buried at Tamaqua. In Germany Mr. Beck married Margaret Schultz, and three children were born to them there, Eliza, Mary and Henry. After the family settled in the United States the following children were born: Simon, Martha, George, Emma, John and Annie.

George Beck was born May 7, 1863, at Tamaqua, and was therefore very young when the family settled at St. Nicholas, where he has ever since had his home. At the age of six years he began attending public school, but he was only eight when he went to work, picking slate at the breaker where he is now acting as outside foreman. After two years at that work he was put to running the breaker engine, being thus employed for four years, during the next three years working in the boiler room, as assistant fireman two years and fireman one year. Then for a year he was on the top of the slope, pushing cars, ran the gigs for a short time, and when nineteen years old started carpenter work at the colliery. After a year he was given work with the chain gang, at carpentry, for four years. He next assisted in building the present St. Nicholas breaker, which is one of the largest in the anthracite region, and also spent some time repairing mine cars, before entering upon the work at which he has since been retained. Having been made assistant outside foreman, he continued to hold the position for sixteen years, until promoted to outside foreman in September, 1905. His work includes supervision of the Suffolk as well as the St. Nicholas workings, where about fourteen hundred men are regularly employed, and many improvements have been made in these mines and their method of operation under his able direction. His all-around familiarity with their equipment is an advantage of great value to him with the numerous duties comprised in his work, enabling him to decide quickly on many points in the emergencies which arise from day to day. All through his record has been most creditable.

Mr. Beck married Martha A. Platt, daughter of Ralph B. Platt, a native of England, who came to America and settled at St. Nicholas. Mr. and Mrs. Beck have two sons: G. Raymond, who is a clerk at the collieries under his



father; and Wilbur Ahlborn, now a student at Lehigh University, class of 1917. The family adhere to the faith of the Reformed Church in religion. Fraternally Mr. Beck belongs to the I. O. O. F., the Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Royal Arcanum.

HENRY J. WITTICH became a resident of the borough of Tamaqua five years ago, and in business and social connections has become well and favorably known, especially as one of the active members of the American Hose Company, of which he is now first assistant foreman.

Mr. Wittich is of German descent, his father, Henry Wittich, having been born in Germany. On coming to America he settled at Green Point, Brooklyn, N. Y., where he engaged in the hotel business. Henry J. Wittich was born in 1880 in Brooklyn, and was educated in the public schools there. When thirteen years old he began to learn the brewing business with the Leonard Eppig Brewing Company, at Brooklyn, remaining in their employ for a period of five years. He then entered the United States Brewers Academy in New York City, where he took an expert course of six months, after which he became assistant ale brewing foreman at the Stevens Brewing Company, New York City. When he had been in their service two years he became brewmaster for the Franklin Brewing Company, of Brooklyn, with whom he continued for the next seven years, until his removal to Tamaqua, July 25, 1910, to take charge of the Liberty Brewing Company. This concern has an up-to-date plant at Tamaqua, and Mr. Wittich has been brewmaster there to the present, his management having proved highly acceptable. He is thoroughly familiar with the business from the scientific standpoint, and is also well qualified for the executive work, attending to all his duties with careful precision and to the entire satisfaction of the company.

Mr. Wittich is a member of the Masons and B. P. O. Elks (Tamaqua Lodge, No. 592), in the former connection belonging to Cornerstone Lodge, No. 307, F. & A. M., Brooklyn, N. Y.; he is also a member of the Tamaqua Club, of the Tamaqua Männerchor, and of the American Hose Company of Tamaqua, being one of the most enthusiastic workers in the latter organization, of which he has been first assistant foreman for several years.

By his marriage to Kate Johannes, a native of New York City, Mr. Wittich has two children, Viola and Henry.

GEORGE W. EBERT, an engineer on the Reading railroad, now located at Gordon, Schuylkill Co., Pa., is a son of William and Ella (Hughes) Ebert, of Berks county, this State. Mr. Ebert was born near Pottsville, Pa., April 8, 1853. On his father's side he is a descendent of a passenger on the famous "Mayflower," and on his mother's side he is descended from Joseph Hughes, a famous Quaker schoolmaster of the early days of the settlement of the Roaring Creek valley in Columbia county, Pennsylvania.

William Ebert, the father of George W. Ebert, was born in Berks county, Pa. His father died when he was a child. His first work was as stagecoach driver, during the days when that was the only vehicle used upon the roads of America by travelers. Having driven a coach in Schuylkill county, he was thus influenced to settle near the town of Pottsville. Here he assisted in the work of opening the wild country to the use of the farming pioneers, working in the woods as lumberman and clearing the land of timber and brush. Later he moved to Ashland, at which place he died Dec. 7, 1893, at the age of

seventy-eight years. His wife was Ella Hughes, daughter of Joseph Hughes, a cabinetmaker and schoolteacher, who settled in the Roaring Creek valley (now Locust township), Columbia Co., Pa., and taught the first school in Kerntown, in 1820. He afterwards removed to New Castle, Schuylkill county, where he died. Mrs. Ebert died in May, 1895, at the age of seventy-seven years. William and Ella (Hughes) Ebert had children as follows: (1) Edward, born June 23, 1838, was a member of the 48th Pa. Vol. Inf., and was wounded while in the Civil war. (2) Anna M., born April 3, 1840, is now deceased. (3) Phoebe R., born May 13, 1842, is deceased. (4) Elizabeth, born Jan. 9, 1845, is the wife of Henry M. Seitzinger. (5) Mary, born Feb. 26, 1847, is the wife of James M. Seitzinger. (6) Hannah, deceased, was born Feb. 13, 1849, and was the wife of James M. Seitzinger. (7) William, born Feb. 11, 1851, is now a resident of Ashland. (8) George W., born April 8, 1853, is mentioned below. (9) Jeremiah, born May 1, 1858, died in Warren county, Pennsylvania.

George W. Ebert was educated in the schools of Ashland, and his first work was at the coal breakers there. Afterwards he operated a sawmill. On June 16, 1873, he came to Gordon and entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, starting as brakeman. He was promoted gradually to conductor, fireman and engineer, in which last capacity he is still working. On Dec. 13, 1881, Mr. Ebert was united in marriage to Elizabeth Levens, daughter of James and Margaret (McElleny) Levens, of Minersville, Schuylkill county. They have a son, James, now a druggist of Tamaqua, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Ebert are members of the Methodist Church, of which he has been a trustee for many years. She is an ardent worker in the church and Sunday school.

James Levens, father of Mrs. Ebert, was a native of Ireland and emigrated to America, landing at Philadelphia, where he made his home for a time. Going to Port Richmond, near Philadelphia, he there married Margaret McElleny, and then moved to Minersville, and later to Centralia, Columbia county, where he died in 1884, being buried at Ashland, which is near Centralia. He was a miner by occupation. Mrs. Levens makes her home with George W. Ebert, her son-in-law. She has had twelve children, of whom five are deceased (including John), the others being as follows: James, resident in Centralia; Elizabeth, wife of George W. Ebert; Mary, wife of Joseph Lange, of Philadelphia; Alexander, a resident of Hartford, Conn.; Sophia, wife of Nicholas Conrad, of Philadelphia; Sarah, wife of Matthew Nealy, of Gordon; and William, of Tamaqua.

JAMES BURKHARDT has been engaged at mine work all his life and bears an excellent reputation for skill and trustworthiness in his calling. The fact that he has been inside foreman at the Eagle Hill colliery, in Blythe township, continuously since 1902 shows that he is a man of steady character, and he is respected for his sterling qualities wherever known.

Mr. Burkhardt is a native of Schuylkill county, of German descent, his father, Nicholas Burkhardt, having been born in the Fatherland, where he passed his early life. Coming to America when a young man, he settled at Minersville, in Schuylkill county, Pa., and there made a permanent home, dying at Minersville. By occupation he was a shoemaker, and he worked at the trade all his life. To his marriage with Eliza Barnwick were born five children: Elizabeth, Annie, Maria, Lewis and James.

James Burkhardt was born at Minersville July 12, 1863, and obtained his education in the public schools there. Like many boys in the coal regions, his first work was picking slate at the breaker, and he was so employed at the Otto, Phoenix Park and Glendower collieries. As he grew older he filled different positions at the mines, working as loader, starter, miner, boss loader and fire boss, being engaged in the latter capacity for twelve years at the Glendower colliery. From there he came to the Eagle Hill colliery in the year 1902, and has since been inside foreman. As such he has about five hundred men under his charge. Mr. Burkhardt is well known in this region, and has the favorable regard of all his associates. He is a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church at New Philadelphia, where he attends mass with his family every Sunday.

Mr. Burkhardt was married to Mary Gallagher, who was born in County Donegal, Ireland, daughter of Charles Gallagher, and they have three children: Charles, who is attending high school in Pottsville; and James and Severine, who go to school in Blythe township, where the family reside. Mrs. Burkhardt has made three trips to her old home in Ireland since settling in this country.

JOHN H. WITHELDER, of Newtown, Schuylkill county, is a member of the third generation of his family in Reilly township, where his grandfather, Henry Withelder, settled upon coming to this country. He was a native of Germany, where he spent his early life, being a young man of twenty-two years when he arrived in America. He settled at Big Vein, in Reilly township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and having followed mining in his native land became a coal operator, following that business for a number of years. He owned the Dundas colliery in Reilly township. His death occurred when he was forty-eight years old, at Newtown, this county, where he was well known, and he is buried in the cemetery at Clouser's Church. He married Margaret Arnold, like himself a native of Germany, who came to America when eighteen years old. They had a large family, viz.: George; Lewis; Frederick; Henry; John; Peter, who died young; Mary, wife of Jacob Miller; and Elizabeth, who married Thomas Jones.

John Withelder, son of Henry, was born in Schuylkill county, where he spent all his life. He died at Newtown at the early age of thirty-one years, and is buried in Clouser's Church cemetery. During all the time he worked he was employed at the Middle Creek colliery. His widow, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Richards, continues to reside at Newtown, in Reilly township. They had one child, John H.

John H. Withelder was born July 5, 1885, at Newtown, where he attended public school. When but nine years old he began picking slate at the breaker of the Otto colliery, at Branch Dale, Reilly township, continuing at that work for three years. He was then put to running jigs for two years, was oiler at the breaker for the next three years, and after that ran an engine until Jan. 1, 1910, when he became assistant outside foreman. He still holds that position. It is noteworthy that Mr. Withelder has been employed at the same colliery continuously since he started work, and he has been advanced steadily entirely upon his own merits and because of his trustworthiness. He holds the respect of his associates in all the relations of life. His home is still at Newtown, and he is a leading member of St. John's Reformed Church there, in which he has held the office of elder. In fraternal connection he is a

member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Royal Arcanum and Masons, affiliated with the following bodies: Swatara Lodge, No. 267, F. & A. M.; Tremont Chapter, No. 221, R. A. M.; Constantine Commandery, No. 41, K. T., of Pottsville; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading.

Mr. Withelder is married to Clara Applebee, daughter of Michael Applebee, who came from England and settled in Schuylkill county. They have two children: Olive May, now (1915) seven years old, and Rose A., two years old.

ARTHUR H. DANIEL, of Pine Grove, who has recently become established in business at that point, is a native of the neighboring county of Dauphin and descended from one of the families founded there in the old days. His grandfather, Joel Daniel, followed farming there.

Israel Daniel, father of Arthur H. Daniel, was born near Gratz, which is in the upper end of Dauphin county, just opposite the western point of Schuylkill. Agriculture has always been his vocation, and he is still living on a farm near the town of Gratz. His wife, Savilla, also a native of Dauphin county, died in 1901.

Arthur H. Daniel was born at Gratz, Dauphin county, was reared on the parental farm near that town, and attended the township schools. After leaving school he assisted his father, who was at that time conducting the "Union Hotel" in Gratz, and subsequently he made an independent venture in the bottling business at that town. He carried it on there for five years, manufacturing all kinds of soft drinks, and in October, 1913, came to Pine Grove and started the business there. It is similar to the establishment he had at Gratz, being equipped for the production of soft drinks of all kinds, and has taken well with the townspeople, whose appreciation has been shown in liberal patronage. Mr. Daniel has made a beginning which augurs well for his future career.

In 1909 Mr. Daniel was married to Alice Rehrar, of Pine Grove, daughter of Aaron and Mary Rehrar, the former deceased, the latter still living at Pine Grove. Four children have been born to this union: Carrie, Alberta, Evalyn and Paul. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel are members of the Pine Grove Lutheran Church, and always ready to give their encouragement and support to movements affecting the welfare of the borough.

JOSEPH WELLENDORF, a thrifty farmer of Butler township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and proprietor of a bakery at Fountain Springs, was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1847. He is a son of Nicholas and Angeline (La Jeune) Wellendorf, the father a native of the same portion of Germany, and the mother a native of Westphalia.

Nicholas Wellendorf, the father, was a farmer, and resided all of his life in the Fatherland. His children were: Bernard, now living retired in Philadelphia; Mina, residing in Germany; Marie, deceased; Elizabeth and Henrietta, deceased; Joseph; and Anna, a resident of Germany.

Joseph Wellendorf was educated in Germany, where he learned the baker's trade. He came to New York in 1867 and worked there as a baker, afterwards journeying over the Union, following his trade in Philadelphia, St. Louis, Louisville, Terre Haute and Cincinnati. In 1877 he came to Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and in 1883 established his present bakery at Fountain

Springs. Mr. Wellendorf was married, in Camden, N. J., to Elizabeth Bloom, a native of Germany, who died in 1908. They had these children: Henry lives in Philadelphia; Albert resides in the State of New York; Katie is married and living in Pennsylvania; Angeline is the wife of Neill Weaver, of Ashland; Nicholas is a resident of Williamsport; Bernard, living in the State of Iowa; Andrew is in the United States navy, stationed on the "Louisiana"; Clara resides at home; and Mary is residing at home. Mr. Wellendorf is a member of St. Mauritius' Roman Catholic Church, of Ashland.

DANIEL C. FRYER belongs to a family of German origin, founded in Schuylkill county by his grandfather, Bernhard Fryer, who was born in Germany and came to America when a young man. Settling on a small farm in West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, he remained there until his death, industriously cultivating his land and also following his trade, shoe-making. He is buried in the cemetery of Zion's Church, in West Brunswick township. His children were: Jonas, Daniel, Bernhard and Susanna.

Daniel Fryer, son of Bernhard Fryer, was born on the homestead in West Brunswick township, following farming in that township all his life, and was a well and favorably known citizen of his section. He died on his farm and is buried in the Zion Church cemetery, in West Brunswick township. He is survived by his wife, Mary (Laurence), daughter of John Laurence, and she continues to live on the old homestead. Of the three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Fryer, Frank and Daniel C. are living at Orwigsburg; Sallie married John Faust, and lives in West Brunswick township.

Daniel C. Fryer was born April 29, 1871, at Pinedale, in West Brunswick township, and obtained his education in the local public schools. Later he attended the State Normal School at Lock Haven, and taught school for one term during 1895. For a time he worked in the tube mill at Auburn, this county, was subsequently engaged at farm work for J. H. Walborn at Orwigsburg, and then entered the employ of the late Solomon Moyer, of Orwigsburg, being engaged in his feed store for three years. At the end of that time he began to learn the shoe business, working three years in the factory of H. S. Albright, and from there going to the Werner Shoe Company, also at Orwigsburg, where he remained seven years. His next employers were Bickley & Walborn, with whom he continued for about nine months, until the organization of the Orwigsburg Shoe Company, of which he was secretary from the beginning until he gave up the business. Mr. Fryer's duties include the supervision of the shipping and office work, for which he was very well adapted, as the efficiency in both departments attested. His conscientious devotion to everything he undertakes, and thorough reliability, are qualities highly appreciated by his associates, and he is a man that commands respect in all the relations of life.

Mr. Fryer has long held membership in the Reformed Church, originally belonging to the historic old Red Church, in West Brunswick township, which he served two years as deacon, and is now united with the church at Orwigsburg, of which he has been deacon since 1908. Socially he is a member of the P. O. S. of A. and the Independent Americans.

Mr. Fryer married Kate Becker, daughter of Abraham Becker, who was a native of Berks county, Pa. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Fryer, namely: Alvin, Mabel, George, Daniel A., Kate (deceased) and Mary (deceased).

CHRISTIAN MADER, one of the oldest employees at the Silver Creek colliery, in Blythe township, has been stationary engineer there since 1889. Such a record of service is sufficient to show that he is both competent and reliable, and his high personal character is commensurate with his industry.

Mr. Mader is of German extraction, his father, Jacob Mader, having been born in Bavaria, Germany, from which country he came to America when about thirty years old, accompanied by his wife. They settled at Kaskawilliam, in Blythe township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and he was engaged at mine work, for a time acting as inside foreman for Mr. Luther, who was among the early coal operators in this region. Later he located at Tuscarora, this county, and he continued to follow coal mining until his death, which occurred in 1866, when he was fifty-three years old. He married Rachel Kramer, daughter of Christian Kramer, and they had four children: Jacob, who died when seven years old; Dora and Mary, twins, also deceased; and Christian.

Christian Mader was born Oct. 16, 1853, at Kaskawilliam, and spent his boyhood in Schuylkill township, receiving his early education in the public schools there and subsequently attending a select school at Pottsville, this county. For one term he taught school, at New Ringgold, Schuylkill county, but he did not like the profession well enough to continue in it. For about three years he ran an engine at Tuscarora, spent two years at East Mines, and then returned to Kaskawilliam, where he sank a shaft and was employed for about two years. The five years following he was at Lansford, Pa., running an engine, and thence changed to New Philadelphia, this county, to what is known as the "Shoo Fly" workings. In the year 1889 he came to the Silver Creek colliery, being one of the first men employed there, sank the shaft, and has been serving as engineer continuously since. Mr. Mader is very well known in the local bodies of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Tamaqua Lodge, No. 238, F. & A. M.; Tamaqua Chapter, No. 177, R. A. M.; Constantine Commandery, K. T., of Pottsville; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; of Reading, Pa. For the last forty years he has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, affiliating with the lodge of Middleport, this county.

Mr. Mader married Susan Guers, daughter of Daniel Guers, of Tumbling Run Valley, Schuylkill county. They have become the parents of the following children: Emma is the wife of Oliver Link, of Port Carbon, Pa.; George married Lucy Cooke, and they reside with her parents; Laura is the wife of Francis Knabb, and they reside at Reading, Pa.; Edwin, who is employed as chief clerk to George B. Hadesty, of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, at Pottsville, Pa., married Mary Davis, and they have two children, William and Edwin (who was born at Tuscarora); Raymond is at home. All the family are members of the Reformed Church but Raymond, who is a member of the Lutheran Church.

AARON L. RICE, proprietor of a popular meat market in Gordon, Schuylkill county, Pa., was born July 5, 1881, son of Charles and Isabella (Seitzinger) Rice, and grandson of Frederick Rice. The latter was a pioneer of this county and an employee of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company for many years, employed in the machine shops at Gordon. His children were ten in number, of whom six are living, viz.: William; Charles; Aaron; Louisa, wife of Charles Bergstresser, of Lykens, Pa.; Arabella, wife of Ellsworth Shoemaker, of Gordon; and Mary, residing at Gordon.

Charles Rice, father of Aaron L. Rice, was born in Berry township, Schuylkill county, where he obtained his early schooling. He adopted the occupation of machinist and entered the Reading shops, having been in the employ of the company for over thirty-five years. He married Isabella Seitzinger, daughter of Israel and Margaret (Heebner) Seitzinger, of Gordon, and they have children as follows: Frederick, a physician and surgeon, of Sunbury, Pa.; Margaret, deceased; Gertrude, at home; Aaron L.; Edith, at home; Estella, wife of Harry Gearhart, of Pottsville, Pa.; Charles, who resides at Gordon; Ruth, at home; Cameron, who lives at home and is in the employ of his brother Aaron L.; and one child, Beatrice, who died in infancy.

Aaron L. Rice was educated in the schools of Gordon, and learned the trade of meat cutter in the Kleber butcher shop. So well did he apply himself to the business, and so successful were his efforts, that in 1912 he bought out his employer, and has conducted the establishment on his own account ever since. He does his own killing and has a fine packing and shipping establishment in addition to the meat shop. His business is rapidly increasing and he is considered one of the rising men of Gordon.

Mr. Rice was united in marriage, Oct. 19, 1913, to Mercy, daughter of John and Mercy (Jones) Valentine, of Ashland, both of whom are residing in that place, the father being employed in one of the collieries there. Mrs. Rice is one of three children, the others being Anna, the wife of Edward Edwards, residing in Philadelphia, and George, who resides at Port Carbon, Schuylkill county. Mr. Rice is a member of the Methodist Church, and is very active in the work of the Sunday school, of which he has been secretary for the past sixteen years.

FREDERICK WITHELDER, of Reilly township, at present filling the position of truant officer, has been an efficient worker in the public service and is a much respected citizen of his section of Schuylkill county. He is of German descent, and was born Nov. 2, 1852, at Brockton, Schuylkill county, son of Henry Withelder.

Henry Withelder was a native of Germany and spent his early life there, being a young man of twenty-two years when he arrived in America. He settled at Big Vein, Reilly township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and having followed mining in his native land became a coal operator, following that business for a number of years. He owned the Dundas colliery in Reilly township. His death occurred when he was forty-eight years old, at Newtown, this county, where he was well known, and he is buried in the cemetery at Clouser's Church. He married Margaret Arnold, like himself a native of Germany, who came to America when eighteen years old. They had a large family, namely: George; Lewis; Frederick; Henry; John; Peter, who died young; Mary, wife of Jacob Miller; and Elizabeth, who married Thomas Jones.

Frederick Withelder had ordinary school advantages in his youth, and followed mining until nineteen years old. He then turned to wheelwrighting, at which he worked for thirteen weeks, after which he followed the barber's trade for thirteen years. For a time he worked by the day, and in 1914 he was made truant officer of Reilly township, where he has also served as assistant assessor. The family is much esteemed in Reilly township, where its members have been favorably known ever since Henry Withelder arrived here. Mr. Frederick Withelder is a devout member of the Reformed Church, which he has served as deacon.



Mr. Withelder was married to Mary Snyder, daughter of George L. Snyder, and she died in October, 1906, the mother of children as follows: Margaret married Alfred Griffith; Mary married George Stein; Dora married George Griffith; Frederick, twin of Dora, lives at home; Elenora married James Brennen; Henry is deceased; George and Henrietta are at home.

JOHN W. DONMOYER, proprietor of the "Central Hotel" at Pine Grove, is a citizen who reflects in his own reliable character the qualities for which the name has become so respected in Schuylkill county. He is a grandson of the late William Donn timer, an old settler of this section, and a son of Peter B. Donn timer. The latter was born in Pine Grove township and still lives there, now leading a retired life. During his active years he was engaged in mining in the township. He married Emma Spancake, daughter of the late John Spancake, a pioneer settler of this section and long resident in Pine Grove township, where he followed farming. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Donn timer are the parents of eight children, of whom the eldest, Frank, resides at Tremont, this county; John W. is next in the order of birth; Harry is deceased; Irvin lives in Pine Grove township; Frederick is deceased; Carrie is the wife of Clyde Hesser, of Pine Grove township; William is in business with his brother John; Benjamin lives at home.

John W. Donn timer was born in 1880 in Pine Grove township, where he grew to manhood, meantime attending the local public schools. After leaving school he turned to mine work, at which he continued for twelve years, until he became interested in his present line. Buying the "Central Hotel" at Pine Grove, he has since conducted it to the satisfaction of a steadily increasing business and number of patrons. His sincere desire to give the best accommodations and service possible has drawn trade from the time he assumed the ownership of the hotel, which has gained much in popularity under his management. Mr. Donn timer's various social connections also make him well known. He is a member of the Pine Grove Fire Company, of the P. O. S. of A., Improved Order of Red Men, Knights of the Golden Eagle, Fraternal Order of Eagles (Aerie No. 134, of Pottsville), and American Casualty Company of Reading.

In 1900 Mr. Donn timer married Eva Christ, who was born in Pine Grove, daughter of Aaron and Elizabeth (Mowrey) Christ, the latter now deceased; Mr. Christ makes his home in Pine Grove. Mr. and Mrs. Donn timer have two children: Emma and Harry.

FRANK BOSCHE, agent at Ashland for Peter Barbey & Son, brewers, of Reading, Pa., is well known in the borough. He is a native of Schuylkill county, born at St. Clair Oct. 10, 1866, son of Valentine and Catherine (Bierschmidt) Bosche.

The parents were natives of Germany, but came to this country when very young, and they were married at Pottsville. After living at St. Clair for a number of years they removed, in 1876, to Locust Gap, this county, where they passed the remainder of their lives, Mr. Bosche dying twenty-two years ago, Mrs. Bosche twenty years ago. After settling in Schuylkill county he was engaged at work in the mines. The Bierschmidts were early settlers in Schuylkill county, and Mrs. Bosche passed her younger life at St. Clair. Twelve children were born to her and her husband, namely: Peter, who is deceased; George, deceased; Lena, deceased; Joseph, living at Locust Gap;

John, of Locust Gap; Frank; Henry and Valentine, twins; Charles, a resident of Locust Gap; Michael, David and Lena (2), all three deceased.

Frank Bosche attended school at St. Clair and Locust Gap. When fourteen years old he was sent to work in the mines, where he was employed until seriously injured, losing a leg. Then he learned the trade of shoemaker, which he followed for nine years in Locust Gap, until he engaged in business for himself, conducting a saloon. Moving thence to Ashland, he carried on a saloon on Center street for seventeen years, and in 1909 purchased his present place, having a prosperous saloon and cafe. He has established a profitable trade, and is well and favorably known in the borough, belonging to the B. P. O. Elks and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

In 1899 Mr. Bosche married Rosalia Walsh, of Centralia, Columbia Co., Pa., daughter of David and Catherine Walsh, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. Walsh was a miner by occupation, and for years served as justice of the peace at Centralia, and held the office of overseer of the poor in Columbia county. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bosche: Catherine, Francis, Mary, Helen and Raymond. Mr. and Mrs. Bosche are members of St. Joseph's Church of Ashland.

JACOB S. HONSBERGER, now living retired at New Ringgold, has been a resident of Schuylkill county since he was five years old. He is a native of Bucks county, Pa., born Dec. 5, 1840, in the lower end of Milford township. His grandfather, Benjamin Honsberger, was a farmer in that county, and he and his wife are buried at Allentown, Pennsylvania.

William Henry Honsberger, father of Jacob S. Honsberger, was born in 1815 in Bucks county, where he spent the earlier part of his life. He became an expert carpet weaver, and followed that business in his native county until his removal to Schuylkill county, where he made a settlement in East Brunswick township. Here, besides working at his trade, he engaged in agriculture, acquiring the ownership of a tract of thirty acres which he cultivated very successfully. He was so occupied until his death, which occurred in 1858, at McKeansburg. Mr. Honsberger not only did his duty by his family, but also in the larger obligations affecting the general welfare. He filled the office of constable, took an active interest in politics as an old-school Democrat, and was a faithful member of the German Reformed Church, bearing a prominent part in the work of the Sunday school, which he served as superintendent. He and his wife Lydia are buried at McKeansburg. Mr. Honsberger was twice married, first to Lydia Carver, born in 1817, died in 1850, daughter of Jacob Carver, whose wife's name was Kuder. To this union were born six children: Charles, who married Lucy Rehrig, now resides in Zion Grove, Schuylkill county; he was a soldier in the Union army. Henry, deceased, was also a soldier in the Union army; he married Mary Marburger, who resides in Reading, Pa. Jacob S. is next in the family. William, deceased, served in the Union army; he married Catherine Dress, who lives in Cressona, Pa. Martin, deceased, was a soldier in the Union army and died shortly after the war, leaving three children. Sarah married Frank Day and resides in Hartford, Conn. By his second marriage, to Mrs. Mary (Stanner) Poffinger, Mr. Honsberger had the following children: Edward married Lizzie Swartz, and both are deceased; Mary married John Eck, who was killed on the railroad, and she resides in Easton, Pa. The mother is deceased. By her union with Mr. Poffinger she had four children: Henry,

Francis, Sarah and Priscilla. Henry and Francis were in the Union army, and the latter was killed in the service.

Jacob S. Honsberger was but five years old when he came with his parents to Schuylkill county, the family settling in East Brunswick township, where he received his education in the district schools. After his father's death he went to live with George Moser, with whom he remained until he went to learn his trade, meantime working on the Moser farm. Then he entered the employ of William Lenhart, at Drehersville, this county, where he learned the blacksmith's trade. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted from Drehersville, on Aug. 9, 1861, in Company A, 48th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered in at Harrisburg, Pa., the command being assigned to the 9th Corps, under General Burnside. In 1862 it became connected with the Army of the Potomac. In the spring of 1863 General Burnside was relieved by General McClellan, and the 9th Corps was transferred to Kentucky. Under this enlistment Mr. Honsberger participated in the battles of Newbern, N. C.; Second Bull Run; Shady Cove; South Mountain; Antietam; Fredericksburg; and the siege of Knoxville, Tenn. He reenlisted in January, 1864, at Plains Cross Roads, in eastern Tennessee, in the same company and regiment, as a Pennsylvania veteran volunteer, and participated in the campaign of General Grant, taking part in the first battle of the Wilderness; Spottsylvania; Cold Harbor; siege of Petersburg; and the battle of Appomattox Court House. He was mustered out at Harrisburg in August, 1865, and returned to East Brunswick township, where he resumed work at his trade. Not long afterwards he married and moved to near Orwigsburg, in West Brunswick township, where he bought a small tract of land and had his own blacksmith shop, working industriously and prospering. After remaining there eighteen years he removed to New Ringgold borough and entered the broom manufacturing business, selling the output of his factory in the immediate vicinity and surrounding counties. When he gave up the manufacturing business he entered the employ of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, and was engaged in stripping coal near Mauch Chunk, and he was foreman for that company for sixteen years. Later he was appointed a keeper in the insane department at the County Home at Schuylkill Haven, a position he held for four years, since when he has lived retired.

Mr. Honsberger married Mary Matilda Walborn, who was born in West Brunswick township in January, 1846, daughter of Uriah and Amanda (Christ) Walborn, and the following children have been born to them: Ida married Henry L. Miller, and they reside at Port Carbon, Pa.; Henry Uriah married Ida Sassaman and resides at Lansford, Pa.; Sarah Amanda married Albert Gottshall, and they make their home at Reading, Pa.; William, who married Emma Cope, is a telegraph operator for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at Reading, where he resides; George W. is at Baltimore, Md., as manager for the Western Union Telegraph Company; Lydia is engaged as forelady in the laundry of the Schuylkill county almshouse; Gertrude is married to I. G. Yost, and resides at Reading, Pa.; Edward is a merchant and postmaster at Tarrs, Westmoreland Co., Pa.; Charles Herman married Nellie Benedict.

In political sentiment Mr. Honsberger is a Republican, and he has served his fellow citizens in the capacity of school director for twenty-four years, first in West Brunswick township, and later in New Ringgold borough. He is a member of Washington Camp No. 100, P. O. S. of A., New Ringgold,

and of Severn Post, No. 110, G. A. R., at Mahanoy City; and his religious connection is with the United Evangelical Church, in which he has been chosen to the position of trustee and Sunday school superintendent.

John (or Johan) Walborn, grandfather of Mrs. Honsberger, was born near Myerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa., June 30, 1799, and died Aug. 13, 1872. By occupation he was a farmer. Coming to Schuylkill county he settled in West Brunswick township about two miles east of Pinedale, and there continued to farm until his death. He is buried at the Red Church. His wife, whose maiden name was Susanna Albright, was born Dec. 4, 1804, and died Oct. 30, 1884. They had children as follows: Daniel, Uriah, William, Peter, Rebecca (married), Catherine (married John Ketner), Cyrus (deceased) and Diana (married Martin Moyer).

Uriah Walborn, son of John, was a farmer in West Brunswick township, and followed farming, having a tract of eighty acres, which he sold when he retired and moved to Pinedale. He married Amanda Christ, a daughter of John Christ, and they had the following children: John, who married Katie Bast; Edward; and Mary Matilda, Mrs. Honsberger. The father died in December, 1913, aged eighty-six years, the mother dying aged seventy years, and they are buried at the Red Church near Orwigsburg.

EDWARD F. BECK, of Schuylkill Haven, who is in the employ of the Cressona Powder Company, was born at Glenworth, in North Manheim township, Schuylkill county, Jan. 30, 1863, son of George Beck and grandson of Jacob Beck. The family is of German descent.

Jacob Beck was born in 1789 in Reitlingen, Wurtemberg, Germany, where he grew to manhood and married. The year of his marriage (1817) he came to America and settled in the Schuylkill valley in Pennsylvania. For a number of years he was employed on the Schuylkill canal, between French Creek and Pottsville, afterwards constructing and repairing the locks and acting as carpenter foreman. Having considerable knowledge of drafting he obtained the position of assistant engineer in the survey of the Mine Hill railroad, which was built in 1828-30. Between 1818 and 1822 he made his home in Pottsville, in the last year buying a farm in Manheim township, 100 acres, upon which he erected a sawmill and later a gristmill. Around this centre of activity a town soon sprang up, which was given the name of Beckville. Mr. Beck died in 1850, leaving behind him a heritage of honor and public service which was ably continued by his posterity. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and held many of the church offices, being treasurer at the time of his death. He was a Democrat, and filled the office of school director for a number of years.

In 1817 Jacob Beck was married to Anna Maria Beider, who was born in 1794 and died in 1870, and to them nine children were born: (1) Elizabeth married Joseph Wilde, whom she survived, her death occurring at Hazleton, Pa. Their children were: George (deceased), Joseph, Bide, Tillie, John J., Charles, and Libby (deceased). (2) Jacob died young. (3) Frederick, born Dec. 6, 1824, died in North Manheim township. He married Magdaline Hurlman, and they had three children: George J., deceased; Mary L., wife of Dr. J. W. Weist, of Schuylkill Haven; and Charles F., a merchant of Cressona. (4) George is mentioned below. (5) Edward married Mary Ann Strauch, and had one son, Isaac G. (6) John, who died at Beckville, had three children, William J., Blanche, and Maria (deceased).

(7) Mary married Emil Stecker, and died at Mount Carmel, Pa. She had children as follows: George, Henry (deceased), Naomi (Mrs. Lord), Joseph, Ada (Mrs. Wentz), and Katie (Mrs. Sement), the last named deceased. (8) Catherine married David Clark and resides at Hazleton at the age of eighty years. Her children were: Jennie (Mrs. Engle), George (deceased), Catherine (Mrs. Samuel Price), Frank, and Potter (deceased). (9) William, a miller of Beckville, had these children: Ada, widow of George Dechert; John J., of Reading, Pa.; Catherine, Blanche and Annie, all unmarried; Mabel, wife of Edward Silliman, of Mahanoy City; and Clarence, who lives at Kingston, Pennsylvania.

George Beck was born at Beckville, Pa., and was a carpenter by trade. He was engaged in agriculture during the greater portion of his life, cultivating a farm of about fifty-five acres at Glenworth, Pa. He was married to Salome, daughter of George Hinkleman, and they had children as follows: Mary J., wife of George W. Coover; Barbara L., wife of Charles J. Smith; Katie, wife of William Conner; William H., living at Hazleton, Pa.; George J., who died at Hazleton; Edward F.; and David F., who died at Glenworth. George Beck was born Aug. 31, 1827, and died June 14, 1890. His wife, Salome, was born Oct. 6, 1826, and died Dec. 3, 1909. They are buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven.

Edward F. Beck was born on the old family homestead at Glenworth and attended public school in North Manheim township. He learned the trade of wheelwright at Pottsville, but followed it for only a few years, after which he worked as carpenter for the Lehigh Valley Company for twelve years. In July, 1898, he entered the employ of the Cressona Powder Company, and has since been doing all of the mill work for that company, being an all-around mechanic. He married Katie R. Roeder, daughter of Isaac Roeder, of Schuylkill Haven, and to this union five children have been born: Mattie A., a graduate of the Kutztown State Normal School, taught school for three years at Schuylkill Haven and is now at the University of Pennsylvania; C. Lester, who married Ida Brown, resides at Schuylkill Haven and is superintendent of the electric power plant there; Preston is a stenographer for the Coal & Iron Co., at Pottsville, Pa.; Harry G. is an electrician; Olive completes the family. Mr. Beck is a Democrat and has served on the board of health of his district. He is a member of the First Reformed Church and of the P. O. S. of A. camp at Pottsville, and of Tribe No. 82, Improved Order of Red Men, of Cressona.

JAMES A. MAURER stands at the head of the building business in his section of Schuylkill county, where the influence of his high standards has been of appreciable value in implanting ideals of excellence in this progressive region. His operations have been principally in Minersville and vicinity, and the examples of his work are numerous enough to show how thoroughly he has intrenched himself in the general favor. Mr. Maurer is a native of Schuylkill county, born near Donaldson in the Mahanoy valley, Feb. 24, 1865, son of George Maurer. His grandfather lived and died near Klingerstown, this county.

George Maurer, the father, followed the profession of school teacher throughout his active years, and was well known in that connection in the Mahanoy valley. He died there and is buried in the church cemetery at Klingerstown. By his marriage to Catherine Kopenheffer, daughter of the



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well known Fred Kopenheffer, of Lykens Valley, Pa., he had a family of six children, namely: Allen, Emma, Jackson, James A., Philip and George, the last named dying in infancy.

James A. Maurer has had to make his own way in the world, having been only a boy when his father died. His first occupation was as door tender at the mines at East Brookside, and when he was only ten years old he drove mules. For about five years he was employed at East Brookside colliery, and when a youth of seventeen began to learn the carpenter's trade with Daniel Umholtz, with whom he remained for five and a half years. He then became foreman for Daniel Haws at Gordon, for a time, after which he came to Minersville and became engaged with Adam Hinkle at sub-contracting. Having gained considerable experience in this connection he began general contracting and building on his own account, and much of the first-class work done in the town since has been intrusted to him, the German Lutheran church and many other substantial buildings at Minersville and in that neighborhood being of his construction. He keeps from ten to twelve carpenters steadily employed and is always well supplied with work, his reputation being established upon the substantial basis of satisfactory work. Besides being an authority in his own line, Mr. Maurer is looked up to by his fellow citizens of all classes, being one of the foremost men of the borough, a member of the present town council, and active in every forward movement in the community. He is a member of the Reformed Church at Minersville and one of the valuable workers in the congregation.

Mr. Maurer married Lydia Miller, daughter of Squire George G. Miller, of Lykens Valley, Pa., a well known resident of that section for many years, where he is a successful merchant and justice of the peace of high standing. Thirteen children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Maurer, namely: Daniel A., Martha, Annie, Mary (deceased), Esther (deceased), Helen, Tillie (now attending Ursinus College), George, James, Irvin, Laura, Paul and Harry.

Daniel A. Maurer, eldest child of James A. Maurer, was reared at Minersville and graduated from the high school at that borough. He then took a course at the Lehigh University, and after his graduation spent five years in Kentucky in the employ of the Consolidated Coal Company. He is now located at Fairmont, W. Va., in the employ of the same concern, acting as superintendent of the electrical plant at that point.

LEVI E. REINOEHL, who lives retired at Pine Grove, has spent his entire life in Schuylkill county and has been a resident of the borough from boyhood. Born Dec. 13, 1847, at Donaldson, he is a son of Henry Reinoehl and grandson of Henry Reinoehl, who settled in the county at an early day.

Henry Reinoehl, father of Levi E., was very young when the family moved to Schuylkill county, lived at Donaldson for a number of years, died at Pine Grove, and is buried in the cemetery there. By occupation he was a miner. During the Civil war he enlisted from Schuylkill county, serving three months in the Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and later, under a second enlistment, in the 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry, with which he remained to the end of the war. He took part in many battles, and assisted in the capture of Jefferson Davis. Upon the close of hostilities he returned to Pine Grove, and there remained until his death, which occurred when he was forty-four years old. Mr. Reinoehl married Harriet Fasnacht, a native of Lebanon county, Pa., and she also died at Pine Grove and is buried in the cemetery

there. Of the six children born to this marriage Emma, the eldest, is the widow of Jonathan Leffer, who was killed in the Brookside colliery; Levi E. is next in the family; Joseph and Henry were killed in the mines; George is deceased; Lydia is the widow of George Opie.

Levi E. Reinoehl was a boy when the family removed to Pine Grove, where he had common school advantages. When fifteen years of age he began work at the mines, where he continued to be employed for the next forty-seven years. His progress was steady, and for a number of years before his retirement he was engaged on contract work. He is a member of the United Mine Workers' Union. Mr. Reinoehl's honesty and substantial qualities have been rewarded with the high regard of all who have known him, and he occupies a creditable position among his townsmen. He is a member of the Pine Grove Fire Company, and he has belonged to Washington Camp No. 49, P. O. S. of A., for forty-five years.

In 1868 Mr. Reinoehl was married to Elizabeth Markey, who was born in Pine Grove, daughter of George and Katie (Sathan) Markey, old residents of Schuylkill county, who remained in Pine Grove township until they died. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Reinoehl: Ida is the wife of Robert Clark and now residing in Detroit, Mich.; Mamie, who is a trained nurse, is in Philadelphia; Agnes is the wife of William Thomas, of Philadelphia; Charles met an accidental death at Pine Grove; Stella is the wife of Howard Wertley, who conducts a drug store in Philadelphia; Bessie is engaged as a bookkeeper in Philadelphia.

J. S. WHITE, a prominent and progressive farmer of Butler township, Schuylkill county, was born in that township in 1874, son of John and Elizabeth (Farr) White, the father a native of England, the mother of Wales. The grandfather came to America about the middle of the nineteenth century and located at Williamstown, Pa., where he lived and died.

John White, father of J. S. White, came to Schuylkill county after the close of the Civil war and bought a farm, which he cultivated until his death, in 1895. His wife died in 1900. He married Elizabeth Farr, and their children were nine in number, viz.: James, a resident of Frackville; Mary J., widow of Harrison Fisher; Alice, widow of Henry Mader, residing in Philadelphia; John, residing at Fountain Springs; William, residing at Mount Carmel; Elizabeth, wife of Louis Mader, of Butler township; Martha, wife of Charles Umlauf, of Philadelphia; George, residing in Butler township; and J. S.

J. S. White was educated in the schools of Butler township, and after leaving school worked on the farm of his father. After his marriage he purchased the farm where he now resides, and which he has brought into a high state of cultivation, conducting a general farming and dairy business. Mr. White was married in 1894 to Hannah Hilgendorf, who was born in Ashland, Pa., daughter of Frederick and Minnie (Peal) Hilgendorf. By this union six children have been born: Frank, Walter, Harry, Margaret, Mary, and one who died in infancy. Mrs. White is a member of the church at Fountain Springs.

Frederick Hilgendorf, father of Mrs. White, was born in Germany, and after coming to America resided at Ashland and worked in the mines. He died there Nov. 17, 1903. By his wife, Minnie Peal, who was also a native of Germany, he had four children: Gussie, deceased, wife of Charles Bentzler, of Butler township; Frederick, who resides at Fountain Springs; Hannah,

Mrs. White; and Lottie, the wife of Frederick Brazington. Mrs. Hilgendorf is still living in Fountain Springs.

PETER ELISON, of Pottsville, belongs to a family of German extraction. Joseph Elison, his grandfather, lived and died in Germany. He learned the trade of wheelwright and followed it to some extent, but eventually turned all his attention to farming, which he carried on until his death. He married Magdalena Obergeffel, and they reared the following children: Alois; Charles, who still resides at Pottsville, Pa.; Augustus, who died at Pottsville; Joseph; and a daughter who still lives on the old homestead in Germany. Of this family, Joseph, born Jan. 12, 1849, in Orsghweier, Baden, Germany, died July 8, 1884, at Godhaven, Greenland. He was a sergeant in the United States army, attached to Greeley's Arctic expedition, and died after having been rescued by the Schley Relief Squadron.

Alois Elison, father of Peter, was born in Baden, Germany, and was reared in his native land, being about twenty years old when he came to America. Settling at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., he was employed in the Atkins Rolling Mills for many years, and afterwards engaged in teaming for a while. Then he went into the hotel business, on West Mahantongo street, Yorkville, at the stand where his son Peter was afterwards located, continuing in this line until his death, which occurred July 11, 1896. He married Walberga Brahler, daughter of Peter and Regina (Ritzel) Brahler. Mr. Brahler was a native of Hesse, Germany, and on coming to America settled at Pottsville, where he lived and died. By occupation he was a miner. He and his wife had two children, Walberga and Theresa, the latter deceased. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Elison, namely: Anna married Valentine Montage, and has two children, Bertha and Clara; Mary married Joseph Bettler, of Pottsville, and they have the following children, Carl, Paul, Edward, Dorothy, Florence, Maria, Clara and Mildred; Joseph, of Pottsville, married Lottie Ackerman, and their children are Anna, Aloysius, Agnes, Robert, John and Charlotte; George married Mary Phillip, and their children are Augustus, Francis and Helen; Peter is next in the family; Caroline married Adam J. Bender, and has two children, Emma and Albert.

Peter Elison was born in Pottsville Nov. 2, 1877, and here grew to manhood, receiving his education in the parochial schools. From boyhood he assisted his father. In 1898, when the Spanish-American war broke out, he enlisted for service in Company H, 8th Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served nine months in the army. After his return to Pottsville he was employed at a local brewery for some time, and followed this with three years' residence in Philadelphia, where he worked for the Midvale Steel Company. Returning to Pottsville, he entered the employ of the Mellet & Nichter Brewing Company, with whom he continued until September, 1913, when he went into the hotel business as proprietor of the "Klondike Hotel," which was established some forty years ago, and where he had had some previous experience, during his father's ownership. Under Mr. Elison's management the excellent patronage enjoyed by this house was fully retained, and he was very popular with all who availed themselves of his hospitality. He has recently given up the hotel, and is now located at No. 1229 West Market street, Pottsville. During his connection with the brewery business Mr. Elison became a member of the United Brewery Workers, and fraternally he holds membership in the Foresters of America. He is a member of the American Hose Company, and

his religious connection is with St. John's Roman Catholic Church at Pottsville.

Mr. Elison married Mary Post, daughter of Joseph Post, of Pottsville, a well known employe of the Philadelphia & Reading Company. Four children have been born to this marriage, Elizabeth, William, Maria and Margaret.

C. LESTER BECK, superintendent of the electric light plant at Schuylkill Haven, was born Feb. 6, 1882, at Mahanoy City, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Edward F. Beck, grandson of George Beck, and great-grandson of Jacob Beck, one of the pioneers of Schuylkill county.

Jacob Beck was born in 1789 in Reitlingen, Germany, where in 1817 he was married to Anna Maria Beider, who was born in 1794 and died in 1870. In the year of his marriage Jacob Beck came to America and settled in Pennsylvania, working on the Schuylkill canal for a number of years. Later he became assistant engineer in the survey of the Mine Hill railroad, which was constructed during 1828-30. In 1822 he came to Manheim township, bought a farm of 100 acres, and built a saw and grist mill there. Here grew up the settlement which later gained the name of Beckville. Mr. Beck was a devoted member of the Lutheran Church, a Democrat in politics, and held the office of school director for many years. By his marriage with Anna Maria Beider he had nine children: (1) Elizabeth married Joseph Wilde, and had seven children: George, Joseph, Bide, Tillie, John J., Charles and Libby. (2) Jacob died young. (3) Frederick married Magdaline Hurlman and they had three children: George G., Mary L. (Mrs. J. W. Weist), and Charles F. (4) George is mentioned below. (5) Edward married Mary Ann Strauch and had one son, Isaac G. (6) John had a family of three children, William J., Blanche and Maria. (7) Mary married Emil Stecker and had six children: George, Henry, Naomi, Joseph, Ada and Katie. (8) Catherine married David Clark and is the only survivor of this generation, living now at Hazleton. Her five children were: Jennie, George, Catherine, Frank and Potter. (9) William, a miller of Beckville, had seven children: Ada, John J., Catherine, Blanche, Annie, Mabel and Clarence.

George Beck was born at Beckville, Pa., Aug. 31, 1827, and died June 14, 1890. He was a carpenter by trade, and cultivated a farm of fifty-five acres at Glenworth, Pa., during much of his life. He married Salome, daughter of George Hurlman, and she bore him seven children: Mary J., wife of George W. Coover; Barbara L., wife of Charles J. Smith; Katie, wife of William Conner; William H., living at Hazleton; George J., who died at Hazleton; Edward F.; and David F., who died at Glenworth. Mrs. Beck was born Oct. 6, 1826, and died Dec. 3, 1909. She and her husband are buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven.

Edward F. Beck was born on the homestead at Glenworth and attended the local schools in North Manheim township. He learned the trade of wheelwright at Pottsville, but followed it only a few years, having obtained the position of carpenter with the Lehigh Valley Company, which he held for twelve years. In July, 1898, he entered the employ of the Cressona Powder Company, and has since done all their millwork. He married Katie R., daughter of Isaac Roeder, of Schuylkill Haven, and they have had five children: Mattie A.; C. Lester; Preston; Harry G., and Olive. Mr. Beck is a Democrat, and has served on the board of health of his district. He is a member of the Reformed Church, of Camp No. 36, P. O. S. of A., of Pottsville, and of Tribe No. 82, Improved Order of Red Men, of Cressona.

C. Lester Beck attended the public schools of Schuylkill Haven, and then took a course in electricity from the International Correspondence Schools, of Scranton. He also attended the Kutztown State Normal School for two years. He worked for two years with the Bell Telephone Company through Schuylkill county, and having decided to make electricity his life work took a position for a time with Sheets & Daddow, electrical contractors, of Pottsville, and in September, 1912, became connected with the Schuylkill Haven electric light plant. On Jan. 1, 1914, he was made superintendent of the plant, and he has since held that position with entire satisfaction to the company and the public. Mr. Beck was married to Ida Brown, whose father died when she was but a child. Their home is on Garfield avenue, Schuylkill Haven. Mr. Beck is a member of the First Reformed Church, in whose work he takes an active part, and is a Democrat in politics. He is leader of the orchestra of his church and for five years has played clarinet in the Third Brigade band of Pottsville.

EDWARD ZIMMERMAN, an old-time citizen of Pine Grove, now living retired at Lebanon, Pa., was born at Pine Grove Jan. 9, 1830, and the Zimmerman family is an old established one in this region. He is a son of John Zimmerman and grandson of Henry Zimmerman, who settled on a farm in Pine Grove township at a very early day and followed agricultural pursuits here until his death.

John Zimmerman was born on a farm near Pine Grove and became one of the prosperous residents of this section, acquiring the ownership of considerable property in the vicinity, including the place where his son Edward Zimmerman lived until recently. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Catherine Gamble, died at Pine Grove. They had a family of eight children, of whom Edward and John are the only survivors, John living at Lock Haven.

During his boyhood Edward Zimmerman attended school at Pine Grove. He was engaged in railroad work most of his active life, for more than forty years. When the war broke out he showed his sympathy with the Union cause, enlisting from Pine Grove in the 133d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving under Col. Daniel Nagle, now of Pottsville. He was in the army about nine months, and was mustered out at Harrisburg. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, holding membership in Wolf Post, No. 203, of Pine Grove. For the upright character and industrious traits he manifested throughout his working years he enjoys the unqualified esteem of all the citizens of the borough and township, where he is widely known.

Mr. Zimmerman married Sarah Elizabeth Bowen, of Pine Grove, a native of Lebanon county, Pa., descended from a pioneer family of that county. Mrs. Zimmerman died in 1909. Two children were born to this union, Magdalena C. and Josephine, the latter married to Mahlon Faber, of Lebanon, Pa. Mr. Zimmerman now makes his home with Mrs. Faber.

FRANK ZETTLEMOYER is an enterprising farmer of West Penn township, owning and operating the farm where he was born. His father, the late John Zettlemoyer, settled there over fifty years ago, and for thirty years and more occupied an honored place among the substantial citizens of the county.

Peter Zettlemoyer, the grandfather, was a farmer in Albany township, Berks Co., Pa., following agricultural work all his life. It is remarkable that when he died, though eighty years old, he had a full head of black hair. His

grandson Frank was only a small boy at that time. He had the following children: John; Joseph, who went West to Ohio; Pessita, who married Alfred Frederici (both deceased); Mary, who married Samuel Mengel; Betsy, who married a Mengel and (second) a Baer; and Mrs. Samuel Focht. The parents are buried in Albany township, Berks county. Mr. Zettlemoyer was a member of the German Lutheran Church, and a Democrat in political conviction.

John Zettlemoyer, son of Peter, was born in Albany township, Berks county, in January, 1823, was educated in the Albany township schools, and worked there for his father until eighteen years old. He learned the trade of wheelwright with David Petery, in Albany township, Berks county. It was from Mr. Petery that he bought the farm in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, which his son Frank now owns, moving there a year after he made the purchase, and there he made his permanent home, carrying on farming and his trade. He built a wheelwright shop on the place, and continued to work at his trade about twenty years in connection with the operation of his farm, which consisted of two tracts, one of sixty-six acres with farm buildings, the other of seventy-seven acres with outbuildings. All told, he had about one hundred acres under cultivation, raising general crops and marketing his produce at Tamaqua. He interested himself in local conditions, and served many years as elder and deacon in Zion's Lutheran Church in West Penn township. Politically he supported the principles of the Democratic party. His death occurred Feb. 29, 1892.

Mr. Zettlemoyer married Lydia Shuman, who was born in 1820, and died in 1876. They had children as follows: William, deceased, married Kate Miller, who resides at Chain, Pa.; David married Polly Hoppes, and they reside at Mahoning Valley, in West Penn township; James married Sarah Hoppes, and both are deceased; Samuel lives in Texas; John married Lizzie Rubrecht, who is deceased, and he lives at Pottsville; Lewis married Fiana Ziegler, and they live in Texas; Jonas married Maggie Heine, and they made their home in Philadelphia; Frank is next in the family; Priscilla, deceased, was the wife of Christian Metzger, of Tamaqua, Pa.; Lucy Ann is the widow of Joseph Arner, and resides at Snyder, Pa.; Mary, the widow of Tilghman Rex, lives in Chicago, Ill.; Sarah, deceased, married Henry Hartzell, of Orwigsburg, Pa.; Lydia is the widow of Eli Ohl, and resides at Snyders, Pa.; Amanda married John Smith, of Chicago; Betsy died when eight years old; Elvina married Solomon Hoppes, and both are deceased. The parents are buried at Zion's Church in West Penn township.

Frank Zettlemoyer was born Feb. 18, 1866, and was educated in West Penn township, attending Zion's Church school. He worked for his father on the home place until twenty-one years of age, and then rented the farm from his father until the latter's death, when he bought the property, which he has been conducting successfully ever since. Mr. Zettlemoyer has demonstrated his progressive disposition in every department of his work. The improvement of the property has gone steadily forward under his management and ownership, the present dwelling house on the farm is of his construction, and everything else about the place indicates prosperity and up-to-date ideas. He has been notably successful in his farming operations, and is justly ranked with the energetic element in his township which has helped to advance standards all over the locality.

Mr. Zettlemoyer married Sarah Kistler, who was born in December, 1869,

daughter of Jonathan K. and Lydia (Shellhammer) Kistler, and they have had three children, born as follows: David, July 7, 1890; Katie, June 4, 1892; Mary, Oct. 20, 1897. All have attended the West Penn township schools, and now reside at home. Mr. Zettlemoyer gives his support to the Democratic party. In religion he is a Lutheran, belonging to Zion's Church in West Penn township.

Mrs. Zettlemoyer is a descendant of Johannes or John George Kistler, an early settler of Berks county, Pa., through his son Philip, the latter's son Jonathan, and his son Jonathan K. Kistler. A complete account of the earlier generations appears elsewhere in this work.

Jonathan K. Kistler, father of Mrs. Zettlemoyer, was born June 18, 1834, in West Penn township, was educated in the district schools there, and assisted his father on the farm and in the mill. After his marriage he bought the mill and farm of his father and stayed there the remainder of his life. Before his marriage he served in the Union army, enlisting in August, 1862, in Company D, 173d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was enrolled at Harrisburg for nine months, assigned to guard duty and reserve work, and discharged at Harrisburg in 1863, returning home. Though he supported the Union he was a Democrat in political opinion, and in religion a Lutheran, belonging to Zion's Church, in West Penn township, and assisting faithfully in all its work. He was elder and deacon of the church, and was a teacher in the Sunday school. He is buried at Zion's Church.

On Jan. 24, 1864, Mr. Kistler married Lydia Shellhammer, the ceremony being performed by Rev. A. A. Bower. Mrs. Shellhammer was born Aug. 16, 1842, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Houser) Shellhammer. Their children are as follows: Charles S. is a resident of West Penn township; Kate A., born Sept. 13, 1866, married Alfred Steigerwalt, who is a merchant at Snyder, this county; Jonathan S., born July 24, 1868, married Ida A. Behler, and they reside in Mahoning Valley, in West Penn township; Sarah, born in December, 1869, married Frank Zettlemoyer, a farmer of West Penn township; David, born June 23, 1871, now a building contractor in Weatherly, Carbon Co., Pa., married Emma Sittler; Mary, born September, 1873, is living with her mother on the homestead farm; Lizzie, born March 1, 1875, married Aaron Ruch, a farmer on the homestead farm in West Penn township; Rev. Jacob, born Feb. 15, 1877, now pastor of the Lutheran Church at East Stroudsburg, Pa., married Lulu Sittler; William, born Feb. 26, 1881, a mail clerk in Philadelphia, Pa., married Carrie Balliet; Ellen, born April 18, 1883, married Leon Walter, who is employed as a telegraph operator in Philadelphia; Agnes, born Dec. 31, 1884, married Ralph Rubrecht, who is employed in the freight office at Allentown, Pa.; Lydia, born May 4, 1879, died when nine months old; another child died young.

LEVI FELLER, loader boss at the Lincoln colliery, and a resident of Pine Grove, is one of the representative men of his locality. He was born in Pine Grove borough Dec. 9, 1865, son of Adam and Catherine (Brown) Feller. The parents were natives of Germany, the father having been born at Baden, and the mother at Nassau.

Adam Feller came to the United States in young manhood, during the year 1854, and located at Pine Grove, Pa., where he was engaged for the remainder of his life as a shoemaker. His death occurred at Pine Grove. The mother came to the United States when she was sixteen years old. She bore her



husband five children: Emma, Adam, Calvin, Daniel and Levi. During the Civil war Adam Feller served his adopted country as a soldier, being a member of Company H, 39th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, a regiment called out for ninety days' service.

Levi Feller attended the public schools of his native borough, and not only developed his mental faculties, but early learned to make himself useful from a material standpoint. In 1877 he began working in the mines in his section, and proved himself so useful that he was kept on day work. In time his services were rewarded by promotion until he was made loader boss at the Lincoln colliery, which position he still holds, and he is recognized as a skilled workman, one who is fitted to control those under him. It is an interesting fact that all of his work has been done in connection with mines.

Levi Feller was married to Mary Catherine Saltzer, a daughter of Frank Saltzer, of Hegins Valley. The Saltzer family is of French extraction. Mr. and Mrs. Feller became the parents of four children: Robert F., who is deceased; Charles H., who is foreman at the Pine Grove brick plant; Homer G., employed in the mines; and Fred S., attending school. Mr. Feller is a member of the board of health of Pine Grove, and takes an intelligent interest in its work. For many years he has been a valued member of the United Brethren Church of Pine Grove, in which he has held all the lay offices, and he has also been treasurer of the Sunday school connected with this church. Fraternally he belongs to the Sons of Veterans, being eligible because of his father's services to the Union. A man of strong personality and unflagging energy, Mr. Feller has risen through his own efforts, and deserves the position to which he has attained in his business and community.

WALTER E. BROWN, who is engaged in farming in Porter township, Schuylkill county, was born at Muir, in that township, Nov. 26, 1875, son of Henry and Maria (Stein) Brown, grandson of Jacob Brown (Braun), great-grandson of Philip Brown, and great-great-grandson of Peter Braun.

Peter Braun was born in Germany, near the border of Switzerland, and came to America about the year 1770 in company with two brothers. He had been induced by English military officers to come to this country and fight the colonists, with promises of a farm and wealth, but was captured by the Patriot forces and later became a servant in the retinue of Gen. George Washington. One of his brothers, of whom all trace has been lost, is supposed to have met his death in the battle of Brandywine, while another brother served under the command of General Washington for seven years. Peter Brown (Braun) lived in Virginia for a time, but after the war drove a supply team from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh. Later he settled in Berks county, and, being an adherent of the Lutheran faith, joined the church at Host or Yohst and became an active worker therein. Some years later he came to the Williams valley and bought the Neidlinger tract, now known as the John Hoffman farm, which forms the greater part of Tower City. He lived on this tract and farmed it until in old age he made his home with one of his sons, Peter, who lived on a farm in Clark's valley which is now owned by Charles Kessler. A few years later he made his home with another son, Philip, who lived on the Josiah Parker farm. (Parker sold the farm to John Houtz, who sold it to John Dieter, and it is now known as the Henry Bohr farm.) Here Peter Brown died about 1835. This Peter Brown had three sons, Jonas, Peter

and Philip, and three daughters, one of whom married a Reedy, another who became the mother of Michael Goodman, and a third who married a Snoke.

Philip Brown married Kate Swab and was the great-grandfather of Walter E. Brown. He was the father of William C., John, Jacob, Elizabeth (Mrs. Sam Romberger), and Pauline, Mrs. Abraham Hand. William C. Brown had nineteen children by two wives; John Brown had eight children.

Jacob Brown, the grandfather of Walter E. Brown, was born in Lykens township, Dauphin Co., Pa., was six months old when brought to Schuylkill county by his parents, and except for a period of a few years resided here all his life. At the time of his death, at the advanced age of eighty-six years, eleven months, one day, he was one of the oldest of the surviving and the last of the early settlers of the Williams valley. He remembered the primitive conditions of this valley, where instead of towns there were forests, when instead of roads there were paths or Indian trails, and the childhood scenes and pictures of which were more real to him than the Tower City of his later years. As early as 1845 he worked at the old Lorberry colliery, at which time the coal was taken to market through a canal which ran through Pine Grove. He helped drive the first tunnel at the Short Mountain colliery at Lykens, and at that time was paid one dollar per day, although his expenses were not so heavy as they are at this time, his meals costing him six cents. In 1863 he worked at the Osterman drift near Keffers, and also kept a boarding house, helped build the State road from Goodspring to Rausch Gap, and kept what is known now as "Shadle's Tavern," along the above road. His death took place at the home of Monroe Brown, and the funeral services, held at the Lutheran and Reformed Church, Orwin, Rev. Ira F. Frank officiating, were largely attended; interment was made in the adjoining cemetery. Mr. Brown married Elizabeth Heberling, and they became the parents of seven children, as follows: Simon, living at Williamstown, Dauphin county; Henry; Harriet, of Reiner City, the widow of Christian Weaver; Philip and Andrew, who died at Reiner City; Hiram, of Philadelphia; and Monroe, of Reiner City, who died about two years ago.

Henry Brown, the father of Walter E. Brown, was born in Porter township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., Jan. 16, 1852, and was reared upon his father's farm. At the age of ten years he began to work in the mines and continued to be thus employed until 1903, after which he resided on his farm in Porter township, a tract of twenty-two acres, until his death, Nov. 27, 1915. He married Maria Stein, a daughter of Christian Stein, who was born in Germany and came to America as a young man. Mr. and Mrs. Brown had the following children: Walter E.; Ada May, who died young; Sadie, who married George Kuntzelman; Edna, who married Edward Carl; Harper, an assistant mine foreman at Goodspring; Guy, of Schuylkill Haven, Pa.; Roy, a resident of Porter township; Ray, of Port Carbon, Pa.; Lottie, who is the wife of Charles Irely; Mattie, who married Wayne Kahler; Lillie, who died young; Earle, residing at home; and Harold, at school. Henry Brown served as a member of the school board of Porter township for some years, and fraternally was affiliated with the Patriotic Order Sons of America. He was a member of the Evangelical Church until 1890, when he became a member of the United Brethren Church, which he served as trustee. For many years he was superintendent of the Sunday school at Orwin.

Walter E. Brown attended the public schools of Orwin and began to work in the mines when but twelve years of age. Until fourteen he worked in

the coal breaker, was then a laborer in the mines for two years, and when sixteen years old began tunnel work, a line in which he is well known, having done a great deal of contracting in digging tunnels. In fact, he has been connected with the driving of almost every tunnel of importance during recent years, including two tunnels at Brookside colliery, one at Lincoln and one at Goodspring. He continued to devote himself entirely to this work until 1910, when he came to his present farm in Porter township, which was formerly owned by William Alspach. He has a well cultivated property with good buildings, and bears the reputation of being a skillful and progressive farmer.

Mr. Brown married Clara Kessler, daughter of Joel Kessler, and they have these children: Ada, who married Sherman Kessler; Viola, a graduate of the high school, and now teaching in Porter township; Edgar, also a graduate of the high school; and Dorothy, Howard, Martha and Clara. Mr. Brown has always been ready to do his part in civic service, having been auditor of the township, and at present being president of the township school board. He is well and favorably known in fraternal circles, and at this time holds membership in Lodge No. 267, F. & A. M., of Tremont, Schuylkill county; the Knights of Pythias, which he served as district deputy for five years; and the Patriotic Order Sons of America.

WILLIAM J. RUMP, proprietor of the "Suedberg Hotel," and an inventor of some ability, is a resident of Suedberg, this county. He was born at Lorberry Junction, Tremont township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., May 18, 1867, a son of Peter Rump, and a grandson of Matthias Rump. The latter was born in Germany, and it was while he and his wife were crossing the ocean on their way to the United States that Peter Rump was born to them, on board the ship, at the time disabled in English waters. Upon his arrival in the New World Matthias Rump came to Schuylkill county, Pa., and here he spent the remainder of his useful life, following the occupation of shoemaker. While living in Germany he gave his country the customary military service.

Peter Rump was reared at Lorberry Junction, Schuylkill county, where he later became a miner, and continued in this line of work all of his active life. During the Civil war he enlisted for service in Company D, 10th Pennsylvania Vol. Inf., for three months, and later reenlisted in Company H, 39th Pennsylvania Militia, under Capt. J. W. Barr. In later life he became a valued member of Wolf Post, No. 203, G. A. R., of Pine Grove. Peter Rump was married to Hannah E. Berger, a daughter of Nelson Berger. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Peter Rump was a soldier in the Mexican war. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rump had twelve children, eight sons and four daughters, of whom two sons and two daughters are deceased. The living are: Johanna, Harriet, Lillie, Bessie, Rosie, Lucretia, Harper C. and William J.

William J. Rump was only a lad when he began working in the mines at Lower Rausch Creek colliery, as a slate picker, and for several years thereafter he continued to work in these mines in the West End. Until 1892 he was associated with this kind of work, in that year going to the West, where he spent eighteen months. On his return he resumed his mining operations, so continuing until 1908, when he embarked in the hotel business at Suedberg. He conducts his hostelry in a very creditable manner, which attracts the traveling public, his hotel being well ordered and the cuisine noted far and wide. In addition to his other activities, Mr. Rump has made himself known as an

inventor, having on the market two patents that are in great demand, a nozzle for sausage stuffers and lard presses, and an improvement on miners' lamps. During the Spanish-American war Mr. Rump displayed his patriotism by enlisting for service in Company G, 4th Pennsylvania Volunteers, from Pine Grove, under Capt. J. W. Unbenhauer, and he saw active service in line of battle one mile North of Guama Hill, Porto Rico, on the 13th day of August, 1898. The troops were withdrawn upon the signing of the peace protocol.

William J. Rump was married to Rickie Shoch, a daughter of Gotlieb Shoch, a veteran of the Civil war, who served his adopted country throughout the conflict. Mr. and Mrs. Rump are the parents of two children, Lillie E. and Roma L. Mr. Rump is a charter member of Taliahia Tribe, No. 374, Improved Order of Red Men, of Pine Grove, and he also belongs to Camp No. 223, P. O. S. of A., of Suedberg. A well read man, Mr. Rump keeps himself thoroughly posted regarding the trend of public opinion, and can always be relied upon to give his support to those measures which look towards the advancement of the community.

WILLIAM F. BICHT, tax collector for Porter township, is one of the well known men of Schuylkill county. He was born April 15, 1852, in Kallenberg, near Halle, on the Saale, in the province of Saxony, Germany, April 15, 1852, a son of Gotlieb Bicht. The latter served in the German army, and rounded out his life in his native land.

Growing up in his home place, William F. Bicht learned the blacksmith's trade, and after reaching the age of nineteen years traveled from place to place, working at his calling. At different times he was in Saxony, Alsace, Bavaria, Baden and Wurtemberg, Germany, and eventually at Strassburg, going from the latter place to Switzerland. There he married, and for four years thereafter continued to live in Switzerland, in 1880, with his wife and three children, setting sail for the United States. They arrived at Castle Garden, New York City, May 13th of that year, and thence came at once to Reiner City, Pa., to join Mr. Bicht's brother, Gotlieb Bicht, who had come here in 1866 and engaged in mining. Subsequently this brother went to Pottsville, Pa., where he died. Immediately following his arrival William F. Bicht began working in the mines, and continued at that work until 1908, at the same time following his trade. Finding an opening in 1908, he built himself a shop, and carried on blacksmithing there. In 1894 he had erected a very handsome residence at Reiner City. A staunch Republican, Mr. Bicht served Porter township for six years as treasurer; was treasurer of the school board for one year, and in 1911 was elected township collector, which office he has since held. Fraternally he belongs to the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias. In religious matters he belongs to the Evangelical Church.

In 1876 Mr. Bicht was married in Switzerland to Anna Schweitzer, and they became the parents of these children: William, who lives at Reiner City; Charles, who died in 1913; Ernest, who died in 1898; Annie, who married Howard Updegrave; and Lydia, who married Charles Reiner. The eldest three children were born in Switzerland. A man of high principles, Mr. Bicht has discharged the duties of his several offices ably and honorably, and he stands deservedly well with his fellow citizens.

ELLIS J. ENGLISH, watchman at the West Brookside colliery, at Tower City, Pa., was born at English Mills, Lycoming Co., Pa., Oct. 8, 1855, son of John W. and Mary Jane (Campbell) English, and a grandson of James English.

The great-grandfather of Ellis J. English was the progenitor of this family in America, coming from the North of Ireland prior to the Revolutionary war and serving in that struggle as a soldier of the Patriot army. Later he settled at Williamsport, in Lycoming county, Pa., where several members of this old family still reside. He was a large landowner, became a well-to-do and highly respected citizen, and died in advanced years. His son, James English, the grandfather of Ellis J. English, was also a well known figure in Lycoming county, where he was largely engaged as a farmer and in the handling of timber. He was the owner of a sawmill and a gristmill, and in addition to a well cultivated and valuable farm was the owner of much timber land. His children were: Timothy, Rice, John W., Stephen, Ellis, and several daughters.

John W. English, the father of Ellis J. English, grew up in Lycoming county and there followed farming and lumbering at English Mills, which place was named in the family's honor. In 1879 he removed to Tioga county, Pa., where he engaged in agricultural pursuits and continued to be so occupied until his death, which occurred April 1, 1894, when he was seventy years of age. Mr. English was a man of industry and integrity, and had the full confidence and esteem of the people of his community. He married Mary Jane Campbell, a member of an old North of Ireland family which came to America about the same time as did the forebear of the English family. Mrs. English survives her husband, having reached the advanced age of eighty-eight years, and lives at Covington, Tioga Co., Pa. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. English: Ellis J.; Leslie; John; William; Mary, who married George W. Smith; and Viola, who married Darius Darling.

Ellis J. English was given his education in the public schools of Lycoming county, after leaving which he was for a time employed on his father's farm and at lumbering. For six years he also had experience in the mercantile business at Cherry Flats, Tioga county, and during this time served in the capacity of assistant postmaster. In the spring of 1889 Mr. English came to Tower City, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he conducted a store until about 1895, in which year he entered the service of the Reading Company. Since 1907 he has been watchman at the West Brookside colliery, being one of his company's most trusted and valuable men.

Mr. English married Ida Updegrave, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Liebold) Updegrave. She died Sept. 8, 1910, and was laid to rest in Greenwood cemetery, at Tower City. Mr. and Mrs. English had three children: Eva, who is a graduate of the Tower City high school, class of 1909, and resides at home; Ella, who is a graduate of St. Joseph's Hospital, Reading, Pa., class of April, 1915, and now a professional trained nurse; and Daniel Webster, who is a medical student at Philadelphia, preparing for a career as a chemist. Mr. English and his children are members of the Lutheran Church.

MICHAEL WELDON, of Mahanoy City, has been stationed at the North Mahanoy colliery for almost twenty years, in a responsible capacity. Since 1904 he has been inside foreman. He is one of the highly esteemed

citizens of the borough, and his father, James Weldon, was a respected resident of this section of Pennsylvania most of his active life. The latter was a native of Ireland, came to America when a young man, and first located at New Castle, Del. But after a short stay there he came to Schuylkill county, Pa. For a brief period he was at Mount Laffier, near Pottsville, was subsequently at Big Mine Run until 1865, and thereafter at Locust Summit, where he made his home until his death, in 1903. He followed railroad work. To his marriage with Helen Holland were born these children: John, who lives at Philadelphia; James, of Locust Dale, Pa.; Ellen, who is a resident of Locust Gap, Pa.; Michael; and Thomas, who died in 1915 at Philadelphia (he was a well known mine superintendent in West Virginia).

Michael Weldon was born Oct. 2, 1860, at New Castle, Del., and was a mere child when he came to Pennsylvania. He has made his own way in the world, having earned promotion to the position he now holds by the efficient discharge of every duty assigned him. Beginning as a breaker boy when only eight years old, he has always been employed at the mines. He went to work underground at the age of eleven, and was engaged as a regular miner until 1897, when he was transferred to the North Mahanoy colliery, at Mahanoy City, in the Schuylkill section. Here he filled the position of fire boss until 1904, when he was advanced to inside foreman, and his thorough knowledge of the workings, conscientious attention to all the details of his labors, and general competence, have made his services thoroughly satisfactory. He has excellent personal standing, is a member of the Catholic Church, and fraternally affiliates with the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Weldon married Margaret C. Kelley, of Locust Dale, and they have the following children: Mary, a graduate of the local high school, now a public school teacher in Mahanoy City; Nellie, a bookkeeper at the Woolworth store in Mahanoy City; Rose, a graduate of the Mahanoy City high school, living at home; and Marguerite, Bernard and James, all attending school.

THE MERCANTILE CLUB of Minersville, notwithstanding its name, was established as a purely social organization and has been so maintained during its continuous existence of a quarter of a century. A record of unbroken popularity bears witness that it has served its purpose most admirably. Founded Sept. 22, 1889, by a few men, its present membership of fifty includes representatives of the leading business interests of the borough. On Oct. 2, 1889, the club rented rooms in the David A. Jones building, and on March 1, 1890, leased the second floor of the Quinn building, where it was quartered for over five years, on Sept. 1, 1895, removing to its present home in the Odd Fellows building. The club rooms are handsomely furnished, with abundant provisions for comfort and pleasure in the way of inviting leather chairs and couches, billiard, pool and card tables, all of which are thoroughly enjoyed by those admitted to the privileges of the club. It occupies a distinct place in the social system of the community.

Mr. William H. Potter was the first president of the club, and Mr. Heckman was the first secretary. The present officers (1914) are: George Ball, president; Ira Jones (publisher of the *Free Press*), secretary.

WILLIAM EBERLY, proprietor of the "Continental Hotel" at Adamsdale, Schuylkill Co., Pa., was born in Pine Grove township, this county, Dec.

29, 1854. Upon the paternal side he is of Irish ancestry, and his forbears were among the pioneers of this section of the State of Pennsylvania.

Jacob Eberly, the grandfather, was born in Ireland and came to America when a small boy, settling in Pine Grove township. He was a farmer, owned land there, and died on his farm at the age of seventy-three years. He is buried in the old cemetery attached to the Pine Grove Church. His children were three, Elizabeth, Nancy and George.

George Eberly was born in Pine Grove township and grew up there. He became a carpenter and for many years was employed by the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, living at Birt's Hill, in Pine Grove township, where he owned two small farms. He retired a few years previous to his death, which occurred at the age of seventy-three; his remains were interred in the Pine Grove cemetery. He married Sarah Royer, who died at the age of seventy-two, and they had five children: William, Mary Ann, John, Elmira and Lyman.

William Eberly was reared upon the home farm where he remained until his eighteenth year. Then he went to Reading, Pa., working there for two years, and thence moved to Lenhartsville, Berks county, working for about seven years in the construction and repairing of county bridges. He was in the bakery business for ten years, then ran a hotel at Pine Grove for two years, after which he returned to Lenhartsville for a year. Going to Hamburg he bought a hotel, ran it for four years, and then retired for a time. He came to Adamsdale and on May 2, 1900, leased the hotel he is at present conducting, which he has operated with much success. He has a fine trade and has gained the esteem and respect of his patrons and the public generally.

Mr. Eberly married Anna Maria, daughter of Frank Fenstermacher, of Longswamp township, Berks Co., Pa., and their children are as follows: George Franklin, a farmer, living at Windsor Castle, Berks county; and Charles, who died at the age of twenty-four years.

Mr. Eberly is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle at Kutztown, Pa., and of the Liquor Dealers' Association of Schuylkill County. He attends the Reformed Church. Politically he is a Democrat, but independent in local affairs.

MICHAEL SCHOENEMAN, of Pottsville, has for forty years been in charge of the manufacturing department at the county jail, where he has also acted as under keeper. His long retention in the public service shows the value placed upon his work by his fellow citizens. Mr. Schoeneman is a native of Germany, born May 21, 1842, in Wurtemberg, son of Frederick Schoeneman, who lived and died in that country. The father was an educated man and engaged as a clerk. The grandfather was a school teacher in Germany.

Michael Schoeneman obtained a public school education in his native land and first worked at farm labor with his grandmother. He then learned weaving, serving an apprenticeship of two years, and followed the trade throughout the period of his residence in Germany, learning to do fine work. Leaving for America in May, 1864, he landed at New York City in June, and then proceeded to Philadelphia, where he spent two weeks. Coming from there to Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill county, he found employment unloading canal boats, and was thus engaged for eight years. He then took up the work of carpet weaver, in which he was very successful, following it until appointed to take charge of the weaving department of the county jail at



Pottsville, in 1874. Under his supervision the knitting business was started at the institution, the product being men's cotton socks, which have a large sale. Mr. Schoeneman has managed the affairs under his charge most efficiently, and is a highly respected resident of Pottsville. During the many years of his service he has had a variety of interesting experiences with long and short term prisoners, and besides attending strictly to the duties of his position has been able to do much good among them, directly and indirectly.

In 1867 Mr. Schoeneman married Lucinda Eiler, daughter of Daniel Eiler, an early settler of North Manheim township, Schuylkill county, where her grandfather Eiler took up government land; he had three tracts where the borough of Schuylkill Haven is now located. Mr. and Mrs. Schoeneman had a family of six children, viz.: John, a carpenter, who is living in Pottsville; Katie, who married John Nettlinger and (second) Henry Tritchler; Emma, Mrs. George John; William, a carpenter; Mary, who married Milton Noll; and Carrie, who married Clinton Lawbach.

Mr. Schoeneman is a member of Pulaski Lodge, No. 216, F. & A. M., of Pottsville; and of the I. O. O. F. He belongs to the German Lutheran Church. He does not support the principles of any one political party, voting independently. In January, 1865, a few months after his arrival in this country, he enlisted for the Union service during the Civil war, joining the 50th Pennsylvania Regiment, but was never called upon, the war closing shortly afterwards. The fact that he was not familiar with the English language kept him from enlisting sooner. His patriotism has never lessened during the fifty years which have elapsed since, and he has always been a good citizen.

ADAM J. BROWN, formerly deputy sheriff of Schuylkill county, Pa., was born in 1875 in Schuylkill Haven, where he now resides, and is a son of William H. Brown, grandson of Adam K. Brown and great-grandson of Adam Brown, all of whom lived in Schuylkill county. The family is of German origin and is well known and respected in upper Berks and lower Schuylkill counties.

Adam Brown, the great-grandfather, was born in Berks county, was an iron worker, and had a forge in Berks county for a time. Then he moved to Reading, but after his son Adam K. Brown bought a farm near Pine Grove, Schuylkill county, he lived there with him. He was killed in an accident at the railroad crossing near Pine Grove, at the age of seventy years. Mr. Brown had five children: Isaac C.; Mary, married to Isaac Sell; Louisiana, who married Isaac Sotsin and (second) Andrew Reber; Sarah; and Adam K.

Adam K. Brown was born in Berks county, Pa., and followed the occupation of boatman on the Schuylkill canal for about twenty years. He met his death near Bordentown, N. J., in the spring of 1859, being killed, it is supposed in an assault made upon him by two negroes. His body was brought to Schuylkill Haven and buried at Hetzel's Church, in Washington township. Adam K. Brown had purchased a farm near Pine Grove, upon which his father resided with him. Adam K. Brown was married to Rebecca, daughter of Simon and Sarah (Helm) Schropp and granddaughter of Jacob Helm, a native of Berks county who settled in Schuylkill county. Mrs. Brown died in 1898 and is buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven.

The children of Adam K. and Sarah (Helm) Brown were: William H.; John M., of Schuylkill Haven; and Adam K., also residing in that borough.

William H. Brown was born in Washington township, Schuylkill county, and for a number of years followed the occupation of farmer. Later he conducted "Brown's Hotel" at Schuylkill Haven for about five years, after which he had charge of the hospital at the almshouse near the borough for four years. He next purchased a small farm in North Manheim township and cultivated it for about seven years. He now resides at Orwigsburg. Mr. Brown was married to Eliza Werley, who was born in Lehigh county, daughter of Jacob Werley, and died March 8, 1901; she is buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. By this marriage there were four children: Adam J.; Lovinia, wife of Oscar Fidler, living in Schuylkill Haven; William R., living in the same place; and Mary E., who is unmarried.

Adam J. Brown attended the public schools of Schuylkill Haven and then became a clerk in the office of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, remaining in the employ of that company for a period of fifteen years. He then accepted a clerkship in the county jail at Pottsville, remained there for three years, and subsequently spent eight months in the soliciting of insurance. Having been appointed deputy under Sheriff Patrick J. Murphy, he served as such until Jan. 1, 1914.

Mr. Brown married Dora Weaver, daughter of Charles F. Weaver, of Cressona, Schuylkill county, and they have had one son, Russell C., who is attending school. Mr. Brown is a Democrat in politics and takes an active interest in the party, as well as in everything which is conducive to the welfare and prosperity of the borough and county. He is a member of the First Reformed Church, and treasurer of its Sunday school, and is also a member of the Odd Fellows lodge of Schuylkill Haven.

DAVID JONES, now living retired at Mahanoy City, is an old-time miner and a veteran of the Civil war, well known and respected among his associates in all the walks of life. He is a native of Wales, born Dec. 16, 1841, at Llangynidr, in Breconshire, and passed his early life in that country. His parents were Thomas and Ann (Lewis) Jones, the latter dying in Wales. The father came to the United States in 1851. In his own country he had been a miner, and he sought employment of the same kind here, settling at New Mines, near Minersville, in Schuylkill county, Pa., where he found work. He continued to follow mining until his death, which occurred in 1864 at Mahanoy City, this county.

David Jones was ten years old when he came to America with his father, and soon afterward he commenced to work at the breaker, picking slate. As he acquired experience and gained in strength he was given more responsible work, and he advanced through the various grades until he became a full-fledged miner. In that capacity he continued to be engaged for about thirty years in all, until 1902, after which he did outside work at the mines for one year. He has since lived retired, spending his days in well earned leisure. During the Civil war Mr. Jones served in the Union army under two enlistments. At Reading he joined the 53d Pennsylvania Regiment for three months, later enlisting in Company F, 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry, with which he served two years. His army experiences included many hardships. He is one of the few veterans at Mahanoy City, and an honored officer of Severn Post, No. 110, G. A. R., of that place. His industrious life and consistent

honesty have gained him the good will and esteem of all who have come in contact with him.

Mr. Jones married Mrs. Anna Jenkins, who died March 15, 1915, and is buried at Mahanoy City. They have four children: John Jenkins, who lives at Mahanoy City; Mary, wife of Joseph Hughes; Daniel Jenkins and Sarah Jenkins, both at home.

SOLOMON MAURER, who is living retired at Gordon, Schuylkill Co., Pa., after fifty years' service in the dangerous and responsible work of railroad engineer, was born in Schuylkill county, May 12, 1842, son of George and Marie (Snyder) Maurer. Peter Maurer, the paternal grandfather of Solomon Maurer, was one of the pioneers of this county, and of German birth.

George Maurer was a farmer and lumberman and assisted in the work of clearing up this county to make way for the work of agriculture. He was married near Gordon to Marie, daughter of Henry Snyder, an early resident of the county, and their children were eight in number, viz.: Adaline, wife of John Arnold, of Schuylkill county; Mary, deceased wife of Thomas Myers; Lucy, deceased wife of Benjamin O. Reinard, of this county; Louisa, residing in California, the wife of Moses Snyder; Sallie, deceased wife of Jacob Shultz, of Mount Carmel; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Daniel Fetterolf, also deceased; Solomon, mentioned below; and Oscar, a resident of Harrisburg, Pa. The father died in 1880, and the mother is also deceased.

Solomon Maurer was educated in the schools of Gordon and worked on a farm during his childhood and youth. When a young man he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, and in time was promoted to the position of engineer, which he held continuously for fifty years, retiring in 1912, having been pensioned by the company. He then bought a farm near Gordon, and for the last four years has been residing upon it and superintending its cultivation. When the Civil war began Mr. Maurer enlisted in Company H, 17th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and served until the close of the conflict, being mustered out in 1865 at Cloud's Mill, Va. He took part in the battles of Gettysburg, Cedar Creek, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and many other important engagements. At the close of the war he returned to this county and re-entered the employ of the railroad company. Mr. Maurer was married on May 26, 1866, to Abbie Fetterolf, a native of northern Mahantongo township, Schuylkill county, and they have had these children: Amelia, Mary, Joseph, Emma, Elsie and Charles. Mr. Maurer and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church at Gordon. He was a member of the local G. A. R. post, and is still affiliated with the Improved Order of Red Men and the Junior Order United American Mechanics.

Joseph Fetterolf, father of Mrs. Maurer, was a farmer of Mahantongo township, where he died in 1880. His wife, Abbie Rice, was also a native of that township, and is deceased. To them were born twelve children, of whom Hettie, wife of Edward Bolich, of Gordon, is now deceased; Joseph is deceased; Caroline, deceased, was the wife of George Hepler; Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of Ephraim Conrad; Henry is a resident of Georgetown, Schuylkill county; Abbie is Mrs. Maurer; Daniel is residing at Barry Station, Schuylkill county; Amelia, deceased, was the wife of James Thomas; Alice is the wife of Rudolph Geist, a resident of Northumberland county; Samuel lives at Darby, near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM C. FLEMING, of Pottsville, has been engaged on the Pennsylvania railroad, as track foreman in Schuylkill county, for the last thirty years, during which time he has made an enviable record for efficiency and intelligent attention to his duties. Mr. Fleming was born at Barnesville, this county, June 10, 1868, and is of Irish parentage, his father, Patrick Fleming, having been a native of Ireland.

Patrick Fleming came to this country when a youth of eighteen, and first located at Marietta, in Lancaster county, Pa., where he was a puddler at the old Marietta Furnace. His service there covered a period of about six years. He was next at Beaver Brook, Luzerne Co., Pa., in the employ of the Dodson Coal Company, as a foreman at the collieries, and continued with this concern for about seventeen years, after which he was with Coxe Brothers & Company, taking contracts for loading coal. He was so engaged for about nine years, at the end of which time he went to Mahanoy City, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and turned to the trade he had learned in early life, that of stonemason. There he resided until his death, which occurred in 1891. Mr. Fleming married Bridget Culhane, a native of Goldsboro, Berks Co., Pa., and she survives him, now making her home at Shenandoah, Schuylkill county. They had a large family, namely: Catherine, who died young; Patrick; William C.; John H.; Mary; Thomas; Michael; Edward, who was killed Oct. 2, 1910, by a blast at the William Penn colliery; Peter; and Kate.

William C. Fleming was given the advantages of the public school in his boyhood, and began work as a door boy at the mines. In time he became a regular miner, but he did not continue long in this line of work. Meantime he had been continuing his studies, taking two of the Scranton Correspondence Schools courses, one a general course, and the other in penmanship, carrying this on along with his work for about eleven months. After a brief employment as brakeman with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company he took an examination, and as a result was one of the seven chosen to go to Shenandoah as track foreman for the company. This was in 1887, and he has held this position ever since, remaining at Shenandoah until May 21, 1895, after which he was located at St. Clair for nine months. He has since been at Pottsville. Mr. Fleming has charge of Division No. 27, on the Philadelphia & Erie line, having five and a half miles of main track under his supervision and directing the work of fourteen men. He has had many interesting experiences during his career as a railroad man, but the most notable one was not in the line of his work. In 1908 he was a passenger on a train which was wrecked at Malone's Cut, and though badly injured about the head lost no time in signaling other trains of the danger. His coolness and bravery were acknowledged in the following letter:

Mr. W. C. Fleming.

Foreman S. D. No. 27.

Dear Sir: The superintendent and assistant engineer desires me to convey to you their appreciation of the manner in which you conducted yourself immediately after the wreck to train No. 403 on Saturday, A. M., at Malone's Cut, on which train you were a passenger. They desire to thank you for the interest displayed by you in using such wise judgment to take a flag and protect any other trains from danger when you yourself were injured.

I wish to join my superior officers in commending you for using such excellent judgment at this time.

Yours truly,

W. F. COURT,  
Supervisor.

Wilkes Barre, Pa., June 29, 1908.

Mr. Fleming still carries the marks of the injuries he received on this occasion.

In 1905 Mr. Fleming married Mary Gould, of Manor street, Columbia, Lancaster Co., Pa., daughter of Richard Gould, who still resides there. They have four children: William R., John J., Mary C. and Vincent P. The family home is at No. 449 East Mauch Chunk street, Pottsville. Mr. Fleming is a member of the Phoenix Fire Company, of that borough. Politically he is a Democrat.

JOHN H. MARTIN, foreman in the machine shops of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company at Gordon, Schuylkill Co., Pa., was born in that town in 1871, and is the son of Thomas and Catherine (Donahoe) Martin, the former a native of Ireland and the latter a native of Wales.

Thomas Martin came to America in 1864 and settled in Gordon. There he entered the employ of the Reading Company as repairman, was promoted to brakeman, conductor, fireman and engineer, and finally retired by the company upon a pension. He and his wife Catherine (Donahoe) had ten children: John H., the eldest, is mentioned below; William is deceased; Michael, Mary, Thomas, Edward and James are also deceased; Frank is a resident of Gordon; Elizabeth is the wife of Albert Reif, of Gordon; Charles resides in Philadelphia.

John H. Martin was educated in the schools of Gordon, and at the age of twelve started to work in the colliery there, where he remained until he was seventeen years old. He then entered the machine shops of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company as an apprentice. From 1897 to 1898 he worked as brakeman on the railroad, returning to the shops, of which he was made foreman in 1907, a position which he has ever since held. In July, 1891, Mr. Martin married Margaret Curran, daughter of James and Ann Curran, and of the children born to them Elizabeth and Grace, twins, are deceased; Mary was born Oct. 31, 1900; and Anna was born in 1910.

Mr. Martin is a member of the Roman Catholic Church; of Sarto Council, Knights of Columbus; the Ancient Order of Hibernians; the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers; and the Citizens' Fire Company, No. 1, holding the office of chief fire marshal. He is also assistant deputy State marshal. In politics he is a Democrat. He served an enlistment in Company F, N. G. P., of Girardville.

JACOB A. HESS is a respected resident of Minersville, where he has been settled for almost thirty years. He is an official of the local G. A. R. post and well and favorably known to his fellow citizens in the borough. Mr. Hess's forefathers came to this region from Lancaster county, Pa., his grandfather making his home at Greenbrier, Northumberland county, where he followed farming. His children were: Solomon, John, David, Abraham, Gideon, Mrs. Ressler and Mrs. Sol. Laudenslager.

Abraham Hess, father of Jacob A. Hess, was a shoemaker by occupation and for a period of fifty-five years was in business in that line at Gratz, Dauphin Co., Pa., being one of the best known citizens of that place. Having removed thence to Short Mountain farm, he lived there for about thirty years, after which he settled at Loyaltown, Dauphin county, where he erected the well known "Loyaltown House," which he conducted for a time. He died there when about seventy-five years old. By his marriage to Catherine Hoffman he

had a family of six children, namely: Mary, Adeline, Emma, Amanda (deceased), Jacob A. and Edward. Mrs. Hess's father, Jacob Hoffman, lived in the locality known as Specktown, where the family settled during the days when the Indians were still in that region.

Jacob A. Hess was born Jan. 29, 1840, at Gratz, Dauphin Co., Pa., and lived there until fifteen years old, meantime attending the public school. He was then engaged in farm work at Short Mountain, whence he removed to Williamstown, Dauphin county, living at that place for eleven years. In 1886 he came to Minersville, Schuylkill county, where for a period of thirteen years he was employed at the Oak Hill colliery, until he took his present position at the "Washington Hotel," Minersville, where he has charge of the yard and stables.

During the Civil war Mr. Hess served eleven months in the Union army, being a member of Company H, 210th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, connected with the 5th Corps, 3d Brigade, 2d Division, Army of the Potomac. He is a popular member of Lawrence Post, No. 17, G. A. R., of Minersville, and well known among his comrades, at present serving as senior vice commander of his post. The Hess family are Methodists in religious connection.

Mr. Hess married Amanda Klinger, daughter of Elias Klinger, of Uniontown (Pillow post office), Dauphin county, and the following children have been born to them: Cora is the wife of William Stutzman; Annie is the wife of Charles Stottler; Mary is unmarried; William, who lives at home, and assists his father, is also well known in this locality as a photographer, having done considerable work in that line at Minersville; John is a clerk in the Philadelphia postoffice; Mabel is the wife of George Hay.

JOHN W. PRICE has been employed at the Buck Mountain colliery ever since he started out to earn his own living, and the fact that he is now inside foreman at the Vulcan slope there indicates that he has been faithful to every trust and proved his efficiency in all the duties assigned him. His father, John J. Price, is also one of the reliable workers at the Buck Mountain colliery. He was born in Wales, where he followed mining until he brought his family to America, in the year 1887. He first settled at Mahanoy City, Schuylkill Co., Pa., later moving to New Boston, this county, where he was employed at the mines, returning to Mahanoy City for a time, and eventually settling at Buck Mountain. He married Mary Ann Price, and of the children born to them three are living: Thomas, John W. and William.

John W. Price was born in Wales in 1884, and was a child when the family settled in Schuylkill county. He attended the public schools of Mahanoy township and Mahanoy City for a few years, and when a boy of ten began to work on the breaker at the Buck Mountain colliery, being steadily promoted as opportunity offered. He had experience in most of the different kinds of work about the mines until he became fire boss, holding that position until made assistant inside foreman. On June 16, 1912, he was promoted to his present position, being inside foreman at the Vulcan slope, where he has made a creditable record. About three hundred and twenty men are employed on the inside at this colliery, and his duties are numerous, demanding close and constant attention. Though one of the younger mine foreman in this region he has a high reputation.

Mr. Price is well known among the local fraternal organizations, being a member and past master of Mahanoy City Lodge, No. 357, F. & A. M.,

and of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and also belongs to the I. O. O. F. He was married to Mamie Krauch, and they have three children, namely: Thelma, Margaret and John. The family are members of the Methodist Church.

PETER HOAK, late of Pottsville, was born in that borough July 6, 1873, and was of German descent. Peter Hoak, his father, was born in Bavaria, Germany, and came to America in 1850, landing at New York. After spending a few weeks in that city he proceeded to Schuylkill county, Pa., and located at Pottsville, where he worked by the day, obtaining his first employment at Branch Dale, at the Otto colliery. Subsequently he was employed as supervisor at Yorkville borough for fourteen years, and was afterwards engaged in the Philadelphia & Reading shops for about nine years before his retirement. For several years he served as police officer of Yorkville borough. His death occurred Feb. 21, 1908. He married Theresa Scheafer, also a native of Germany, and seven children were born to this union, namely: Frank, who is living at Yorkville, Pa.; Katie, Mrs. E. F. Welker, of Pottsville; Barbara, deceased; John, deceased; Peter, deceased; William, living with his mother in Pottsville; and Catherine, deceased.

Peter Hoak was reared in Pottsville and attended the local public schools. When fourteen years old he went to work as a slate picker at the Richardson colliery, Glen Carbon, where he remained one year. Then for one year he was employed upon a brickyard for Isaac Rich, and his next position was with the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, by whom he was employed for fourteen months. He then went to work for D. G. Yuengling & Son, with whom he remained for a period of ten years, and in 1901 he engaged in the hotel business, taking charge of the "West End Hotel" at Pottsville. His experience there covered a period of seven years, at the end of which time he moved to the location at Seventh and Minersville streets, Pottsville, where he conducted a saloon business until his recent death. It is in the Fifth ward. Mr. Hoak was popular with a wide circle of acquaintances and commanded a profitable trade. He was a Republican on political questions and his religious connection was with St. John's Catholic Church.

Mr. Hoak married Theresa Elison, daughter of Charles Elison, of Pottsville, and of the ten children born to their union five survive: Clara, Florence, Dorothy, Vincent and Robert. Francis died when nine months old; Catherine died when nineteen days old; and three others died in infancy.

Joseph Elison, grandfather of Mrs. Peter Hoak, lived and died in Germany. He learned the trade of wheelwright, and afterwards followed farming, which he continued until his death. To him and his wife, Magdalena (Obergeffel), were born five children: Alois, who died in Pottsville, Pa.; August, who died in Pottsville; Joseph, who died at Godhaven, Greenland; Charles; and Catherine, who is living at the old homestead in Germany. Of this family Joseph, born Jan. 12, 1849, in Baden, Germany, died July 8, 1884, at Godhaven, Greenland. He was a sergeant in the United States army, attached in 1888 to Lieutenant Greeley's Arctic Expedition, and succumbed after the party was rescued by Schley's Relief Squadron.

Charles Elison, father of Mrs. Hoak, was born Nov. 22, 1844, in Germany, where he served three years in the regular army. Coming to America in 1868, he landed at New York City Feb. 29th, and continued his journey to Pottsville, Pa. He was a shoemaker, and after following his trade for over



twenty-five years, doing custom work, turned his attention to teaming, which he carried on for several years. He also engaged to some extent in farm work and in marketing, during this time residing at Yorkville, where he held the position of health officer for fourteen years, until that borough was made part of Pottsville. He married Catherine Sippel, who died Aug. 4, 1903, the mother of the following children: Frank and Charles reside at Pottsville; Theresa is the widow of Peter Hoak, of Pottsville; Mamie married Robert Ryan, and lives at Pottsville; Carrie is the wife of William Dimmerling; Bertha married James Lundy, of Tamaqua, Pa.; Frederick lives at Pottsville; Florence is the wife of John Kuss, of Pottsville.

CHARLES F. SCHIEF, a respected resident of Schuylkill Haven, has made his home at that borough ever since he came to America, in the year 1880. Mr. Schief is a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, born in 1862 at Oberbergen. He was reared in the Fatherland, learned the trade of baker there with his father, and on coming to America settled at Schuylkill Haven, and continued to follow his trade. He is now in the employ of Charles L. Lutz, a baker of Pottsville. He is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, and known as a man of estimable qualities, industrious, and thoroughly deserving of the esteem in which he is held by everyone.

Mr. Schief married Sofie Millershane, a daughter of Frederick Miller-shane, and children as follows have been born to their union: Carl, a railroad conductor, who is now living in South Dakota; and Frederick, William, Luther, George and Walter, all of Schuylkill Haven. The family are members of the Lutheran Church.

Frederick Millershane, father of Mrs. Schief, was a native of Germany and followed farming there. He served eight years in the German army, taking part in the Franco-Prussian war. He died in Germany at the advanced age of eighty-two years, and his wife lived to the age of eighty-nine. They were the parents of seven children, viz.: Mary, Joan, Sofie, Louisa, Fritz, Wilhelm, and Carl. As is the custom in Germany the three sons were trained in the German army, and now, with their sons, are engaged in the present war. Mrs. Schief is the only one of her family to come to America. She has made three return visits to the home in Germany where she was born. In 1907 she built the beautiful residence on Market street, Schuylkill Haven, the commodious eighteen-room dwelling which the family occupies. She owns other valuable real estate besides.

WILLIAM TIELMAN, of Butler township, has long been a highly respected citizen in his section of Schuylkill county, where he has been engaged in farming for over twenty years. By his industry he has placed himself in comfortable circumstances, and has done his share towards advancing the agricultural standards of the neighborhood.

Mr. Tielman was born in Germany, in the Rhine province, Aug. 16, 1861, and his parents, Engelbert and Louisa (Weiand) Tielman, lived and died in that country. They had a family of eight children, of whom six still survive, viz.: Robert, Albert and Matilda, all in Germany; Leonard, who lives with his brother William; and Charles, a resident of Kulpmont, Pennsylvania.

William Tielman was educated in his native land, living there until twenty-three years old, and on coming to America landed at New York. He soon

located at Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he worked in the mines four years. Then he went West, spending nine years in the State of Colorado, where he took up a homestead and carried on farming to some extent. Returning to Schuylkill county he bought his present place in Butler township, and has since devoted himself to its cultivation, giving some attention to dairy-ing along with his general farming interests.

In 1891 Mr. Tielman married Alvina Ruth, like himself a native of Germany, born in Westpreussen, daughter of John and Augustina (Mielke) Ruth, who came to America in an early day. Mr. Ruth is deceased, and his widow now makes her home with her daughter Mrs. Tielman. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Tielman, three sons and three daughters: Hilda, Walter, Martha, Freda, William and Elmer. The parents are members of the German Lutheran Church.

CHRIST J. ROONEY has recently been placed in charge of the operations at No. 2 shaft of the Maple Hill colliery, at Shenandoah, as inside foreman, a promotion which he has won by serious attention to every duty assigned to him. As fire boss at the mine for ten years he gained close familiarity with every detail of the extensive workings, which are among the largest in the local anthracite fields, and he has had long experience at the actual work of mining, so that he is well qualified to fill his present position satisfactorily. His father and grandfather also followed mine work in this part of Pennsylvania. His grandfather, Christ Rooney, was born in County Dublin, Ireland, came to America in young manhood, and was an early settler at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa. At first he did railroad work, but later he built a home at Cumbola, this county, and removed to that place, working at the mines while residing there. Finally he moved to Scranton, Pa., where he died. He was the father of three children: Mary Ann, Ellen and Andrew.

Andrew Rooney, father of Christ J. Rooney, was born at Pottsville, and spent all his life in Pennsylvania. For a number of years he was employed at the mines, on shaft and slope work, and driving tunnels. In 1868 he removed to Centralia, Columbia county, where he engaged in the hotel business, continuing same until his death, which occurred in 1910. He is buried at Centralia, and his widow, Mrs. Ellen (Sweeny) Rooney, still resides there. Children as follows were born to them: Christ J., Edward, Andrew, John, Kate, Mary, Ellen, Esther and Jennie.

Christ J. Rooney was born in Pottsville June 16, 1854, and received his education in Schuylkill county, being in his fifteenth year when he moved with the family to Centralia. He began work in the Bellman shaft, and was employed at many different collieries, among them the Eagle Head and Silver Creek. Returning to Centralia for a short stay, he soon located at Girardville, Schuylkill county, where he was engaged in mining for a time. Again he went to Centralia, and continued mining, later acted as foreman for the Lehigh Company at Mount Carmel for two years, and then spent two years at Ashland, W. Va. Once more he returned to Centralia, and subsequently spent two years at Trevorton, Northumberland county, where he sank a slope and did tunnel work. He was next in the employ of the Lehigh company as fire boss at Packer No. 3 colliery for a time, from there changing to the Morea colliery, in Schuylkill county, where he was engaged in robbing pillars for one year, until 1900. Then he came to the Maple Hill colliery, where he has since been stationed. During his first six months here he was engaged in driving gang-

ways, and then for ten years he acted as fire boss, from which position he was advanced to assistant inside foreman. He continued in that capacity for four years, on March 1, 1915, becoming inside foreman, having full charge of No. 2 shaft. Mr. Rooney is a member of the Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, and the Foresters of America, and his personal reputation is above reproach.

Mr. Rooney married Annie Purcell, of Centralia, Pa., and they are the parents of a large family: Andrew J., a graduate of the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, now practicing medicine at Mahanoy City; Edward; Christ, also a graduate of the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia, now in practice at Shenandoah, this county; Ellen; Jettie; Annie; Thomas; John; Mary; Agnes; Flora, and Josephine.

JOHN SHIREY is a trusted foreman at the Maple Hill colliery in Mahanoy township, one of the most important workings in the Schuylkill district, where some one thousand, six hundred men and boys of the region find regular employment. The nature of his duties has brought him into personal touch with most of them, and in his long connection with operations at the collieries he has acquired a wide acquaintance among mine workers especially, though his friends are by no means limited to his fellow employees.

Mr. Shirey belongs to a pioneer family of Schuylkill county, his great-grandfather having settled here at an early day. His children were: George, Daniel, Samuel, Mary and Margaret. Samuel Shirey, the grandfather, was born near Cumbola, Schuylkill county, and died at Bear Ridge, this county. He is buried at Port Carbon. He was engaged in the timber business. His family, Henry, Joseph, Edward and Angeline, are all deceased.

Henry Shirey, son of Samuel, was born at Cumbola, and in his early life began railroadng, following that line for many years. When about thirty-eight years old he located at Shenandoah, this county, and thereafter did outside work at the mines, being employed at the Maple Hill colliery at the time of his death. His widow, Mrs. Barbara (Roop) Shirey, now (1915) over seventy years of age, is living at St. Nicholas, Schuylkill county. They had the following children: John, Adam, Reuben, Wilfred (who is in the West), George, Sevilla (of Philadelphia), Mary (of Maple Hill) and Elizabeth (who died young).

John Shirey was born Jan. 1, 1863, at Cumbola, Schuylkill county, and had ordinary public school advantages in early boyhood. When nine years old he had his start at mining in the usual way, picking slate at the breaker in the employ of Lewis Sutter, at Wadesville, this county. He was also at the East Mine shaft, doing outside work, and later came to Shenandoah, where he was chief runner and gig boss at the Indian Ridge colliery. His next work was at the Knickerbocker colliery, whence he came to the Maple Hill colliery to take the position of assistant outside foreman. He held it continuously for fourteen years following, until transferred to the Hammond colliery as outside foreman, being there three years, and similarly engaged at the Knickerbocker colliery for three years. In 1910 he returned to the Maple Hill colliery, where he had been assigned to his present duties as outside foreman. These extensive workings, with the large force required, demand expert supervision, and the utmost proficiency on the part of the foremen who oversee operations, and the very fact that a man is chosen for such responsibilities shows that he has proved his worth and has an established reputation for reliability.

Mr. Shirey is a valued citizen of Shenandoah, and an esteemed associate of his fellow members in Mahanoy City Lodge, No. 605, B. P. O. Elks; Washington Camp No. 112, P. O. S. of A., of Shenandoah; and Lodge No. 515, I. O. O. F., of Shenandoah. He is also a member of the German Reformed Church at Shenandoah.

Mr. Shirey was united in marriage with Elizabeth Callihan, daughter of John Callihan, of Frackville, Pa. They have no children.

FRANK B. PATTERSON, of New Boston, Schuylkill county, though a young man has worked his way up from minor positions to that of outside foreman with the Mill Creek Coal Company, in whose employ he has been since boyhood. That he enjoys the confidence of his fellow men generally is shown in the fact that he has been the head of the Mahanoy township school board for six years, an unusual honor but one well deserved.

Mr. Patterson was born in Luzerne county, Pa., May 28, 1882. His father, the late Joseph S. Patterson, was a native of Lansford, Carbon Co., Pa., died in 1911, and is buried in the Charles Baber cemetery at Pottsville, Schuylkill county. For many years he was engaged as store manager, by various coal companies. He married Miriam Bynon, of Summit Hill, Pa., who now lives at Hazleton, this State, and they had two children, Harry B. and Frank B. The former is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, and is now a practicing physician, located in Pittsburgh.

Frank B. Patterson obtained his education in the public schools at Pottsville and Mahanoy township, Schuylkill county. When a boy he went to work with the engineer corps of the Mill Creek Coal Company, being so employed about three years, after which he held various positions about the colliery at New Boston, receiving promotion gradually but steadily until he reached the grade of foreman. He assisted in pumping out the water at the Boston mine, which took eighteen months, and has since had charge of the work outside, with about three hundred men under his direction. He is well and favorably known in this section, for his high character as well as for his competence in mine work. Mr. Patterson has been a public-spirited citizen, having interested himself in the general welfare from early manhood, and he has not hesitated to give his time in the service of the community. His intelligence and honorable intentions are so well recognized that he was made president of the township school board when first elected to that office, six years ago, and has held the position continuously since, a comment on his fidelity to its duties which need not be amplified. He is a member of the English Lutheran Church, and socially a Mason and an Elk, belonging to Mahanoy City Lodge, No. 357, F. & A. M.; Mizpah Chapter, No. 252, R. A. M.; Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 31, K. T., of Mahanoy City; and Mahanoy City Lodge, No. 606, B. P. O. Elks.

Mr. Patterson was married to Inez Geiger, daughter of George Geiger, well known in this district as lieutenant of the C. & I. police, which position he filled for thirty-five years; he is a resident of New Boston. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson are the parents of one daughter, Marion, born Feb. 15, 1915.

MAT. SABALESKI, of Minersville, has lived in that borough from boyhood, and for a number of years was engaged in mine work, but since 1912 has been in business on his own account. He is a native of Russia, born in 1887, son of William Sabaleski, who was also born in Russia and came to

America. The father lived for a time in Luzerne county, Pa., but did not remain in this country, returning to his native land, where he died.

Mat. Sabaleski came to America when sixteen years old, and for six months afterwards lived at Cleveland, Ohio. He then came to Minersville, Pa., where he first worked by the day and later engaged in mining, which he followed for a period of about ten years. In 1912 he embarked in the wholesale liquor business, which he has since conducted, handling fine wines and all kinds of spirits, and he has built up a wide trade. His business location is at No. 136 North street. Mr. Sabaleski was naturalized Sept. 1, 1906.

Mr. Sabaleski married Frances Meliski, and they have two children, Leo and Albert. He is a member of the Lithuanian Church, and also belongs to St. Charles Uniform Body, and to the Citizens' Lodge.

GEORGE D. KREITZER, for the last eleven years inside foreman at the New Boston colliery of the Mill Creek Coal Company, is considered one of the most capable mine workers in the district, and has a high reputation for reliability wherever known. A native of Germany, he was born April 2, 1871, son of the late Florina Kreitzer. The father followed mining in Germany, until he brought his family to America, in 1882, landing at Philadelphia, Pa. They first located in Luzerne county, this State, and on May 4, 1886, Mr. Kreitzer came to New Boston, Schuylkill county, where he continued to do mine work until his death, in 1912. He is buried in the German Catholic cemetery at Mahanoy City. His wife, Mrs. Mary (Rad) Kreitzer, has resided at Frackville, this county, since 1894. Mr. Kreitzer made his home at New Boston from 1886 to 1894. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kreitzer: George D.; Pauline, wife of Harry Shadle, of Frackville; and Thomas and Ulrich, both living with their mother.

George D. Kreitzer had the advantages afforded by the public schools until he began work, in the year 1884. He started as a slate picker at the Tom Hicken breaker, and in the spring of 1886 came to New Boston, where he filled the various positions assigned to boys, tending door, driving mules, running cars, etc. From time to time he was advanced, until he became a regular miner, being so engaged for six and a half years. In 1900 he passed the examination for mine foreman, after which he was fire boss at the Buck Mountain colliery for some time. In August, 1904, he returned to New Boston to take the position of inside foreman at the colliery of the Mill Creek Coal Company, and he has been retained in that capacity continuously since. About one hundred and fifty men are employed regularly on the inside at these operations, and Mr. Kreitzer has proved his intelligence and good judgment in overseeing their work, performing all his duties to the entire satisfaction of his superiors. Personally he is respected by all who know him, and has the favorable regard of his associates in all the relations of life. He is a member of the Catholic Church and of the St. Joseph Society at Mahanoy City.

Mr. Kreitzer married Mary Rodgers, daughter of James and Lucy Rodgers, and four children have been born to them: James, Mary, Florence (who died when four years old), and Helen.

JOHN TOOLE, of Minersville, was born in Primrose, Cass township, Schuylkill county, Dec. 9, 1855. On Oct. 24, 1877, he married Sarah A.

Donohoe, who died Oct. 16, 1910. To them were born six children, three of whom are living, Helen, Lillian and James.

Mr. Toole has been the local representative of the American Book Company, of New York, for the last fifteen years.

JOHN MILTON STAUFFER, of Hazleton, Pa., prominent in business circles as a banker, manufacturer and coal operator, is a member of an old Pennsylvania family which has contributed many high-class citizens to the Commonwealth. He was born Feb. 13, 1863, in Ringtown, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Benneville Stauffer, and is descended from Hans Stauffer, who was a Mennonite and a native of Switzerland, born in 1655 at Altsheim or Weisenau. In 1710 he came to America with his sons Jacob, Daniel and Henry, and he is buried in the Mennonite cemetery at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

Jacob Stauffer, son of Hans, was born in Switzerland in 1696, came with his father to America, and is buried in the Mennonite cemetery at Bally, Berks Co., Pennsylvania.

Christian Stauffer, son of Jacob, was born Dec. 18, 1728, died July 14, 1797, and is buried at Bally, Pa. He was a Revolutionary soldier, serving throughout the war, was under the command of "Mad Anthony" Wayne, and took part in the battles of Three Rivers, Canada, Ticonderoga, Brandywine, Monmouth, Stony River, Green Spring and Yorktown.

John Stauffer, second child and only son of Christian, was born Dec. 24, 1758, in New Hanover township, Montgomery Co., Pa., and lived in his native county until 1809, when he settled in Ryan township, Berks (now Schuylkill) county. On May 10, 1839, he moved with his son David to the Catawissa valley. He died March 5, 1845, while on a visit to his son Jacob at Broad Mountain, Schuylkill county, and is buried in Locust Valley, near Mahanoy City, Schuylkill county. Mr. Stauffer was always a farmer. He was a Mennonite, like his father and earlier ancestors, but under the influence of Rev. Mr. Shaeffer, a Lutheran missionary who came into their district, all his children became Lutherans. Politically he was a Democrat. On Dec. 18, 1782, he married Elizabeth Yerger, who is buried with him at Locust Valley. His children were as follows: Jacob, Rebecca (Mrs. Peifer), John, Elizabeth (Mrs. Drase), Catherine (Mrs. Puhl), George, Isaac, Henry, Magdalene (Mrs. Bittler), Sarah (Mrs. Shell), David (married Maria Anne Andreas), Joseph and Amos.

David Stauffer, son of John, was born Feb. 21, 1804, near the Trappe, in Montgomery county, and was five years old when the family moved to Ryan township, in what is now Schuylkill county, settling on the Klingaman farm, five miles southeast of Mahanoy City. Later he moved to Pottsville, Pa., in which town he was a pioneer settler, and thence to Tuscarora, Schuylkill county. He was superintendent of construction on a portion of the Schuylkill Valley railroad, and also of the opening and operation of important coal workings, serving mostly as outside foreman. In May, 1839, he moved to Union township, Schuylkill county, where he bought five hundred acres of land, principally timbered, and he sold considerable of this tract to his brothers, retaining 160 acres for himself. He built a log cabin thereon and set about the work of clearing, making great improvement in the property. The log cabin was his dwelling for almost six years, until he completed a better residence a short distance from it, moving into the new house in 1844. He con-

tinued to make his home on that place until 1855, when he purchased a tract of sixty-five acres in what is now Ringtown borough, on which were located a store, dwelling and hotel. Having formerly been in the hotel business at Middleport he resumed it at his new location, carrying on the hotel there for three years and retiring in 1858. Mr. Stauffer enjoyed a long life, dying July 12, 1887. His father was a Mennonite, as the earlier ancestors had been, but as previously mentioned the children were converted to the Lutheran faith, and David Stauffer was duly received into the denomination by confirmation. He was an earnest member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church at Ringtown.

On Jan. 26, 1829, Mr. Stauffer married Maria Anne Andreas, who was born Jan. 13, 1809, in East Penn township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., daughter of Daniel and Maria Gertrude (Guldnerin) Andreas, whose children were: Salome (Mrs. Henry Rumbel), Maria Anne, Catherine (Mrs. John Banks), Peter and Rebecca (Mrs. John Rumbel). Daniel Andreas came from Northampton county to Union township, Schuylkill county, where he worked at his trade until he died; he was a harnessmaker, and also followed shoemaking. Politically he was a Democrat, and in religion he adhered to the Reformed faith. Mrs. Maria Anne (Andreas) Stauffer survived her husband a few years, passing away Jan. 21, 1892, and hers was the first funeral held in the new Reformed Church at Ringtown. She is buried with her husband in St. Paul's Lutheran cemetery near that borough. They were the parents of the following children: Daniel M., born May 18, 1831, died Aug. 16, 1898; he was twice married, to Amanda De Frane and Amanda Maurer, respectively. Joseph, born May 18, 1833, married Retta Lindermuth, of Ringtown. Benneville, born April 8, 1836, married Mary Ann Erobst, and they are mentioned below. Angeline, born Nov. 29, 1838, is the widow of J. A. Seeley, and lives at Hazleton, Pa. Sarah A. G., born April 13, 1841, married Jacob Rumbel (deceased) and (second) Joseph A. Long, and lives in the Conyngham valley, Luzerne Co., Pa. David, born June 22, 1843, married Lucy A. Zimmerman, and they live at Ringtown, Pa. William, born June 10, 1845, married Martha Bean, and died March 3, 1876. Franklin, born Jan. 29, 1848, married Mary Ann Barrow, and they live at Hazleton, Pa. Elias K., born Feb. 15, 1850, married Missouri Ann Goho, and they live at Ringtown. Mary C., born April 27, 1854, is the wife of Theodore A. Breisch, and they live at Nuremberg, Schuylkill Co., Pennsylvania.

Benneville Stauffer was born April 8, 1836, at Tuscarora, and spent most of his youth in Union township, where he began his education in the local schools. Later he was a student at the Bloomsburg (Pa.) State Normal School and Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, Pa. Coming to Ringtown he taught there for a time, being the first teacher engaged there after the organization of the public schools in that section. Then he taught one term at McKeansburg, this county, returning thence to Ringtown, where he embarked in the mercantile business, conducting a general store for five years. For a number of years he continued teaching in Union township, later served some time as clerk in the county commissioner's office at Pottsville, and then for four years was clerk of the Schuylkill county almshouse. In 1881 he moved to Beaver Meadows, Carbon Co., Pa., where for seven years he held the position of outside foreman with Coxie Bros. & Co., coal operators. From there he went to Hazleton, where he was storekeeper for the Lehigh Valley Railroad company for a period of six years. Because of ill health Mr. Stauffer retired



from active labor about ten years before his death, which occurred Feb. 1, 1910. He had filled the office of assessor and other minor public positions in Union township, was a Democrat in political connection, and fraternally belonged to the Masons and the P. O. S. of A. (Washington Camp No. 219, of Beaver Meadows). His Masonic affiliations were with Hazle Lodge, No. 327, F. & A. M., of Hazleton; Hazleton Chapter, No. 277, R. A. M., and Mount Vernon Commandery, No. 73, K. T., of Hazleton. Mr. Stauffer joined St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church at Ringtown and took an active interest in its work, serving as superintendent of the Sunday school. Later he united with Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church at Hazleton, which he served for years as elder and deacon, and was also a member of the board of trustees.

On Dec. 25, 1861, Mr. Stauffer was married to Mary Ann Brobst, who was born in May, 1838, daughter of John and Catherine (Gilbert) Brobst, and granddaughter of Henry Gilbert, one of the pioneers of the Catawissa valley; he died in 1883, at the age of ninety-five years. Her great-grandfather, Andrew Gilbert, lived at Girard Manor, now included in East Union township, Schuylkill county, and his was the first name drawn for jury service in Schuylkill county, the jury meeting at Orwigsburg in 1811. He always wore knickerbockers. The Gilberts were English, and an old family of Schuylkill county. The Brobsts came from Berks county, Pa. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Benneville Stauffer: John Milton; Laura E., born Dec. 17, 1865, who lives in Hazleton, Pa.; Mary C., born Oct. 1, 1867, who was married Aug. 17, 1890, to Prof. Henry Krebs, who is superintendent of public schools in Plainfield, N. J.; William T., born July 26, 1876, an attorney at law, of Newport News, Va.; and Frances Jenette, born April 3, 1878, a teacher in New York City.

John Milton Stauffer received his education at Ringtown, attending the public schools there until seventeen years of age, when he commenced to teach. The first term he was at Slabtown, North Union township, the second term at Rumbel's school, in Union township, moved to Hazleton, and taught one term in Sugar Loaf township, Luzerne county. When school closed in the spring he resumed his studies at the Millersville State Normal School. Then he taught four terms in the Leviston school, in Banks township, Carbon Co., Pa., and later for three years at Beaver Meadows, that county. There he commenced lumbering, and in 1898, when that place became incorporated as a borough, he was honored as the choice of his fellow citizens for first chief burgess, holding the office creditably for three years. In 1904 he served as a member of the borough school board, and in 1905 was elected poor director of the Middle Coal Field poor district; after serving one term he retired, and was reelected after an interval of one term, being still a member of that board, having been reappointed for a term of five years from April 1, 1916. In 1898 Mr. Stauffer went into the coal business as an operator, having workings at Audenried, Llewellyn and Shamokin, and he continued in that line until recently, at the same time carrying on lumbering. At present he is the treasurer and general manager of the Harleigh Iron Works, of Hazleton, general machinists, dealers in scrap iron, etc.; a director of the First National Bank of Ringtown, which he helped to organize; a director of the First National Bank of Hazleton; and vice president of the Weatherly Foundry & Machine Company, of Weatherly, Carbon county. He assisted in the organization of the First National Bank of Weatherly, of which he was a director and

vice president for years; helped to organize the People's Savings & Trust Company of Hazleton; and in 1895 organized the Citizens' Water Company of Beaver Meadows, serving as secretary from that time until he left Beaver Meadows, in 1904. Since his removal to Hazleton he has served one term as school director. He gives his political support to the Republican party.

Mr. Stauffer has numerous social connections. In April, 1881, he became a member of Washington Camp No. 265, P. O. S. of A., of Ringtown, later changing his membership to Washington Camp No. 219, at Beaver Meadows. He is a past president, and served five terms as district president. At present he is affiliated with Washington Camp No. 91, at Hazleton. While at Beaver Meadows he was also affiliated with the Odd Fellows, and is a past grand of the lodge there; and he belonged to the Beaver Meadows Council, Jr. O. U. A. M. He still holds membership in Hazle Lodge, No. 327, F. & A. M., of Hazleton; Hazleton Chapter, No. 277, R. A. M.; Mount Vernon Commandery, No. 73, K. T., of Hazleton; Caldwell Consistory, thirty-second degree, Valley of Bloomsburg; Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Wilkes-Barre; and Hazleton Lodge, No. 200, B. P. O. Elks. He was a member of the Centennial Memorial Association of Valley Forge, and was treasurer and one of the directors of that organization. In religion Mr. Stauffer is a Lutheran, and was originally a member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ringtown; he was superintendent of its Sunday school when but seventeen years of age. At present he unites with Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hazleton.

On Nov. 20, 1889, Mr. Stauffer was married to Carrie Madara, of Frackville, who was born Oct. 30, 1863, in New Castle, Schuylkill county, and children as follows have been born to them: Bird Leroy, born Aug. 31, 1890, is a graduate of the Hazleton high school and of the College of Business, of Wyoming, Luzerne Co., Pa., where he took the commercial course, and is now clerk to the superintendent of construction of the Lehigh Navigation Electric and Affiliated Companies. Raymond Madara, born Feb. 28, 1892, is a machinist at the Harleigh Iron Works, Hazleton, where he resides, and is a member of Washington Camp No. 91, P. O. S. of A.; he married Catherine Cooney, who was born March 22, 1892, daughter of Martin L. and Catherine (Crotty) Cooney, natives of Bellefonte, Pa. Guy Robert, born Aug. 3, 1893, is a graduate of the Hazleton high school and of the Hazleton Business College, and is now located at Shamokin, Pa.; he married Anna Bontz. Caroline, born Sept. 20, 1895, is a graduate of the Hazleton high school, and is living at home. John Milton, born Jan. 3, 1899, and Grace Rowe, born Jan. 28, 1901, are attending school at Hazleton. The family home is at No. 424 West Broad street, Hazleton.

The Madara family, to which Mrs. Stauffer belongs, have been prominent in the history of Schuylkill county. Many of the name have been stonemasons, and it was a Madara who built the foundation for the Henry Clay monument at Pottsville. John R. Madara, Mrs. Stauffer's father, was born in New Castle, Schuylkill county, where he was reared and educated, and for some time he followed the lumber business there. Later he was in the general mercantile business at Frackville, this county, and subsequently held the position of foreman at the Ellsworth colliery, in New Castle, after his retirement living at Frackville with his daughter Hannah, Mrs. W. P. Holt. He died in July, 1914, at the age of eighty-nine years. In his earlier years Mr. Madara was one of the leading citizens of that borough, where he held the office of chief burgess. He was school director of New Castle township a number

of terms, and filled all the other township offices, being considered one of the most efficient public men in that vicinity by those whom he had served so well. In politics he was a Republican, in religion a Methodist. He and his wife, Hannah (Okum), are buried in the family plot at St. Clair, Schuylkill county. They had the following children: Mary, who is now the wife of W. H. Barrow, of Ringtown; Carrie, Mrs. Stauffer; Ella, wife of William J. Price, of Shamokin, Pa.; Hannah, Mrs. W. P. Holt, of Frackville; Maud, Mrs. W. H. Hoover, of Hazleton; Sadie, Mrs. W. H. Shaeffer, of Tamaqua; and Harry E., at present chief burgess of Frackville, who married Gussie Price.

Mrs. Stauffer received her education in the common schools of New Castle township. She was but eleven years old when her mother died, and she kept house for the family until her marriage. She belongs to the First Presbyterian Church of Hazleton.

CHARLES FREDERICK DITCHEY, of Shenandoah, present sheriff of Schuylkill county, has the distinction of being the youngest sheriff in the State of Pennsylvania. He went into the office with one of the largest majorities ever received by any candidates for office in the county, and his record so far shows no likelihood that his administration will in any way impair the remarkable popularity which he previously enjoyed among his fellow citizens. It is a general saying that "everybody is his friend," and it is also well understood that he deserves everybody's good will because of his close attention to his obligations and his conscientious attempt to perform the duties of his high office without fear or favor. He possesses a strong personality, not easily influenced, and well balanced judgment, characteristics which have been apparent in his official services much to his credit.

Mr. Ditchey is of German and Irish ancestry. His grandparents, John and Wilhelmina (Hermann) Ditchey, were natives of Germany, whence they came to this country several years after their marriage, in 1847, locating near Middleport, Schuylkill Co., Pa., at Whitfield Patch. John Ditchey became a mine worker, and was so engaged until killed in the mines, by a fall of coal, about 1857. We have the following record of his family: Minnie, born in Germany, married Francis Gallagher (she has no children); Kate, born in Germany, married Fred Johns and has seven children, William, Fred, Jacob, Peter, Frank, Harry and Charles; Caroline married August Kirby, and both are deceased (they had two sons, Jacob and Charles); Jacob W. is the father of Charles F. Ditchey; Frederick married Dora Krese, and they had children, Frederick, Leo, Arthur, Raymond, Mabel, Lottie and Dorothea.

Jacob W. Ditchey was born in September, 1853, near Middleport, and was therefore about four years old when his father was killed. He grew to manhood in Schuylkill county, receiving his education at Patterson, and followed mine work until 1885, being engaged on the construction of breakers. That year he was "closed in" in the mine and when rescued gave up the occupation, never even returning to the mine for his tools. In time he became engaged in the wholesale and retail liquor business, in which he was successful, and he is still interested in that line, though not now directly connected with it. For some time he lived at Tamaqua, where he was a merchant for twenty-five years, and he now resides at Leibysville, in West Penn township, this county, where he is in business as proprietor of the "Leibysville Hotel," which is considered the most popular hotel in the county. He has valuable real estate holdings in

Schuylkill county. Mr. Ditchey married Elizabeth O'Keefe, and a family of eight children has been born to this union, namely: Charles Frederick is the eldest; Franklin J., who is engaged in the wholesale liquor business at Tamaqua, married Nora Delay and has two children, Francis and Edith; Minnie is the wife of Albert Berrigan, who is assistant foreman of the Potts Powder Company at Reynolds, this county, and they have two children, John and Alphonso; Sarah A., who studied medicine with Dr. Shifferstine, of Tamaqua, is the wife of Herbert Dreher, secretary and treasurer of the George W. Stiles Construction Company of Chicago, Ill., and they have two children, Anna B. and Charles; Elmer J. is assisting his father in business and lives at home; Jacob W., Jr., is with his brother-in-law, Mr. Dreher, in Chicago; Bernard J. and John K. are members of the firm of J. W. Ditchey's Sons, wholesale liquor dealers, of Tamaqua.

Charles F. Ditchey was born March 31, 1881, at Mahanoy City, and obtained his education at Tamaqua, attending the common and high schools. He received his early business training in his father's employ, and as his father was agent at Tamaqua for the Lauer Brewing Company, of Reading, Pa., he was thoroughly grounded in the principles of the trade to which all his active business years have been devoted. In 1890 he started driving a delivery wagon for the company at Tamaqua, in 1901 was appointed agent at that point, and so continued until 1903, when he was transferred to Shenandoah as representative of the Lauer Company, establishing their agency in that borough Feb. 4, 1904. He gave it up when he became sheriff.

Mr. Ditchey has been an active worker in the Democratic party ever since he attained his majority, and while living at Tamaqua was a member of the standing committee there. He was elected assessor of that borough, resigning upon his removal to Shenandoah, where he has since resided. On Nov. 6, 1913, he had the honor of being elected sheriff of Schuylkill county by the rousing majority of 3,600, a tribute which he has tried to merit since he assumed the duties of the office. While at Tamaqua Mr. Ditchey joined various social bodies there, belonging to the Citizens' Fire Company, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (of which he is past State vice president), and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

On Nov. 9, 1904, Mr. Ditchey married Augusta M. Kline, Father Schuettl-heafer performing the ceremony. They have had two children: Elizabeth Theresa, born Aug. 12, 1905, and Augusta, born Feb. 11, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Ditchey are members of the Holy Family Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Ditchey gave the altar of the Blessed Virgin to that church.

Mrs. Ditchey was born in Shenandoah, daughter of Adolph Kline, a native of Germany, where he grew to manhood and learned the trade of shoemaker. Mr. Kline came to Schuylkill county, Pa., in 1860, and in 1863 settled at Shenandoah, where he opened a shop at the corner of White and Centre streets and followed shoemaking. Later he became a miner. He married Theresa Boneberger, who died Oct. 25, 1915, and Mr. Kline made his home with his daughter Mrs. Ditchey, until his death, Jan. 17, 1916. He is buried in the Annunciation Cemetery at Shenandoah. They had the following children besides Mrs. Ditchey: Michael, who was formerly a steam shovel engineer (he is not married); and Charles, member of the firm of Kline & Coyle, tobacco manufacturers, of Shenandoah (he married Anne Woods, and they have children, Charles, Margaret, Julia, Peter and John).

WILLIAM J. BROWN occupies an honorable position among his fellow citizens in Shenandoah, serving them at present in the capacity of chief Burgess, to which office he was elected in 1913. He has proved his title to their confidence by the observance of the utmost integrity in all his relations with them during a long residence in the borough, and his attitude on every question concerning the local welfare has been so consistently public-spirited that he may well be considered worthy of the highest honor in their gift. His official acts have in no way impaired the good opinion he won in private life.

Mr. Brown is a native of Minersville, Schuylkill county, born July 2, 1864. He is of Irish descent, his father, Michael Brown, having been born in County Mayo, Ireland. He died when comparatively a young man, being killed on the railroad, and is buried in the Catholic cemetery at Minersville. By his marriage to Margaret Brown (no relation) he had one child, William J. The widow remarried, becoming the wife of Henry Pugh, a miner, of Minersville, and to this union was born one son, James, now a mine foreman at Mount Carmel, Pa.; he married Martha Griffith. Mr. Pugh died at the age of seventy years, Mrs. Pugh at the age of sixty, and they are buried in the Protestant cemetery at Minersville.

Mrs. Margaret (Brown) Brown was born at Minersville, where her father, James Brown, a native of Scotland, settled after his arrival in this country. He was a miner all his life. He is buried at Minersville, but his wife, Jane (Gilmore), is interred at Mount Carmel. They were married in Scotland, and had children as follows: William, who was killed while serving in the army during the Civil war; Jane; Agnes; and Margaret. James Brown was a member of the Episcopal Church.

William J. Brown was reared by his maternal grandmother. He had public school advantages at Jonestown (near Minersville), but was only nine years old when he commenced work at the Wadlinger breaker, at Forestville, picking slate there for three years, until the breaker was burned. His next employment was at the Kitty Drift, owned by the Philadelphia & Reading Company, at what was known as Woodside, where he was under the foremanship of Thomas James, and was engaged in pushing coal. From there he went to Thomaston (Heckscherville valley), this county, where he drove mules for two years, the inside foreman there being then Monroe Sheffler; this was also a Philadelphia & Reading property. When he left this place he went to Helfenstein and walked over the mountains to Locust Gap, where he was employed in loading dumpers under the breaker for six months, changing then to the Spring colliery, where he did inside work, with Charles Richman as foreman. He commenced regular mining when between sixteen and seventeen years old, working in the breast as miner's assistant for one year and then taking charge of a breast for three years at the Spring colliery at Locust Gap. Removing to Mount Carmel, he found work in the Bells Tunnel colliery, owned by Mr. Bickel, and after his day's work in the mines was over put in his evenings, for six months, serving an apprenticeship to the barber's trade during the four years of his residence there. He was next located at Ashland, where he was in the hotel business one year, meantime marrying, and on his return to Mount Carmel he opened a tea store, also selling groceries, fish, oysters, etc. This business he carried on for one year, until attacked by an illness which kept him in the hospital for a month. For a short time thereafter he was in Philadelphia, where he worked three months for the Mansey Transfer Company in the Pennsylvania freight depot, on Fifty-second street. During

that time his family remained in Mount Carmel. In November, 1891, Mr. Brown settled at Shenandoah, opening the barber shop which he carried on successfully for the next twenty years, selling it out in 1911. He combined other lines profitably with his main business, selling picture frames, taking orders for framing, and handling cigars. In August, 1911, he took a pleasure trip to Boston, remaining there until January, 1912, and upon his return to Shenandoah assisted his son for a time in the laundry business, being so engaged until November, 1912. Then he resumed his old occupation, mining, at the Turkey Run slope, No. 8, having charge of the repairmen, and retained the position until he assumed the duties of chief burgess of Shenandoah, to which office he had been elected in November, 1913. He took office on Jan. 5, 1914, and has filled the responsibilities of chief executive of the borough in a dignified, intelligent manner, giving practically all his attention to his official duties. However, he carries on a wholesale trade in cigars, having many patrons in this section of Schuylkill county. Mr. Brown owns a fine property on West Oak street, Shenandoah, where he resides. He deserves great credit for the position he has attained, for he has advanced entirely by his own efforts, and all who know him concede that he merits all he has gained. He is a Democrat and a Catholic, his religious connection being with the Church of the Annunciation at Shenandoah; socially he affiliates with Division No. 2, Ancient Order of Hibernians, and with Shenandoah Lodge No. 1179, of the Loyal Order of Moose.

Mr. Brown was married to Catherine Cecilia Gibbons, who was born May 15, 1869, at Mount Carmel, Pa., where she spent her early life and received her education. She remained at home until her marriage, engaged as a dress-maker and designer. Mrs. Brown is one of the leading workers in the Church of the Annunciation at Shenandoah, a member of the Sacred Heart Society, and of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary. At present she is serving as county vice president of the Ladies' auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, was president of the organization for two years, and had already been financial secretary four years when reelected in December, 1915, for two years more. She is also a member of the Daughters of Isabella.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown have had the following children: (1) Mary, born Feb. 15, 1889, died when six months old. (2) William Leo, born April 11, 1890, received his early education in the public schools at Shenandoah, and while here was employed at the mines, throwing chains, and doing other work of the same kind. But he was ambitious to get ahead, and leaving home he went to Boston, Mass., where he attended Franklin Institute. He has become an expert electrician, now holding the important position of inspector for the Edison Electric Company in that city. He married Alta Shefflott, of New London, Conn., and they have two children, Leo and William. (3) John Francis, born Jan. 7, 1892, was educated in the public schools of Shenandoah, attending high school, and is now engaged as manager of Clark Brothers' grocery store at Shenandoah. (4) Jean, born Nov. 16, 1893, died March 2, 1904. (5) Anna Gertrude, born June 20, 1895, was educated in the borough schools. She is now a trained nurse, having graduated from St. Agnes Hospital, Philadelphia, in June, 1915, and is at present supervising nurse of the Visiting Nurses Association of Shenandoah, Pa. (6) Walter James, born Jan. 26, 1897, was educated in the home schools and is now employed in Clark Brothers' store. (7) Margaret and (8) Henry, twins, born May 26, 1898, died when two



months old. (9) Raphael David, born Jan. 9, 1901, and (10) Catherine Agnes, born Jan. 17, 1903, are attending school.

Walter Gibbons, Mrs. Brown's grandfather, was a native of County Mayo, Ireland, and passed all his life in that country. His occupation was farming. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Barrett, are buried in County Mayo. They were Roman Catholics in religious faith. Their children were: Patrick, who married Mary Lee, is a farmer in Chester county, Pa.; Catherine is the wife of Michael Dorsey, superintendent of the gas works at Wilmington, Del.; Mary, unmarried, lived in West Chester, Pa.; John was the father of Mrs. Brown.

John Gibbons, son of Walter, was born in Newport, County Mayo, Ireland, and received his education in his native land. He was a man of remarkable intelligence and excellent character, a great believer in temperance, and endeavored to carry out his ideas in his domestic life and his relations with all his fellows. His family was brought up in a high moral atmosphere, and Mrs. Brown has taken pride in following his example in the training of her own children. When a young man John Gibbons went to England, and there, as in his own country, did farm work. He was married in Yorkshire, England, and after his marriage settled at Hull. On coming to America he landed at New York and thence proceeded to Locust Gap, Pa., where he entered the mines as a contractor, being so engaged for a few years. He then bought land on East avenue, Mount Carmel, and built a home at that place, where he resided the rest of his life, continuing to follow mining. He died when fifty-three years old, of injuries received in the mines, at which time his daughter, Mrs. Brown, was eleven years old. Mr. Gibbons supported the Democratic party in politics, in which he took considerable interest; he served as tax receiver at Mount Carmel. He and his wife were members of the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and are buried in the cemetery of that church.

Mr. Gibbons married Mary Gibbons, who was born near Westport, in County Mayo, Ireland, daughter of David and Mary (Moran) Gibbons, but of a different clan than that to which her husband belonged. David Gibbons belonged to a family of shipbuilders in Ireland, where some of the name are still in the business. He was a native of County Mayo, where he followed farming until his death, which occurred when he was yet a young man. His widow lived to be over eighty years old. They had a family of seven children, viz.: Bridget married Michael McGuiness (both now deceased) and had five children; Mary married John Gibbons, and died at the age of eighty-five years; Thomas, who now lives in St. Paul, Minn., married Mary Ann Reynolds (deceased), and of their children one son, Thomas, is a priest (St. Mary's parish, St. Paul, where he is very popular; he was one of the youngest priests at the time of his ordination), John is a lawyer, Ann is Mrs. Crawford (her husband is a lawyer in Virginia), Martin went to the State of Washington, and Ella is Mrs. Farley (her husband is in the restaurant business in Missoula, Mont.; they have two children, Mrs. Sarah King, whose husband is a railroader in St. Paul, and Mrs. Mary Martin, of the State of Washington); Ellen married Edward Muldowney (both are deceased), but had no children; Anne married Hugh McDonald (he is deceased) and had eight children; Martin married Bridget O'Donnell (both deceased) and had a large family; Michael married and had one child, John. The family were Roman Catholics. Mr. Gibbons is buried in County Mayo. His widow came to America, lived for a time at Locust Gap and later at Mount Carmel, and is buried at Ashland,



Schuykill Co., Pa. In her younger days she was an expert fisher, being as competent as any man.

To John and Mary Gibbons were born children as follows: Margaret, born in Yorkshire, England, married Thomas Neary, and they became the parents of sixteen children; she is deceased. Annie, born in Hull, England, lived at Mount Carmel, where she followed dressmaking and designing; she married Edward Breslin, who survives her, now living in the South, and they had two children. Patrick, who is superintendent for the United Gas and Improvement Company, in Philadelphia, married Mary Bowen and has a family of eight children. John, a leading citizen of Mount Carmel, Pa., engaged in the insurance and real estate business, married Mary Quinn, and they had seven children, five of whom are living. Ella is the wife of Stillman Wells, a farmer at McGraw, N. Y. Catherine Cecilia is the wife of William J. Brown.

John Gibbons, Mrs. Brown's father, inherited a landed estate in Ireland from his parents, but the property has been lost.

JOSEPH LINDERMUTH, now living retired, has been a resident of Schuykill county since 1865. He is a veteran of the Civil war, during which he served the Union faithfully for over three years. Mr. Lindermuth is a native of Berks county, and belongs to one of the old families of that part of Pennsylvania. The name was originally spelled Lindenmuth, and has long been honored in that county, its members having been characterized by industry and honesty, conscientious fidelity to duty and untiring labor in religious and public life.

Michael Lindenmuth came from the German Palatinate to America, qualifying at Philadelphia Sept. 22, 1752. Soon thereafter it appears that he located in Windsor township, Berks county. In 1790 he settled in that part of Bern township now known as Tilden. In the Pennsylvania Archives his name is given as Johan Michael, and on his tombstone it is John Michael, while in the Federal government records of the Revolutionary war he is referred to as Col. Michael. He was a leading figure in Berks county in the struggle for independence. On May 6, 1780, he addressed a letter to the council in reference to the murder of some of the inhabitants beyond the Blue Mountain, and the moving of certain families to the Little Schuykill. He asked for arms from the stores at Reading for self defense. On the 10th President Reed replied, stating that he had directed Colonel Morgan to supply the necessary arms. Michael Lindenmuth was colonel of the 4th Battalion of Berks county militia. By the following action of the Supreme Executive Council, Dec. 31, 1778, it would appear that Col. Michael Lindenmuth and his battalion were in active service outside of the county: "Ordered that the Secretary write to the Lieutenant of Berks County to call upon Colonel Lindenmuth or his Lieutenant-Colonel, stationed last summer at Fort Jenkins, in Northumberland, for five rifles taken from one Webb, charged with disaffection." In the Stoeover record of marriages in western Berks county it is found that June 17, 1760, Michael Lindenmuth married Maria Eva Noecker. In the will of Martin Noecker (see Pennsylvania Historical Society, Book 365, Page 521) is this item: "To the children of Michael and Magdalena Lindenmuth, the children of my deceased daughter, Eve, deceased wife of Michael Lindenmuth," whence it would appear that Magdalena was his second wife. In the will of Margaret, widow of Eberhart Geschwind, of Bern township, is this reference: "I give and bequeath unto my daughter Catharine, wife of Michael Lindenmuth," who

apparently was the third wife of Michael Lindenmuth. The number of his children is not known, but by his wife Catharine he had a son John Jacob, mentioned below. In a diary left by Col. Michael Lindenmuth (but subsequently destroyed by his children) it was stated that the government owed him a large sum of money which he had advanced the commissary department, and for the services of himself and men. While en route to Washington for settlement he died at Baltimore. The delay in the settlement had ruined him financially.

John Jacob Lindenmuth was born Aug. 24, 1766, and died Sept. 17, 1839. His wife, Catharine, was born Nov. 22, 1768, and died April 17, 1852, and both are buried at Hamburg. His tombstone inscription says he was the father of sixteen children. Among these were: John; Thomas, who moved West; George, who was killed in the stone quarry at Bern Station; and Samuel, who died in 1870, at his home in Stouchsburg, the father of Sarah, Catharine, Mary, Lydia, Samuel (who had a daughter Agnes), Nathaniel, Elizabeth and John.

Joseph Lindermuth, one of the sons of John Jacob, was the father of Joseph Lindermuth and grandfather of Horace D. Lindermuth, of Auburn, Schuylkill county. He was a native of Berks county, and with the exception of about ten years spent in Dauphin county, Pa., passed all his life there. By trade he was a stonemason. His death occurred near Hamburg, Berks county, and he was buried at St. Michael's Church. His wife Theresa (Harper) died while they were living in Dauphin county, and was also buried in the cemetery of St. Michael's Church. They had the following children: Reuben died in Berks county, Pa.; Sybilla married a Mr. Rhoads; Lavina married John Starr; Joseph is mentioned below; Daniel is living at Centreport, Pa.; Emma married Frank Potteiger; Catherine died unmarried; Alfred is living at Auburn; Sarah married John Bickle; Louisa married Henry Frantz; Jonathan is deceased.

Joseph Lindermuth was born Nov. 12, 1838, near Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa., and was reared on a farm in Upper Bern township, that county. In 1857 he began to work at the miller's trade, which he followed for one year, when he resumed farming at the old Hamburg station. On July 13, 1861, Mr. Lindermuth enlisted for three years' service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company L, 1st Regiment, Pennsylvania Reserve Cavalry. He was discharged Sept. 9, 1864, at Philadelphia, Pa., with an honorable record, having taken part in all the battles in which his command was engaged throughout his term.

In 1865 Mr. Lindermuth came to Schuylkill county, settling in West Brunswick township, where he followed farming for two years. For the next two years he farmed at Auburn, after which he lived at Friedensburg, and also at Mahanoy City for a time, returning to Auburn. On July 2, 1872, Mr. Lindermuth entered the service of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, in whose employ he remained continuously for thirty-seven years, thirty years of which time he was an engineer. In 1909 he was retired with a pension. Mr. Lindermuth has led an industrious, useful life, and bears an unblemished reputation.

He married Elizabeth Wingert, daughter of Daniel Wingert, who died and was buried in Mahanoy City, Pa. Ten children were born to this union: Ellen; Elizabeth; Alice; Charles Edward, deceased; Horace D.; Leon, deceased; John H., deceased; Amy; Emma, deceased; and Velma, deceased.

HORACE D. LINDERMUTH was born at Auburn, Sept. 11, 1877, and has resided there continuously. He has always taken an interest in local affairs, is a member of several secret organizations, was elected a member of the borough school board at the age of twenty-one, and has been a member since, serving as secretary during this time. For sixteen years Mr. Lindermuth had charge of the office work of the Delaware Seamless Tube Company, at Auburn, and in August, 1913, accepted a position as traveling auditor under the auditor general of the State. He has always been an ardent Republican in politics, having been an active worker for the party in this section of the county even prior to attaining voting age. In 1912 he was elected one of the national delegates from Schuylkill county to the Republican convention at Chicago, having announced himself as a supporter of Colonel Roosevelt, he and his colleague, T. R. Edwards, of Shenandoah, decisively defeating the Taft candidates after a spirited contest. He followed the wishes of Colonel Roosevelt throughout the memorable convention, and joined with the Roosevelt forces in organizing the Progressive party at Chicago in August, 1912, and making him their candidate for president. He became an ardent supporter of the new party and its principles, and his work in its interest was publicly recognized in a speech by Colonel Roosevelt on a visit to Auburn on a tour of the State, in October, 1914.

In 1902 Mr. Lindermuth was married to Minnie Mengle, daughter of George and Rosa (Hoffman) Mengle, of Auburn, and is the father of two daughters, Dorothy and Rose Elizabeth.

ANDREW B. FAUST, late of East Union township, though taken from life before he reached his prime, had accomplished much and made his way entirely by his own exertions. His business was lumbering, clearing land under contract and operating on his own holdings, and he bore the highest reputation with all who had dealings with him. The same was true of his personal standing. Liberal and broad-minded, interested in all that affected the welfare of his township and county, willing to aid a good cause generously with both means and influence, he was deservedly popular, and is held in esteemed memory by the many with whom business or social activities brought him in contact. He led a useful life, and left a name of precious worth to his family and friends.

Mr. Faust was born in Union (now East Union) township April 18, 1860, son of Daniel Faust and grandson of Henry Faust. The grandfather was born April 8, 1780, probably in East Brunswick township, and died June 6, 1871. He is buried at the Old White Church near Ringtown, and his wife, whose maiden name was Mengle, is buried at Weissport, Carbon Co., Pa. It is supposed they were farming people. Mr. Faust was a Democrat in political sentiment. His children were: James, who married Levina Moyer; Frank, whose wife was Dorothy; Michael; Daniel; Elizabeth, deceased, who married Jacob Trout; and Catherine, widow of Henry Eisenhart, living at Brownsville, Pennsylvania.

Daniel Faust, father of Andrew B. Faust, was born near McKeesburg, in East Brunswick township, Feb. 27, 1828, and was there reared and educated. During his young manhood he worked out among farmers, and in time bought a farm of his own, at Brandonville, in East Union township, Schuylkill county, upon which he followed agricultural pursuits the remainder of his life. His death occurred Oct. 11, 1910, and he is buried with his wife,

Carolina (Bitting), at the Old White Church near Ringtown. She was born Oct. 6, 1835, daughter of Charles and Margaret (Beaver) Bitting, and died Aug. 1, 1914. They had the following children: Hannah Malinda married Jacob Brobst, and they live at Hazleton, Pa.; Amanda Elizabeth is the wife of Frank Scott, of Brandonville, this county; Andrew B. is next in the family; Margaret Catherine is the wife of James Lorah, of East Union township; Daniel Wesley married Rebecca Bolander, and they live at Hazleton; Silas Mayberry married Charity Creasy, and they reside at Forks, Columbia Co., Pa. The father of this family was a Democrat and a Lutheran, belonging to St. John's Church in East Union township, which he served as deacon.

Andrew B. Faust attended public school at Brandonville, and spent his early life on the home farm, working for his father until he attained his majority. Later he found employment in the lumber woods, for a number of years with William and Elder Spangler in the vicinity of Audenried, Pa. Then for a few years he lumbered for the Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Company, at Green Mountain, in East Union township, clearing their lands of timber under contract, and eventually he bought four hundred acres all in timber, located in East Union township, from John Arnold, of Hazleton. He had his own sawmill, and was occupied in the operations on this tract until his death, Oct. 9, 1897. He produced principally rough sawed lumber, mine props, ties, etc., for which there is a good market in this region.

Mr. Faust was one of the most energetic members of St. John's Lutheran Church, and when the Lutheran and Reformed congregations erected the present house of worship he donated all the rough lumber for the structure, served on the building committee, and furthered the work in every possible way. At the time of his death he was filling the office of deacon, and he was always a liberal contributor to the support of the church and its enterprises. He was a charter member of the Brandonville Union Sunday school. Fraternally he was an Odd Fellow, holding membership in Ringtown Lodge, No. 287; in politics he did not bind himself to the support of any party, voting as he thought best.

Mr. Faust married Rebecca Elizabeth Lorah, who was born March 26, 1865, in East Union township, where she attended the Lorah school. She remained at home until her marriage. To Mr. and Mrs. Faust were born the following children:

(1) James Walter Faust, born March 5, 1883, attended the township schools, and also took a course in the Scranton Correspondence School. He is now engaged in railroad work, making his home at Tamaqua. He is married to Priscilla Barron, and they have two children, James and Allen. Formerly Mr. Faust served as superintendent of St. John's Reformed Sunday school in East Union township.

(2) Harriet Elizabeth Faust, born Aug. 19, 1885, was formerly organist of the Reformed church and Sunday school, and a teacher in the Sunday school. She is now the wife of Lewis Kostenbauder, and has had six children, Helen May, Elizabeth (deceased), Marian, James, Ruth and Allen. Mr. Kostenbauder conducts a hotel and a wholesale and retail stand for the Home Brewing Company at Aristes, Columbia Co., Pennsylvania.

(3) William Andrew Faust, born Sept. 27, 1887, at Green Mountain, was educated in the township schools and at the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, Pa., from which he was graduated in 1906. While at school he was an enthusiastic football player, and also greatly interested in baseball

and basket-ball. He has served six years in the United States army under two enlistments. On Sept. 27, 1907, he applied for enlistment at the Philadelphia recruiting station, for service in the cavalry, foreign service preferred, passed the preliminary examination, and was forwarded to recruiting barracks at Fort Slocum, N. Y., Sept. 28th, the next day passing the final examination and being duly enlisted. Thence, after a few weeks spent in preliminary recruit drill, dismounted, he was detailed in the latter part of October as one of a detachment to be sent to Fort Clark, Texas, to augment the ranks of the 1st Cavalry, then under orders to sail for the Philippines, early in November joining the regiment, Mr. Faust being assigned to Troop B. The succeeding month proved rather trying, as they were given their first mounted drill. The 1st Cavalry left Fort Clark Dec. 1, 1907, for a seven-mile march to Spofford, where they entrained for San Francisco, Cal., arriving Dec. 3d, and immediately detraining and marching to the U. S. transport "Thomas," on which they took quarters. They sailed Dec. 5th, and as they passed through the Golden Gate the old-timers of the regiment related the thrilling scenes which marked their departure in 1898, during the Spanish-American war. The first port of call was Honolulu (Dec. 11th), the next the island of Guam, where mail and supplies were discharged for the naval detachment stationed there. On Jan. 2, 1908, they entered Manila bay, where the masts of several sunken Spanish gunboats protruding above the waters served as grim testimony to Yankee naval marksmanship. Disembarking at Manila, they entrained the same day for their station at Camp Stotsenburg, on Luzon island, about eighty-five miles north of Manila, where they received a cordial reception from the 3d Cavalry, whose tour of foreign service was terminated by the arrival of the 1st. The two years of service in the islands proved very interesting, there being plenty to relieve the monotony of barracks life—weekly practice marches, and every few months an extended march to different parts of the islands, in the nature of a reconnaissance. Mr. Faust's troop was sent out on several expeditions against the hostile Igorrote or hill tribes, and had several clashes of minor importance. During his second year in the islands he was detailed for several months on topographical duty in connection with the progressive military map of the islands, the detachment operating mainly along the northern coast of the island of Luzon. It was a happy day for the boys when the 14th Cavalry marched into camp to relieve them. They sailed from Manila Jan. 15, 1910, on the transport "Logan," reached Nagasaki, Japan, Jan. 20th (where they coaled and every man available was given an opportunity to go ashore), and two days out of Nagasaki encountered a typhoon which took two days to pass. In the meantime they were below bolted hatches, and Mr. Faust thinks they were the longest days in his life. Stopping at Honolulu Feb. 5th, they reached San Francisco Feb. 12th. The regiment was divided and given different stations, one squadron, including Troop B, being stationed at the Presidio, San Francisco. Mr. Faust was appointed corporal April 11, 1910, and sergeant Sept. 17, 1910, holding the latter rank during all the remainder of his service. In 1908 he qualified as a marksman, in 1909 as a sharpshooter, and in 1911 as an expert rifleman. He was honorably discharged, as sergeant, at the Presidio, Sept. 28, 1910, and reenlisted the next day in the same troop, his warrant as sergeant being continued on reenlistment. On the afternoon of Feb. 3, 1911, they received telegraphic orders from Washington, D. C., to leave at once for the Mexican border, to preserve the neutrality of the United States, and left on special

trains fully equipped for field service. Stationed at Nogales, Ariz., the next few months were spent in patrolling the international boundary line in the vicinity, until ordered in July to Yuma, Ariz., where danger threatened due to an impending battle near the line between the warring Mexican factions. The patrolling there was over desert country, with the thermometer 128 degrees in the shade. They were next at General Grant National Park for several weeks to recuperate before returning to their station. The summer of 1912 Troop B spent doing patrol duty in Sequoia National Park (it is customary to have cavalry commands in the national parks during the summer months to help enforce park regulations and guard against forest fires). After his return from that place Mr. Faust was married Oct. 13, 1912, to Edith M. Bingham, of Oakland, Cal., who was born March 19, 1893, at Redding, Shasta Co., Cal., and attended school at Redding, taking a course in domestic science. In the summer of 1913 Troop B was again assigned to park duty, in Yosemite National Park, their camp being within two hundred yards of the foot of the famous Yosemite falls, and the boys had a hard time at first, as the roar of the water disturbed their sleep. During Mr. Faust's stay there his son William Lewis was born, July 8, 1913. He was honorably discharged as sergeant at Yosemite Valley, Cal., Sept. 28, 1913, and immediately left to join his family, taking quarters at Oakland, Cal. He secured a position with the Western Electric Company on Oct. 7th, and has remained in the employ of that concern to the present time, in various capacities in the warehouse and also as shop stock keeper, at present being assistant shipping clerk. Mr. and Mrs. Faust have another son, Edward Andrew, born June 17, 1915.

(4) Margaret Caroline Faust, born July 6, 1889, at Green Mountain, in East Union township, was educated in the township schools and at the Keystone State Normal School, and taught school for three years in East Union township before her marriage to Fred Steimling, who is a telegrapher at Grier City, Schuylkill county. They have one child, Beatrice Caroline. Mrs. Steimling was formerly superintendent of St. John's Reformed Sunday school, and for a number of years she served as organist of the church and Sunday school.

(5) Joshua Franklin Faust, born Nov. 22, 1890, at Green Mountain, was educated in the home township and at the Keystone State Normal School, taught school in East Union township, and is now employed as a telegraph operator at Grovania, Montour Co., Pa. He married Rhoda Powell, and they have had two children, Robert Franklin and William Arthur, the latter deceased.

(6) Lillie May Faust, born June 8, 1892, died when six weeks old.

(7) Hannah Esther Faust, born Feb. 1, 1894, was educated in the township schools and at the Keystone State Normal School, and is now at home.

(8) Daniel Allen Faust, born Nov. 5, 1895, obtained his education in the public schools of East Union township, and is now engaged as telegrapher for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company at Maudsdale, Montour Co., Pennsylvania.

(9) Lulu Faust, born June 23, 1897, died at birth.

Mrs. Andrew B. Faust holds membership in St. Paul's Reformed Church in East Union township, was a Sunday school teacher, and was a charter member of the Brandonville Sunday school. All her children were confirmed in St. John's Reformed Church. At the administrators' sale she bought the

lumber business Mr. Faust was carrying on at the time of his death, and for the next nine years continued the same in partnership with her brother, James Lorah, under the name of Mrs. Andrew Faust & Brother. At the end of that time they sold out. Mrs. Faust is one of the original stockholders of the First National Bank of Ringtown, established in 1904, and she has proved herself a capable business woman in the handling of various transactions. She belonged to the Rebekah Lodge of Ringtown and Pocahontas of Hazleton.

The Lorahs are an old family of this section of Schuylkill county, Michael Lorah, the grandfather of Mrs. Faust, having been born here May 18, 1788, in Union township. He was of French descent. His education was acquired in the local subscription schools, and he followed farming and shoemaking, owning a farm of 115 acres, which included the property where his grandson James Lorah now lives, in what is now East Union township. It was all Union then. He died on his farm May 6, 1852, and is buried with his wife at St. John's German Reformed Church, of which he was a member. It is supposed that Michael Lorah was twice married, first to Hannah Frye, and the maiden name of his second wife, born Dec. 23, 1793, died March 6, 1837, was Houser. His children were: Emmanuel, who married Mary Houser; Henry, deceased; Lafayette, deceased; Daniel, who married Polly Schappell, both now deceased; Joshua, deceased; John, who married Catherine Johnson (she is deceased); Susanna, who married Aaron Gross; Hannah, wife of Samuel Beaver; and Lucy, who died young.

Joshua Lorah, son of Michael, was born July 11, 1830, in Union township, that part now included in East Union, and there grew to manhood, meantime receiving his education in the local district schools. During his younger days he worked for his father on the home place, and after his marriage he lived as a tenant on various farms, continuing thus for a number of years. When Michael Lorah died his son Emmanuel bought the homestead, which he operated until his death, when it was sold by the administrators to Elias Peifer, who subsequently sold sixty-three acres of the original tract to Joshua Lorah. He carried on general farming there for a considerable period. By trade he was a carpenter. In his later life he cut up thirteen acres of this property in building lots and laid out the town of Phinny, including 180 lots. As he died before they were all sold his son James, as administrator of the estate, continued to dispose of them, buying two of them himself, upon which he built his present home. That part of Joshua Lorah's farm remaining undivided was bought by his son Michael upon the mother's death, and is now owned by Jacob Landauhl.

Mr. Lorah married Elizabeth Johnson, who was born Sept. 3, 1831, in Northumberland county, Pa., daughter of Henry Johnson, and was of English ancestry. Mrs. Lorah survived her husband, his death occurring Feb. 4, 1895, hers Feb. 9, 1899, and they are buried at St. John's Reformed Church in East Union township. He was a prominent member of that church, in which he held the highest offices, serving many years as elder and deacon, and also acting as treasurer. Politically he was a Republican, and kept up an interest in local public affairs; he served as one of the directors of the independent school district and as treasurer of same. To Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Lorah were born the following children: Hannah married John Deebie, and both are deceased; Michael, deceased, married Sarah Huntsinger, who now resides at Mountain Grove, Luzerne Co., Pa.; Thomas, a resident of East



Union township, married Missouri Applegate; Emma died in infancy; Mary died in infancy; Albert, deceased, married Anna Irwin, who lives at Allentown, Pa.; James, born May 18, 1860, lives in East Union township; Sarah, deceased, was the wife of William Schaeffer, who lives in Alabama; Rebecca Elizabeth is the widow of Andrew B. Faust, and lives next door to her brother James; Oscar, of McAdoo, Schuylkill county, married Clara Applegate; Ida is married to John Wilhelm, of Williamsport, Pa.; Jacob married Jennie Davis, of Cleveland, Ohio.

REV. DAVID IVOR EVANS, of Shenandoah, has just entered upon his twenty-sixth year as pastor of the First Baptist Church in that borough, where he has long been counted among the leading influences for social betterment. His association with various organizations looking to that end show how wide and strong his sympathies are, and he may always be relied upon for practical assistance in any undertaking whose object is to uplift men or broaden their lives. Much of his labor has been directed to the training of the young, which he regards as a very important part of his service.

Mr. Evans is a native of Wales, born Jan. 25, 1849, at Llanfyrnach, Pembrokeshire, South Wales, son of David and Hannah (Jenkins) Evans. His education for the ministry was received at Pontypool College, which is now a part of the University of Cardiff, Wales, and upon completing his course there he received his license. Subsequently for three years he was pastor of a church at Cardiff before coming to this country, in April, 1882. He has lived in Pennsylvania ever since, having first been located at Oliphant, near Scranton, where he was pastor of a Baptist Church for five years. Thence he changed to Lansford, where he was pastor for two years, at the end of that time being assigned to a charge in Jackson township, Susquehanna county. In January, 1891, he came to Shenandoah, where he has since been pastor of the First Baptist Church. The length of his pastorate indicates how successful he has been in holding the esteem and confidence of his congregation. But in fact his own church has been only the center of his activities, and not the limit of their extent. His gifts as a speaker have made him popular in the borough and vicinity, and he has occupied every Protestant pulpit in Shenandoah. His energy has carried him into other work as well, and the curfew law is one of the numerous good results of his efforts in behalf of proper regulations for the young, for he was one of its most vigorous and effective advocates. He has also done good work in the temperance cause. For the last twenty years he has been president of the board of trustees of the local library, and he is also president of the selecting committee. When the Bureau of Mine Inspectors and Surface Support was established, in 1913, he became president of that body, whose services to the workers in the coal fields are so important, and he has remained at its head to the present writing. As a student of history and believer in true patriotism, he has lent his voice and counsel to bringing the best ideas on that subject before his fellow citizens, and his advice in civic affairs has been productive of much real public spirit among his townsmen. Being frequently called upon for public speaking, he has never failed to impress his audiences with his respect for law and order, as well as his own high estimate of the rights of the people, and his Decoration day addresses especially have won him much local renown. On many occasions he has been asked to make speeches before assemblages of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which fraternity he holds membership. The

energy which characterized his early years, and which during his college days kept him at the head of his classes, has never diminished in intensity. What he does, he does with all his might. He is a Republican in politics, and has often exerted himself in the party's interest. He was one of the organizers of the Shenandoah ministerial association, and for twelve years filled the office of president.

Mr. Evans was married, in Wales, to Eliza Bethia Tilley, who died at Shenandoah in January, 1892. The only child of this union, a daughter, died at Oliphant about a year after the family came to the United States. Mrs. Evans was an accomplished woman, and translated many Welsh hymns into English. On April 12, 1893, Mr. Evans married (second) Mary Davis, who had been a co-worker in the Sunday school at Cowbridge, Wales, where he was formerly pastor. They have had two children: Vivian Ivor and Blodwen Mary. The son graduated from the Shenandoah high school in 1913, as valedictorian of his class, and is at present a student in the Millersville State Normal College.

Mr. Evans's parents came to America in 1883, settling at Nanticoke, Pa., where the father died Feb. 9, 1892. The mother survived him a number of years, and when eighty-three years old, in 1907, had the honor of being the oldest member of the Baptist denomination in this country, so far as known, having been received into the church by baptism when ten years old, in Wales. Of the children born to David and Hannah (Jenkins) Evans, John and Mrs. Ann Davis remained in Wales; Daniel E. is a practicing physician at New-castle, Pa.; William and Arthur D. are residents of Nanticoke, Pa., and interested in mining, Arthur D. as a mine foreman.

HIRAM PEIFER, of Sheppton, Schuylkill county, is one of the leading business men of that region, principally engaged in the cutting and production of mine timber, in which line he has built up a large trade. He was born near Brandonville, in Union township, this county (that part now known as East Union township), June 7, 1865, and the family has been located in that section since his grandfather's day.

Solomon Peifer, the grandfather, was a wood chopper and lumberman near Mountain Grove, Luzerne Co., Pa., before his removal to Schuylkill county. He owned a timber tract and farm, but lost this property, and moved to Union township, Schuylkill county, where he tenanted what is now known as No. 3 farm, owned by the Girard Estate. When he retired he went to live with his son Levi, at Brandonville, this county, and he died at the age of seventy-one years. He was a member of the Reformed Church, and is buried at the Old White Church near Ringtown. Politically he was a Democrat. By his first wife, whose maiden name was Remaly, Mr. Peifer had the following children: Daniel; George, who married Mary Long; Levi, who married Elizabeth Shaeffer; Elias; Hester, who married Jacob Hartley; and three who died young. For his second wife Mr. Peifer married Maria Moyer, and to them were born two children: Jacob married Amanda Rupert; Solomon married Sarah Applegate.

Elias Peifer, father of John Peifer, was born April 17, 1831, near Mountain Grove, Luzerne Co., Pa., and died Nov. 27, 1912, aged eighty-one years, seven months, ten days. He received his education in his native county, and worked for his father on the farm and in the woods, until he reached legal age. He gained considerable experiences as a sawyer. The first farm he

bought (the place later owned by Samuel Deebel) consisted of 120 acres, sixty of which he had under cultivation, and he operated it for twenty-seven years, eventually trading it for a farm owned by Sheep & Co., now the property of his son John Peifer. It was a tract of one hundred acres, sixty cleared, and he followed general farming there very successfully, building the dwelling which is still standing on the property, occupied by his son John. Elias Peifer continued to carry on the lumber business along with farming, and he was the owner of a hotel property at Ringtown which he rented out, later selling it to Daniel Ellis, of Shenandoah; it is now one of the principal hotels at Ringtown. Mr. Peifer served his township many years as supervisor and tax collector. He was a Democrat in political faith, and during the Civil war a Union sympathizer, enlisting at Tamaqua in October, 1864, as a member of Company A, 173d Pennsylvania Regiment, for nine months or during the war. He was mustered in at Harrisburg, and was engaged principally in guard duty. In religion he held to the Reformed faith, belonging to St. John's Church in East Union township, at which church he and his wife are buried.

Mr. Peifer married Emaline Charlotte Nungesser, who was born Sept. 13, 1840, in Mifflin township, Columbia Co., Pa., daughter of Jacob and Anna (Reinhold) Nungesser, who moved thence to East Union township, Schuylkill county. Mr. Nungesser followed farming and lumbering there the best part of his life, dying at the age of forty-nine years. He was a native of Mifflin township, Columbia county, and his wife was born near Easton, Northampton Co., Pa. She lived to be over eighty. Their children were: Benjamin, deceased, married Elizabeth Applegate, who now lives at Straw-bridge, Lycoming Co., Pa.; Isaac married Susanna Hoffman, and they live at Berwick, Columbia county; Emaline Charlotte married Elias Peifer; George died unmarried, after his return from the army; Hannah, widow of John Schucker, lives at Taylorsville, Schuylkill county. The parents are buried at the Old White Church near Ringtown. Mr. Nungesser had no church connections. He was a Democrat in political opinion.

Mrs. Elias Peifer died in March, 1905, several years before her husband. They had the following family: John, born Oct. 22, 1857, lives on the old homestead in East Union township; Isaac, born July 28, 1862, died aged forty years, ten months, and his widow, Emma (Fritz), lives in Tamaqua (they had children, Robert, Frank, Irwin, Maurice, Monroe, Ralph, Clarence, Clara, deceased, and Cora); Hiram, born June 7, 1865, is mentioned below; Joanna died when three months old; Mary Elizabeth, born May 28, 1872, married Harry McClintock, of Muncy Valley, Sullivan Co., Pa., and has children, Ezra, Ruth, Joanna, Margaret, Elias, Mary, Leah and Orpha.

Hiram Peifer began his education in the public school near home, attending the Peifer school (also called the Lorah school), and later he studied at the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, Pa. He worked for his father until he reached his majority, on the farm and at lumbering, and he has since been lumbering on his own account, at present owning 322 acres of timber land, and also operating a leased tract of 450 acres on which he has the timber rights. Mr. Peifer has his own portable sawmill, with a daily capacity of five thousand feet, and all the other facilities for turning out timber expeditiously, filling orders promptly. He deals mostly in mine timber, props, ties, etc., for which he finds a steady demand, and his strict adherence to every obligation has given him a reputation for reliability which he well

deserves. In the course of his active career he has acquired a number of important interests, the property he has accumulated being principally in Hazleton and Sheppton, his home town. He is a stockholder in the People's Savings & Trust Company of Hazleton, and in the Miners' National Bank of West Hazleton; owns a block of houses in Hazleton; and a block of houses and three lots in Sheppton. Naturally he has taken a keen interest in the promotion of local enterprises, and he has himself contributed much to the material development of his town as well as to the betterment of local living and social conditions. He is particularly interested in the welfare of the public schools, and is now serving his second term as school director. He was formerly district assessor, and for a number of years acted as election inspector. Like his father and brother he has taken an active part in the work of St. John's Reformed Church in East Union township, which he is serving at present as elder, and he has also been deacon and superintendent of the Sunday school.

Mr. Peifer married Mary Elizabeth Borlace, who was born Jan. 4, 1866, at St. Anestell, Cornwall, England, on the estate of her grandfather Roberts, daughter of John and Sophia (Roberts) Borlace. No children have been born to this marriage.

Mrs. Peifer was between four and five years old when she came to America with her mother and eldest brother, landing at New York, where they were met by her father, who had come to this country previously. They then proceeded to Mahanoy City, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and from there to Boston Run, this county, where they remained seven years. She received her education in the schools of Boston Run, Mahanoy City and Yatesville, all in Schuylkill county. The family eventually settled in the Catawissa valley, in East Union township. Mrs. Peifer remained at home until her marriage. She is a member of St. John's Reformed Church, and was associated with its activities while living in that neighborhood, singing in the choir and teaching in the Sunday school. She now attends St. James Reformed Church at Sheppton and teaches in its Sunday school, having the Ladies' Bible Class.

Charles Borlace, Mrs. Peifer's grandfather, lived in Cornwall, England, and died when over eighty years old. He was a porter by calling. His wife, Elizabeth (Stevens), who also lived to be eighty, was well versed in the Bible, and often preached sermons in her church. Mr. and Mrs. Borlace are buried in England. They had the following children: Mary married a Mr. Trevail, and both died in England; John was the father of Mrs. Peifer; William, a stone carver, is living in New Zealand; Annie died unmarried, in England.

John Borlace, father of Mrs. Peifer, was born March 9, 1838, at St. Lees, Cornwall, was reared and educated in his native country, and worked as a teamster there. He traveled considerably, working in different parts of the world, before his family joined him in America, where he was in Newfoundland, Canada, and Oil City, Pa., prior to their arrival. For seven years he was employed as a miner at Boston Run for the Philadelphia & Reading Company, was then at Mahanoy City in the same employ, and subsequently came to East Union township, where he rented what is now No. 3 farm of the Girard Estate. He also conducted a dairy, running a milk route in Shenandoah, and died on his farm Jan. 3, 1903.

Mr. Borlace and his wife were Methodists, and he united with the First M. E. Church at Shenandoah. He was superintendent of the Sunday school at

Yatesville, and usually sang in the choir, having a fine bass voice. Socially he belonged to the Order of the Sons of St. George at Shenandoah, and in politics he united with the Republican party.

Mr. Borlace married Sophia Roberts, who was born in October, 1836, at Pendlow, England, was reared and educated there, and died June 8, 1891. She and her husband are buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Tamaqua. Five children were born to them, viz.: William, who died young; Mary E., wife of Hiram Peifer; John, who conducts a laundry at Philadelphia (he married Sarah George); Charles, of Philadelphia, who is a conductor on the trolley line (he married Emma Deebel); and James, who died young.

William Roberts, father of Mrs. Sophia (Roberts) Borlace, spent all his life in England. He was born on an inherited estate, and lived to be nearly eighty years old, dying at Demelza, the home of his daughter. He owned tin mines which he operated and was a good business man, and he was a scholarly and talented gentleman intellectually. His wife, Mary, whose maiden name was also Roberts, died at the age of forty-five years, and they are buried in Cornwall. In religion they were Methodists, and active in church work. They had children as follows: Sophia; William, who died in California (he married Rebecca Roberts); Sampson, who died in New Zealand; Mary, who married Frank Hicks, a farm owner in Cornwall, England; Annie, widow of Thomas Varcoe, living in England; and Mark, who died in New Zealand.

BENJAMIN F. PARROTT, of Shenandoah, has exercised an appreciable influence among his fellow citizens there for more than a score of years in his connection with the *Herald*, the principal newspaper of the borough. It was the first paper established there, and has maintained its leadership through a commendable attitude in civic affairs which has held the support of the community. Since he became a member of the Herald Printing Company twenty-one years ago he has been business manager of the paper. That its record is one of constant progress may be set down to his credit, as may also the conspicuous headway he has made in his own career.

Mr. Parrott was born at Thomaston, Cass township, Schuylkill county, and though of English parentage is of French descent, the family moving from France to England several generations ago. John H. Parrott, his father, was born at Manchester, England, and when a young man settled at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa. He was employed at the mines there and at Thomaston, first as a miner, later as outside foreman at the Thomaston, Colorado and Parker No. 2 (at Lost Creek) collieries, in turn—all in Schuylkill county. He retired in 1883 and moved to Shenandoah, where he died June 4, 1889, at the age of fifty-six years. He was a man of domestic tastes and devoted to his wife and home. Socially he was a Mason, a charter member of Minersville Lodge, with which he maintained an active connection throughout his life. Mr. Parrott was married at Minersville to Mary A. Morgan, a native of Delaware, who died Nov. 19, 1899, also aged fifty-six years. Her father, Thomas Morgan, was a stonemason by calling. Coming to Philadelphia, he worked on the foundation walls under what is now a department store at the southeast corner of Ninth and Market streets. Later he came to Minersville, and subsequently lived at the nearby town of Heckscherville, where he continued to follow his trade. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Parrott, the first two dying in infancy. Of the six who reached maturity, Harry J., a cabinetmaker, of Philadelphia, died in January, 1907; he was

twice married, his first wife Lidie (Hoffman) dying when her only child, Lidie, was six weeks old, and his second wife, Ida (Copeland), of Steubenville, Ohio, lives in Philadelphia with her stepdaughter; there were no children by the second marriage. John S., a miner, never married, and died Aug. 27, 1888; he was a member of the P. O. S. of A. Elizabeth A. is the wife of Prof. Elmer Wilde, of Shenandoah, a teacher of music, and is herself not only a proficient musician but also a dressmaker and designer of unusual talent; Mr. and Mrs. Wilde have one child, Bertram, who is in the employ of the Goodyear Tire Company in Scranton, Pa. Benjamin F. is mentioned below. Gertrude and Lulu live together in Philadelphia. The mother was a devout member of the M. E. Church, which her family also attended.

Benjamin F. Parrott was born Sept. 25, 1870, and received his early education at Lost Creek, after he was eight years old working at the breaker as a slate picker during the summer season, attending school in the winter for the next two years. When the family removed to Shenandoah in 1883 he found work as a laborer and slate picker at the Plank Ridge colliery, belonging to the Reading Coal Company, working there and at the Kehley Run colliery until the fall of 1884. Then he became a printer's apprentice in the office of the Shenandoah *Herald*, under T. J. Foster and H. C. Boyer, where he served four years while learning his trade. Subsequently he went to Williamsport, Pa., and worked on the Williamsport *Grit* one year, returning to Shenandoah and taking a position as compositor on the *Herald*, where he soon became foreman. In June, 1895, the office was again destroyed by fire (it had burned down first in 1883), and the paper was printed in Pottsville for two months. On Aug. 1st of that year (1895) the present firm, known as the Herald Printing Company, bought the paper, its members being T. J. Davies, C. T. Straughn and Benjamin F. Parrott. The *Herald*, the first paper started in Shenandoah, was established in September, 1870, by Thomas J. Foster and Henry C. Boyer, and had a successful career as a weekly publication until 1875, when a daily edition was undertaken. The first number of the daily appeared Aug. 21, 1875, as the *Evening Herald*, and the daily was continued until Nov. 16, 1878. The weekly edition was immediately resumed, and continued until 1883, when the entire plant, including the *Mining Herald*, was destroyed by fire. A daily, in addition to the weekly *Herald*, was again started in 1888 by Mr. Boyer and J. S. Kirkwood, the latter retiring from the business in 1890. For some time afterwards it was owned and published by H. C. Boyer, as a daily and weekly Republican publication, and the ownership since 1895 has been vested in the Herald Printing Company. Daily editions are still issued.

Mr. Parrott has had the remarkable record of having never discharged an employe or had a difficulty with one. Being a practical printer, and thoroughly familiar with all the details of newspaper publishing, mechanical as well as editorial, a linotype operator as well as an expert hand compositor, he has always been able to help out the "boys" in the shop when necessary, and his business policy has been unimpeachable. He has other traits which have contributed to his popularity. Having worked his way up, he has a keen appreciation of the struggles others must make to win in life, and he has the reputation of taking a delight in giving aid to any worthy person or movement. There is every indication that such is the case. He has the greatest possible faith in the power of the press and believes he can best serve his generation through this medium, and the high ideals towards which he has

striven show that he has no selfish purpose in his ambition. Some years ago he was elected to the office of assessor from the Third ward for a three years' term, at the end of which he was reelected, but he resigned at the close of five years' service with the determination to quit politics forever. He had been nominated without his consent and was elected without opposition, but he feels that he will be more valuable to the community without the limitations imposed by partisan connections. Mr. Parrott has a sincere affection for the borough of his adoption and the many friends he has made there. Social by nature, he holds membership in Lodge No. 945, B. P. O. Elks, of Shenandoah; in the Shenandoah lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose; the Devitt Club of Shenandoah; the Shenandoah Druid Society; Camp No. 112, P. O. S. of A., and the Rescue Hook and Ladder Company, of which he was president and trustee for a number of years. He has always been one of the most enthusiastic members of the latter organization, and invariably responds to a fire alarm.

In June, 1901, Mr. Parrott was married to Corrine Tempest, who was born at Reevesdale, Schuylkill county, daughter of Thomas and Bridget (McCarthy) Tempest, whose family of ten children are all yet living, viz.: Kate, Mrs. Charles Haskins, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Mattie, wife of George Seager, of New York City; Hannah, wife of Jesse B. Davis; Lizzie, wife of Charles L. Fowler; Corrine, Mrs. Parrott; Thomas, of Coplay, Pa.; Elmer, of New York City; Joseph, William and John, all of Shenandoah. Thomas Tempest was a native of England, whence he came to America when a young man. By occupation he was a miner, working in the Pennsylvania coal fields. He was married in this country to Bridget McCarthy, member of a Catholic family.

Mr. and Mrs. Parrott attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which she holds membership.

JOHN H. RICHENDERFER, of North Union township, is one of the most esteemed residents of that section of Schuylkill county, where as carpenter, farmer and miller he has led a busy and useful life. The successful outcome of his business enterprises recommended him to his fellow citizens for public responsibilities, which he has discharged with notable efficiency, so that his active career has been well rounded by his participation in all the affairs of the day in his locality. His high standards and substantial character have made his influence in the neighborhood very acceptable.

The Richenderfers are an old Pennsylvania family. Joseph Richenderfer, grandfather of John H. Richenderfer, lived in Columbia county, this State, moving thither from Berks county, and was a farmer by occupation. His wife's maiden name was Freese, and their children were: Joel, Jacob, John, Amos, Jeremiah, Susan, Abigail and Mary. The parents are buried in Hemlock township, Columbia county. In religion they adhered to the faith of the German Reformed Church.

Joel Richenderfer, son of Joseph, was born Aug. 18, 1818, in Berks county, where he was reared and educated, and he was eighteen years old before he learned to speak English. In his early life he worked among farmers, and afterwards serving an apprenticeship at the mason's and plasterer's trades, at which he was engaged for about thirty years. Buying a farm of about fifty acres in Mount Pleasant township, Columbia county, he operated it in connection with work at his trades, retiring from both agricultural and mechan-



ical pursuits a few years before his death and moving to Millville, that county, where he bought a house and lot and spent the remainder of his days, dying aged seventy-three years, three months. He always took an interest in local politics as a member of the Democratic party, often serving on the election board. His religious connection was with the Reformed Church. Mr. and Mrs. Richenderfer are buried at Kitchen's Church in Columbia county. He married Susanna Kline, who was born in June, 1826, daughter of Joseph Kline and his wife, whose maiden name was Crawford; Mr. and Mrs. Kline were natives of Columbia county. Children as follows were born to this marriage: John H.; Joseph, who is married and living in the State of Washington; Harmon, who is married and living in Nebraska; Paul, of Millville, Columbia Co., Pa.; George B. McClellan, who died unmarried; Mary Elizabeth, widow of John Eck, living in Colorado; Catherine, who married W. Pierce White and resides at Almedia, in Columbia county, Pa.; Rebecca, wife of Frank Herring, of Bloomsburg, Pa.; Sarah Jane, who died unmarried; and Hannah Etta, wife of Albert Haycock, who is boss painter for John Eves, wagon manufacturer, of Millville, Pennsylvania.

John H. Richenderfer was born Jan. 16, 1850, in Mount Pleasant township, Columbia Co., Pa., where he passed his early life, receiving such educational advantages as the locality afforded. He served an apprenticeship at the mason's and plasterer's trades with Samuel Jacoby, and later learned the trade of carpenter with Abraham Dildine, working principally at the latter, which he followed for over forty years. Meantime he purchased a tract of forty acres in East Union township, Schuylkill county, which he cultivated while working at his trades, and when he sold that place bought his present home farm from Richard Faust, having 190 acres in North Union township. One hundred acres of this property are under cultivation, in general agriculture, the farm work being carried on by the two sons who live at home. The large gristmill which stands upon the place Mr. Richenderfer himself operates. He also owns a farm in Centre township, Columbia county, comprising 125 acres, all of which is cleared, his son Henry living upon that place and looking after its cultivation; Mr. Richenderfer purchased it from William Schaefer. His business affairs are all in thriving condition. The products of his home farm are marketed to Shenandoah and Mahanoy City.

Mr. Richenderfer has held to the principles of the Democratic party, and he has taken a good citizen's part in the promotion of good government. While a resident of East Union township he served faithfully as a member of the school board, of which he was also secretary. He has also acted as election inspector, and was chosen treasurer of his township, a high compliment to both his ability and his integrity. He is an Odd Fellow in fraternal connection, belonging to Ringtown Lodge, No. 287. With his family he attends the Reformed Church at Ringtown, of which his wife is a member.

Mr. Richenderfer married Hulda Miller, who was born in 1857 near Brandonville, in East Union township, this county, where she received her education. She lived at home until her marriage. The following children have been born to this union: Henry Joel, born June 17, 1874, who operates his father's farm in Centre township, Columbia county, married Belle Levan; Hattie May, born Sept. 26, 1879, is married to Harry Hulshofer, of Brandonville, Schuylkill county, and has children, John, Claude, Charles and Wallace; Charles Harm, born Aug. 28, 1883, who lives at home, assisting in the cultivation of the farm, married Mabel Singley, and they have one child, Sadie; Wil-

liam Homer, born March 14, 1886, who also lives at home on the farm, married Estella McCarty; John Franklin, born Aug. 3, 1888, now of Limeridge, Columbia Co., Pa., married Edna Wolford, and they have four children, Robert, Earl, Clarence and Helen; Lloyd Edward, born Aug. 4, 1890, of Limeridge, married Carrie Brenner, and they have two children, Florence and Herve; Sallie Lucetta, born Sept. 25, 1892, is the wife of Lloyd Van Blarazan, of Nuremberg, Schuylkill county, and has one child, Emma; Margaret Sula, born Nov. 12, 1894, is the wife of Oscar Singley, of Zion Grove, this county, and has one child, John; Florence Catharine, born Dec. 21, 1896, is at home.

Mrs. Richenderfer's grandfather Miller was a farmer in East Union township, Schuylkill county, practically all his life. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Zimmerman, are buried in the cemetery at Nuremberg. Their son, Henry Miller, Mrs. Richenderfer's father, was born in New York State, whither the family had removed with the intention of settling. But as they did not like the location they returned soon to East Union township, where Henry Miller was reared and educated. He followed the work of timber sawyer as well as farming, but agriculture was always his principal vocation, and he owned the sixty-acre property in East Union township now in the possession of Milton Seltzer. After retiring from farming he lived with one of his grandchildren until his death, which occurred when he was eighty-two years old. A man of energetic and progressive disposition, he took a prominent part in the public affairs of the township, which he served in various important offices, being township treasurer and tax collector. He was an ardent Democrat and interested in party activities, acting as judge and inspector of election. Church work also claimed much of his attention, for he was a zealous adherent of the Reformed faith and served his church as elder and deacon. Mr. Miller married Sarah Bittler, who was born in East Union township, daughter of John and Mary (Dager) Bittler, and she lived to be over eighty-two years old. They are buried at the Old White Church near Ringtown. Three children were born to this marriage: Lucetta, who married John Hauck (both deceased); Joanna, wife of Lawrence Rumble, of Allentown, Pa.; and Hulda, wife of John H. Richenderfer.

JOSEPH GROSSKETTLE, of Shenandoah, is one of a notable group of foreign-born residents of Schuylkill county whose prosperity proves that America is still a land of opportunity to men of resource and energy. As superintendent of the Home Brewing Company, and a stockholder in that concern, he is associated with one of the leading industries of this section of the county. He may properly be called a self-made man, for he commenced life without means or influence, worked hard until he accumulated enough to enable him to start in business on his own account, and owes his present good fortune entirely to his own efforts.

Mr. Grosskettler was born Oct. 21, 1868, at Endorf, near Arnsberg, Westphalia, Germany, son of Eberhardt Grosskettler and grandson of Joseph Grosskettler. The latter was a native of Holtum, near Werl, Westphalia, where there is still a fort which was built at the time of the Roman conquest. He was a country gentleman, owning an estate of two hundred acres which had been in the family for many generations, and there he spent all of his long life, dying at the age of eighty-four years. His wife passed away when seventy-four years old, and is buried in Holtum, near Werl, Germany.

Eberhardt Grosskettler, father of Joseph Grosskettler, was born at Holum, near Werl, Westphalia, received his education in the local government schools, and served a thorough apprenticeship at the trades of machinist and locksmith, obtaining certificates which entitled him to work as a journeyman, in which capacity he was engaged for several years. He saw considerable service in the Germany army, in the wars waged during 1864, 1866 and 1870, in 1864 acting in the secret service, carrying dispatches through the picket lines. On one occasion during that war he traveled for forty-eight hours to deliver a message to one of the colonels, and being obliged to rest on the ground had his hair frozen to the earth as he slept, which caused the loss of nearly all his hair. During 1866 he served as a corporal in the cavalry. In 1870 he was orderly to a doctor on the medical staff.

Mr. Grosskettler was married at Endorf, Westphalia, and was engaged in the wholesale produce business at that place until he brought his family to America in 1881. Locating at Shenandoah, Schuylkill Co., Pa., Mr. Grosskettler found employment as a blacksmith at the Plank Ridge colliery, where he remained for two years. Then he traveled down to Alabama, and westward to Franklin county, Mo., in search of a suitable place for a permanent home, eventually returning to Shenandoah, where he bought a blacksmith shop, at the corner of Coal street and Pear alley, where he was established in business for several years. He lived retired for some time before his death, which occurred April 23, 1901. His wife, Anna Maria (Pott), was born at Endorf, daughter of Anton and Theresa (Beste) Pott, the former a farmer and blacksmith. Mrs. Anna Maria Grosskettler died Oct. 7, 1912. To Mr. and Mrs. Grosskettler were born children as follows: Joseph; Eberhard, fireman at the Home brewery, who married Catherine Frantz, and has one child, Theresa; John, assistant brewmaster at the Home brewery, who married Catherine E. Schmidt and has three children, Agnes M., Gertrude M. and Mary J.; Anton, who died at the age of twenty-two years; Theresa, who is the wife of Eugene Fretz and has one child, Marguerite (Mr. Fretz is State agent of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of North and South Dakota, with headquarters at Grand Forks, N. Dak.); and Mary Josephine, who is the wife of Christian Frantz, one of the foremen at the Home brewery, and has children, Anna M., Mary Catherine, Henry G. and John Eugene. All the family belong to the German Catholic Church of the Holy Family, and Mr. Grosskettler was a member of St. Michael's Society. In politics he was a Democrat.

Joseph Grosskettler received his education at Endorf, where he attended school until the family came to America, when he was thirteen years old. En route they spent four days in Belgium and six days in London, landing at New York Dec. 12, 1881, and arriving at Shenandoah, Pa., Dec. 14th. He soon found work as a slate picker at the Shenandoah City colliery, where he continued for four months, later obtaining employment at Ellangowan, firing boilers, where he remained for nine months. He then learned the trade of blacksmith at the mines, afterwards serving as machinist, running an engine, and taking care of the machinery for five years. Then he went into business, conducting a saloon on Main street, Shenandoah, for a period of five years. He was one of the original stockholders in the Home Brewing Company, which in company with Christian Schmidt and a few others he organized in the year 1900. The foundation for their brewery was started Jan. 2d of that year, and when it was completed Mr. Grosskettler took charge of the operation of the ice plant, also serving as assistant brewer for about sixteen months.

He is now superintendent of the whole establishment, which is one of the most important business places in the borough, and its increasing prosperity may be attributed largely to his executive ability. In March, 1910, Mr. Grosskettler, in company with several other reputable citizens, founded the Shenandoah Building & Loan Association, of which he became a director, and later vice president, and is now president.

Mr. Grosskettler married Ida Beck, who was born Sept. 18, 1873, in Shenandoah, where she received her education in the parochial and public schools. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Grosskettler: Marie, born Nov. 29, 1898; Joseph, born Sept. 11, 1900; Elizabeth, born May 12, 1903; Christian, born March 27, 1905; and Ida, born Dec. 29, 1907. They have had the best advantages afforded by the parochial and public schools of the town. Mr. and Mrs. Grosskettler and their family are members of the German Catholic Church of the Holy Family, and Mr. Grosskettler belongs to the Washington Beneficial Association and to St. Michael's Society. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party.

Peter Beck, father of Mrs. Grosskettler, was born Jan. 26, 1844, in Cumbola, Blythe township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and died Sept. 4, 1903. He was a butcher by trade, and followed that calling for a while, later working at the mines and conducting a grocery store in Shenandoah. He lived retired for about eight years before his death. At New Philadelphia, this county, he married Magdalene Bassler, who was born July 12, 1847, on the farm of her parents at Tumbling Run. She was a daughter of Christian and Mary Bassler, natives of East Brunswick township, this county. Mrs. Beck died March 26, 1890, and is buried with her husband in the cemetery of the Church of the Annunciation, at Shenandoah. They belonged to the Holy Family Catholic Church, and Mr. Beck was a member of St. Michael's Society and of the Washington Beneficial Association; politically he was a Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Beck were the parents of the following children: Ida, Mrs. Grosskettler; Caroline, wife of Edward Whalen, a mine foreman at Shenandoah (they have no children); Frederick, a traveling salesman for the Home brewery, who married Annie Melusky and lives in Shenandoah (they have no children); Elizabeth, who graduated from the Shenandoah high school and subsequently assisted her father in the grocery store, dying at the age of twenty-eight years; Christian, a cigarmaker by trade, who died when twenty-four years old; and Amos, who makes his home in Seattle, Wash., and who is engaged as conductor on a dining car.

CHARLES S. KISTLER, of West Penn township, holds an enviable place in the regard of his fellow citizens. In twenty-six years of continuous service as justice of the peace he has given them the benefit of his best abilities and good judgment, and he has been equally faithful in other positions of trust, in his business and church relations and all the numerous responsibilities for which he has been chosen by his associates. The confidence he enjoys is their expression of appreciation, and he has earned it by his sincere efforts to do his whole duty wherever it may be. Mr. Kistler's home place is one of the finest properties in West Penn township, its natural value enhanced by systematic care. A very successful farmer, he has now practically given up his active connection with that occupation.

The first of the family to live on his farm was his grandfather, Jonathan Kistler, who was reared there, though a native of Berks County and a descend-

ant of one of its early settlers. On the records of the Jerusalem Church in Albany township, Berks county, known in the eighteenth century as the Allemangel Church, there are recorded hundreds of baptisms of Kistler children, while in the cemetery under the shadow of the church are many graves marked with the same name. Near the center of the oldest part of the cemetery lies a slate stone (which is now being replaced by the descendants with a marble slab) bearing the inscription "I. G. K. 1767." This is supposed to be the stone that marked the burial place of the progenitor of the American Kistlers, who was legally known as Johannes, but was called Joerg or George by Pastor Schumacher in his record and Hanjoerg or John George, by his neighbors.

Johannes Kistler was a native of the Palatinate, in Germany. On Oct. 5, 1737, he came in the ship "Townshend" from Amsterdam to Philadelphia, and soon after to Falkner Swamp, or Goshenhoppen, in what is now Montgomery county, Pa. It is supposed he was accompanied by his wife, Anna Dorothea, and his oldest children. In 1747 he took out a warrant for land and moved to Albany township, Berks county, where he made his permanent home, although the territory was then wild and barren. The vicinity was named "Allemangel" or "All Wants." Johannes Kistler was taxed in 1756 in Albany, and was naturalized in 1761, on Sept. 10th of which year he and his neighbor, Michael Brobst, appeared before the Supreme court in Philadelphia, and there received the papers that made them citizens of Pennsylvania. He was a Lutheran and served for a number of years as elder of the Allemangel Church, where his children were baptized and confirmed. His children were: (1) Jacob left seven children, Philip, Jacob, Michael, Solomon, Daniel, Catharine and Magdalene. Samuel Kistler Brobst, a teacher of James A. Garfield, was a grandson of Philip; and so was Michael Kistler, the tanner, whose son Stephen was at one time the most extensive tanner in eastern Pennsylvania. (2) John remained on the homestead after his father's death. The name John runs through at least five generations, and the trade of blacksmith follows it. John's children were: John William, born May 29, 1757; and Abraham, born Dec. 20, 1761, who is the ancestor of the Perry county Kistlers for whom Kistler post office was named. A descendant, Rev. Dr. John Kistler, has for many years been professor at the oldest Lutheran Theological Seminary in America, located at Hartwick, N. J. (3) George remained in Berks county. In 1779 he was the owner of 248 acres of land and a gristmill. In 1778 he was elected elder of the Allemangel Church, and as he was referred to as George Kistler, Sr., he doubtless had a son George. The archives of Pennsylvania show that a George Kistler served in the Continental army during the Revolution. (4) Philip, born Oct. 19, 1745, is next in the line we are tracing. (5) Michael moved to Ohio, and is the ancestor of the large Kistler settlements in Indiana. His family consisted of John, Michael, Joseph, Nathan, Monroe, Salome and Judith. (6) Samuel, the youngest son of his father, married Elizabeth Ladich and Catharine Brobst, and had three children by the first marriage and twelve by the second. (7) Barbara married (first) a Brobst and (second) Michael Mosser, of Lowhill. (8) Dorothea married Michael Reinhart. (9) Elizabeth married a Mr. Keller, near Hamburg, Pennsylvania.

Philip Kistler, son of John George, above, was born Oct. 19, 1745, and died Aug. 28, 1800. He had nine children: Jacob, John, Ferdinand, Philip,

Jonathan, Barbara, Maria, Catharine and Elizabeth. Of these, Jacob was a lieutenant in the war of 1812.

Jonathan Kistler, son of Philip, was born Nov. 10, 1799, in Berks county, and was raised on the place where his grandson Charles S. Kistler now lives. He was reared by Jacob Wehr, worked among farmers while young, and after he was married started out for himself. In 1829 he built the gristmill which still stands and is still known as the Kistler Mill. He also became the owner of about two hundred acres of land, a great deal of which he cleared, and cultivated, following milling and farming on this place until his death, which occurred when he was about seventy-nine years of age. His wife, Sarah (Shellhammer), born Aug. 4, 1800, a daughter of Simon and Catherine (Long) Shellhammer, died aged eighty-one years. They were the parents of children as follows: Polly married Michael Houser; Rebecca married Jacob Wertman; Hannah married Joseph Shaeffer; Daniel married Rebecca Sechler; David, who resides in West Penn township, married Mary Hagenbuch, now deceased; John married Carolina and Cordelia Hagenbuch, sisters; William, who was a school teacher, never married; Nathan never married; Jonathan K. married Lydia Shellhammer; Elizabeth married Timothy Zehner. The father retired some years before his death. He took an active part in local politics as a member of the Democratic party, and was a justice of the peace for forty-four years, and a leader in Zion's Lutheran Church, in West Penn township, serving as elder, deacon and trustee. He and his wife are buried at that church.

Jonathan K. Kistler was born June 18, 1834, in West Penn township, was educated in the district schools there, and assisted his father on the farm and in the mill. After his marriage he bought the mill and farm of his father and stayed there the remainder of his life. Before his marriage he served in the Union army, enlisting in August, 1862, in Company D, 173d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was enrolled at Harrisburg for nine months, assigned to guard duty and reserve work, and discharged at Harrisburg in 1863, returning home. Though he supported the Union he was a Democrat in political opinion, and in religion a Lutheran, belonging to Zion's Church in West Penn township and assisting faithfully in all its work. He was elder and deacon of the church, and a teacher in the Sunday school. He is buried at Zion's Church.

On Jan. 24, 1864, Mr. Kistler was married, by Rev. A. A. Bower, at Lehigh-ton, Pa., to Lydia Shellhammer, born Aug. 16, 1842, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Houser) Shellhammer. Charles S. is the eldest of the children born to this union, the others being: Kate A., born Sept. 13, 1866, married Alfred Steigerwalt, who is a merchant at Snyders, this county, and they have three children, Oscar Elmer, Stella Irene and Clarence Albert; Jonathan S., born July 24, 1868, married Ida A. Behler, and they reside in Mahoning Valley, in West Penn township (their children are Claud and Verna); Sarah, born Dec. 4, 1860, married Frank Zettlemoyer, a farmer of West Penn township, and has three children, David, Kate A. and Mary Lydia; David S., born June 23, 1871, now a building contractor in Weatherly, Carbon Co., Pa., married Emma Sittler, and their three children are Jennie, Helen and Mildred; Mary, born Sept. 21, 1873, is living with her mother on the homestead farm (she has one child, Clara); Lizzie J., born March 1, 1875, married Aaron Ruch, a farmer on the homestead place in West Penn township, and has five children, Elsie Eva, Charles Henry, Elmer Jonas, Beatrice May and Helen



Dorothy; Rev. Jacob S., born Feb. 15, 1877, now pastor of the Lutheran Church at East Stroudsburg, Pa., married Lula Sittler and has one child, Louise Elizabeth; William S., born Feb. 26, 1881, a mail clerk in Philadelphia, Pa., married Carrie Balliet and has two children, Gwendolyn and Marion; Ellen, born April 18, 1883, married Leon Walter, who is employed as a telegraph operator in Philadelphia, and they have one child, Lester Kistler; Agnes, born Dec. 31, 1884, married Ralph Rubrecht, who is employed in the freight office at Allentown, Pa., and has one child, Paul William; Lydia, born May 4, 1879, died when nine months old; another child died young.

Charles S. Kistler, son of Jonathan K. Kistler, was born April 12, 1865, in West Penn township, where he was reared and worked with his father in the mill until 1896, after which he married and settled at his present place, then the property of his father-in-law, John M. Kistler, from whom he bought it. It consists of 143 acres, about one hundred acres cleared. Mr. Kistler has since become the owner of several smaller tracts also, as well as a lime quarry and a timber plot, at Kepner. He has seventeen acres devoted to orchards and still makes a specialty of raising fruit, though he has rented his farm to Ivan Correll and is now living practically retired. He erected new buildings on the Kistler farms and made numerous other improvements. One of the oldest buildings in the county is located on his property, a stone dwelling house built by Tobias Ware in 1749. This building has been kept in a fine state of preservation to the present time, and is quite a landmark in the county.

In politics Mr. Kistler has always supported the Democratic party. He has been chosen to several offices, having served five years as deputy coroner, was district assessor for a time, and in 1890 was elected justice of the peace, an office he has been filling with credit to the present time. He is one of the most influential men in West Penn township. Like his father and grandfather he has been a prominent member of Zion's Lutheran Church, and he has served the congregation as deacon and secretary; he was superintendent of Sassaman's Sunday school for eighteen years, and was one of its organizers. His wife is a member of Emmanuel United Evangelical Church.

Mr. Kistler married Sarah Alice Kistler, who was born March 6, 1860, on the place they are now occupying. They have no children. She was educated in West Penn township and remained at home until her marriage.

Samuel Kistler and his wife, great-grandparents of Mrs. Charles S. Kistler, are buried at the Jerusalem Church, in Berks county, Pa. He was another son of John George Kistler, above, born Sept. 20, 1754, and died April 24, 1822. He was an extensive landowner. In 1803 he built a very substantial stone mansion in Kistler's valley, which remained his home to the time of his death, and which has until recently been the property of his descendants. He built the Kistler mill near Tripoli. For many years he was an elder of the Jerusalem Church, and it was while he held that office that the present house of worship was erected, 1812-14. All these buildings, erected about a century ago, stand as firmly to-day as though they had been built in recent years. Samuel Kistler was twice married. His first wife, Elizabeth Ladich, bore him three children, and his second, Catharine Brobst, twelve. These were: Barbara married Henry Sunday, and is buried at Dunkel's Church; Jacob S. (father of Samuel J., who was a delegate to the national convention which nominated Abraham Lincoln for the presidency) is buried at the Jerusalem Church; Samuel is buried at New Tripoli Church;



John S. is buried at Jerusalem Church; Michael died in Ohio; Christian is buried at New Tripoli; Daniel and David both died in West Penn, Schuylkill county; Jesse died in Ohio; Levi is buried at Jacob's Church, Jackson-ville, Pa.; Charles is buried at Newton Falls, Trumbull Co., Ohio; Maria Elizabeth married Jacob Snyder, and died in Ohio; Catharine married George Weida, and died in Lowhill; Salome married Jacob Mosser, the tanner, and died in Allentown; and Magdalene married Solomon Mosser, and is probably buried at Lynnvillle. The descendants of Samuel Kistler are scattered all over the United States. Many of them have become successful business and professional men. An unusually large number are physicians and ministers of the Gospel.

Daniel Kistler, grandfather of Mrs. Charles S. Kistler, was born in Lynn township, Lehigh Co., Pa., Feb. 21, 1800, and died in Schuylkill county June 28, 1866. He was reared and educated in Lehigh county, and married there. He and his brother Christian were in partnership at New Tripoli, Lehigh county, until the fall of 1829, when he moved to Lizard Creek valley, in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, and bought the gristmill situated some distance from the present home of Squire Kistler. He operated the mill until his eldest son married, when he gave him the mill and came to the place where Squire Kistler now lives, buying the old hotel property there from David Sechler, and also the farm adjoining it. He operated that place until his son John M. was married, when he sold it to him and built himself the new hotel across the way, living there and conducting that place until his youngest son was married. Then he sold him the hotel and built a brick house close by, to which he moved and lived retired. His death occurred there. By his marriage to Magdalena Moser, born July 12, 1804, died April 1, 1861, he had children as follows: Charles married Elizabeth Peters; Daniel married Catherine Whetstone; John M. married Mary Moser; David married Mary Mantz; Noah married Sarah Moser; Hettie married David Zehner; Fianna married Rev. Daniel Yingst; Kate married Rev. Benjamin Bohner. Mr. Kistler became a Republican in political faith. In religion he was first a Lutheran, but later became a member of the United Evangelical Church. He and his wife are buried at that church in West Penn township.

John M. Kistler, father of Mrs. Charles S. Kistler, was born at Kistler's mill, in Lizard Creek valley, West Penn township, and assisted his father in the mill and on the farm until he was married, when he bought the place where Squire Kistler lives from his father. He farmed there very successfully, and in time owned four farms, aggregating about five hundred acres. In connection with his agricultural operations he carried produce to the towns of Tamaqua, Summit Hill and Lansford.

Mr. Kistler married Mary Moser, who was born Aug. 20, 1829, and died July 6, 1907, a daughter of Jacob and Susanna (Peter) Moser, and children as follows were born to them: Mary Emma Alice, Louisa and Owen died young; Wilson Alfred, of West Penn township, married Savannah Sittler, and they have one child, Jennie L.; Sarah Alice is Mrs. Charles S. Kistler; Ada Moser is unmarried and resides with her sister, Mrs. Charles S. Kistler; John Wesley, of West Penn township, married Savina Gerber, and their children are George C. and Hattie; Dr. Grant Moser, now settled at Lansford, Pa., married Rosie Heintzleman, and they have three children, Mary Grace, Helen Carolina and John Clayton; Jennie died when three years old; Edward

Daniel, who was killed in a hunting accident when but twenty-one years old, married Clara Behler, and they had two children, Mary Sabina and Alice.

Though not directly active in public affairs Mr. Kistler did his duty as a good citizen. Politically he was a Republican, in religious connection a member of Emmanuel United Evangelical Church in West Penn township, in whose interests he labored zealously. He held all the offices in the church, gave the land on which the present house of worship stands, was a member of the building committee and contributed generously towards the work. The church is situated close to the residence of Squire Kistler. John M. Kistler and his wife are buried in the church-yard.

JAMES J. FRANEY, late of Shenandoah, was one of the forceful men of his generation, and by his achievements in the development of business and public projects in the borough was entitled to a place among its foremost citizens. The family has been identified with the best interests of the place for half a century. Inheriting mental qualities of a high order, he developed marked ability in the prosecution of his own affairs, and proved a worthy successor to his father, Martin Franey, who in his day was considered one of the most valuable residents of the growing town.

Martin Franey was a native of Queen's County, Ireland, born in 1814, and continued to live there until some years after his marriage. His wife, Ellen (Lawlor), was also born in Queen's County, where they were married in 1835. They came to America in 1847, locating first at Heckscherville, in Schuylkill county, Pa., and removing thence to Shenandoah in 1863. The father followed mining for a number of years, in the winter of 1867-68 forming a partnership with his son James, under the firm name of M. Franey & Son, and opening a livery business at Shenandoah. In 1871 they added the furniture business and undertaking to their original enterprise. It is notable that the business then founded has continued to be one of the most important in the borough. Some years ago James J. Franey took his son James into partnership, under the name of James J. Franey & Son, and they not only came to occupy a place as leaders in their own line in this part of the State, but ranked with the principal firms in any line in the borough. Martin Franey was a man of fine mind and good principles, and from the time of his settlement in Shenandoah held a high place in the esteem of his townsmen. At the first borough election, held in the spring of 1866, he was chosen a member of the council, and he gained the respect of his associates in all the relations of life. He and his wife belonged to the Mahanoy City Catholic Church until the organization at Shenandoah of the Church of the Annunciation, of which they were charter members. They had seven children who reached maturity: Mary married Michael O'Hara, an undertaker, and both are now deceased; Margaret married John Higgins, of Tamagua, a shoe merchant; James J. is next in the family; Kate married Peter Green, a carpenter, of Shenandoah; Ellen married James Brennan, a miner, of Shenandoah; Julia married John J. Bradigan, superintendent of mines for the Reading Coal Company, and resided in Shenandoah; Bridget was married in 1876 to Michael D. Malone, a brewer, of Shenandoah, and had seven children, Daniel F. (who succeeded his father in the brewing business), Nellie L., Martin J. (a brewer), James A. (also a brewer), Mary A., John L. and Charles F. Michael D. Malone was a lifelong resident of Schuylkill county, Pa., born in Blythe township June 15, 1852. He followed mining until twenty years of age, then

engaged in house building for several years, and in 1872 located in Shenandoah, where in 1878 he opened a hat, cap and fur store at No. 34 Main street.

James J. Franey was born March 1, 1847, in Queen's County, Ireland, and was less than a year old when the family came to the United States. His early years were spent at Heckscherville, Schuylkill county, whence the family moved to Shenandoah in the year 1863. His first work was at the mines, picking slate and driving mules. In 1867 he entered the Williamsport (Pa.) commercial school, from which he received a diploma that year. In time he entered the livery business with his father, and thereafter until his death was active in all that pertained to the advancement of the borough, whether in commercial or public matters, having a reputation for initiative and executive ability which meant success for anything in which he became interested. He passed away Aug. 22, 1913. Mr. Franey exhibited many of the strong characteristics of an energetic race, for which various members of the family have been noted. His grand-uncle, Richard Lawlor Shields, was a noted man in Ireland in his time, famous for his eloquence and intellectual gifts. Mr. Franey was a great reader, especially fond of history, and possessed a remarkable memory for names and dates.

On Feb. 10, 1880, Mr. Franey married Bridget Ferguson, daughter of Thomas and Anna (Christopher) Ferguson, and like himself member of a family of leading worth in Shenandoah. The following children were born to this marriage: Martin J., born Dec. 27, 1880, is engaged in the real estate and moving picture business in Shenandoah; he married Georganna MacWilliams, of Schuylkill Haven, and they have two children, Augusta and Georganna. Martha V., born Oct. 6, 1882, was married April 19, 1913, to Ulysses G. Vogan, an attorney, of Pittsburgh, Pa., with office in the First National Bank building; they have one son, James Franey Vogan. Ella M., born Sept. 30, 1884, married April 5, 1915, Dr. John C. Gallagher, and resides in Shenandoah. Fergus Franey, born Dec. 14, 1885, died March 20, 1906. Irene M., born Aug. 4, 1887, graduated from the Bloomsburg (Pa.) State Normal School and spent two years in study at the Pittsburgh College for Women; she is now residing at home. James J., born Jan. 11, 1890, is engaged in the undertaking business at Shenandoah as his father's successor; he is unmarried and resides with his mother. Marie died when three months old. Agnes C., born Feb. 28, 1894, resides at home; she was educated at the Shenandoah schools and the Convent of Mercy at Merion, Pa., where she spent four years.

Mr. and Mrs. Franey were married by Rev. Henry O'Reilly, and all their children were christened by him. The family are all members of the Church of the Annunciation.

REV. LEMUEL B. NORTON, pastor of the Church of the Annunciation at Shenandoah, has been stationed in Schuylkill county for almost twenty years. His record is one of busy devotion to building up the parishes in his charge, labors made doubly effective by his acquirements as a linguist. Father Norton's literary tastes and historical learning have also brought him reputation. He is a native of the city of Philadelphia, born Jan. 31, 1867, at what is now known as George's Hill, Fairmont Park. His maternal grandfather had a farm there at the time of his birth. His paternal grandfather, Nathan F. Norton, was born in Philadelphia, of English ancestry, and died

at the age of ninety years in Memphis, Tenn., where he made his home during the last twenty years of his life. He is buried there. By trade he was a carpenter. His religious connection was with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He married Margaret White, daughter of Lemuel and Margaret (Earle) White, the former a professor of elocution who taught many successful actors of his day.

Lemuel B. Norton, son of Nathan F. and Margaret (White) Norton, was born in Philadelphia in 1839, and received his education in the public schools there, graduating from the Central high school. He was but twelve years old when his father removed to Memphis, and thereafter lived with his uncle, Mr. Behring, who brought him up. He became a civil engineer, and he was doing railroad work in that capacity in Wayne county, Pa.; when the Civil war broke out, which accounts for the circumstance that he enlisted from Wayne county as a Union volunteer in April, 1861, becoming a first sergeant in the 10th Pennsylvania Reserves. This was the beginning of a long and honorable service in the United States army. In June, 1861, he became a first lieutenant in the 10th Pennsylvania Volunteers; was detailed for signal duty the following August, and from September until December of that year was instructor of officers in signal duty at the Signal Camp of Instruction, Georgetown, D. C. During the Peninsular campaign he was acting assistant quartermaster, acting ordnance officer and acting signal officer, U. S. Signal Corps, and was engaged at the battles of Hanover Court House and Malvern Hill, Va., being awarded by Congress a set of signal battleflags for his services at these battles. He was also acting signal officer at the battle of Fredericksburg. In March, 1863, he became a captain in the United States Signal Corps; in May, 1863, he was promoted to a captaincy in the 10th Pennsylvania Volunteers; was chief signal officer of the Army of the Potomac from July, 1863, to April, 1864, was engaged in the battle of Gettysburg, the operations at Mine Run, and the actions at Rappahannock Station and Bristoe Station, Va.; was chief signal officer of the Department of Virginia and North Carolina from May to September, 1864; was engaged with the Army of the James at the action of Proctor's Creek, and the siege of Petersburg and Richmond, Va.; chief signal officer, Department of the Susquehanna, with headquarters at Greencastle, Pa., to November, 1864; chief signal officer, Department of Virginia and North Carolina, and in charge of Signal operations in front of Richmond, Va., to April, 1865.

Captain Norton was discharged from the volunteer service at Harrisburg, and immediately entered the regular army as property and disbursing officer of the signal bureau at Washington, D. C., until May, 1867. Thereafter until 1870 he was acting signal officer and property and disbursing officer in the office of the chief signal officer of the United States regular army. He was brevetted major in the United States Volunteers for gallant and meritorious services at the battle of Gettysburg, where he was chief signal officer, and for faithful and meritorious services during the Civil war; brevetted lieutenant colonel, United States Volunteers, for faithful and meritorious services in the campaigns against Richmond, Va.; promoted to second lieutenant, 30th United States Infantry, 1866; first lieutenant, 30th United States Infantry, September, 1868; brevet first lieutenant, United States Army, for gallant and meritorious services at the battle of Gettysburg; brevet captain, United States Army, for gallant and meritorious services during the war; brevet major, United States Army, for meritorious services in the signal corps during the war, especially

while chief signal officer of the Army of the Potomac, Department of Virginia and North Carolina, and Department of the Susquehanna.

Because of illness Mr. Norton was granted leave of absence, during which he acted as inspector of the United States weather stations along the Atlantic coast from Maryland to Maine. He returned to Philadelphia, where he died Dec. 23, 1871, at the early age of thirty-two. He was a member of the Holy Family Roman Catholic Church of Philadelphia (now the Church of the Gesu), and is buried in the Old Cathedral cemetery in that city. By his marriage to Mary R. Doherty he had two children: Lemuel B. and Mary R., the latter deceased.

Mrs. Mary R. (Doherty) Norton was born in February, 1841, in Philadelphia, where she was reared and educated, and died in 1896. Her father, William Doherty, was a native of Strabane, County Tyrone, Ireland, born in 1807, and was about sixteen years old when he came to Philadelphia, where he spent the remainder of his life. His wife, Catherine (Fliegel), daughter of William and Catherine Fliegel, was of Prussian ancestry. She died in 1898, when over eighty years old, and is buried with Mr. Doherty at Philadelphia.

Lemuel B. Norton was brought up in Philadelphia. He accompanied his father on the latter's inspection tour of United States weather stations. His early education was obtained in the parochial schools, and later he took a course at LaSalle College, a celebrated Catholic institution of Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1883 with the degree of B. A. He received his master's degree a few years later. He took his theological course at the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook, Philadelphia, graduating in 1890, in which year he was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Ryan, in Philadelphia. He studied one year at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C., joining the second-year class, and received the degree of S. T. B. there in 1891. For five years Father Norton was connected with St. Agatha's Church, was a curate under Rev. Daniel O'Connor (uncle of Daniel Ferguson), in West Philadelphia, where he had been appointed assistant pastor in 1891, and in July, 1896, he was sent to St. Mary's parish, Coal-dale, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he was pastor for eleven years. During that time there was a notable growth in the membership, which showed an increase of two hundred, being seventeen hundred when he turned the charge over to his successor. The fine parish house he erected the year of his arrival, at a cost of three thousand dollars, and he administered the temporal affairs of the church so wisely that the church property was cleared of indebtedness while he was pastor. For a year after leaving St. Mary's he was at St. Joseph's Church, Summit Hill, Carbon county, in December, 1908, coming to Shenandoah to assume his duties at the Church of the Annunciation. His work here has been particularly successful, many new names having been added to the membership through his influence, and the affairs of the parish have received a wholesome impetus which has stimulated all the church enterprises. The new church and priest's residence have been erected since he came, and his capable management has been specially valuable in the development of his present charge, which has responded to his efforts in a gratifying degree.

Father Norton has had the esteem and good wishes of the entire community wherever his work has called him, his efforts being appreciated outside of his parish as well as among his own people. The hearty participation of his parishioners, new and old, when he celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination in May, 1915, showed how well beloved and popular he is.

He is a member of Shenandoah Council, Knights of Columbus. Father Norton is particularly well versed in history and the languages, being able to write ten, a qualification which has been of great assistance to him in this region, where the population consist of diversified elements. He edited the history of Bishop Conwell, published in the "American Catholic Historical Review," and has written and published several volumes of sermons. The following historical notes from his pen are particularly interesting to residents of this section.

"The early events in the history of Catholicity in this region are involved in much obscurity. Indeed, the same may be said of the whole State. For although the honor of first successfully establishing religious liberty in the thirteen original Colonies belongs to William Penn, his subordinates, the rulers in England, and the settlers of various creeds who flocked into Pennsylvania, were not greatly inclined to respect his legal enactments. On more than one occasion officials and counselors of Pennsylvania made complaints that not only lay Catholics, but priests, were allowed to reside and practice their religious duties in this Colony. Hence, priests especially were obliged to hide their religious character, and it is not known for certain whether even the persons named in these official remonstrances were really priests or not. It is more than likely traveling missionaries from the French settlements, from among the Indian tribes, and from the Jesuit provinces of Maryland invaded Pennsylvania, from time to time, and no doubt took advantage of the opportunity to minister the rites of religion to such Catholics as they heard of, and could reach. But the first permanent settlement of a priest in Pennsylvania is that of Father Greateon, S. J., the reverend founder of old St. Joseph's Church, Philadelphia. Somewhere between 1730 and 1740 Father Greateon made a missionary journey through eastern Pennsylvania. The Jesuit fathers contemplated the erection of a new province in Pennsylvania, and it seems very probable that Father Greateon's journey was made with the purpose of finding out how many Catholics there were who would be benefited by the proposed arrangement. At any rate such a province was established in 1740, under the title and invocation of St. Francis Borgia, and in 1741 Fathers Theodore Schneider and William Wapeler, S. J., were sent hither to attend to the spiritual welfare of the Catholics of the eastern part of the State. These gentlemen founded congregations at Goshenhoppen, Lancaster and Conewago, and in 1747, in an official report to Lord Loudon, Father Schneider, who fixed his residence at Goshenhoppen (now Bally), stated that he had under his care ninety-one men and forty-five women (children not being enumerated) German Catholics in the counties of Berks, Bucks, Chester and Northampton. Berks and Northampton counties included at that time all the territory now known as Schuylkill county except the Union townships. Mr. Martin Griffin, the indefatigable delver into American Catholic History, states that there were at the time forty-one Irish in the counties named. But who shall say whether Father Schneider or any of his predecessors or co-laborers found any Irish Catholics in this locality, or, if so, whether their descendants had preserved the faith during the seventy-five years that had elapsed before there were other priests than the good fathers at Goshenhoppen to instruct and strengthen them by the grace of the sacraments, or bishops to confirm them in the faith? If so, their stories would be sermons well worthy of the attention of some of the indolent Catholics of to-day, who are in continuous need of a good shepherd to look them up and pull them out of the briars, and who find a few



squares too lengthy for a walk to church. At the time of the Revolution there were many persons having Irish names scattered through this part of the State, and many such enlisted in the army of Freedom. Not a few of these recruits were undoubtedly Catholics, but it is not well to rely too much upon the evidence of their names, since most of the early settlers in Pennsylvania from Ireland were what are inaccurately called Scotch-Irish—were the most bitter haters of Catholicity in these Colonies. Doubtless, between that time and the founding of the first regular congregation in this region, there were many priests who made occasional visits to the Irish Catholics residing therein. One case at least is well authenticated. Rev. Patrick Lonergan, an Irish Franciscan, made his headquarters in Northumberland county from May 5th to Nov. 22, 1796. Though not improbable, it is still not of record, that he visited this neighborhood. The more authentic history of this region begins with the advent of Rev. John Fitzpatrick, who was the first resident pastor in the neighborhood. He was stationed at Milton, Northumberland county, as early as 1812, and is mentioned in a letter of Bishop Neuman as having been the first resident pastor in that place. He seems to have retired from Milton in a few years, and to have returned to Philadelphia diocese from Petersburg, Va., in 1823, for Bishop Conwell, of Philadelphia, writing to Archbishop Marechal, of Baltimore, on July 26, 1823, says: 'Fitzpatrick from Petersburg came here yesterday.' For a year or so thereafter he was an assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Philadelphia. About 1826 he returned to Milton, and for many years attended to the spiritual need of the Catholics residing in a triangle extending from Milton to Pottsville and Easton. In December, 1829, his residence in Milton was burned to the ground, and by the following February he had removed to Pottsville. Again he returned to Milton in 1834, and remained there until 1837. Where he went after that is not known.

"Father John Curtin attended part of this region in 1832 and 1833. Father Arthur Wainwright, as pastor of Pottsville and Tamaqua, probably attended part of this territory after 1833. So also did Rev. J. Maloney, his successor in Tamaqua and Beaver Meadow up to 1848, when he was succeeded in Tamaqua by Rev. P. J. Hennegan. The various priests named ministered, no doubt, to such Catholics as were resident in this neighborhood up to that period, but as there were no residents on the site of Shenandoah before 1837, and as far as known few, if any, Catholics previous to 1860, these notes refer rather to the Catholic history of this neighborhood in general than to Shenandoah. In a latter number of the Record we propose to follow up the history of this town and parish."

CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION, Shenandoah.—The activity of the mining industry in the early history of Shenandoah attracted people of all nationalities and beliefs then in Schuylkill county, and among them a goodly number of Irish birth or parentage from St. Clair to Minersville, many of whose descendants are prominent in the town at the present time. As there was no church of their faith here it was no uncommon thing for them to walk or drive to the towns below the mountain to attend to their religious duties, and this continued for several years. However, it soon became burdensome, and as the number grew Rev. Father MacEvoy, of Mahanoy, was placed in charge and organized the parish as a mission or adjunct to the Mahanoy City parish. In 1868 it was organized as a separate parish, and the small building now (1915) standing on the northeast corner of Cherry and Chestnut streets was erected on Mayberry street. In 1870 it was separated from Mahanoy City,



and Rev. Henry F. O'Reilly was appointed pastor. In 1871 the membership of the parish had increased so much that the little church was too small for its accommodation, and Father O'Reilly had it removed to its present location and began the erection of the church which was torn down in June, 1914, to be replaced by the larger and more commodious structure now erected on the site. At the same time he built the pastoral residence in which he lived the remainder of his days. The cornerstone of the church was laid in 1872 by Father O'Reilly himself, as Bishop Wood was unable to be present owing to illness. For thirty-eight years Father O'Reilly labored in Shenandoah, until he passed to his reward on Nov. 23, 1908. He was succeeded as rector in December following by the present rector, Rev. Lemuel B. Norton.

Father Norton found a large task awaiting him. The church and residence built in 1872 had both been seriously damaged by mining operations in that part of the town, so much so that it was deemed wise to raze both and erect buildings in their places which would be more commodious for worship and comfortable to live in. He began with the parochial residence in 1909, erecting a dwelling large enough to provide comfortable quarters for the increased clerical force now necessary to serve the spiritual needs of the large parish, and an ornament to that section of the town.

The erection of the new church, begun in June, 1914, proved to be a stupendous undertaking. The cornerstone was laid on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26th, by Right Rev. John J. McCort, Bishop of Azotus and auxiliary bishop of Philadelphia, who also dedicated the completed edifice, on Sunday, Oct. 10, 1915. The work was pushed forward as rapidly as possible, and the basement was ready for services by Christmas. While the new building was in course of erection church services were held in the old building which the congregation had used forty-six years ago, and also for a time in the old St. Michael's United Greek Church, on West Centre street.

Father Norton has been ably assisted in the parish work and building operations by Revs. R. F. L. Hanagan, Richard J. Branton, Joseph M. O'Hara, M. A. Crane, Joseph A. Hayes, all now of Philadelphia, and his present capable assistants, Revs. George P. Boyle and James V. McEnery. Father Boyle was master of ceremonies at the dedication ceremonies, which were attended by a large number of visiting priests, including some of those who had formerly officiated here. One of the largest crowds ever assembled in the town on the occasion of religious services witnessed the exercises. At ten o'clock Bishop McCort and his assistants formed a procession of priests and acolytes and proceeded with the ceremony of blessing the outside walls of the church. After passing around the edifice the procession entered the church, when the inside was blessed. At the completion of this ceremony the doors were thrown open and the worshipers admitted. Many exclamations of surprise were heard as the people passed through the vestibule and beheld for the first time the beautiful interior. There were many in the congregation who had learned to love the old church, which was associated with their most sacred memories, but they rejoiced with the younger generation at the beauty and elegance of the new building, and that they were among the first to worship in it.

The building has been specially designed, because of the uncertainty of the surface due to mine operations, having a reinforced concrete foundation, with frame construction for the superstructure. The front on Cherry street has a tower on each side. The main auditorium, 72 feet wide and

114 feet long in its greatest dimensions, has a seating capacity of nine hundred. The ceilings of the main aisle are 40 feet above the floor, of the side aisles 27 feet. Besides the three entrance doors in front, there are large exits on either side of the main auditorium. Special attention has been paid to the lighting, there being four large stained glass windows in each of the side aisles, three large windows at each end of the transept, and the elliptical ceiling over the transept and center aisle has twelve windows. Two large windows are provided in the sanctuary and three in the gallery. There are two systems of electric lighting for night, a direct for ordinary use and an indirect, with gas lighting outlets for emergency. The plumbing is of the most approved modern variety; the building is steam heated, and a complete vacuum cleaning system has been installed. The building cost sixty thousand dollars, exclusive of furnishings and art glass, and is a distinct addition to the material attractions of the borough as well as a credit to the congregation whose liberality and enterprise made its construction possible.

PETER F. HAVERTY, deceased, spent most of his mature years in Schuylkill county, during the latter part of his life residing at Shenandoah, where he had a high reputation as a reliable mechanic. In his personal relations, also, he was much respected by all his associates for his genuine worth. Mr. Haverty was a native of County Mayo, Ireland, born in January, 1848. His father was a farmer in that country.

Coming to America when very young, the boy lived for several years in New York City, where he learned the trade of plastering and cement finishing with his uncle, James Haverty (a brother of his father). Later he came to Mahanoy City, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he followed his trade for a number of years, thence removing to Shenandoah. There he successfully carried on his trade until his death, which occurred Aug. 8, 1888. He is buried in the cemetery of the Annunciation Church. Mr. Haverty was a self-made man, succeeding by close application to his work, of which there are still many pieces in the town to testify to the fine workmanship for which he became noted. One is the "Hotel Ferguson," which he plastered many years ago. He also plastered the old Church of the Annunciation and the pastor's house connected with it. He acquired a wide reputation as a clever workman, of versatile and inventive faculties as well as mechanical skill, doing fine plaster of paris and cement work. He showed the possession of artistic sense in many pieces he finished. In this connection it may be mentioned that he made a successful plaster cast of his own head. He was the inventor of a patent cement mixture, and made tombstones that would neither crack nor break. Mr. Haverty was a member of the Church of the Annunciation and of St. Patrick's Society, and in politics supported the Democratic party.

Mr. Haverty married Mary Ann O'Leary, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Father Schmidt, in Bloomsburg, Pa. Children as follows were born to this marriage: David P. died when sixteen months old; John F., deceased, who was a plasterer, married Catherine Dwyer, and they had two children, Peter and Mary (this family resides in Shenandoah); Peter J., who died in 1898, when twenty-three years old, was at the time of his death an art student at the Drexel Institute, Philadelphia (he had great artistic talent, and had painted successfully on glass, porcelain and cloth fabrics); James M., who was a plumber in Shenandoah, died in 1910, when twenty-eight years old;

Thomas A., the only survivor of the family, born Dec. 30, 1883, is a graduate of the State normal school at Stroudsburg, Pa., class of 1908, and is now engaged in looking after his mother's interests (he is a member of the Knights of Columbus, B. P. O. Elks and Phoenix Fire Company, all of Shenandoah, and of the Church of the Annunciation); Mary Anne and Catherine died of diphtheria, the former when six, the latter when four years old; Margaret Veronica died when eight months old; Margaret (2) died aged one year, ten months. All of this family were baptized by Rev. Father H. F. O'Reilly.

Mrs. Haverty married for her second husband MICHAEL PURCELL, Rev. Father Kane performing the ceremony in Shenandoah. No children were born to this marriage. Mr. Purcell was born in New Philadelphia, Schuylkill county, and settled at Shenandoah, where he was engaged in the insurance business, being superintendent of the Prudential Insurance Company. Later he moved to Philipsburg, Pa., where he served the same company as superintendent. Returning to Shenandoah, he became a merchant, selling goods for a while on the installment plan. He died in 1900, aged about fifty years, and is buried in the Annunciation cemetery. Politically he was a Democrat. By his first marriage, to Annie Hughes, of Minersville, Mr. Purcell had three children, Catherine (married to Garrett Burns), Mary and Thomas, all of whom are living in Shenandoah.

Mrs. Mary Ann Purcell was born in London, England, Jan. 11, 1853, and was educated in that city, at St. Joseph's convent, Chelsea, coming to America when fifteen years old. The voyage was made in a sailing vessel, and she landed in New York after six weeks at sea.

John O'Leary, Mrs. Purcell's grandfather, was a farmer in County Limerick, Ireland, where he and his wife died. Their children were: Kate, Mrs. Cooney, who died in Ireland; Thomas; John, a miner, who was killed at Brownsville, Schuylkill county; and David.

David O'Leary, son of John, was born in County Limerick, and died in May, 1913, at the remarkable age of ninety-five years. He left Ireland when a young man, for a number of years thereafter making his home in England. He worked as a steeplejack in London, was married in that city, and after coming to America lived in Schuylkill county, Pa. It was in 1865 that he settled in Mahanoy City, where he followed the trade of plasterer, and a few years later he moved to Shenandoah. Mr. O'Leary was a staunch Democrat, and a member of the Church of the Annunciation, St. Patrick's Society and the T. A. B. Society of the church.

Mr. O'Leary married Anna Murray, daughter of Thomas Murray, of County Mayo, Ireland, and she lived to be nearly ninety years old. Mr. and Mrs. O'Leary both died at Shenandoah. They had the following children: John, who is engaged in the plastering business in Pittsburgh, married Mary Ann McLoughlin, and their children are Anna, Mame, Agnes, Catherine, Ellen, David and John; Catherine is the widow of Patrick King, who was a hotelkeeper in Philadelphia, and her children are Martin, David, John, Frank and James; Mary Ann is Mrs. Purcell.

HARRY KEEFER, business man and justice of the peace at Pine Grove, has spent all his life in Pine Grove township, where he was born in 1873, son of Reuben and Susan (Barr) Keefer. In both paternal and maternal lines he is descended from pioneer stock which aided in the settlement and development of this region, and worthily bears a name which has been representative

of good citizenship wherever known. Elias Keefer, his great-grandfather, was the founder of the family here, and followed the occupation of farmer. He married a Miss Houtz.

Joseph Keefer, son of Elias, was also a farmer. He continued to live at his birthplace until his death. By his marriage to Sallie Nagle he had a family of seven children, of whom the following are still living: William, who lives on the old homestead place; Sallie, wife of Noah Shubert, of South Bend, Ind.; Maria, widow of P. C. Darbey, now residing at Pottsville; Anna, widow of Isaac Frye, also of South Bend, Ind.; and David, of South Bend, Indiana.

Reuben Keefer, son of Joseph, was born in Pine Grove township, at the place where he followed farming practically all his life, and died there in May, 1899. His wife Susan (Barr) was born there also, and died May 3, 1906. She was one of four children born to Jacob and Sarah (Hegley) Barr, Samuel, Harriet (deceased), Amelia (deceased) and Susan. Jacob Barr was born in Pine Grove township, where he lived and died, and his wife, a native of Pennsylvania, also died here. By trade he was a tailor, but he followed farming for a number of years, spending the latter part of his life in retirement. Mr. and Mrs. Keefer became the parents of four children: Annie, the eldest, is deceased; Lydia is the wife of Lyman Stutzen, of Pine Grove; Frank is deceased; Harry completes the family.

Harry Keefer acquired his education in the township schools, and after leaving school assisted his father in the timber business, remaining with him until he engaged in farming on his own account, at the age of twenty-seven years. He also handles all kinds of farm implements and vehicles, wagons, plows, sleighs, etc., as well as fertilizers, being most conveniently located just outside the borough limits of Pine Grove. Besides these interests, he has been prominent in promoting the Pine Grove Township Fire Insurance Company, of which he is president. Public duties have also demanded their share of his time and attention, for he was honored by his fellow citizens with election to the office of township auditor, which he filled from 1907 to 1910. In the fall of 1914 he was elected justice of the peace of Pine Grove township, and he has taken up the responsibilities of the position with his customary vigor, bidding fair to realize the best expectations of his supporters. Politically he is a Democrat, and he holds membership in various social organizations, having belonged to the Knights of the Golden Eagle for twenty-two years; to the P. O. S. of A. camp at Pine Grove; to the I. O. O. F.; and other bodies.

On Jan. 7, 1893, Mr. Keefer married Mary B. Sigfried, who was born in Pine Grove township, daughter of Frederick and Sophia (Hospul) Sigfried, natives of Germany who came to this country before their marriage, which took place in Pine Grove. Mr. Sigfried was a stonemason, working for the Philadelphia & Reading Company. He died in Pine Grove Feb. 13, 1907, surviving his wife, who passed away there in October, 1898. Their family consisted of eight children, viz.: Harry, of Lebanon, a brickmason; David, a resident of Youngstown, Ohio; George, a resident of Elkhart, Ind., a baker of that city; John, deceased; Mrs. Adam Harvey, of Pine Grove (Mr. Harvey is in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Company); Annie, deceased, at one time a resident of Elkhart, Ind.; Mrs. Keefer; and Augusta, a resident of Los Angeles, California.

Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Keefer: Victor, the eldest, now a resident of Huron, S. Dak., is a baker by trade; Fannie, who lives

at home, is the wife of William Heinbach, and they have one child, Walter (Mr. Heinbach is a miner); Elma is at home; Clara is deceased; Edna, Laura, Helen, Claude and Mary are at home.

EDWARD A. DOHERTY, of Shenandoah, bears a most favorable reputation in this region, based upon a lifetime of honorable endeavor. He is a thoroughly experienced miner, and as foreman at the Turkey Run colliery for the last seventeen years has given ample evidence of the qualities which gained him promotion to that position. His comprehensive knowledge of conditions there, and indeed all over this locality, gives his services a distinct value.

Mr. Doherty was born Sept. 14, 1865, at Silver Creek, Schuylkill county, where his father, Anthony Doherty, settled soon after his arrival in this country. He was a native of the North of Ireland, born at Coleraine, in County Derry, where he grew to manhood and learned the trade of blacksmith. Coming to the United States in early life, he first settled at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., but soon joined friends at Silver Creek, where he found employment as blacksmith at the colliery. There he remained for a number of years, doing work at his trade for the colliery and on his own account, until 1877, when he removed to Shenandoah. During the rest of his life he was colliery blacksmith at Plank Ridge, holding that position until his death, which occurred about 1882, at the age of sixty-eight years. He married Elizabeth Mairs, like himself a native of County Derry, Ireland, daughter of John Mairs, a farmer and blacksmith near Coleraine, where he died. Mrs. Doherty came to Pottsville with her brother, John Mairs, when a young woman, and was married at that place to Mr. Doherty, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Joseph McCool, the Presbyterian minister. Mr. and Mrs. Doherty were members of the Presbyterian Church at Shenandoah, and all their family have adhered to the same faith. Politically he was a Republican. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Doherty: Edward, the eldest, died young; Martha married Thomas Watson, who is a mine foreman at Indian Ridge, and they have two sons, George and Edward, the former a machinist, the latter a patternmaker; Allieson married John Epply, who is engaged as a telegraph operator by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and they reside in Philadelphia; Mary (deceased) married James McNeal, of Chester, Pa., and they had two children, Margaret and Elizabeth; Margaret married Newton J. Spence, a furniture merchant, connected with Dungan, Fry & Spence, of Atlantic City, N. J., and they have three children, Edward, Charles and John; Anthony, the youngest of the family, died young.

Edward A. Doherty received his early education at Silver Creek. He began mine work when a boy of twelve or thirteen years, picking slate at first, later driving mules and working up through the various grades of occupation until he became a regular miner. As he showed capacity for responsible duties he was made loader boss, fire boss and foreman in turn, finally becoming inside foreman, and seventeen years ago he was assigned to his present position at Turkey Run. He began work at Plank Ridge, and has been employed also at the Shenandoah City, Knickerbocker, Ellen Gowan, Indian Ridge, Kohinoor, West Shenandoah and Turkey Run workings, in fact, with emergency services, his experience may be said to cover all the collieries in the vicinity. He has a name for caution which has been recognized by his superiors in his selection for dangerous work, and which has no doubt

saved him and the men working with him from serious injuries on many occasions. His judgment is considered most reliable. Mr. Doherty has many friends who esteem him highly for his sterling personal qualities. Though strict and firm in his business associations, he is absolutely just and has a high sense of his responsibilities, and his consistent adherence to good principles and strong convictions of right are so generally known that he has the confidence and respect of his associates without reservation, whether the officers of the company or the men under his supervision. Though he has worked his way up unaided he is a man of modest and unassuming character, his development being the result of the exercise of solid qualifications and the application of the knowledge acquired in long experience, combined with a keen sense of justice which makes him fair to all with whom he has dealings. He is a director of the First National Bank of Shenandoah.

On Nov. 23, 1888, Mr. Doherty was married at Shenandoah to Jessie Shaw, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Eli Pickersgill, a Methodist Episcopal minister. Mrs. Doherty was born at Shenandoah, daughter of William and Hannah (Richards) Shaw, the former a native of England, the latter of Wales, whence she came to this country with her parents when a child. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw were married in Schuylkill county. He was a mine foreman at Turkey Run for a number of years. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Doherty: E. Grant, now engaged as electrician at the Turkey Run colliery, married Anna Morgan, of Mahanoy City, daughter of Rev. Thomas T. Morgan (they have no children); Fred A., who was a clerk at the Indian Ridge colliery, died unmarried, when twenty years old; Ruth and Ralph died in infancy.

Mr. Doherty is well known in the local fraternal organizations, being a member and past counselor of Major Jennings Council, No. 367, Order of Independent Americans; a past president of the Sons of America; a member of Washington Camp No. 112, P. O. S. of A.; and a member of the I. O. O. F., which he joined in 1892. He is the present treasurer of his borough, having been elected in January, 1916.

TRENTON WESLEY RUMBEL, miller and farmer in Union township, was born there Oct. 27, 1855, and is a descendant of an old family of Schuylkill county.

Henry Rumbel, his grandfather, was born Oct. 31, 1801, in East Brunswick township, this county, where he owned land near Rauschs which he traded for property in Union township, acquiring valuable holdings. He had one tract principally in timber (now owned by Washington Rumbel), cultivating the few acres which were cleared, and owned another which he occupied and operated, selling the latter eventually to his son Henry. He gave each of his sons a farm. Mr. Rumbel was independent in politics. He was known for his high Christian character, and was a zealous member of the Lutheran congregation of the Old White Church, in which he filled all the official positions. His wife belonged to the Reformed denomination. Her maiden name was Salome Andrews, and she was born Sept. 18, 1807. Mr. Rumbel died Nov. 17, 1860, Mrs. Rumbel on May 20, 1887, and they are buried at the Old White Church. They were the parents of the following children: Henry married Elizabeth Singley; Daniel is mentioned below; Jacob served in the Civil war, was wounded, and died from his injuries; Joshua

married Lucy Singley; Rebecca married William Laudig; Mary married Levi Reber.

Daniel Rumbel, son of Henry, was born Dec. 24, 1830, in East Brunswick township, this county, and died at Ringtown June 26, 1891. He was educated partly in his native township, but was still a boy when the family moved to Union township, where he finished his schooling. During most of his early life he helped his father on the farm, continuing thus for some time after his marriage, and he also learned the trade of shoemaker. In time he bought a farm of about 115 acres from his father, nearly all timbered, cut the wood and cleared the land, selling his lumber to the Catawissa Railroad Company, who used it in the construction of bridges along their road. Later he sold fifteen acres to Jacob Laudig, retaining the remainder for himself and carrying on general farming for some years. He sold another portion of this tract to the Ringtown Fair Association for fair grounds. Below Ringtown he owned a tract of fifty acres mostly in timber, on which he had a waterpower sawmill, and the timber cut there was used for mining and building purposes. His general farming and lumbering operations were very profitable, and he did well, but he was too good-natured for his own interest about going on others' bonds, and as a consequence he failed financially, his property being disposed of at sheriff's sale. After that he went into the shoe business at Ringtown, conducting a store and working at the trade.

Mr. Rumbel married Sarah M. Seltzer, who was born Sept. 7, 1832, in East Brunswick township, and they had three children: Emmeline, wife of Dr. H. D. Rentschler, of Ringtown; William H., born Jan. 29, 1854, who married Louisa Seitz; and Trenton W. The mother died Sept. 2, 1914, and both parents are buried at the Old White Church. Mr. Rumbel was a Lutheran member of that church, and a Republican in political sentiment.

Jacob Seltzer, father of Mrs. Sarah M. (Seltzer) Rumbel, was a native of East Brunswick township, and farmed there and in Union township, his great-grandson, Richard T. Rumbel, now owning part of his old farm in the latter township, which consisted of 237 acres. He followed general agriculture on that place, and died there. By his first wife Sydney (Hart), daughter of William Hart (both natives of Brunswick township), he had a large family, viz.: William married Mary Eisenhart; Benjamin married Barbara Breisch; John married Caroline Yost; Nathan married Elizabeth Whitner; Francis married Emma Manbeck; Sarah M. married Daniel Rumbel; Catherine married Henry Schappell; Sydney married Absalom Hubler; Jacob died young. The mother is buried at the Old White Church. All the children born to Mr. Seltzer's second marriage, with Rebecca Petery, died in infancy. He was originally a Lutheran in religious connection, but later became a member of the United Evangelical denomination, and is buried with his second wife in the U. E. cemetery near Ringtown. Politically he was a Republican.

Trenton W. Rumbel, son of Daniel, grew to manhood in Union township, obtaining his education in the public schools of the home locality. He was trained to farming from boyhood, assisting his father up to the age of twenty years, after which he did farm work for his brother one year and then rented the Benjamin Behm place (the farm now owned by William Houser), which he had for three years. He then joined his father-in-law, John Maurer, a miller and farmer in Union township, for whom he worked two years, for the following five years renting the George Fulmer farm, in Union township. At the end of that time he moved to his present property,



buying the farm and gristmill from his father-in-law, subject to judgment and mortgage. There are forty-five acres of good land, all cleared and under cultivation, upon which Mr. Rumbel has made many improvements during his ownership, and he has carried on the milling business as well as farming, doing well in both branches. With his wife he owns another farm in the township, comprising forty-eight acres, of which forty-two acres are tenanted and cultivated by William J. Seltzer, Mr. Rumbel himself farming the other six acres. The house on that place is rented to Oliver Lindermuth. Mr. Rumbel also has property in Ringtown. He is very progressive in business matters and in advancing the welfare of the community as well as his personal affairs, and he is a director of the Farmers' Independent Telephone & Telegraph Company. In public matters he has worked principally for the good of the local schools, having served three terms as member of the township board of school directors, of which body he is also treasurer. Though a Republican in his views he votes independently. He belongs to Ringtown Lodge, No. 287, I. O. O. F., and to St. John's Lutheran Church at Ringtown, of which he is a deacon.

Mr. Rumbel was united in marriage with Barbara E. Maurer, who was born Dec. 17, 1855, in Union township, where she was educated and remained at home until her marriage. During her younger days she taught Sunday school at the Old White Church, at the Ringtown schoolhouse and in the Ringtown Lutheran Sunday school, when it was first organized. She is now a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in that borough. Mr. and Mrs. Rumbel have had two children, Richard Theodore and Daisy Salome. The daughter, born April 5, 1879, died Dec. 20, 1901.

RICHARD THEODORE RUMBEL, son of Trenton W. Rumbel, was born March 13, 1877, obtained his education in Union township, and is now engaged in farming there on a tract of eighty-two acres, part of the farm of his great-grandfather Seltzer. He carries on general agricultural work, and attends market at Shenandoah. His work is conducted along modern lines, and his fine Jersey cattle, substantial buildings and well kept premises indicate how thoroughly progressive he is by nature. He has served his township as supervisor, and is a deacon of the Lutheran Church at Ringtown, doing his share in the promotion of all local interests. Socially he holds membership in the Knights of the Golden Eagle and Woodmen of the World at Ringtown. In political principle he is a Republican, but he is not partisan in his support of candidates. Mr. Rumbel married Sarah Alice Michael, who was born Jan. 19, 1875, daughter of Stephen and Ellen (Zimmerman) Michael, and they have had seven children, born as follows: Mary Elizabeth, May 29, 1898; Leah Catherine, June 29, 1900; Paul Robert, Aug. 6, 1902; Ruth Agnes, April 18, 1906; Hilda Rebecca, July 19, 1908; Blanche Lillian, June 24, 1910; Henry Allen, July 7, 1912.

John Maurer, grandfather of Mrs. Trenton W. Rumbel, was a farmer and miller, having a mill at Girard Manor, in East Union township, Schuylkill county, and a small tract of land. Later he moved to Orwigsburg, where he had a mill and a very fine farm, and he died there. He and his wife, Sarah (Bittler), are buried at Orwigsburg. They were the parents of fifteen children, of whom we have the following record: John is mentioned below; Charles married Catherine Kramer; Elizabeth married George Mayberry; Caroline married Philip Miller; Hannah went West; Nellie married Philip Moyer; Abigail married John Bernheisel; Catherine married George Free-

hafer; Mary married Solomon Fidler; Rebecca married Josiah Hart. The father was a Democrat and a member of the German Reformed Church.

John Maurer, son of John and Sarah (Bittler) Maurer, was born April 6, 1819, in Union township, received his education in Orwigsburg, and lived there until thirty years of age, assisting his father with the mill and farm work. He was married at Ringtown, and coming to Union township settled where Breisch's sawmill is now located, the old property of Mrs. Maurer's grandfather Breisch. In 1853 he moved to the tract now occupied by his son-in-law, Mr. Rumbel, buying the mill and farm of over forty acres from Jacob Laudig, and after operating the old mill for a while he built a new one. In 1867 he erected the dwelling which now stands upon that place, and there he resided until his death, which occurred May 14, 1898. His wife, Susanna (Breisch), born July 26, 1827, in Union township, died Oct. 26, 1910. They are buried in the cemetery of the Old White Church. Two daughters were born to them: Amanda, widow of D. M. Stauffer, living with Mrs. Rumbel; and Barbara Elizabeth, Mrs. Rumbel. Mr. Maurer was a Democrat, and served his township as school director. He was an active member of the German Reformed Church at Ringtown, in which he held the offices of elder, deacon and trustee.

John Breisch, father of Mrs. Susanna (Breisch) Maurer, was born and reared in Columbia county, Pa., came to this section in an early day, and became the owner of several large farms. By trade he was a stonemason. He married Elizabeth Shuman, also a native of Columbia county, and six children were born to them: Rudolph, who married Missouri Zimmerman; Jacob, who married Fayette Zimmerman; Susanna, Mrs. Maurer; Adam, who married Mary Rarig; Henry, who married Rebecca Reich; and Josiah, who married Susanna Zimmerman. The father was a Whig and in religion a devout Lutheran, filling all the official positions in his church. Both parents are buried at the Old White Church.

EDWARD J. WHALEN, of Shenandoah, is considered one of the capable workers in the local anthracite fields, where he has proved his worth in long and faithful service, being at present fire boss (or assistant foreman) at the Indian Ridge colliery. He has held this position for about eight years. Mr. Whalen is otherwise well known in this vicinity as the president of the Phoenix Fire Company. He is a member of the third generation of his family in Schuylkill county, his grandfather, Michael Whalen, having lived in Shenandoah, where he died at the age of ninety years. He had come to America with his family from Ireland, and followed mining here. He was a Democrat and a Catholic, and he and his wife Mary are buried in the Annunciation cemetery at Shenandoah. They had the following children: Patrick, a retired miner, now living in Philadelphia, Pa., married Bridget Lawler; John was the father of Edward J. Whalen; Mary, widow of Michael Igo, lives in Shenandoah, Pa.; Catherine resides in Brooklyn, New York.

John Whalen was born in Schuylkill county, where he followed mine work all his active years, beginning as a slate picker. He established his home near Heckscherville and was employed in the mines near by until his removal to Shenandoah, shortly after the birth of his son Edward. About fifteen years ago he went West, and shortly afterwards met with an accidental death. He was a member of the Church of the Annunciation at Shenandoah and of the T. A. B. society of that church. In politics he was a Democrat. His wife,

Mary (Nash), was born in County Limerick, Ireland, daughter of Edward and Mary (Moore) Nash, the former of whom was a coal miner in Ireland. She came to America when eighteen or twenty years old, and is now (1915) living in Shenandoah, aged seventy years. Mr. and Mrs. Whalen had the following family: Michael was burned to death when three years old; Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of Noah Benjamin, a miner, of Plymouth, Luzerne Co., Pa., and had children, Stella, Benjamin, Mary, Loretta and Edward; Edward J. is next in the family; Mary Ann died when eight years old; John, who is a miner of Shenandoah, married Mary Devlin, and has three children, Anna, Mary and Rosetta; Ellen married Edward M. Thomas (she is his second wife), a miner of Pottsville, Pa., and has four children; Catherine married Thomas Stot, a house builder of Shenandoah, and they have had one child, Mary, deceased; Richard, a miner, lives with his mother at Shenandoah; Margaret is also at home.

Edward J. Whalen was born April 12, 1874, at Heckscherville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and was reared in Shenandoah, where he was given public school advantages in his early boyhood. But even then he was helping to earn his livelihood, for he was but six years old when first employed at the breaker of the Shenandoah City colliery, as a slate picker. After a short service there he went to Grant's colliery, where he continued to pick slate for six years, after which for four years he drove mules on the dirt bank at the West Shenandoah colliery, for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company. Then for about one year he was a driver at the Kohinoor colliery, under Thomas Campbell, foreman, and when Mr. Campbell was transferred to the Indian Ridge colliery he took young Whalen with him. Mr. Whalen's experience in mine work was quite comprehensive, his duties including those of loader, loader boss, timber repairman, miner, etc., and he was promoted from time to time until he reached his present position, which is one of the most responsible about the colliery. Thomas Watson is inside foreman at the Indian Ridge workings.

Mr. Whalen has been an efficient worker in the Democratic party, and was delegate to the county convention held at Mahanoy City. He is a member of the Church of the Annunciation, and of Shenandoah Council, No. 618, Knights of Columbus. For some years he has been president of the Phoenix Fire Company, of which organization we give below a brief history.

Mr. Whalen married Caroline Agnes Beck, who was born March 14, 1875, in Shenandoah, where she received her education in the parochial school of the Holy Family and the public schools. She is a member of the German Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Family. Mr. and Mrs. Whalen have no children.

Peter Beck, father of Mrs. Whalen, was born Jan. 26, 1844, in Cumbola, Blythe township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and died Sept. 4, 1903. He was a butcher by trade, and followed that calling for a while, later working at the mines and conducting a grocery store in Shenandoah. He lived retired for about eight years before his death. At New Philadelphia, this county, he married Magdalene Bassler, who was born July 12, 1847, on the farm of her parents at Tumbling Run. She was a daughter of Christian and Mary Bassler, natives of East Brunswick township, this county. Mrs. Beck died March 26, 1890, and is buried with her husband in the cemetery of the Church of the Annunciation, at Shenandoah. They belonged to the Holy Family Catholic Church, and Mr. Beck was a member of St. Michael's Society and of the Washington

Beneficial Association; politically he was a Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Beck were the parents of the following children: Ida, Mrs. Joseph Grosskettler; Caroline Agnes, Mrs. Edward J. Whalen; Frederick, a traveling salesman for the Home Brewery, who married Annie Melusky and lives in Shenandoah (they have no children); Elizabeth, who graduated from the Shenandoah high school and subsequently assisted her father in the grocery store, dying at the age of twenty-eight years; Christian, a cigarmaker by trade, who died when twenty-four years old; and Amos, who makes his home in Seattle, Wash., and who is engaged as conductor on a dining car.

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PHOENIX HOSE COMPANY, of Shenandoah, was organized Aug. 25, 1885, and charter granted Oct. 6, 1885, under the laws of Pennsylvania. Charter members: John M. Mack, John B. Lovett, Thomas J. McKeone, Thomas J. O'Brien, John F. McKernan, John J. Hines, Martin Kelly, John J. Fahey, Martin A. Monaghan, E. J. McGinnis, Bernard J. Duffy. Of these, Martin A. Monaghan and E. J. McGinnis are still members of the company. The first foreman was James Mitchell.

After the fire of Nov. 12, 1883, in which half of the town of Shenandoah was destroyed, it was suggested by Rev. Father O'Reilly that there was not sufficient fire protection for a town the size of Shenandoah, there being only two fire companies there at that time, the Columbia Hose Company and the Rescue Hook and Ladder Company. Father O'Reilly attended all fires in the borough. The people thought the town was large enough to warrant another company; fires at that time were very numerous, and our young men were under the impression that it was their duty to take part in this laudable work. Moreover, the membership of the other companies in Shenandoah were not on very friendly terms with a large portion of the population about that time, and this lack of friendship was probably responsible to some extent for the new organization. Up to that time, there were never more than two or three of the class of people who comprised the original membership of the Phoenix Company that belonged to either of the other companies. The first meeting for the purpose of organizing was held in the parlors of Mr. T. J. McKeone's hotel on Centre street, below White, about where Martin Fahey's place of business is now located. This meeting was held in the early summer of 1885, and the officers elected at this meeting were as follows: President, John M. Mack; secretary, John B. Lovett; treasurer, Thomas J. McKeone. Those were merely temporary officers, whose duty it was to serve until an organization was properly effected. Every member was working incessantly for members, and the enthusiasm displayed by each was a guarantee that the company was to be the success all hoped and prayed for so fervently. At the third meeting which was also held in the parlors of the McKeone hotel, the question of a name for the company was brought up, and as that was but two years after the great fire, and Shenandoah had built up so wonderfully in two years, the expression "Phoenix-like it arose from its ashes" prompted Mr. McKeone to suggest "The Phoenix Fire Company" as the proper title for the new fire-fighters. About August 1st, the company decided to make formal applications for a charter, and J. W. Ryon, Esq., was engaged as solicitor. On Sept. 28, 1885, John J. Hines, J. J. Fahey and John M. Mack were sent to Pottsville to make the necessary affidavit to the signatures on the application.

In about six weeks after the first meeting the membership had reached nearly one hundred members, and it was very evident that new quarters must be secured. A committee selected a hall in the rear of the Egan property, in the alley near M. Mellett's wall paper store, and the first meeting held there was for the election of officers. B. J. Duffy was elected president; T. J. McKeone, vice president, and John B. Lovett, secretary. Before long the company bought a fifteen-foot lot on North Jardin street, adjoining the present fire house, from Beddall Brothers, hardware merchants. There they erected a two-story frame building which is still standing, using the upper floor as a meeting place and the lower floor for the fire apparatus. They bought a hand hose cart, which was their entire equipment for some years. This building was the home of the company from 1887 to 1895, in which year the up-to-date structure now occupied was erected, the company moving in Oct. 21st. The lot, which was bought from the William Harkins estate, is 30 by 150 feet in dimensions, and the building is a handsome two-story stone front. The interior was remodeled in 1910, metal ceilings being placed throughout the house, by the Penn Metal Company of Philadelphia, and the wainscoting on all of the first floor was taken out and replaced by tile work, by Stokeley & McNalis, of Lancaster, Pa. The painting and paperhanging were done by P. J. Conville, Shenandoah. The engine house is furnished handsomely, there being a commodious parlor, as well as bath and reading rooms. The buildings are heated by steam, furnished from the plant of the Home Brewing Company. Some years ago a one-story addition, 27 by 30 feet, was made, providing stable room for five horses, and adding 21 feet to the engine room; the alterations cost between fifteen and eighteen hundred dollars. The property is valued at \$20,000, and the total assets of the company at \$40,805.41, including, besides the land and buildings, six horses, supply wagon, combination wagon, two drays, two trucks, three double cabs, sweeper and street sprinkler; money at interest, \$9,800; liabilities, \$1,000. When the company moved into the new building the old apparatus was used, with the addition of a hose cart. In May, 1904, horses were purchased, and on July 8th of that year the borough bought a combination wagon at a cost of \$2,125, built by the American LaFrance Company, of Elmira, N. Y. In 1914 the borough bought a supply wagon from the J. C. Boyd Company, Inc., of Philadelphia, at an expenditure of \$1,200, and that year the company leased a lot on East Apple alley from the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company and built a \$500 barn in which to store the sweeper, drays, etc. The outside business of the company amounts to from twelve to fifteen thousand dollars annually; for the last five years it has been awarded the contract for the cleaning of the paved streets in the borough.

The first public appearance of the company in uniform was at an afternoon parade in which they accompanied the Columbia Hose Company to the latter's picnic at Columbia Park. Upon a visitation of the Phoenix Hose Company of Pottsville to its namesake in Shenandoah, April 30, 1888, the latter was presented a handsome silver trumpet. During the Spanish-American war a beautiful silk American flag was presented to the company by the school teachers of the borough.

Until May 9, 1906, after the company had served at fires it was customary for the citizens who had been benefited to make donations of beer, etc., to the organization. The company decided that cash would be more acceptable, and in this respect established a precedent for other fire companies in the State, no intoxicating beverages of any kind being now allowed in or around the com-

pany's buildings, and a member who visited the premises in an intoxicated condition would be fined and probably expelled.

A few years ago, when the G. A. R. post was about to disband for lack of a meeting place, the company showed its public spirit by offering the use of its parlor for the purpose so long as the post exists.

The company is composed of live men, the membership including many of the leading business men of the borough. On July 1, 1915, it had gone up to two hundred. The present officers are: Ed. J. Whalen, president; Enoch Decker, vice president; P. J. Conville, financial secretary; P. J. Brennan, recording secretary; John J. Cantlin, treasurer; M. J. Dugan, John J. Conville, Robert Shore, trustees; John J. Flaherty, John J. Martin, stewards; Fenton Cooney, foreman; M. J. Dugan, assistant foreman. Owen Brennan was appointed general manager of outside work, having charge of the teams, etc.

List of members: Albert Atward, Philip Brennan, Patrick Broderick, Bernard Bradley, Thomas Boler, Daniel E. Brennan, Patrick Brogan, Owen Brennan, Miles Burke, M. J. Begley, John Begley, Hugh Barrett, Martin Brennan, M. M. Burke, Andrew Brennan, John Butler, E. J. Burke, John Burns, John Britton, William Byrne, Patrick J. Brennan, Adolph Bobbin, William Cox, James Coughlin, Thomas Caniff, Richard Coogan, Edw. Conness, Michael Cadden, Martin Cadden, Fenton Cooney, James Coogan, J. A. Coughlin, Patrick Corcoran, James Cantwell, Jere Curran, Thomas Cook, T. W. Conville, P. J. Conville, John W. Curtin, John Canley, Daniel Coakley, George Coughlin, Thomas Cantlin, Peter Campbell, Thomas Cantwell, John Coughlin, Val. Conroy, Michael Campbell, Martin Conville, John J. Cantlin, John J. Conville, Joseph Koch, Murton Durkin, Ed. Devers, Patrick Devers, Enoch Decker, Joseph Decker, John Downey, Sr., John Downey, Jr., Richard Dougherty, Michael J. Dugan, Thomas Downey, Michael Durkin, Luke Daley, Martin Devitt, Charles F. Ditchey, James Dean, Patrick Dunn, John Dean, Michael Devers, John Elliott, James Egan, Martin Foley, Sr., Martin Foley, Jr., John Follen, Ed. Flynn, Joe Franks, Patrick Fox, John Flaherty, Sr., William Flaherty, Sr., Thomas P. Flaherty, Anthony Flaherty, William Flaherty, Jr., John Flaherty, Jr., Martin Foyle, Peter Fabian, James J. Franey, John Gillus, William Graham, Patrick Graham, Matthew Giblon, P. J. Gaughan, Martin Golden, Thomas Gill, Frank Hollister, John Hanley, Patrick Higgins, Michael Heffren, Martin Heffren, William Hill, Patrick Hand, Thomas Haverty, James Houghton, Martin Hobbs, William Kipe, Michael Kerrigan, Thomas Kennedy, Patrick Kearns, B. J. Keough, M. D. Keough, Michael Kearns, Timothy Lynch, John J. Leary, Patrick Loughlin, James Lawler, William Lintus, Michael Leach, Martin Loftus, Martin Monaghan, B. J. Monaghan, Peter Monaghan, John Makley, Joseph Mitchell, Joseph Mahey, Peter Mahey, Martin Mulhahey, John Martin, Joseph Manley, Joseph Mandour, Harry Mellet, Patrick Maher, Patrick Murphy, Patrick Martin, James Manley, E. J. McGinnis, John McGowan, Edw. McMalis, Thomas McGeaver, William McGuire, Sr., Michael McGuire, Michael McLane, Timothy McLane, Patrick McCarty, Anthony McNulty, Harry McDonald, Frank McDonald, Patrick McDonald, Michael O'Boyle, Patrick O'Boyle, Thomas O'Hearn, Richard Orbesy, Thomas O'Connell, Ed. Rooney, Nace Reilly, William Reynolds, Thomas Reilly, Harry Reilly, John Reilly, M. J. Reilly, Miles Reilly, Philip Ryan, Simon Romanat, Peter Rattigan, Anthony Sweeney, Ed. Stanton, Anthony Schmicker, Morris Sayres, Thomas Sheehy, John Scanlan, M. J. Scanlan, Patrick Stack, John Stanton, Patrick Stanton, Joseph Schistell, Chris-



topher Schistell, Carby Stack, Robert Shore, Peter Toole, Jere Toomey, Martin Tobin, Reese Thomas, Thomas O'Lackie, John Wade, Charles Wychules, J. J. Wilkinson, Ed. J. Whalen, John Whalen, Richard Whalen, Oliver Whalen, John Whalen, Thomas Whalen, Joseph Walsh.

NORMAN MILLARD STAUFFER is well known in Ringtown and all over Union township, where he resides, for his excellent work as a photographer, and he is one of the most popular Sunday school workers in Schuylkill county. He is a native of Union township, born on the place now occupied by his uncle, Ambrose Stauffer, and belongs to a very old Pennsylvania family, descended from Hans Stauffer, who was a Mennonite and a native of Switzerland, born in 1655 at Altsheim or Weisenau. In 1710 he came to America with his sons, Jacob, Daniel and Henry, and he is buried in the Mennonite cemetery at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

Jacob Stauffer, son of Hans, was born in Switzerland in 1696, came with his father to America, and is buried in the Mennonite cemetery at Bally, Berks Co., Pennsylvania.

Christian Stauffer, son of Jacob, was born Dec. 18, 1728, died July 14, 1798, and is buried at Bally. He was a Revolutionary soldier, serving throughout the war, was under the command of "Mad Anthony" Wayne, and took part in the battles of Three Rivers, Canada, Ticonderoga, Brandywine, Monmouth, Stony River, Green Spring and Yorktown.

John Stauffer, second child and only son of Christian, was born Dec. 24, 1758, in New Hanover township, Montgomery Co., Pa., and lived in his native county until 1809, when he settled in Ryon township, Berks (now Schuylkill) county. On May 10, 1839, he moved with his son David to the Catawissa Valley. He died March 5, 1845, while on a visit to his son Jacob at Broad Mountain, Schnylkill county, and is buried in Locust Valley, near Mahanoy City, Schuylkill county. Mr. Stauffer was always a farmer. He was a Mennonite, like his father and earlier ancestors, but under the influence of Rev. Mr. Shaeffer, a Lutheran missionary who came into their district, all his children became Lutherans. Politically he was a Democrat. His wife, Elizabeth (Yerger), born Dec. 18, 1782, is buried with him in Locust Valley. His children were as follows: Jacob, Rebecca (Mrs. Peifer), John, Elizabeth (Mrs. Drase), Catherine (Mrs. Puhl), George, Isaac, Henry, Magdalene (Mrs. Bittler), Sarah (Mrs. Shell), David (married Maria Anne Andreas), Joseph and Amos.

Isaac Stauffer, son of John, was born Feb. 1, 1796, in Locust Valley, and died Nov. 15, 1860.

Henry Stauffer, son of John, was born in Locust Valley, near Mahanoy City, Nov. 8, 1797, and died Nov. 28, 1860, in Union township. In his younger days he worked as a miner at Middleport, where he married. Later he settled in Union township, where he bought from David Stauffer a tract of eighty-eight acres of which but one acre had then been cleared, and he labored in its development until he had fifty-five acres cleared. He also owned a fifty-two-acre farm in Roaring Creek township, Columbia Co., Pa. His first wife, whose maiden name was Rumbel, died without issue, and is buried in Locust Valley. His second marriage was to Susanna Merkel, daughter of Benjamin Merkel, both natives of the Mahantongo Valley, Schuylkill county. She lived to the age of seventy-seven years, and is buried with her husband at the Old White Church near Ringtown. They were the parents of children as follows:



Benjamin, who married Sarah Schappel and (second) Phoebe Schappel; Henry, who married Kate Fry; Rebecca, Mrs. Peter Schappel; Samuel; Katie, who died young; Martin, who married Rachel Derr; and Isaac, who died when twenty-five years old. The father was a Democrat and a Lutheran, holding membership in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church at Ringtown.

Samuel Stauffer, son of Henry, was born April 20, 1845, in Union township, at the same place as his grandson Norman M. Stauffer. He was brought up there, received his education in the local schools, and farmed throughout his active years. After his marriage he went to Roaring Creek township, Columbia county, where he rented his father's farm of fifty-two acres, upon which he resided four years. Returning to Union township he purchased the tract of eighty-eight acres from his father's estate, and continued the work of clearing until all but four acres were under cultivation; this is still in timber. On Nov. 8, 1900, Mr. Stauffer retired and moved to his newly built home in Ringtown, situated across from the Lutheran Church, where he still lives. In 1913 he sold twenty-three acres and ninety-five perches of the original tract of his farm to the Girard Water Company, and later bought twenty-two acres from the Girard Estate, the latter purchase being the old Joseph Stauffer farm, adjoining his property. Mr. Stauffer followed general farming very successfully until he retired. He marketed his products at Shenandoah, Frackville, Mahanoy City, and other points in that region. When he gave up active labor and built the home in Ringtown where he now resides, Mr. Stauffer rented his home farm to his son Charles M. Stauffer. He owns considerable other property, having managed his affairs very thriftily throughout his independent career. As a member of the Democratic party he has taken an interested part in local affairs, and he has filled a number of township offices, having been school director, auditor and election inspector. He was a charter member of Ringtown Lodge, No. 287, I. O. O. F., and belongs to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church at Ringtown, which he has served efficiently as elder, deacon and trustee.

Mr. Stauffer married Lucy Beaver, who was born Feb. 6, 1848, in Roaring Creek township, Columbia county, daughter of Abraham and Fannie (Whitner) Beaver. Children as follows have been born to them: William Elmer; Calvin A., a farmer in Union township, who married Emma Michael; Clara Ada, wife of Milton Seltzer, a farmer in East Union township; Samuel Ambrose, a farm worker in Union township, who married Catherine Evans; Lloyd Henry, who farms his father's twenty-two-acre tract in Union township (he married Pearl Hartzel); Charles Monroe, the farmer on the home place, who married Sarah Laudig; and Annie Elizabeth, married to William Fetterman, a mine carpenter, of Ringtown.

WILLIAM ELMER STAUFFER, son of Samuel, was born March 17, 1867, in Roaring Creek township, Columbia Co., Pa., and was three years old when his father returned to Union township, where he spent his boyhood and received his education. He assisted his father with the work on the home place until he reached his majority, and then having married started out on his own account. He bought a half acre of ground from his father, the site of the "Valley View Hotel," where he still resides, built a residence, barn, and other outbuildings, and established a comfortable home. For two years he was engaged in cutting timber for Bankes & Drescher. In March, 1892, he was granted a hotel license and opened the "Valley View Hotel," which he has since conducted most successfully, the place having acquired considerable

popularity under his capable management. It is situated on the main road between Shenandoah and Ringtown, well equipped for the accommodation of the traveling public, and noted for its good meals.

Mr. Stauffer has added to his first purchase two and a half acres, and he has a busy establishment, being also engaged in dealing in feed, middlings, fertilizer, etc., as well as oil and gasoline for automobiles. He has a large scale (five and a quarter tons) on the premises, for weighing wagons, hay, straw, wheat, etc., which is a great accommodation to the farmers. About twenty years ago he built a blacksmith shop on his property and managed it himself for five years, hiring an experienced man to do the work. Later he built a new blacksmith shop on the premises, which he rents, and there is also a double house on the lot, which he rents. For about twenty-seven years Mr. Stauffer was a member of Ringtown Lodge, No. 287, I. O. O. F., and he was a charter member of Guardian Castle, No. 500, Knights of the Golden Eagle. He belongs to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of which he has been deacon for a number of years, and he was at one time active in the Sunday school, acting as secretary and teacher. On political questions he unites with the Democratic party.

Mr. Stauffer married Mary Sophia Lindennuth, who was born Feb. 17, 1867, in Union township, in the same house her son Norman was born. Mr. and Mrs. Stauffer have had four children: Jennie May, born Feb. 13, 1887, died aged six months, fifteen days; Norman Millard is next in the family; Florence Arvilla, born April 25, 1895, was educated in the Union township schools and Ringtown high school, which she attended two years, and is now living at home; Fannie Irene, born Oct. 5, 1901, also attended the Union township schools, and is now a pupil in the Ringtown high school. The elder daughter is a member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and is a teacher in the primary department of the Sunday school; the younger daughter is a member of the junior department of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Sunday school.

Norman Millard Stauffer attended the Stauffer school in Union township, near his home, and had one year's study in the Ringtown High School. Entering the employ of George Mess, at Ringtown, piano manufacturer, he was with him for six months, as "belly man," making and assembling sounding boards and backs, and when the firm of Harwood & Von Rohl took over the business he continued with them in the same capacity, having charge of his department for two and a half years. The establishment changed hands again, passing into the ownership of the Hamburg Piano Company, who removed the works to Hamburg, Pa. Mr. Stauffer accompanied them to that place, continuing his old work and also taking charge of the cabinet work. From early life he had cherished the ambition of becoming a proficient photographer, and while working in the piano factory had made extensive experiments in that line, doing considerable photo work in his spare time. When he left the employ of the Hamburg Piano Company he bought himself a fine complete photographic outfit, and has devoted his time to photography since, doing outdoor work as well as portrait work. Many fine specimens show the progress he has made. For three years he was in the post card business at Ringtown, making and selling local views, and has many fine pictures taken in this region. As a side line Mr. Stauffer has been making photographic enlargements and doing framing, and he is now making a specialty of crayon enlarging, as well as all other kinds of enlarging, being prepared to furnish anything

in the enlarging and framing line. During the construction of the large storage reservoir at Ringtown (capacity 312,280,000 gallons) built by the Girard Water Company, of Pottsville, he was the official photographer for the company and also for Bennett & Randall, of Greensburg, Pa., the contractors.

Personally Mr. Stauffer bears the reputation of being a young man of the highest character, possessing many fine qualities. On March 31, 1907, he was confirmed in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Ringtown, by Rev. A. P. Pfluger, pastor, and he has been one of the valued members of its Sunday school for years. He was elected superintendent of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Sunday school Jan. 7, 1912, and during his first year in that position had the pleasure of seeing the school qualify as a front line school, according to the standard of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association. He has kept his school up to that standard during his many years of successful superintendship. Mr. Stauffer has taken an active part in the county and State conventions of the association, and has been district superintendent of its Organized Adult Bible Class in the Ringtown district, No. 1, Schuylkill county, comprising the three Union townships in Schuylkill county. He is at present district superintendent of the Secondary Division (teen age, thirteen to twenty).

Mr. Stauffer is a member of Washington Camp No. 265, P. O. S. of A., of Ringtown, and a Past President of that organization, and was representative to the State Camp in 1914, at York, Pa. On May 13, 1910, he joined Maple Leaf Camp, No. 246, Woodmen of the World, Ringtown, as a charter member, and has always labored zealously to promote its interests. He has just completed his term as Consul Commander, the highest elective office of the Camp, which he is now serving as Past Consul Commander, the highest office, an honorary position. During his term as Consul Commander (1915) the Camp gained thirty-five members, of whom he himself proposed twenty-seven, doing his utmost then as ever to promote the best interests of the organization. In politics Mr. Stauffer votes with the Democratic party.

Mr. Stauffer's mother was brought up in Union township, attending the Horne school. She is a devout member of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church at Ringtown, and was formerly a teacher in Horne's Union Sunday school. The Lindenmuth family, to which she belongs, has been in this county for considerably more than a century, her great-grandfather, Daniel Lindenmuth, having come hither from Berks county, Pa., in 1792. He and his three brothers, George, Henry and Martin (who later moved out to Indiana), divided the four hundred acres awarded their father for his services in the Revolution, Daniel settling in Union township, where Mrs. William Boyer now lives. He was married four times, and he and three of his wives are buried in the family cemetery at Lindenmuth's Corner. The fourth moved from this section.

George Lindenmuth, son of Daniel, was born Feb. 7, 1815, on the old homestead in Union township, and died July 21, 1885. His wife, Polly (Durnbach), born June 27, 1814, died March 20, 1893, and they are buried at the Old White Church. They had six children: Charles Daniel, deceased in infancy; Sallie Ann, Mrs. William Lindenmuth; William D.; Jeremiah, who married Catherine Brobst; Polly; and Amanda Elizabeth, who lives at Ringtown. She and William are the only survivors of the family.

William D. Lindenmuth was born May 9, 1841, on the old home place in Union township now owned by the William Boyer estate. He married Hannah Fry, who was born Aug. 9, 1845, in Union township, and died July 10,

1910; she is buried at the Old White Church. Four children were born to this marriage: Mary Sophia, wife of William Elmer Stauffer; Sallie Savilla, widow of William Boyer and living on the old Lindennuth homestead; Dr. Eli Oscar, who married Elnora Breisch; and George Clarence, who owns and occupies his father's old farm in Union township. In 1905 William D. Lindennuth sold most of his farm to his son Clarence, retaining for himself five acres, on which he built a fine house and barn, and there he is still residing. An extensive account of the Lindennuth family appears elsewhere with his personal biography.

PIUS WILLIAM BIRSTON (officially Bierstein), of Shenandoah, has been practically a lifelong resident of Schuylkill county, having been a very young child when his parents settled here. He is of Lithuanian extraction and thoroughly familiar with the language and customs of his race and their native land, therefore well qualified to serve them with counsel in numerous matters, as he is often called upon to do. His broad ideals on the subject of good citizenship, as exemplified in his own life, have gained him esteem among all his fellow townsmen irrespective of nationality or other distinctions.

Mr. Birston was born Feb. 7, 1870, son of Joseph A. Birston and grandson of Ambrose Birston. The grandfather was born in 1819 in Birston, Lithuania, Russia, in which country he spent all his life. By occupation he was a farmer, and he had a tract of one hundred acres, which his wife received as dowry. Later he moved to Oskobolie, in the same country, where he died in 1840, when his son Joseph A. was five weeks old. He is buried at Oskobolie. His wife, whose maiden name was Anna Symanowycz, died when about seventy years old. By her marriage to Mr. Birston she had only the one son, Joseph A. She remarried, becoming the wife of John King, and they had the following children: John, William and Veronica. The family belonged to the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Church.

Joseph A. Birston, father of Pius William Birston, was born in Oskobolie, Lithuania, Jan. 1, 1840. He received a good general education, attending a seminary in Warsaw. The 100-acre farm before mentioned was his inheritance when his father died, and a guardian was appointed to look after his interests until he was twenty-one years of age. His uncle was later appointed his guardian, and because of litigation with this uncle concerning this property Joseph A. Birston left his native country and came to America, in 1870. Upon his arrival in this country he was given the name of Bierstein, which he and his children have borne officially since, but they have not dropped the use of the proper spelling. For a while the family lived at Boston, Mass., thence removing to Pittston, Luzerne Co., Pa., where the father followed mine work for some time. Then they lived at Shenandoah, where he was similarly employed, and after trying various other locations he settled in 1872 at Girardville, Schuylkill county, where he followed mining for fourteen years. At the end of that time he returned to Shenandoah, where he did mine work until his death, which occurred in April, 1892, on Easter Monday. He is buried in St. George's Lithuanian cemetery at Shenandoah. Mr. Birston was a member of St. George's Lithuanian Roman Catholic Church, and of the St. Peter and St. Paul Beneficial Society. Politically he was a Republican.

Mr. Birston married Anna Smeltzer, who was born in Verbalis, Lithuania, and the two sons born to them in their native province both died there, in infancy. They were the parents of twelve children in all, seven sons and five

daughters, and Pius William is the eldest surviving member of the family. Margaret married William Strolis, a merchant of Shenandoah, and they have five children. Joseph F., who is in the real estate business in Shenandoah, married Bertha Petchock. John R., who is a teamster in Shenandoah, married Pauline Gourley. Mary I. is a graduate of the Medico-Chirurgical Nurses' School, Philadelphia, and is now engaged as a trained nurse in that city, where her mother lives with her. Catherine E. is also in Philadelphia, clerking in the store of Strawbridge & Clothier. Annie E. graduated from the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, Pa., in 1904, and for several years has been teaching public school at Shenandoah. Edward is engaged in the clothing business in New York City. Theresa graduated from the Keystone State Normal School, and was a teacher at Passaic, N. J., at the time of her death, Sept. 5, 1915, when she was twenty-four years old. 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 William Birston was educated in Schuylkill county, attending most of the time in Butler township and at Girardville. He began to earn his own living like many boys in this region, in the humble capacity of slate picker at the mines, and did that and other mine work until 1888. That year he found a position as clerk in a general store in Shenandoah, to which place the family had returned in 1886, and was so engaged for about two and a half years. He was then away from home for fourteen months, part of the time attending school at Columbus, Ohio, the rest traveling over the far West. When he returned to Shenandoah he taught in the business college for about one year, and in the early nineties he started in business on his own account as a real estate dealer. A few years later he became associated with L. M. Kazunas in the drug business, but they dissolved partnership in 1900, after about three years, and Mr. Birston then enlarged the scope of his individual enterprise, adding general insurance to his original line. He has a large patronage in both branches, having gained the confidence of the entire community by his reliability and thorough trustworthiness. Since the year 1895 Mr. Birston has been a notary public, and since 1912 has been serving as justice of the peace. He was originally appointed to that office by the governor in 1896, and was subsequently elected for a full term of five years, but on that occasion did not qualify because of a controversy over the question of jurisdiction. In 1912 he was again honored with election. Mr. Birston has given notably efficient service in various other public offices, having been secretary of the borough council from 1900 to 1905, and served as treasurer of the school board, in 1896, proving deserving of the support of his constituents in all these incumbencies. In 1893 he was candidate for county recorder, but was defeated. On political questions he has always been associated with the Republican party.

Mr. Birston has been very active in local social organizations, holding membership in Lodge No. 515, I. O. O. F., of Shenandoah, of which he is a past grand; in General Harmon Lodge, No. 251, Knights of Pythias, of which he is a past chancellor; and in the Lithuanian association, in which he is particularly popular, having been elected president of the Lithuanian Alliance of America at the convention held in Chicago in May, 1906. In religion he is a Catholic, belonging to St. George's Lithuanian Roman Catholic Church.

On Oct. 12, 1910, Mr. Birston was married in St. George's Church, at Shenandoah, to Margaret Griskin, who was born July 19, 1892, daughter of John and Anna (Pleczkailis) Griskin, and they have had three children: Ruth

Marie, born Aug. 5, 1911; Alice Dorothy, born Oct. 23, 1913; and Grace Anna, born July 10, 1915.

CHARLES A. PORTLAND, Pottsville, Pa., president of the Portland Contracting Company, Inc., rock and tunnel work, shaft sinking, etc. Offices, corner George and East Market streets.

GEORGE BATTEN, deceased, settled at Minersville in 1856 and spent the remainder of his life in that borough, winning the esteem and good will of his fellow citizens there by a life of consistent integrity and industry. Three of his children still reside there and continue to uphold the excellence of the name, his sons George Henry and Shadrach Batten, and his daughter, Mrs. Wintersteen.

George Batten was born in Bristol, England, son of Ernest Batten, who lived and died in that country. When a boy about seven years old he began to work in the mines, and he lived for a time in Wales before coming to America, in 1856. Settling at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., he continued the occupation to which he had been trained so thoroughly, spending in all fifty years in underground work, which he gave up when fifty-seven years old. He was a skillful miner, and by hard work and good judgment met with success in his work, and was one of the well known men of his town in his time. His death occurred at Minersville in August, 1886, at the age of fifty-nine years, and he is buried in the Methodist Episcopal cemetery. Mr. Batten married Jane Davis, who was born at Pontypool, Wales, and they had children as follows: Charlotte, who is deceased; George Henry; Mary; Ernest; Harriet, deceased, who was the wife of William Simmons; and Shadrach.

GEORGE HENRY BATTEN, son of George and Jane (Davis) Batten, was born Feb. 26, 1861, at Minersville, where he grew to manhood, meantime obtaining his education in the public schools. Mr. Batten was in business for a number of years as a coal dealer, and also as a general merchant, and at different times has been employed as a skilled workman. For six years he was assessor at Minersville, and is now filling the position of truant officer at that borough. He is a popular citizen and one of the well known men of his community, president of the Rescue Hook and Ladder Company, and a member of the Independent Americans. His religious connection is with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Batten's first marriage was to Annie Morgans, daughter of William and Mary A. Morgans, and she was the mother of one daughter, Edna, who is now the wife of Myron Shellhammer, the young couple residing with her father. Mrs. Batten died in June, 1890, and in 1896 Mr. Batten married (second) Kate Hilbert, of Llewellyn, Schuylkill Co., Pa. Mrs. Kate Batten passed away Dec. 1, 1904, leaving one son, George, at present the only representative of the name in his generation. Mr. Batten resides on Pine street.

SHADRACH BATTEN, youngest son of George and Jane (Davis) Batten, was born March 3, 1866, at Minersville, where he is a prosperous merchant. He attended the schools in his native town and during his young manhood was employed at mining for three years. Subsequently he was with John R. Jones and Winfield Scott in the capacity of clerk, familiarizing himself with business methods and gaining experience which was of great value to him when he started in business on his own account, Dec. 13, 1888. His store and home are at No. 336 New Castle street. By commendable methods and strict atten-



tion to the wants of his trade he has established a large business, and he has the personal esteem and confidence of all his patrons. He has valuable real estate interests in the borough. His fellow citizens have given substantial evidence of their faith in his ability by electing him a member of the school board, on which body he served for some time. Mr. Batten is well known in local fraternal circles, being a member and past officer of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Royal Arcanum. He and his family are Methodists in religious affiliation.

Mr. Batten married Christy A. Schopp, daughter of William Schopp, of Minersville, and they have two children, Jessie J., who graduated from the Minersville high school in 1914 and is now at home; and May, a member of the class of 1915 of the Minersville high school, who in a typewriting contest, for speed and accuracy, won a gold medal against many competitors from all over the state.

MRS. MARY (BATTEN) WINTERSTEEN, the only surviving daughter of George and Jane (Davis) Batten, was born at Minersville, where she still resides. She is the wife of John Wintersteen. For over twenty years Mrs. Wintersteen was engaged in the general mercantile business in the borough, and she still has valuable real estate holdings there.

CHARLES E. SMITH, proprietor of the Shenandoah Boiler & Machine Works, at Shenandoah, has established a reputation for reliable machine and blacksmith work which brings a steady patronage to his plant. The varied experience of his early life gave him a thorough insight into the local needs in his line, and his success demonstrates that he is well fitted to conduct the business. Mr. Smith is a native of Schuylkill county, born at West Wood, near Minersville, Feb. 16, 1859, son of William E. Smith and grandson of John Smith.

John Smith, the grandfather, was a native of Scotland, where he lived until long after his marriage, all his children being born there. On coming to this country he settled at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and when the Wiggan slope shaft was sunk three of his sons served as leaders of a shift. Within several years after their arrival in America the family had become scattered to different parts of the country, but we have the following record of the children: John, James and Robert are deceased; Joseph, who went to Kentucky, was a stationary engineer; William E. was the father of Charles E. Smith; Sydney went to California; Jane married Michael Welsh, and both are deceased (among their large family were Michael and Thomas); Margaret married William McKeghney, who served five years in the army, being a member of the Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry during the Civil war, as an officer, and is now in the soldiers' home at Washington, D. C. (they had children, Elmer, William, Robert and Adelaide). The family were Presbyterians.

William E. Smith was born in Scotland March 22, 1832, and was about six years old when the family came to America, receiving his education in the public schools at Pottsville. He learned the molder's trade in the shops at Minersville, and was later occupied running the stationary engine at the West Wood mines, for James Lanigan. After a short residence in Minersville he moved in 1865 to Gilberton, this county, where he ran an engine for a Mr. Kendrick for a few years. Then he located at Mahanoy City, and ran engines at the New Boston collieries. For a few years he was in the saloon business



at Mahanoy City, selling out to John Kating, after which he was engineer at the Hills colliery there, for several years. Returning to Gilberton, he became outside foreman for the Draper Coal Company, holding that position eleven years, was subsequently engineer on the coal slope at Boston Run for two and a half years, and then moving to Shenandoah bought an interest in the Cambridge Coal Company, the firm name becoming Pierce, James & Smith. They operated a colliery near Shenandoah, and Mr. Smith at the same time conducted a liquor store. After selling his interests at Shenandoah he was engaged as engineer at the county almshouse for a time, was employed as motorman by the Pottsville Traction Company, and retired because of ill health some time before his death, which occurred in November, 1913. Though he did not aspire to public office Mr. Smith held the position of school director at Gilberton in 1870. He was a Republican in his political convictions, and a Presbyterian in religious connection, he and his wife belonging to the First Church at Pottsville. Mr. Smith joined the Odd Fellows at Frackville, this county, later changing his membership to the lodge at Shenandoah, No. 515. He married Elizabeth Anstey, who was born in England in April, 1832, daughter of John and Sarah Anstey, and died about 1904 at Pottsville. Her father was a miner. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are buried in the Charles Baber cemetery at Pottsville. They were the parents of the following named children: Albert is employed as a stationary engineer, pumpman and boilermaker, and resides at Mahanoy Plane; he has been twice married, to Rebecca Bayliss and Mrs. Annie Lawler, and by the second union has one child, William, who lives in Philadelphia, Pa. Charles E. is next in the family. Agnes married Frank Kurtz, of Pottsville, and has children, William, Elmer, Ethel, Clara and Mabel. Clara is the widow of Harry Hutchinson, a hatmaker, of New York, and makes her home in Pottsville; she has one son, Hobart. William E., stationary engineer and pumpman, of Shenandoah, married Mary Clifford, and they have had six children, Lizzie, William, Clifford, Charles, Mildred, and a son that died young. Robert, a barber, married a Miss Burns, and both are deceased; they had one child, William, who is serving in the United States marines. Jane is the wife of Richard Reese, a machinist at the Baldwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia; their children are Lillian, Ethel, Jane, Raymond and Bruce. John, deceased, was a barber in Germantown, Pa.; he married and had one son, William. Mame is the widow of Dr. William H. Robinson.

Charles E. Smith grew up at Gilberton, where he received a public school education. When but eight years old he began picking slate at the New Boston colliery, where he was employed for three years, and then for a few years did the same kind of work at the Hills colliery, until the breaker burned down. For a couple of years after that he continued slate picking, at the Silliman colliery near Mahanoy City, for a couple of years more at the Draper colliery (Gilberton), and a short time at the new breaker. He was employed a little while in the blacksmith shop and for a brief period in the engine house, cleaning engines, and then for three and a half years ran wagons from the top of the slope into the breaker. From that he was promoted to caging wagons at the top of the slope, being so engaged two years, and during the two years following ran the fan and tended three boilers for the Draper Coal Company. After his removal to Shenandoah, in 1879, he was employed for eight months running a fan and tending boilers, and then entered the boiler shop of George A. Schimpf & Brother, where he served a term at the trade of boilermaking. He worked some years for the same firm as a journeyman,

going with them to Pottsville when their works were moved to that place. Returning to Shenandoah, he started business in that line on his own account, under the name of the Shenandoah Boiler & Machine Works. He has a well equipped machine shop, with blacksmith shop attached, and does all kinds of work in both lines, including boiler repairing, steam and hot water fitting, horseshoeing and wagon repairing. His executive ability, comprehensive knowledge of the requirements of his patrons, and mechanical skill, have combined well towards making his venture successful. It has proved a convenience to many of the local business houses, to whom Mr. Smith's efficient services have become invaluable. He has been a useful citizen of the borough, where he gave his time as member of the board of health for fifteen years. In politics he is identified with the Republican party. Fraternally he belongs to the Odd Fellows (Lodge No. 591, Shenandoah) and P. O. S. of A., having originally joined Washington Camp No. 206, which afterwards merged into No. 112, of Shenandoah. He is a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church, and for years sang in the choir. Mrs. Smith also belongs to that church, and formerly sang in the choir.

Mr. Smith married Allison W. Graham, who was born Sept. 5, 1863, in Ohio, and was ten years old when the family moved to Shenandoah, where she received her education. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have had three children: Raymond D., born Nov. 13, 1891, attended public school in Shenandoah, and is now a machinist at Glassboro, N. J. Harry P., born Jan. 14, 1893, began his education in the public schools of Shenandoah, and graduated in 1915 from the mechanical engineering department of Lehigh University; he is now mechanical engineering assistant in the laboratory at Annapolis, Md. Charles A., born Sept. 2, 1896, is a graduate of the Deaf and Dumb School at Mount Airy, near Philadelphia, and is a cigarmaker by trade.

William Graham, Mrs. Smith's grandfather, came to this country from Scotland, where he had married, and settled at Hazleton, Luzerne Co., Pa. By occupation he was a miner. He and his wife Elizabeth are buried at Hazleton. They were Presbyterians in religion. They had the following children: John; James, who died young; Marion, deceased, who was the wife of John Johnson, of Hazleton, Pa.; Agnes, who married James Brown, of Hazleton; and Margaret, deceased, who married John Brown, of Hazleton.

John Graham, son of William, was born March 10, 1838, at Edinburgh, Scotland, and was a young man when he arrived in America. He traveled about the country considerably, spending some time in Ohio, where he worked in the coal mines, and also followed that occupation after settling at Shenandoah. He retired about fifteen years before his death, which occurred July 5, 1910. He was married at Minersville, this county, to Grace Watson, who was born May 8, 1842, and came to this country when about sixteen years old. They had been sweethearts in the old country. Mrs. Graham died April 26, 1884, and is buried with her husband in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Shenandoah. They had the following children: William, born June 28, 1861, is clerk in a store at Blackwood, Va.; he married Caroline Brown, and their children are Raymond, Margaret, Bertha and Agnes. Allison W., Mrs. Smith, is next in the order of birth. Elizabeth T., born Aug. 26, 1865, died May 4, 1884. Thomas W., born Feb. 12, 1868, died April 29, 1884. James R., born Jan. 27, 1870, died May 6, 1884. George, born Feb. 7, 1872, died May 7, 1884. John J., born May 12, 1874, is a gold miner in South Dakota. Euphenia, born Sept. 4, 1876, died March 22, 1878. Grace, born June 22, 1881, married Jacob Foose.

who is a contractor and builder at Shenandoah. The father of this family was a Republican in politics, and a Presbyterian in religious doctrine.

Thomas Watson, Mrs. Smith's maternal grandfather, came from Scotland, where he had been employed as a hostler at the mines. For a time he was located near Pottsville, Pa., where he worked in the mines, later moving to Shenandoah, where he died when about fifty years old. He married Allison Lawson, who lived to the age of about eighty-eight years, and they had a family of seven children: John, deceased, a miner, who married Agnes Adamson (she is now living at Shenandoah); James, of Yatesville, Schuylkill county, who married Jane Rammage; George, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Thomas, a mine foreman at Shenandoah, who married Martha Doherty; Grace, Mrs. Smith's mother; Ellen, who married William Muhr, of Shamokin; and Euphemia, deceased, who was the first wife of Thomas Rammage (for his second wife he married Mrs. Lawson). The parents are buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Shenandoah. Mr. Watson was a Republican in politics, and in religious connection he was an active member of the Presbyterian Church. He was very well versed in the Bible.

JOSEPH L. WARNE, M. D., practicing physician and surgeon, residing at Pottsville, Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania.

WALTER SCOTT SHEAFER, late of Pottsville, civil and mining engineer, and later engaged in the real estate and insurance business, was born April 5, 1837, at Wiconisco, Dauphin Co., Pa., son of Henry and Mary (Wenrich) Sheaffer. His father was a prominent pioneer of Dauphin county, president of the Lykens Valley Railroad Company, developed and superintended the Lykens Valley coal mines at Wiconisco, and in 1834 introduced anthracite coal into the Susquehanna markets.

After graduation from the Scientific department of Yale College, in 1860, Walter S. Sheaffer entered the offices of his brother, P. W. Sheaffer, with whom he was associated until the death of the latter, in 1891. After that he acted as one of the executors of the Sheaffer Estate and was actively engaged in the management of the same. He was especially interested in the development of the Mahanoy and Shenandoah coal fields. For many years he was the engineer for the Gilbert Estate, owners of property in these several regions. During his professional career as mining engineer he made extensive examinations of coal properties in many parts of the United States, and also in Mexico. Mr. Sheaffer was interested in the insurance business and was connected with the firm of Sheaffer & Lowrey for many years. In 1887 Mr. Sheaffer was president of the Board of Trade of Pottsville, and through his especial efforts the Tilt Silk Mill was located there. He was also connected with the installation of the Steam Heat Company, and was its president for many years, until his death, which occurred April 20, 1908, at his home in Pottsville, No. 207 Mahantongo street, after a year's illness. He was buried in the Charles Baber cemetery.

On June 7, 1864, Mr. Sheaffer was married to Jane Augusta Camp, a native of New Haven, Conn., born Feb. 2, 1838, and they had two children, Paul and Frances M. (now Mrs. Howell Habberstadt). Mrs. Sheaffer survived her husband but a few months, passing away Sept. 22, 1908, at her home in Pottsville. She, too, is interred in the Charles Baber cemetery.

Mr. Sheaffer was a past master of Pulaski Lodge, No. 216, F. & A. M., of

Pottsville; a past high priest of Mountain City Chapter, No. 196, R. A. M.; a past eminent commander of Constantine Commandery, No. 41, K. T., of Pottsville; and a Scottish Rite Mason of the thirty-second degree. He assisted in organizing Constantine Commandery and was its first eminent commander.

PAUL SHEAFER, son of Walter Scott Sheaffer, is now engaged in the insurance business in Pottsville.

JOSEPH GABRIEL SMITH has been associated with business and public affairs in Ashland for a period of forty years, and in the numerous public positions to which he has been chosen has served his fellow citizens well. Some of the most approved ideas in municipal government now in force in the borough are due to his persistent efforts to place the local government upon a sound basis. For thirty-five years he has been a member of the Washington Fire Company, and has been one of the efficient workers in that organization. Mr. Smith is now in business as a blacksmith and wheelwright.

The Smith family is of German origin, and Frederick Smith, father of Joseph G. Smith, was born in Germany, in which country his parents lived and died. He came to America in 1848 and settled at once in Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he became a mine employe, continuing to follow that kind of work the rest of his life. He died in Pottsville at the age of sixty-seven years. He was married at that place to Barbara Lann, like himself a native of Germany, born in Hanmetz. Her parents died in Germany, and after coming to America she lived at Pottsville. Five children were born to her marriage, Joseph G. being the eldest of the family; Adam is deceased; Mary is the wife of Peter Heim, of Pottsville; Theresa, the widow of John Better, lives at Yorkville, this county; Charles L. is deceased.

Joseph G. Smith was born March 17, 1849, at Pottsville, where he was reared, meantime receiving his education in the parochial schools. For two years he was employed at the colliery of Kimball & Sailor, and subsequently spent five years in the shop of John T. Noble, boilermaker. Then he served a three years' apprenticeship at the trade of carriage blacksmith in a shop located on the present site of the Pottsville post office. Coming to Ashland, he worked as a journeyman in the employ of Wesley Manley for three years, until he commenced business on his own account, opening his present shop March 18, 1874. He bought this property and shop from William Mattis, also acquiring his interest in the blacksmith business, which he has carried on continuously since. Mr. Smith is a reliable mechanic and has done well at his trade, but much of his time has been given to his public duties. He was elected assessor of the Third ward, and after completing his term was elected to the town council for three years' service, doing notable work in that body, where he was honored with the chairmanship of various committees. He has been especially active in promoting the interests of the public schools in Ashland, has been school director, and was instrumental in bringing about the election of W. C. Esther as superintendent of the public schools, a service which met with unqualified approval. For three years he held the position of tax collector of the borough, during that time handling a vast amount of money. It was he who made the first deposit with county treasurer Thomas Pepper, of Ashland. Mr. Smith was at one time a candidate for county register.

Thirty-five years ago Mr. Smith joined the Washington Fire Company of Ashland, in which he has continued to hold membership ever since, and he

served at one time as chief fire marshal. He was treasurer of the first firemen's convention of the county, held at Ashland, and was a delegate to the State convention held at Lebanon county in 1912. He was a member of the State Firemen's Association.

On Jan. 8, 1874, Mr. Smith married Margaret Ney, who was born in this county, near Pottsville, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Gast) Ney, who came from Germany and settled here many years ago. Her father was a farmer by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Ney are both deceased. They had a family of seven children. Mrs. Smith passed away in August, 1913, the mother of fourteen children, of whom Frank Joseph G., now located at Mount Carmel, Pa., is superintendent of the Cumberland Shirt Factory; Mary is the wife of William Barrang, who is a foreman in the navy yard at Washington, D. C.; Annie is the wife of Charles Webber, a house painter of Rochester, N. Y.; William Leopold served three years in the United States army as a member of the engineer corps, and is now at Washington, D. C., employed as a clerk at the station of the Southern Railway Company; Stella Theresa is deceased; Regina Margaret is a resident of Washington, D. C.; Josephine Mary is the wife of Jacob Malber of Ashland; James Henry is a blacksmith at Ashland; Stella Ney keeps house for her father; John Leo is in the government service at Washington, D. C., as a member of the civil engineer corps; Lucy Agnes is at home. Mr. Smith and his family are members of St. Mauritius German Catholic Church, at Ashland.

HENRY TALLMAN, late of Porter township, had an extensive acquaintance in his section of Schuylkill county, where he was a prosperous farmer and hotelkeeper for twenty years. His widow still resides at his homestead there. He was of German origin. Jacob and Amelia (Beller) Tallman, his parents, came to this country from their native land, Germany, in the early thirties, and settled near Gratz, Pa., in Dauphin county, where the father followed farming and his trade, that of stonemason. He had the first hotel at Wiconisco, that county, carrying it on for thirty-seven years. To Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Tallman was born a family of eleven children, five of whom reached maturity, Jacob, Matthew, John, Henry and Amanda. The parents were members of the Lutheran Church.

Henry Tallman had such advantages as the public schools of the home locality afforded. Five years after his marriage he settled in the western part of Porter township, Schuylkill county, at Sharadin, where he bought the "Brookside Hotel" and a farm of eighty-six acres, and there he made a permanent home, conducting the hotel very successfully, and doing equally well in his agricultural operations. He took a keen interest in local affairs, serving as school director and in other public offices, was identified with the Democratic party, and held membership in the Lutheran Church. He passed away Feb. 1, 1891, and his widow has since occupied the farm, her son Franklin now looking after the cultivation of the property, making a specialty of dairying.

In 1865 Mr. Tallman married Mary A. Schreffler, daughter of Henry and Catherine (Satzler) Schreffler, of Dauphin county, where Mr. Schreffler followed farming and carpenter work. Their family consisted of seven children, of whom Sarah Delilah married John M. Bellow (deceased), and now lives in South Dakota; Louisa died aged fifteen years; Elizabeth married Edward Munsch, and is living in Iowa; Mary A. is the widow of Henry Tallman; Catherine, deceased, was the wife of John Good, of Boone, Iowa; John is a

retired farmer living at Polo, Ill.; Ellen married John Wolf, and both are deceased.

Thirteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Tallman: Harry H., now living at Lebanon, Pa., married Amelia Lutz, and they have one son, Lloyd; J. Franklin operates the home farm in Porter township and is a member of the township school board; Edwin M., of Lebanon, Pa., married Edna Ditzler, and they have one son, Homer E.; Minnie L. died when four years old; Kate R. is the wife of John Reinhardt, a merchant of Tower City, and they have had six children, Malba, Mary A., Henry, Ama, Dorothy, and Ethel, the last named deceased; Charles C. is clerk at the "Hotel Grand," in Schuylkill Haven, Pa.; Prof. Joseph R. graduated from the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, Pa., and from Muhlenberg College, at Allentown, Pa., and attended one term at Mount Airy Seminary, and taught school until his death, at the age of thirty-four years, being engaged in Porter township, later as principal of the schools of Hamburg, Pa., and finally as superintendent of the Pottsville schools (he is buried in Greenwood cemetery, at Tower City); Bessie died in May, 1906, when twenty-seven years old; Lulu E. resides at home; George Oliver, of Allentown, married Minnie Archart, and they have one son, Jacob; Andrew is a resident of Allentown; William lives at home; Lettie A. died when thirteen years old.

Mrs. Tallman built her present home in 1891, and has made many other notable improvements on the farm. The barn was built in 1892, and the dairy business was started in 1897 and has been conducted according to modern standards, neither expense nor pains having been spared to provide facilities for proper attention to the requirements of the present day in that line, and for the care of their fine Jersey cattle. The product is marketed at Tower City.

GEORGE F. BOWMAN, of Minersville, junior member of the firm of Spayd & Bowman, dealers in books and stationery, bears a name which for generations has stood for industry and integrity in this section of Pennsylvania. He is of old Mennonite ancestry, a descendant of Wendell Bowman, a native of Switzerland and one of the founders of the Mennonite faith in Brecknock township, Berks county, this State. He came into the Allegheny valley in 1760, owned considerable land, and was rated among the well-to-do farmers. He was twice married, but his children were all by his first marriage. They were: Christian; Wendell and Joseph, who both settled in Canada; Susanna, who married a Bechtol, and also went to Canada; Elizabeth, who married Daniel Gehman; and Esther (born July 31, 1790—died Sept. 11, 1827), who married Henry Weber (born June 7, 1794—died Jan. 16, 1873).

Christian Bowman, son of Wendell, was a well known farmer in the Allegheny valley, making his home in Brecknock township. In 1777 he built the Bowman mill, which is still in the family, being owned and operated by Noah M. Bowman, the great-grandson of the builder. Christian Bowman adhered to the faith of his fathers, and was active in the Mennonite Church. He is buried at the Allegheny meetinghouse, and his grave is marked by a sandstone, whose inscription has long since been effaced by the elements. He married Nancy Huber (or Hoover), and their children were: (1) Joseph, born Jan. 22, 1784, died Jan. 9, 1841. He was a well known miller, owning and operating the Bowman mill in Brecknock township, and also cultivating the fifty acres of land belonging to the mill property, and was successful in all his business undertakings. He was buried at the Allegheny meetinghouse.



By his marriage to Nancy Hoover he had a family of three sons and three daughters: Elizabeth, who married Samuel Bowman, of County Waterloo, Ontario, Canada; Isaac, who married Judith Gehman; Benjamin, who married Lovina Mosser; Esther, who married Joseph Gehman; Nancy, who married Jacob Mosser; and Jacob. (2) Lizzie, born Nov. 20, 1785, married Jacob Good, and died July 6, 1866, aged eighty years, seven months, sixteen days. (3) Samuel, Born Dec. 1, 1789, died Jan. 19, 1857. He was a noted man of his day, the founder of Bowmansville, Pa. (4) Daniel settled near Bowmansville, Pa. (5) Maricha married Samuel Weaver. (6) Mary married Jonas Good. (7) Sallie married Johathan Weaver.

John Bowman, grandfather of George F. Bowman, was a native of Berks county, Pa., and came thence to Minersville, Schuylkill county, also living at different times in small towns near that borough. He was engaged in the timber business. His death occurred at Minersville and he is buried in the Lutheran and Reformed cemetery. During the Civil war he served in Company K, 67th Regiment, from Pennsylvania. His wife was Catherine Hanich, and they had a family of seven children, all now deceased, namely: William, John, Kate (Mrs. E. Zumbalt), Sarah (Mrs. Philip Lebler), Joseph, Henry and George.

John Bowman, son of John and Catherine (Hanich) Bowman, was born Feb. 2, 1841, near Minersville, and in his early manhood was employed with his father in the timber business. Later he followed the trade of carpenter at the mines, but during the last twelve years of his life his health was so poor that he had to give up all work. This was the result of injuries he received during the Civil war. Like his father he was a private in Company K, 67th Pennsylvania Regiment, was wounded in the head, taken prisoner, and confined for thirty-four days in the notorious Libby prison. He was a charter member of Capt. James Lawrence Post, G. A. R., in whose work he took an active part, and by virtue of his father's service was entitled to membership in the Sons of Veterans, being very much interested in this order, whose camp at Minersville he helped to organize, being one of its charter members. His death occurred April 21, 1895, and he is buried in the Lutheran and Reformed cemetery. His wife, Mary E. (Miller), is still living, at No. 124 North street, Minersville. She is a daughter of George and Mary (Wolf) Miller, the former a resident of Minersville and a carpenter at the mines. To Mr. and Mrs. Bowman were born three children: William H., who lives at Minersville; Christie Rebecca, who is deceased; and George F.

George F. Bowman was born Dec. 5, 1879, at Minersville, where he received the advantages of the excellent public schools, graduating from high school in 1898, after which he became a clerk for L. F. Roehrig, in whose employ he continued until 1900, in which year he became associated with Prof. H. H. Spayd in his present line, under the firm name of Spayd & Bowman. They have built up a large trade as dealers in books, stationery and wall paper, carrying a large and well selected stock. In his years of work as an educator Professor Spayd became very widely known throughout this section, and Mr. Bowman is everywhere regarded as a most trustworthy young business man, so that the business which they have attracted has been no surprise to their fellow townsmen. As men of the highest integrity and unquestioned qualifications, they are carrying on their business according to the modern ideas of trade and accommodation, and their reward has been in proportion to their efforts.



Mr. Bowman is a member of the Sons of Veterans, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Royal Arcanum, and his religious connection is with the English Lutheran Church. He is unmarried and makes his home at Minersville with his mother.

CHRISTIAN FRANTZ, of Shenandoah, is one of the responsible employees at the plant of the Home Brewing Company, being foreman of the fermenting cellar. He is a native of Alsace-Lorraine, Germany, born April 22, 1868, at Alteglashüte, son of Henry and Catherine (Piett) Frantz, and grandson of Frank and Margaret (Miller) Frantz.

Frank Frantz followed lumbering in Alsace and the Rhine Province during his young manhood, and later learned the trade of blacksmith, which he followed until his death, which occurred when he was ninety-three years old. He and his wife were Catholics in religious faith. They had the following children: Henry was the father of Christian Frantz; Nicholas, a blacksmith, still living at Alteglashüte, has been married twice, having three children (Nicholas, Elizabeth and Frank) by his first wife, Elizabeth (Koenig), and none by his second; Elizabeth married Remisus Gregoria, manager of the Gargon & Wendel Coal Company (known as the Klein Rossel' Coal Company) in Alsace-Lorraine, and they had ten children, Desire (he died at the age of nine years), Catherine (who married George Bradiger and had one child, Catherine), Elizabeth (Mrs. Arnold, who has a daughter), Mary (who is married and living in Germany), Margaret (married and living in Germany), Virginia (married and living in Germany), and four children who died when infants; Catherine married Joseph Hesse, a stonemason, boss contractor at Alteglashüte, and had children, Nicholas, John, Remisus, Henry, Joseph, Frank, Catherine and Mary; John, a mine boss at Alteglashüte, married Theresa Klein and had John, Catherine, Jean Baptiste, Margaret, Frank and one younger; Mary died aged thirteen years.

Henry Frantz was born at Alteglashüte, and died in Germany in February, 1889, at the age of fifty-eight years. By occupation he was a miner. His wife, also a native of Alteglashüte, came to Shenandoah, Schuylkill Co., Pa., the year of his death, and died there Aug. 8, 1907. They were German Catholics, and after coming to this country Mrs. Frantz became a member of the Holy Family Church at Shenandoah. She was the mother of nine children, viz.: Nicholas, born Aug. 25, 1858, in Alsace-Lorraine, is now stable boss at the Maple colliery, Shenandoah; John, deceased at the age of forty-nine years, who was a miner at the silver mines at Salida, Colo., married Mary Klepfal, and they had six children, Catherine, Christian, Mary, Frank, John and Carl; Christian died when nine years old; John died at the age of twenty-one years in 1885; Christian is next in the family; Frank, brewmaster at Rupert's brewery, in New York City, married Elizabeth Graber (they have no children); Catherine is the wife of Eberhard C. Grosskettler, of Shenandoah, fireman at the Home brewery, and they have had two children, Theresa (born July 4, 1904) and Francis (who died when two years old); Peter died at the age of six years; Henry is employed at the Indian Ridge colliery, Shenandoah.

Christian Piett, father of Mrs. Catherine (Piett) Frantz, died in the old country when fifty-three or fifty-four years old, from the effects of injuries received two years previously while engaged at his occupation of lumbering. His wife, Susanna (Forgeng), then came to America, and she died at the

age of ninety-three years near Wellsford, Kiowa Co., Kans., at the residence of her grandsons, Christian and Nicholas Frantz. Of the five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Christian Pielt, one died in infancy. Mary, who never married, died in Germany. Catherine was the wife of Henry Frantz. Katherina married Peter Spor and they settled in Shenandoah; they had eight children, seven sons and one daughter, viz.: Nicholas, who died in infancy; John, a miner at Shenandoah; Nicholas (2), who is employed in the wash house of the Home brewery (he married Mary MacAndrew; they have no children); Peter, who works in the Home brewery (he is unmarried); Henry, fire boss at the Maple Hill colliery; John, carpenter at the Shenandoah City colliery; Valentine, a brakeman, who lives in Pittsburgh (he married Anna Hayo); and Catherine, wife of Theodore Abel, a linen weaver, of Reading, Pa. Margaret Pielt married Adam Miro.

Christian Frantz received a good common school education in Germany, and later was trained to mine work there. In 1888 he and his brother John came to this country together, sailing from Havre, France, in the steamer "Champagne," and landing at New York. Thence they continued their journey to Shenandoah, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where Christian Frantz found work as a laborer, being so employed from September, 1888, until May, 1889. Meantime, his mother, with the rest of the family and her mother, had come to this country and settled in Kiowa county, Kans., and he joined them there, farming in that section for a period of five years. Returning to Shenandoah, Pa., he then found work at the Shenandoah City colliery under Fred Carl, foreman, and eighteen months later became a regular miner, being so employed under Mr. Carl for four years. The next two years he was at the Kohinoor colliery, after that experience accepting his present position in the Home brewery, where he has proved a faithful and reliable worker. He is a good citizen and stands well among his associates. Socially he holds membership in the Washington Beneficial Society and St. Michael's Society. In politics he sides with the Republican party.

On July 26, 1904, Mr. Frantz was married, in the Holy Family Church at Shenandoah, to Mary Josephine Grosskettler, who was born July 17, 1874, at Endorf, Westphalia, Germany. Four children have been born to this marriage: Anna M., May 22, 1905; Mary Catherine, June 7, 1907; Henry Gerard, Nov. 3, 1909; John Eugene, May 11, 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Frantz are members of the Holy Family Catholic Church.

Eberhardt Grosskettler, Mrs. Frantz's father, was born at Holtum, near Werl, Westphalia, received his education in the local government schools, and served a thorough apprenticeship at the trades of locksmith and machinist, obtaining certificates which entitled him to work as a journeyman, in which capacity he was engaged for several years. He saw considerable service in the German army, in the wars waged during 1864, 1866 and 1870. He married at Endorf, Westphalia, and was engaged in the wholesale produce business at that place until he brought his family to America in 1881. Locating at Shenandoah, Schuylkill Co., Pa., Mr. Grosskettler found employment as a blacksmith at the Plank Ridge colliery, where he remained for two years. Then he traveled down to Alabama, and westward to Franklin county, Mo., in search of a suitable place for a permanent home, eventually returning to Shenandoah, where he bought a blacksmith shop, at the corner of Coal street and Pear alley, where he was established in business for some time. He lived retired for several years before his death, which occurred in April,

1901. His wife, Anna Maria (Pott), was born at Endorf, daughter of Anton and Theresa (Beste) Pott, the former a farmer and blacksmith. Mrs. Anna Maria Grosskettler died in 1912. To Mr. and Mrs. Grosskettler were born children as follows: Joseph; Eberhard, fireman at the Home brewery, who married Catherine Frantz; John, of Shenandoah; Anton, who died at the age of twenty-two years; Theresa, who is the wife of Eugene Fretz and has one child, Marguerite; and Mary Josephine, Mrs. Christian Frantz. All the family belong to the German Catholic Church of the Holy Family, and Mr. Grosskettler was a member of St. Michael's Society. In politics he was a Democrat.

WILLIAM R. MAURER, of Orwigsburg, is at present giving all his attention to the duties of deputy sheriff of Schuylkill county. He has been well known for a number of years as a prominent local worker in the Democratic party, and as such has been quite influential in the selection of proper officials for the county. He was born at Orwigsburg Dec. 5, 1870, son of George Maurer. Though he had public school advantages, they were rather limited, as he was only eleven and a half years old when he began to work as a tobacco stripper for S. P. Kepner. The boy was ambitious, however, and after working all day here attended night school, continuing his studies until he had a good average education. He remained with Mr. Kepner for the long period of thirty-one years, in different capacities. After learning the trade thoroughly he worked at the bench for many years, and eventually became foreman of the plant, which he left to engage in the business on his own account. After three years of independent work he returned to Mr. Kepner's employ, in which he continued until he resigned his position Jan. 5, 1914, to become deputy sheriff, having been appointed by Charles F. Ditchey, the present sheriff. As noted, Mr. Maurer has been prominent in the councils of the Democratic party, and for twelve years he was a member of the standing committee of his district, in which connection he became very well known in political circles. Personally he has the highest respect of all his acquaintances, and they are many in this region. He is a prominent member of St. John's Reformed Church of Orwigsburg, taking an active part in its work, and is one of the faithful teachers in the Sunday school, from which he has not been absent once in the last seven years. Socially Mr. Maurer is a member in good standing of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the P. O. S. of A. He continues to live at Orwigsburg, his old home town.

Mr. Maurer married Annie Burkhart, a daughter of Henry Burkhart, of East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, and they have one son, Allen, born Sept. 25, 1892. He is now a law student at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM H. SABOLD, Sr., has been a resident of Palo Alto for over thirty years, and as yardmaster at the Philadelphia & Reading yards for many years became widely known in the borough and to a large number of the Philadelphia & Reading employes. He was retired in 1910, after more than forty-seven years of service with the same company.

Mr. Sabold was born at Pottstown, Montgomery Co., Pa., Oct. 5, 1840. His father, John Sabold, also a native of Montgomery county, followed farming there, and died in that county at the advanced age of eighty-four years. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Schick, was also born in Mont-

gomery county, and like her husband lived to be eighty-four years old. They had the following family: Mary, who died young; John, who lived to the age of seventy-four years; Charlotte, who married Samuel Hartenstine, and had fourteen children; Aaron, who died young; and William H.

William H. Sabold obtained his education in the public schools at Pottstown. He was reared upon the home farm, remaining there until he reached the age of twenty-two years, and meantime had learned the trade of blacksmith. It was during the Civil war period that he entered the service of the Philadelphia & Reading Company. In 1863 he enlisted for service in the Union army, from Montgomery county, entering Company H, 175th Pennsylvania Regiment, for a term of nine months. His officers were Captain Steele and Col. S. A. Dyer. Upon his return home he went to work again for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, with which he remained there for a period of ten years. Two years and nine days later, on March 26, 1875, he moved to Pottsville from Philadelphia and resumed work with his old company, remaining there for eight years, becoming engineer in the meantime. On April 1, 1883, he took the position of night yardmaster at the yards situated in Palo Alto, this county, holding that position for the next seven years. On June 9, 1890, Mr. Sabold was made day assistant and wreckmaster, and in 1896 he received further promotion, becoming day yardmaster, in which responsibility he was retained until his retirement, Oct. 31, 1910. His service at the Palo Alto yards covered more than twenty-nine years, and his entire service with the Philadelphia & Reading Company forty-seven years and seven months. Mr. Sabold is one of the respected old residents of Palo Alto, where his home is at No. 404 West Bacon street. He is a Republican on political questions, and a member of the I. O. O. F. in social connection, and religiously an adherent of the Reformed faith. His family, however, are Lutherans.

In 1862 Mr. Sabold married Annie Favinger, daughter of Charles and Lydia (Mauger) Favinger, of Pottstown, Montgomery county, both now deceased. Mrs. Sabold passed away Feb. 13, 1912. She was the mother of the following children: Sallie died in 1864; Elizabeth also died young; Annie married Samuel Little, and died in 1911; William H., Jr., is a fireman in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company; Mary is the wife of Thomas Berger; Harvey is an engineer with the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company; Bertha, who lives at home, is the wife of Charles S. Evert, a corporal of the State police at Pottsville.

EBERHARD CASPER GROSSKETTLER, of Shenandoah, is a typical member of a respected family of that borough, a man of steady habits and reliable character, and one of the trustworthy assistants at the plant of the Home Brewing Company, where he has charge of the boiler house. He was born in Endorf, Westphalia, Germany, Dec. 11, 1876, and was in his fifth year when he came to America with his parents, Eberhardt and Anna Maria (Pott) Grosskettler.

Joseph Grosskettler, the grandfather, was born at Holtum, near Werl, Westphalia, where there is still a fort which was built at the time of the Roman conquest. He was a country gentleman, owning an estate of two hundred acres which had been in the family for many generations, and there he spent all of his long life, dying at the age of eighty-four years. His wife passed away when seventy-four years old, and is buried at Holtum, near Werl.

Eberhardt Grosskettler, father of Eberhard C. Grosskettler, was born at Holtum, near Werl, Westphalia, received his education in the local government schools, and served a thorough apprenticeship at the trades of machinist and locksmith, obtaining certificates which entitled him to work as a journeyman, in which capacity he was engaged for several years. He saw considerable service in the German army, in the wars waged during 1864, 1866 and 1870, in 1864 acting in the secret service, carrying dispatches through the picket lines. On one occasion during that war he traveled for forty-eight hours to deliver a message to one of the colonels, and being obliged to rest on the ground had his hair frozen to the earth as he slept, which caused the loss of nearly all his hair. During 1866 he served as a corporal in the cavalry. In 1870 he was orderly to a doctor on the medical staff.

Mr. Grosskettler was married at Endorf, Westphalia, and was engaged in the wholesale produce business at that place until he brought his family to America in 1881. Locating at Shenandoah, Schuylkill Co., Pa., Mr. Grosskettler found employment as a blacksmith at the Plank Ridge colliery, where he remained for two years. Then he traveled down to Alabama, and westward to Franklin county, Mo., in search of a suitable place for a permanent home, eventually returning to Shenandoah, where he bought a blacksmith shop, at the corner of Coal street and Pear alley, where he was established in business for several years. He lived retired for some time before his death, which occurred in April, 1901. His wife, Anna Maria (Pott), was born at Endorf, daughter of Anton and Theresa (Beste) Pott, the former a farmer and blacksmith. Mrs. Grosskettler died Oct. 7, 1912. To Mr. and Mrs. Grosskettler were born children as follows: Joseph, of Shenandoah, who married Ida Beck; Eberhard C.; John, assistant brewmaster at the Home brewery, who married Catherine E. Schmidt and has three children, Agnes M., Gertrude M. and Mary J.; Anton, who died at the age of twenty-two years; Theresa, who is the wife of Eugene Fretz and has one child, Marguerite (Mr. Fretz is State agent of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of North and South Dakota, with headquarters at Grand Forks, N. Dak.); and Mary Josephine, who is the wife of Christian Frantz, one of the foremen at the Home brewery, and has children, Anna M., Mary Catherine, Henry G. and John Eugene. All the family belong to the German Catholic Church of the Holy Family, and Mr. Grosskettler was a member of St. Michael's Society. In politics he was a Democrat.

Eberhard C. Grosskettler attended the parochial school in Shenandoah conducted by the Sisters, in connection with the Holy Family Church. He began early to assist in the support of the family, being only seven years old when he started to pick slate at the Turkey Run colliery during the summer vacation, working under Foreman Frederick Reese. He was employed there for two years, and for a few years afterwards picked slate at the Kohinoor colliery under Foreman Marshall Ball. Later he found work at the Maple Hill colliery, under Reese Tasker, carrying steel drills, etc., to the tunnel men, remaining there two years in that capacity and then for two years serving as blacksmith's helper in the blacksmith shop at that colliery. Following this he spent a year in Franklin county, Mo., living with his cousin, Casper Radermacher, assisting with farm work and also in the installation of a local telephone line, the connecting link of the Bell system between New York City and Kansas City. On his return to Shenandoah he worked as a laborer with the stonemasons at the mines of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron

Company under John Senior, boss mason, for a period of seven months, after which he drove mules at the Shenandoah City colliery for two years, during which his foreman was Frederick Carl. Then for a year he was one of the repair gang in the Maple Hill workings, under David Adamson, leaving there to begin work for the Home Brewing Company of Shenandoah. He was first employed on the ice tank, pulling ice, for a time, and then became fireman in the boiler house. After two and a half years' employment at the brewery he resumed work with the repair gang at the Maple Hill colliery, working there for another two years, under Mr. Adamson. He has since been engaged in the boiler house of the brewery, where he now has charge, and his strict attention to his important duties shows that he has a proper sense of his responsibilities. He is a member of the Brewery Workers' Local, No. 210, of Shenandoah, and his other social connections are with St. Michael's Society and the Washington Beneficial Society.

Mr. Grosskettler married Catherine Frantz, who was born Aug. 31, 1873, in Altegashüte, Alsace-Lorraine, and received her education in the parochial school conducted by the Sisters in that parish, of which Father Heinrich Mollinger was priest. Mrs. Grosskettler was fifteen years old when she came to America. Two children have been born to this marriage: Francis Christian, born June 14, 1907, who died Nov. 20, 1910; and Anna Theresa, born July 4, 1904, who attends the parochial school of the Holy Family Church at Shenandoah. Mr. and Mrs. Grosskettler are members of that church. He is a Democrat in political sentiment.

Frank Frantz, Mrs. Grosskettler's grandfather, followed lumbering in Alsace and the Rhine Province during his young manhood, and later learned the trade of blacksmith, which he followed until his death, which occurred when he was ninety-three years old. He and his wife, Margaret (Miller), were Catholics in religious faith. They had the following children: Henry was the father of Mrs. Grosskettler; Nicholas, a blacksmith, still living at Altegashüte, has been married twice, having three children—Nicholas, Elizabeth and Frank—by his first wife, Elizabeth (Koenig), and none by his second; Elizabeth married Remisus Gregoria, manager of the Gargon & Wendel Coal Company (known as the Klein Rossel Coal Company) in Alsace-Lorraine, and they had ten children, Desiré (he died at the age of nine years), Catherine (who married George Bradiger and had one child, Catherine), Elizabeth (Mrs. Arnold, who has a daughter), Mary (who is married and living in Germany), Margaret (married and living in Germany), Virginia (married and living in Germany), and four children who died when infants; Catherine married Joseph Hesse, a stonemason, boss contractor at Altegashüte, and had children, Nicholas, John, Remisus, Henry, Joseph, Frank, Catherine and Mary; John, a mine boss at Altegashüte, married Theresa Klein and had John, Catherine, Jean Baptiste, Margaret, Frank and one younger; and Mary died aged thirteen years.

Henry Frantz was born at Altegashüte, and died in Germany in February, 1889, at the age of fifty-eight years. By occupation he was a miner. His wife, Catherine (Piett), also a native of Altegashüte, came to Shenandoah, Schuylkill Co., Pa., the year of his death, and died there Aug. 8, 1907. They were German Catholics, and after coming to this country Mrs. Frantz became a member of the Holy Family Church at Shenandoah. She was the mother of nine children, viz.: Nicholas, John (deceased), Christian (deceased), John (deceased), Christian, Frank, Catherine, Peter and Henry.

GEORGE M. WATSON, of Pottsville, belongs to an old and substantial family of this part of the State of Pennsylvania, in whose honor the borough of Watsontown, Northumberland Co., Pa., was named. His grandfather, George Watson, was a very large landowner and a prosperous farmer in that vicinity. He died at Watsontown, and is buried there. His children were: Robert, Daniel, David, Rebecca, Phebe, Angeline and Elizabeth.

David Watson, son of George, was born at Watsontown, and died at Allenwood, Pa. He was a lifelong farmer and prospered steadily in that calling, acquiring the ownership of three farms, at Allenwood, in Union county, Pa., comprising 125, forty and sixty acres, respectively. The well known Hunter mill was also one of his possessions, and he was a prominent man of his day in that section, contributing his full share to the prosperity of the locality. He married Maria Hunter, daughter of John Hunter, of Allenwood, where she still resides, and the following children were born to this union: William H., now a resident of Spokane, Wash.; Lillie, married to W. R. Peoples, a prominent attorney of Williamsport, Pa.; Angeline, who lives at home; George M.; Leon Edward, now engaged in farming at Allenwood (he was admitted to the bar of Lycoming county, but practiced only one year); Horatio H., a telegraph operator for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, stationed at Montgomery, Pa.; Lewis D., of Allenwood; David, who is engaged in teaching; Isabella, married to Linn Shaeffer; and Maria, twin of Isabella, who died young.

George M. Watson was born Aug. 4, 1868, at Allenwood, Union county, and there grew to manhood. His education was received in the public schools, which he attended during the winter seasons, assisting his father with the farm work during the summer. He remained at home until he reached the age of eighteen years, when he went to Port Carbon, where he worked on the farm of Dr. Brown, who was so well satisfied with his services that he continued with him for a period of fourteen years. Meantime he also became engaged in dealing in horses, but he was ambitious to enter business on his own account, and he located in Philadelphia and embarked in the furniture trade, which he carried on there for a few years. In 1897 he opened his present store at Pottsville, where he is engaged in dealing in new and second-hand furniture, stoves, etc. His establishment is at Nos. 407-409 North Centre street. Mr. Watson has had a thriving custom throughout the period of his location in Pottsville, and as he speaks German, Polish, Slavic and some Italian, as well as English, he has drawn considerable patronage from the foreign population in the vicinity. Mr. Watson has continued to make his home at Port Carbon, and is well and favorably known in both his residence and business locations. He has become quite prominent in politics, and in 1908 was the Republican candidate for the Legislature, for which office he was defeated by only a few votes. He has also been candidate for jury commissioner, and has always made a good run on his ticket. He is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, belonging to Lodge No. 411, of Pottsville.

Mr. Watson married Bessie Smith, daughter of Robert Smith, who for forty years was engaged as boss molder at the Allison shops, Port Carbon. Mr. and Mrs. Watson have had the following children: Bessie, who married Harold Sabold and resides at Palo Alto, this county; David, a machinist, living at home; Robert, who is employed with his father; William, who is engaged as a clerk; and Horatio H. The family belong to the Presbyterian Church.



HARRY E. MASTER, of Shenandoah, has the most up-to-date garage in Schuylkill county, and also acts as agent for the Ford and Jeffery cars in his district. In his successful handling of the automobile business he has shown enterprise and ability which stamp him as a typical member of the family to which he belongs, the Masters having been ranked among the thrifty residents of the community wherever found.

The family is an old one in Berks county, Pa., where David and Catherine (Hunsberger) Master, grandparents of Harry E. Master, were born and spent their lives. David Master was a shoemaker by occupation. They had a family of ten children, namely: Mary, who married Amos Fryer, of Shimer-ville, Pa.; Henry, a blacksmith, of Macungie, Lehigh county, Pa.; Evan, operator of a granite quarry in Berks county; James, similarly engaged at Mertztown, Pa.; John, in the same business at Minersville, Pa.; William, who died in youth; George W., a blacksmith, of Robesonia, Berks county; David, who died young; Milton H.; and Kate, wife of John Stichter, of Zionsville, Lehigh county.

Milton H. Master was born Sept. 21, 1855, in Berks county, received a common school education there, and learned the trade of marble cutter. His apprenticeship completed, he first established himself in business at Minersville, Schuylkill county, where he remained for a period of eight years, removing thence to Shenandoah, where in 1881 he started what became well known as the Shenandoah Steam Marble & Granite Works. His skill and good taste made his work very popular, and the cemeteries of Schuylkill and adjoining counties contain many highly creditable specimens of his handicraft. He built up so large a business that seven or eight skilled stonecutters were employed steadily, and orders were filled promptly and efficiently. Mr. Masters became one of the leading business men of the borough, and was actively engaged until five weeks before his death, which occurred Jan. 6, 1914. He is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Shenandoah. He took an intelligent interest in the welfare of the borough, served as a member of the council and secretary of that body, and in 1895 was the Democratic candidate for county comptroller, but his ticket was defeated that election. Socially he belonged to the P. O. S. of A. On March 21, 1878, Mr. Masters married Lavina Hanich, who survives him and continues to reside at Shenandoah. She is a member of the Reformed Church, to which Mr. Master also belonged. They became the parents of children as follows: Harry E. is mentioned below; Robert H. died when five years old; Grace married James Ringler, present secretary of the borough council of Shenandoah; Mabel Irene is unmarried; Thomas J., who is employed with his brother Harry E., married Ethel S. Ward, of Jersey City, N. J.; Ruth M. died April 30, 1915, aged twenty-three years.

Henry Hanich, grandfather of Mrs. Lavina (Hanich) Master, lived in Berks county, but died at Minersville. Amos Hanich, her father, was born at Mertztown, Berks county, settled at Minersville, Schuylkill county, and followed his trade of carpenter in work about the collieries. He died at Minersville when eighty-two years old. By his marriage to Christene Bowman he had children as follows: Amelia, who married Charles Oerther; Sarah, wife of Henry Oerther; George H., deceased; Emma, wife of Charles Stein; Lavina, Mrs. Master; and Kate, deceased, who was the wife of Henry Bachman.

Harry E. Master was born Oct. 31, 1878, at Minersville, Schuylkill county, and attended public school at Shenandoah, whither the family removed dur-

ing his early childhood, when he was but three years old. He learned the marble and granite business with his father, for whom he continued to work until 1910, in which year he engaged in the automobile business, which he has developed steadily by thorough application to its needs. His first garage was at Nos. 122-124 North Pear street, with office at Nos. 14-18 North West street, and in 1916 he moved the business to its present location, at the rear of Nos. 125-127 North Jardin street. The Shenandoah Garage is considered the model establishment of its kind in the county, and Mr. Master not only sells a large number of Ford and Jeffery cars, but also sells accessories and supplies, and has all conveniences for doing general repairing. He is prominent in the local social organizations, belonging to the B. P. O. Elks, Fraternal Order of Eagles (of which he is a past president) and Rescue Hook & Ladder Company.

Mr. Master married Mercy Bees, and they have one child, Dorothy H., now attending school. Mrs. Master's parents, John W. and Elizabeth (Ratford) Bees, had the following children: Eliza, Annie, Joseph, Elizabeth, Mattie, William, Mary, Mercy, Charles, Margaret and Harry.

WILLIAM KEISER, assistant inside foreman at the West Brookside colliery, was born at Mahanoy City May 28, 1870, a son of John Keiser. The latter was born in Germany and came to the United States when twenty years old, locating at Mahanoy City, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he followed mining. In 1871 he moved to Porter township, and continued mining at the Kalmia and Brookside collieries. The maiden name of his wife was Eva Filler, and their children were: Catherine married Elmer Heckler, who was superintendent of the Girard estate at Shenandoah, where he died, his widow still residing there; John is a resident of Tower City; Lena died young; Susan died at the age of twenty-two years; William is next in the family; Emma married August Renner. John Keiser and his wife died in Porter township, and are buried at Muir, in that township.

William Keiser was educated in the schools of Porter township and at the age of twelve years began picking slate in the West Brookside colliery, later going to the Kalmia colliery. Close attention to his work, and faithfulness in the performance of his duties, gained him successive promotions, and he rose to be loader boss. In 1903 he was made assistant inside foreman at the West Brookside colliery, which position he still holds.

Mr. Keiser married Elizabeth Adams, and she is a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Kuntzelman) Adams. Their children are as follows: Ida who married Frank Myers; Eva, who married F. Knorr; Helen; Esther; Elmer; Raymond; and John, William and Norman, all three deceased. Mr. Keiser has been for many years superintendent of the Reinerton Sunday school, and is very much interested in its work and development. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Red Men and the Jr. O. U. A. M. For many years he has taken a helpful part as a director of the Williams Valley Building and Loan Association, in the conduct of this organization. In the fall of 1915 he was elected a member of the school board of Porter township, and will doubtless prove himself a valuable addition to that body. A man of strong characteristics, he has forged ahead, and, while advancing himself, has assisted others on their upward climb in life.

ABRAHAM F. RISSINGER, of Shenandoah, has for several years been acting as outside foreman at collieries in Schuylkill county, where he has

a high reputation for intelligence and conscientious attention to his duties. Since the summer of 1915 he has been at the West Shenandoah colliery.

The Rissingers are of German extraction, and Karl Gottlieb Reissiger, musical composer, born 1798, died 1859, was a member of the family. Abraham Rissinger, grandfather of Abraham F. Rissinger, was probably born in Germany, and was a son of Emanuel Rissinger, who settled at Gratz, Dauphin Co., Pa. After residing for a time in Philadelphia Abraham Rissinger located in Dauphin county, where he followed farming in Lykens township, and he died there in 1879. His wife, whose maiden name was Klinger, preceded him to the grave. They had children as follows: Joseph, Jacob, Daniel, Philip, Catherine (who married Marvin Peterson) and Mary (who married Frank Long and is deceased).

Daniel Rissinger, son of Abraham, was born at Gratz, Pa., and received a public school education there. He was engaged in farming in Dauphin county and was also employed in the mines there, at the Bear Valley workings, Williamstown. He died at Gratz in 1900, at the age of fifty-two years. Mr. Rissinger married Amelia Koppenhafer, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Leidich) Koppenhafer, and she is still living at Gratz. Mr. and Mrs. Rissinger were members of the Reformed Church, in which he served as deacon and elder. They had eight children who grew to maturity, four of the family born to them dying young; of the others, Abraham F. is mentioned below; Jacob J. married Mabel Saltzer; Charles M. married Clara Troutman; William H. married a Miss Shade, and they have two children, Homer and Roy; Andrew married Lottie Kimmel and they have one child, Dorsey; Harrison married Ellen Unger; Mary married Elmer Daniels; Sallie married John Morrow and has six children; Austin is deceased; twins died in infancy.

Abraham F. Rissinger was born Dec. 24, 1873, at Gratz, Dauphin Co., Pa., and spent his boyhood on the farm, meantime receiving common school advantages. When twelve years old he began picking slate at the Bear Valley colliery, Williamstown. Later he went to learn the trade of carpenter with Alexander Klinger, serving a three years' apprenticeship and afterwards working as a journeyman at Shamokin, Pa. Subsequently he was in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, building breakers, and on July 21, 1903, was made carpenter foreman at the East Brookside colliery, receiving the appointment from master carpenter H. E. Muchlhof, of Pottsville. After filling that position satisfactorily a few years he was transferred from the carpenter department to the coal department in the capacity of foreman at the Middle Creek washery, under E. E. Kaercher, general superintendent, Pottsville. He was retained there until June 18, 1908, when he was transferred to the Lincoln colliery as outside foreman. On June 17, 1912, he was changed thence to the Brookside colliery, in the same capacity, remaining in that position until assigned to his present duties at the West Shenandoah workings. His record of service has been highly creditable, and he has an equally enviable character for citizenship at the various places where he has resided. While living at Tower City he was a director of the Lykens Valley Building & Loan Association of that town. He is a Mason in good standing, belonging to Swatara Lodge, No. 267, F. & A. M., of Tremont, this county; Tremont Chapter, No. 221, R. A. M.; Constantine Commandery, No. 41, K. T., of Pottsville; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading. At Tremont he also holds membership in the Royal Arcanum. His religious connection is with the Reformed Church.

Mr. Rissinger married Carrie Hoffman, daughter of Emanuel and Fietta (Shadle) Hoffman, and they are the parents of five children: James A., Eva M., Florence A., William A. and Ruth I.

JOHN B. FAYHEY, furniture dealer and undertaker, Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania.

JACOB J. RISSINGER, who is engaged in farming in Hubley township, near the village of Sacramento, and who is also serving in the capacity of constable, was born Feb. 18, 1876, in Dauphin county, Pa., a son of Daniel and Amelia (Kopenheffer) Rissinger.

Abraham Rissinger, the paternal grandfather of Jacob J. Rissinger, is the first of the name of whom we have any record. He resided for a time in the city of Philadelphia, Pa., and then removed to Dauphin county, where he became a prosperous farmer. It is probable that he was born in Germany, and that he was the first of the family to emigrate to the United States. He married a Miss Klinger, and they became the parents of six children, namely: Joseph; Jacob; Daniel; Felix; Mary, who married Frank Long; and Katherine, who married M. Peters. The father of these children died in 1879, the mother passing away several years earlier.

Daniel Rissinger, the father of Jacob J. Rissinger, was born at Gratz, Dauphin Co., Pa., and was educated in the public schools of that place. He was engaged in various lines of enterprise for several years, but eventually settled down to farming in Dauphin county and continued to be engaged therein during his active years. He died in 1900, firm in the faith of the Reformed Church, which he had served as deacon and elder for several years. Mrs. Rissinger is also a member of that church. Of their twelve children, four died young and eight grew to maturity. We have the following record of the family: Abraham, who married Carrie Hoffman and has had five children, James, William, Eva, Florence and Ruth; Jacob J.; Charles, who married Clara Troutman; Mary, who married Elmer Daniels; William, who married a Miss Shade and has two children, Homer and Roy; Austin, who is deceased; Andrew, who married Lottie Kimmel, and has one child, Dorsey; Sallie, who married John Morrow and has six children; Harrison, who married Ellen Unger; and twins who died in infancy.

Jacob J. Rissinger was educated in the public schools of his home community in Dauphin county, and was reared on a farm, on which he worked as his father's assistant from boyhood until he reached manhood. At the age of twenty-one years he began farming for himself, although on the farm belonging to his father-in-law, on which he remained until July 2, 1901, at which time he purchased his present property. This is a well-cultivated tract of seventy-three acres, lying in Hubley township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., upon which he has made numerous valuable improvements. His residence is a large brick building, modern in its equipment, and indicates thrift and neatness, while his barns and outbuildings also show substantial construction and are equipped with all devices of a labor-saving character. Mr. Rissinger is known as one of the prosperous and progressive agriculturists of the Valley View district, is considered a man of up-to-date views and tendencies, and has established his reputation for good citizenship by linking his name with every movement for the public welfare and advancement. In 1911 he was elected on the Republican ticket as constable, and in 1915 was reelected for another term.

of four years, the size of his majority in these elections indicating the popularity in which he is held by his fellow citizens. He has been active in behalf of education and has served several years as a member of the school board.

Mr. Rissinger was married Aug. 31, 1895, to Mabel Saltzer, a daughter of Henry and Isabella (Adams) Saltzer, and to this union there have been born five children: William, who was educated in the public schools and is a carpenter by trade; Gwendolin, who died when nine years old; Joseph, who is a student in the public schools; Jacob, and Isabella. Mr. Rissinger is a prominent member of the Reformed Church, and has served as deacon for some time; Mrs. Rissinger is also a member of the Lutheran Church.

WILLIAM D. EVANS, inside foreman at the West Shenandoah colliery, is one of the well known mining men of his section, having devoted his entire career to this line of work. Mr. Evans was born in the south of Wales, Jan. 29, 1864, and is a son of David J. and Ann (Griffiths) Evans.

David J. Evans was born in south Wales and in May, 1865, came to the United States, bringing with him his wife and two children. For two years the family resided at Johnstown, Pa., whence they came to Pottsville, but after a short stay moved to Thomaston, and later to Ashland. At the latter place they remained two years, and then went to Girardville, where Mr. Evans became inside foreman at the Girard colliery, a position which he held at the time of his death. Mrs. Evans was also born in Wales. She became the mother of the following children: Sarah, William D., John T., David, Martha (who died young), Martha (2), Thomas, Daniel and Annie.

William D. Evans attended the public schools of Thomaston, and when still a lad began to pick slate at the mines. After he had worked for a time at the Tunnel colliery, at Ashland, the family moved to Girardville, and there he completed his education in the public schools. Later he secured a position at the Girard colliery, going inside and becoming a door boy. From that humble station he slowly but surely worked his way upward to be assistant inside foreman at the Girard colliery, under John Hanson and district superintendent Elijah Gregory. Later he was transferred to the East Bear Ridge colliery, at Mahanoy Plane, where he was inside foreman, succeeding the late Thomas Giles. He remained in that capacity from September, 1894, to February, 1911, when he was transferred to the Shenandoah City colliery as inside foreman, and in July, 1915, was transferred to the West Shenandoah colliery, where he has since remained. Mr. Evans is a thoroughly experienced miner, is industrious, energetic and faithful, and is therefore accounted one of his company's valued men. He has a wide acquaintance in the mining district, and his many friends know him as a man to be trusted in any transactions.

Mr. Evans married Annie Davis, who was born in south Wales April 19, 1866, and came to America with her parents when she was a child. Her father was David Davis, who lived at Ashland, Mahanoy Plane and Gilberton, and followed mining throughout his active career. He is now retired and lives among his children, his wife being deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Evans there have been born the following children: Sarah J., who married David Lewis; David, deceased; Clements; Harry, Mary and Daniel, deceased; Blanche, who married David Jones; Roy; Annie, deceased; and Blodwen.

Mr. Evans takes an active part in the work of the Baptist Church, attending services at Girardville, where he is a deacon and trustee, and where he has

been leader of the church choir since his father's death up to the present time. He has also taught a Bible class. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, belonging to Shenandoah Lodge and Williamsport Consistory, and also holds membership in Lodge No. 737, I. O. O. F., of Girardville, and the American Druid Society of Shenandoah; he takes a very active part in their Welsh day outings and Eisteddfods.

FRANK ADAMS, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Porter township, Schuylkill county, was born in that township Oct. 18, 1861, son of Daniel and Eva (Houtz) Adams, and a grandson of John Adams.

Daniel Adams was born in Schuylkill county, Pa., and was a farmer throughout the period of his active life, being the owner of a valuable property in Porter township at the time of his death. He married Eva Houtz, and they became the parents of the following children: Daniel, who is deceased; William; Kate; Elizabeth; John; George; Abraham; Susannah; Ephraim; Frank, and James.

Frank Adams secured ordinary educational advantages in the public schools of Porter township, and passed his boyhood and youth between working on his father's farm and employment at the Brookside colliery. He was subsequently employed in the mines for twenty-seven years, but eventually returned to the vocation of his fathers, farming, in which he has continued to be engaged to the present time. He owns two good farms in Porter township, both under a high state of cultivation, with modern equipment and buildings of a substantial and attractive character. He has a high grade of stock, and the appearance of thrift and good judgment of his property shows the owner to be a man of more than ordinary ability as a farmer and business man.

Mr. Adams was married Dec. 24, 1882, to Susan Fetterhoff, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Hoops) Fetterhoff, and to this union there have been born the following children: James A., who married Florence Harder; Frank A., who married Bertha Paul; Emma J. and Sarah Ellen, who are deceased; Jennie May; Isaac; John D.; George, Charles and Elmer, who are deceased; Nora; Dora; Lester N., and Lillie C. The family are members of the Lutheran Church, of which Mr. Adams has always been a generous supporter. He is one of the progressive men of his community, and his name has always found a place on the list of promoters of public-spirited and beneficial movements.

On the maternal side Mr. Adams is a member of one of the early families of Schuylkill county, and one which has contributed to the growth and development of this locality. His grandfather, John Houtz, the pioneer of the name in the Schuylkill valley, was a native of the western part of Berks county, Pa., and as a very early settler came to the William valley in Porter township, where he took up a great tract of land. Later this was cut up into three farms. A farmer by vocation, he was successful in his operations here. Later he moved with his two brothers and their families to Lycoming county, where he also bought a large property and engaged in agricultural pursuits. In his later years he returned to Porter township and purchased another farm, and here continued to be engaged in the tilling of the soil during the remainder of his life. He lived to the advanced age of ninety-three years and was strong and hearty almost up to the day of his death. Mr. Houtz was a man of strength of character and purpose, sturdy, self-reliant and indus-

trious, and seemed to delight in overcoming obstacles. He is buried near Tower City, in Porter township. His wife, who before her marriage was a Miss Fisher, also lived to an advanced age, being ninety-seven years old at the time of her demise. They had the following children: Wendel; Jacob; Jonathan; John; Elizabeth, who married David Hand; Eva, who married Daniel Adams; Louisa, who married John Brown; and Mrs. Lucks, who died in Illinois.

Jonathan Houtz, son of John Houtz, the pioneer, was born in Berks county, Pa., and accompanied his father as a youth to Porter township, Schuylkill county, where the greater part of his subsequent life was passed in farming. He accumulated a good property of eighty acres, of which he disposed in the evening of life, and from that time until his death, at the age of eighty-two years, lived in retirement at Orwin. He lies buried there. Like his father, he was a man of substance and worth, and had the entire esteem and confidence of the people among whom his home was made. Mr. Houtz married a Miss Wolf, and they became the parents of the following children: John, who is deceased; Sophia, who lives at Orwin; Hieronymus, living in Porter township; Nathan and Charles, residents of Clark's valley; Alice, who is the wife of Lewis Behney; Priscilla, the wife of Andrew Hand; Massilla, who married Samuel Conrad; and Elizabeth, the wife of Charles Eberts.

REV. FRANCIS PAUL HOLTGREVE, of Shenandoah borough, rector of the German Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Family, was born in Westphalia, Germany, Aug. 12, 1869. He there received his preliminary education, later attending the government college of that province, and early in life evidenced a desire to enter the priesthood of the Catholic Church. He is the only one of his family to come to America, and also the only one to enter the priesthood. He is a son of Francis and Elizabeth (Bacher) Holtgreve, natives of Westphalia, and farming people.

Father Holtgreve left Germany when he was twenty-one years of age and came to the United States. Here he entered the Philadelphia Theological Seminary of St. Charles, and later prosecuted his divinity course at Overbrook and was duly ordained to the priesthood. His first appointment was as assistant to Monsignor William Heinen, at St. Joseph's Church, East Mauch Chunk, Pa., where he remained one year, and was next assigned as assistant to Father Deham, in All Saints Church, Bridesburg, Philadelphia, where he was stationed four years. Father Holtgreve's next assignment was to St. John's Church, Pottsville, as assistant to Father Longinus, for eight months, and at the end of that period he became assistant to Rev. Father George Borneman, at St. Paul's Church, Reading, and remained three and a half years. On Jan. 27, 1905, Father Holtgreve came to Shenandoah to become the rector of the Church of the Holy Family.

During the period of Father Holtgreve's ministry many changes have been made at the Church of the Holy Family. In 1914 the church was remodeled and new decorations, altars, etc., were installed. The congregation contains one hundred families, about five hundred souls. In 1906, the year following his arrival at Shenandoah borough, Father Holtgreve built a new church and convent. In 1914, when the church was redecorated, the following assisted and contributed in the work: Christian Schmidt, who gave the main altar as a memorial to his deceased wife, Catherine Bender Schmidt, and the \$2,300 organ; Charles Ditchey, who gave the Blessed Virgin altar; P. J. Murphy,



who gave the St. Joseph's altar; Jacob Noll, who gave the communion altar; Mrs. Jacob Noll, who gave two groups of the Holy Family; Emil Beyer, who gave the Adoring Angels on the left and right of the main altar; J. J. O'Hearn, the contractor under whose direction the church was built, who gave the door frames leading to the altar; Charles L. Knapp, who gave the Sanctuary lamp; and various others. The walls and ceiling were painted by Berthold Imhoff, of Reading, Pa., and the ceiling represents the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, containing seventy-two figures and being a magnificent piece of art. Other pictures of saints adorn the ceiling, \$1,500 having been donated by Christian Schmidt towards the payment for that work. The windows were donated by the following: Main floor—The Rosary Society, Jacob Noll, Mrs. Graber, P. J. Murphy, John Blickley, Joseph Grosskettler, Arsenius Ploppert, Nicholas Barza, Christian Schmidt, Joseph Bosch, and St. Michael's Society; gallery—Albert Smith, Male Choir members and Henry Spor.

The Church of the Holy Family is the German Catholic Church in the borough of Shenandoah, and its spiritual and temporal affairs are in a most excellent condition. The parish was organized about the year 1870 and the church building was soon afterwards erected, on Chestnut street. At that time there were to be found in the borough of Shenandoah about thirty-five families of German birth or antecedents, and these formed a part of the German parish at Mahanoy City until 1874, when Fathers Buening and Maus supplied the two congregations until a separate charge at Shenandoah was given to Rev. Father Maurice Graetzer, who remained until February, 1878. Rev. Father Dehun was then installed as pastor and began a long and useful work in this field, continuing in pastoral charge of the parish until his removal to Philadelphia in 1888. He was succeeded by Rev. A. Fretz, under whose charge a new rectory was built. In 1891 he was changed to South Bethlehem, Pa., and was succeeded by Rev. A. Schuettelhoefer, who, in turn, was succeeded at his death, in 1905, by Rev. Francis P. Holtgreve. In 1879 the church edifice was remodeled and was enlarged to accommodate the increasing membership, and at this time the congregation of one hundred families includes some of the leading people of Shenandoah borough.

B. FRANK GEHRIG came to Schuylkill Haven over sixty years ago, Dec. 2, 1852, and has been so thoroughly associated with the life of the borough, as business man, official and public-spirited citizen, that his record is part of its history. At present, except for his connection with the municipal government as assessor of the North ward, he is living retired. Born Oct. 25, 1832, at Milton, Northumberland Co., Pa., he belongs to a family of German origin which has long been established in Pennsylvania, having settled in Berks county at an early date.

John Gehrig, his grandfather, lived at Leesport, Berks Co., Pa., and kept hotel at that point while the turnpike was under construction in that section. He died there in 1824. His children were: John, George E., Mrs. Beard and Mrs. Sallie Baker.

George E. Gehrig, father of B. Frank Gehrig, was born at Leesport, Berks Co., Pa., Jan. 17, 1801, and spent his early life in Berks county. In 1829 he removed to Milton, Pa., where he kept the "United States Hotel" for some time and later engaged in the milling business, which he continued to follow for a number of years. His death occurred in 1854. His wife, Elizabeth (Huey),

died in 1883. They had these children: Jacob, George, B. Frank, Nice, James, Sophia, Joseph, Isaac, Albert and Helen.

B. Frank Gehrig attended the public schools at Milton. When a young man he learned the distilling trade. He came to Schuylkill Haven in 1852 and clerked for three and a half years, after which he engaged in the clothing and notion business, continuing same with success for seven years. For a year afterwards he followed the shipping of coal, and was then employed in the shops at Schuylkill Haven for one year. Then, in company with David Dreibelbis, he built a factory and engaged in the manufacture of soap, Mr. Gehrig selling out to his partner after conducting the business for one year. He next engaged in droving, traveling through central Pennsylvania buying and selling stock, and was so occupied for several years. For fifteen years following he carried on farming in North Manheim township, and he has since lived retired except for his duties as assessor of the North ward of Schuylkill Haven, which office he has filled for the last sixteen years. For eighteen years he was a member of the borough council, his long continuance in that position being a most substantial evidence of the estimate placed upon his services by his fellow citizens and their confidence in his trustworthiness and ability to handle the affairs of the borough. Politically he is a Republican.

Mr. Gehrig owns the old John Mackey hotel stand at Schuylkill Haven, which was well known in the days of the stagecoach. It is still a fine old building, and the Gehrigs have a comfortable home there. He married Isabella Barr, a daughter of John Barr, formerly of Kutztown, Berks Co., Pa., later of Schuylkill Haven, and she died June 2, 1913. They had a family of six sons: John is deceased; George E. is living at Schuylkill Haven; William is deceased; Harry is at home; Robert is a resident of Schuylkill Haven; Edward is at home.

Mr. Gehrig is among the old residents of Schuylkill Haven, and his stories of the early days in this section are highly interesting. He has always taken an active part in every cause for local advancement, and is recognized as a valuable citizen. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

PATRICK THOMAS HIGGINS, an old-time resident of the borough of Shenandoah, has been a miner from boyhood, having been employed in active work about the mines for the last fifty-two years. He is a man of high character and honorable reputation, gained by his industrious habits and uprightness in his dealings with all. Mr. Higgins was born at the city of Drogherty, County Louth, Ireland, March 17, 1850, son of Thomas and Mary (Hardiman) Higgins.

Thomas Higgins, the father, was a native of Strokestown, in County Roscommon, Ireland, and lived in that country until after his marriage. Eventually he moved with his family to England, settling in Staffordshire, where he died, at Wolverhampton, when forty years old. By trade he was a stonemason. He and his wife were strict Catholics in religious faith. Of the children born to them two lived, Patrick and Mary. Mrs. Higgins remarried in England, in 1855, becoming the wife of John Monaghan, by whom she had one child, Margaret. The family came to America in the summer of 1862. Mrs. Mary (Hardiman) Monaghan, died at the age of seventy-six years in Shenandoah, Pa. Her eldest daughter, Mary, married Michael Reilly, a miner, and they lived and died at Lannigans Patch, which is in the vicinity of Shenandoah, Schuylkill county. They had a large family, viz.: Margaret, born at

St. Clair, this county, married Patrick White, an engineer, of New York City, and they have two children, Harry and Marguerite. Thomas, whose home is at Gallitzin, Pa., is a traveling salesman for an insurance company; he is married. David, also an insurance agent, residing at Hazleton, Pa., married Ellen Clancey, and they have five daughters, Mary, Helen, Anna, Margaret and Catherine. Mary A. married Dr. Marsden, of Camden, N. J.; they have no children. Catherine married Otto Rueh, who is a lithographer in Pittsburgh, Pa., and they have one child, Frank. Elizabeth was burned to death in childhood. Harry, who is employed as a bartender in New York City, married Anna Gilroy, and they have two sons, William and Harry. Michael (deceased) was a barber by trade; he married and had one son. Agnes, who is unmarried, resides in New York City, following dressmaking. John, a lawyer, in New York City, is also unmarried. Patrick, who travels for the Prudential Life Insurance Company, is unmarried. Elizabeth is married and lives in Philadelphia, where her husband is a plain-clothes officer; they have one daughter. Two children died in infancy.

Margaret Monaghan, the only child of the second marriage, was born in 1856 in Staffordshire, England. She has been married twice, but had no children by her first husband, James Leonard, who died in Shenandoah. On July 16, 1878, she married Edward J. Coyle, who died Oct. 5, 1900. They had a family of nine children, seven sons and two daughters, namely: Edward T., a traveling salesman, of Chicago, unmarried; Mary, wife of John Dalton, shipping clerk and general foreman of the Columbia Brewing Company, Shenandoah; John, an employe of the DuPont Powder Company at Pennsgrove, Pa., unmarried; Bernard P., a miner, unmarried; Alice, wife of Joseph J. Schmicker, one of the proprietors of Schmicker Brothers' hotel, at Reading, Pa. (they have two children, Margaret E. and Wilhelmina M.); James J., living at Reading, who is married and has two children, Alice and Margaret; Joseph D., a photographer of Philadelphia, unmarried; Philip A., who is with the DuPont Powder Company at Pennsgrove, Pa.; and Arthur J., a clerk in Philadelphia, unmarried.

Patrick Thomas Higgins came to the United States in the summer of 1862 with his mother and stepfather and sister, the family sailing from Liverpool on the steamship "Columbia," which landed them at New York City. Thence they continued to Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and soon afterwards located at Lannigans Patch, now known as Ellangowan, one mile from Shenandoah, this county, which latter town was then a very small place, with little to forecast its present condition and appearance. It was not long before Patrick T. Higgins began work there as a slate picker at Ellangowan, later being employed as driver, laborer and miner. In the year 1867 the family removed to Youngstown, Ohio, and he accompanied them to that place, where he remained two years, employed as puddler's helper at the rolling mills and blast furnaces. Returning alone to Lannigans Patch, he resumed mine work, driving gangways, sinking shafts, etc. In 1874 the family settled at Shenandoah, but meantime, in 1873, he had gone to Shamokin, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he worked for a few years at the Enterprise colliery, robbing pillars. After his marriage, which took place at Shamokin, Oct. 16, 1876, he came to Shenandoah, where he has since maintained his home. For twenty-four years he was engaged at the Shenandoah City colliery under Fred Carl, was subsequently at Indian Ridge, mining and repairing, and at the Plank Ridge, St. Nicholas, Suffolk, Bear Run, Knickerbocker, Kohinoor and West Shenandoah collieries,

at the latter doing timbering, or construction work. In every connection he has been considered a dependable man, and one of the steadiest character.

On Oct. 16, 1876, Mr. Higgins married Mary Ann Dowd, the ceremony being performed in St. Edward's Catholic Church at Shamokin, by Rev. Father Joseph Koch. Mr. and Mrs. Higgins live at No. 231 East Coal street, Shenandoah. The following children have been born to them: Thomas, born May 27, 1878, died unmarried May 19, 1908; he was a freight conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad, and was killed drilling cars on the railroad. John, born Sept. 19, 1879, died Friday Aug. 13, 1880. William, born May 15, 1881, attended school in Shenandoah, has worked in nearly all the local collieries in the various capacities from slate picker up, and is now a miner at No. 3 colliery of the Lehigh Company; he is a member of the T. A. B. Society of the Church of the Annunciation, of Division No. 2, A. O. H., Shenandoah Court, No. 244, Foresters of America, and of Local No. 1,509, United Mine Workers, Shenandoah. Mary, born April 26, 1883, died Aug. 3, 1884. Katherine, born Feb. 18, 1886, died in March, 1889. Margaretta, born March 19, 1890, married John Gibbons, of Schenectady, N. Y., and they have one daughter, Mary Patricia; Mr. Gibbons is a bricklayer by occupation. Henry, born March 25, 1892, died April 3, 1897. James, born March 9, 1894, died May 30, 1895. All of this family were baptized by the popular Father O'Reilly except Thomas, who was baptized by Father Koch in Shamokin. Mr. and Mrs. Higgins were members of the old Church of the Annunciation at Shenandoah, of which he was a charter member, and he helped to build the church. He and his family belong to the Church of the Annunciation, and for thirty-two years Mr. Higgins has held membership in the T. A. B. Society. He is a member of the local lodge of the United Mine Workers, No. 1,509, in which he has held various offices, and for twenty-nine years has been a member of the Phoenix Fire Company of Shenandoah. On political questions he is a Democrat.

Mrs. Mary Ann (Dowd) Higgins was born July 4, 1856, at five o'clock in the morning, in Wadesville, near St. Clair, this county, daughter of John and Catherine (Gallagher) Dowd, who were both from County Sligo, Ireland. They did not become acquainted, however, until after they came to America. John Dowd came to this country when young with his uncle, Thomas Dowd, whom he accompanied to Pottsville, Pa., about 1845. His parents, Patrick and Nora Dowd, were farming people. Patrick Dowd, father of John, came to America a widower, settled at Cincinnati, Ohio, remarried, and had two daughters by the second union. He owned a large farm there. Mrs. Catherine (Gallagher) Dowd is still living, now (1916) in her seventy-sixth year, making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Patrick T. Higgins, at Shenandoah. She was one of a family of ten children, seven sons and three daughters, her brothers being: Owen, William, Thomas, James, Patrick, John (who was killed in the mines at Pottsville) and Anthony (who was killed while serving as a soldier in the Civil war).

AMBROSE BONER, late of Gilberton, this county, passed away when comparatively a young man, but he had been active in the affairs of the borough and was very well known there, his services as postmaster having brought him into contact with a large proportion of his fellow citizens. His widow succeeded him in that position, which she is still filling, to the entire satisfaction of all the patrons of the Gilberton office.

Mr. Boner was a native of this place, and belonged to an old Pennsylvania

family, founded in this country by his great-great-grandfather. The latter was of Irish birth, and came from his native land to America, settling in Pennsylvania, and though we do not know for certain it is supposed that his son, the great-grandfather of Ambrose Boner, spent all his life in the eastern part of the State. Charles Boner, the grandfather, passed his early years in Berks county, Pa., and when yet a young man removed to Schuylkill county, locating near Lewistown, in which vicinity, in the course of years, he became the owner of a small farm. In his younger life he had learned the trade of blacksmith, and after his removal to Lewistown worked at his trade in Mahanoy City, where he died in 1891. He had been a resident of Mahanoy City for thirty years. In politics he experienced the shifting characteristic of his time, being originally a Democrat, then a Whig and finally a Republican. His religious connection was with the Reformed Church. He married Priscilla Smith, daughter of Henry Smith, and they had six children: Henry S., for some time superintendent of the Lutheran Publishing Company of Philadelphia; Lewis S., formerly a bookkeeper in Pottsville, Pa., who died in June, 1891; Sarah, who married Oliver Peters (now deceased), of Lehigh county, Pa.; Nathan S.; Charles S., deceased in 1890, a bookkeeper; and Albert S., who died in infancy.

Nathan S. Boner was born Sept. 23, 1846, in Schuylkill county, Pa., and had the advantages of the public schools of his youth, as well as certain select schools. His schooling over, he found employment as a clerk in Mahanoy City, and was so engaged until he enlisted in the United States army, in 1866, serving three years, during most of which he was stationed in Nevada. Returning to Schuylkill county at the end of that period, he has lived here since with the exception of four years. For some time he was occupied as manager for Alexander Scott at Frackville, Schuylkill county. Like his father he is a Republican in political sentiment and a member of the Reformed Church. Socially he belongs to the I. O. O. F. (General Grant Lodge, No. 575) and P. O. S. of A. (Washington Camp, No. 284).

On July 11, 1871, Mr. Boner married Margaret L. Bone, daughter of Ambrose Bone, who was of Scotch extraction, and lived for a number of years in Canada, spending his later years at Reading, Pa. Of the children born to this marriage we have record of seven: Priscilla, Minnie M., Ambrose, Daisy A., Earl L., Harry and George F.

Ambrose Boner was reared and educated at Gilberton, receiving his education in the common schools. In his youth he worked with his father in the grocery store, and during his young manhood learned the trade of barber, which he followed for a number of years. Eventually he went into business on his own account, opening a hotel and saloon in Gilberton, where in 1902 he assumed the duties of postmaster, having been appointed by Roosevelt. He continued to hold the position to the end of his life, passing away Aug. 5, 1908. In his various connections he became widely known in Shenandoah and vicinity, where he had a large number of friends and well wishers.

On Sept. 19, 1898, Mr. Boner had married Alice M. Hullihan, a native of Gilberton, who survives him with the only child of the union, Harry A., born April 9, 1900. He is now attending school in Shenandoah, and is planning to enter the medical profession. When her husband died Mrs. Boner took the civil service examination, which she passed, and was accordingly appointed postmistress. She has had charge of the office continuously since, and has proved herself fully equal to its requirements, which are unusually exacting.

as there are so many different nationalities represented among the residents of the vicinity. In religion Mrs. Boner is a devout Catholic, belonging to the Holy Rosary Church at Mahanoy Plane, and to the Blessed Virgin Sodality.

John and Bridget Hulihan, Mrs. Boner's grandparents, were natives of Ireland, whence they came to this country after their marriage, settling at Gilberton, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where they lived and died. He was a miner by occupation. Their children were: Martin, John, Thomas, Timothy, Malachi, James, Ellen (wife of James Rafferty, a miner of Gilberton) and Bridget (who has never married and is now living at Passaic, N. J.).

John Hulihan, father of Mrs. Boner, was born in Ireland and was a child when his parents came to America. He lived at Gilberton, where he followed mining and later hotelkeeping. He was twice married, and by his first wife, whose maiden name was Dolan, had the following children: James, who married Catherine Murray, of Gilberton, and had children, Anna, Sarah, John, Daniel, Aloysius, Catherine, Jennie and James; and Sarah (Mrs. MacNamara, whose husband is a bridge contractor of Philadelphia, Pa.), who has had three children, James, Nellie and Alice, the latter deceased in infancy. For his second wife Mr. Hulihan married Anna Matthews, like himself a native of Ireland, who came to America in childhood, and the following children were born of this marriage: Mary is the wife of Michael Cantwell, of Gilberton, a miner, and they have nine children, John, William, Mary, Edward, Annie, James, Catherine, Nicholas and Alice (all this family are members of the Holy Rosary Church at Mahanoy Plane); John died when about twenty years old; Bridget married Joseph O. Boyle, who is now principal of the West ward of Gilberton, and they have two sons, John and Francis; Edward died when about twenty-seven years old, unmarried; Alice M. is the widow of Ambrose Boner; Malachi, an electrician, residing in Providence, R. I., married Jennie Owens, and has two children, Dorothea and Marion; Ellen is the wife of Patrick Trainer, a contract miner of Gilberton, and has five children, Anna, Edward, Alice, Rose and John; Thomas, Martin and Catherine died young.

CHARLES LUCIAN KNAPP, of Shenandoah, who has for several years held the position of outside foreman at the Shenandoah City colliery, was born in Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa., March 23, 1881, son of Joseph P. Knapp. His grandfather, Gregory Knapp, came from Germany to America in 1849 and located at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he remained two years, in 1851 removing to Trevorton, this State. He followed his trade of carpenter, doing work about the mines. He died at Trevorton in October, 1873, aged fifty-five years. His wife, Mary B. Peters, bore him fourteen children, of whom five grew to maturity, namely: Joseph P., John T., Mary, Gregory and Frank.

Joseph P. Knapp was born May 11, 1846, in Wurtemberg, Germany, accompanied his father to America in 1849, and obtained his schooling at Trevorton. In his boyhood he worked as a slate picker at the old Trevorton colliery. In 1861 his parents removed to Ashland, and there he continued the same work for two years, after which he took up stationary engineering. While he was there the Civil war broke out, and his loyalty to his adopted country showed in his enlistment from Trevorton, March 18, 1864, in Company A, 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry, for three years. This company was recruited in Schuylkill county, and was sent to the South, in the Army of the Cumberland, playing a brave part in the battle at Selma, Ala., April 2, 1865. After serving eighteen



months he was honorably discharged, the war having closed. At that time he was in hospital at Macon, Ga., having been taken down with fever. Mr. Knapp returned to his home in Trevorton, and for two years was employed as an engineer at the powder mill. From October, 1865, to April 2, 1866, he was engaged at powder making, but on the latter date the mill was blown up and he was badly injured, being under the physician's care for several months. This mill, owned by Kline & Heim, was at Fisher's Mill, below Shamokin. After recovering his strength Mr. Knapp worked at mining for some nine months, and then again took up powder making, following it for two and a half years. He then spent six months in Sunbury in the employ of Ira T. Clement, taking charge of his planing mill, and at the end of that time returning to Trevorton to engage in mining in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, at the bottom of the No. 1 slope. For some time he fired the boilers, and then became engineer. In August, 1874, he left Trevorton and went to Locust Dale, to run the bull pumps at the Keystone colliery, a position he held for three and a half years. In 1878 he was appointed outside foreman of the North Ashland colliery, and served in that position for four and a half years, after which he engaged in the bottling business at Ashland for a very short time. When he sold out his bottling business it was to become boss at the Knickerbocker colliery, near Shenandoah, Pa., of which he took charge in February, 1883, and continued in that position until Dec. 1, 1903, when he was made outside superintendent of the Mount Carmel and Shamokin districts, seven breakers, being the first outside superintendent appointed by the P. & R. C. & I. Company. He is still serving in that capacity. His home is at Shamokin.

On Nov. 24, 1874, Mr. Knapp married Susanna Maria Veith, who was born in September, 1856, in Middleport, Schuylkill county, daughter of John and Anna Maree (Hartman) Veith, natives of Germany, the father born in Bavaria; he was formerly a mine superintendent. Of the large family born to this union, thirteen children, John P. died young; Minnie M. is unmarried and living at home; Frank died young; Charles L. is next in the family; Catherine P., now living at home, is the widow of Sydney P. Phillips, who was a chemist; Carrie C. died young; Fred J., who lives at Los Angeles, Cal., is engaged in poultry raising; Leo W. attended parochial school in Shamokin and Shenandoah and became a chemist by profession, graduating from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, was chemist with the P. & R. C. & I. Company at Pottsville for twenty-one months, afterwards with the Eastern Steel Company at Pottsville for six months, and is now established at Shenandoah, where he makes his home with his brother Charles; Alphonso J., a sawyer by trade, lives at home; Marie died young; Gregory A. attends high school in Shamokin; Joseph J. died young; Mary died young. The father is a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church at Shamokin, and has reared his family in the same faith. He also belongs to the Knights of Columbus at that place, and to Lincoln Post, No. 140, G. A. R., of Shamokin, having transferred from Post No. 146, at Shenandoah, of which he was a charter member; he was post commander at Shenandoah for several terms. For years Mr. Knapp acted as secretary of the Miners', Mechanics' and Laborers' Building & Loan Association of Shenandoah.

Charles L. Knapp was educated at Yatesville (Fowler) and in the parochial school at Shenandoah connected with the Church of the Holy Family, also attending public school in the borough for some time. During vacation periods



he worked as a slate picker at the Knickerbocker colliery, and after he reached the age of fourteen years he ran the dinkey engines. On April 1, 1896, he started as a messenger at the Knickerbocker colliery, being so employed for a year and a half, when he was put on as assistant shipper and supply clerk, continuing thus until January, 1900. Meantime, being ambitious to improve himself, he had taken a night course in commercial studies in Woods business college in Shenandoah. At the age of nineteen he ran a 30 by 60 hoisting engine at the mines, and kept that position until March, 1903, when he left the mines and entered the engine erecting department of the Cramp Shipbuilding Company, at Philadelphia, being there until July, 1903. For a short time afterwards he was a machinist in the Brill car works, and then returning to Shenandoah entered the employ of the P. & R. C. & I. Company as assistant foreman at the Knickerbocker colliery, being the youngest foreman ever engaged there. On Dec. 1, 1903, he was promoted to outside foreman there, filling that position until Aug. 1, 1907, when he was appointed to his present position, as outside foreman at the Shenandoah City colliery.

Mr. Knapp married Mary M. Schmidt, who was born Feb. 19, 1881, daughter of Christian and Catherine (Bender) Schmidt, of whom a full account appears elsewhere in this work. Four children have been born to this marriage: Anna M., Mary M., Catherine M. and Rita M., the two first named now attending parochial school in Shenandoah. The Knapps belong to the Church of the Holy Family. Mr. Knapp supports the Republican party in political issues.

Mrs. Susanna Maria (Veith) Knapp, mother of Charles L. Knapp, was born at Middleport, Pa., daughter of John Veith, who came to this country from Germany in early life. Entering the mines in the humble position of door boy, he worked his way up through the various stages until he was given executive responsibilities, acting as outside foreman, division superintendent and general mine superintendent, in the employ of the Reading Company. During his last years he had his headquarters at Pottsville. He was prominent in mining circles, and the John Veith shaft was named for him. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Hartman, both died at the age of seventy years, and they are buried in the Yorkville cemetery. They were members of St. John's Roman Catholic Church at Pottsville, and he was a Democrat in politics. Mr. and Mrs. Veith had a large family, viz.: Susanna Maria, Mrs. Knapp, was the eldest; Peter, who is foreman in the Philadelphia & Reading Company's blacksmith shop at Pottsville, married Annie Hartman; John, a retired machinist, is living in Pottsville; Mary married William Cooney, and both are deceased; Emma, widow of William Gibson, is a trained nurse, in Philadelphia; Clara is living at the old home in Pottsville; Catherine is next in the family; Dr. Charles A. Veith, deceased, married Agnes Gorman, who lives in Philadelphia; Callie is married to Thomas Flannagan, auditor for the Reading Company at Pottsville; Lena is deceased; Agnes, widow of Charles Fluehr, lives in Pottsville; Bertha is engaged as a bookkeeper in Pottsville.

J. W. HULING, Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill county, Keystone Concrete Works, manufacturer of concrete building material, building blocks and trimmings. Specialties, concrete burial vaults and porch work.

JOHN F. HEBERLING, of Reinerton, Porter township, proprietor of the "Commonwealth Hotel," at the corner of Grand avenue and Clarks Valley

road, was born in Clarks valley, that township, Feb. 24, 1860, son of Israel and Catherine (Gard) Heberling, and grandson of Henry Heberling.

Henry Heberling was of German origin and was born in Porter township, Schuylkill county, where he lived and died. His affairs prospered, and he became the owner of valuable land there. During the period of his active life he devoted himself to farming and made a name as a substantial citizen, who had the respect and esteem of his neighbors and business associates. He married Elizabeth Miller, who after a widowhood of fifty years died at Orwin, in Porter township, and is buried at Orwin. They were the parents of ten children, namely: Jacob; John; Michael; Paul; Israel; Mrs. Jacob Brown; Philip; Rebecca, who died unmarried; Susan, who is living at Orwin at the age of eighty years; and Mary, who is the wife of Joseph Reed and resides at Sharadin, Porter township.

Israel Heberling, the father of John F. Heberling, learned the carpenter's trade in his youth, and in 1874 removed with his family from Porter township to what is now St. Edward, Boone Co., Nebr., where he followed farming during the rest of his active life. After some years of retirement he passed away, in January, 1905, in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, and was buried at St. Edward. Mr. Heberling married Catherine Gard, a daughter of John Gard. John Gard was twice married, his first wife being a Miss Shadel and his second a Mrs. Faust, a widow. Mr. Gard was a millwright and carpenter by trade, and on first leaving Schuylkill county went to South Bend, Ind. Returning to Pennsylvania, for a time he resided in Rush township, Dauphin county, but eventually sold his farm, which is now owned by Charles Reightler. Mr. Gard next went to Boone county, Nebr., and located in the vicinity of what is now known as St. Edward post office, where he built the first gristmill. In company with his son-in-law, Israel Heberling, he erected the first frame house at St. Edward, being the pioneer of a community which now numbers two thousand souls. Both he and Mr. Heberling were men of the stamp to blaze the way for civilization and are still well remembered at St. Edward, where Mrs. Heberling still resides. She was born Oct. 3, 1839, and is therefore past seventy-six years of age, and the oldest settler of that place. The children of Israel and Catherine Heberling were as follows: John F.; Sarah M., who is the wife of George Reynoldson; Lydia A., who died shortly after her marriage; Emma A., who is the wife of Benjamin Abbott, and has a daughter, Blanche, the family residing at St. Edward, Nebr., where they are taking care of the aged mother; and Mattie, who is the wife of Hayden Creary, of near Seattle, Wash., and has one child.

John F. Heberling received his educational training in the public schools of his home community of Clarks Valley, Porter township, and in accordance with the custom of the boys of his locality early started to contribute to his own support. When he was only eleven years of age he secured a position as a doortender at the West Brookside colliery, but gave this up to accompany his parents to the West, where he continued to be a resident for seven years. At the end of that period he returned to his native county, again securing employment at the mines, in and about which he worked for twenty-eight years. During this time, through industry, honest effort and strict fidelity to his employers' interests, he was advanced from time to time, rising to the position of assistant inside foreman for the Susquehanna Coal Company, and later being made inside foreman for the same concern. Eventually he gave up the vocation of mining, and for six months lived in quiet retirement. His

energetic spirit, however, would not allow him to remain idle long, and May 17, 1890, he entered the hotel business when he became the owner of the old Fry stand, at Williamstown, Dauphin county. This was a very popular hotel, and under Mr. Heberling's management prospered greatly. At the end of five years, seeing a better opportunity, he disposed of the Fry place and purchased a property at Reinerton, Schuylkill county, where he has since resided and conducted the "Commonwealth Hotel." He has a first-class house, commodious in size and modern in equipment, with excellent service and everything to properly take care of a large and representative patronage. Mr. Heberling is an ideal host and his house is well known to the traveling public. While a resident of Williamstown, Mr. Heberling took an active part in civic affairs, serving as justice of the peace, member of the board of school directors and member of the council.

Mr. Heberling was united in marriage, at the home of the bride's parents, March 27, 1890, by Rev. Mr. Adams, a Lutheran minister, to Mary S. Kramer, a daughter of William and Emma (Reed) Kramer. Two children have been born to this union: Helen M., born Aug. 9, 1892, who resides with her parents; and Charles H., born Feb. 12, 1894, who died June 23, 1908, aged thirteen years, four months, eleven days. Mr. Heberling is well and favorably known in social and fraternal circles, being past master of Asher Lodge, No. 578, F. & A. M., of Lykens, Pa., and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Junior Order United American Mechanics, the Patriotic Order Sons of America, the Knights of Labor, and the Loyal Order of Moose, at Lykens. As a citizen he has had a hand in every movement which has served to advance good government and good citizenship in his community, and his progressiveness and public spirit have been important factors in helping the locality to grow and improve.

BENJAMIN LOMAS, who holds the responsible position of outside foreman at the Gilberton colliery, is one of the experienced practical mining men of Schuylkill county, Pa. He was born at Gilberton, July 22, 1869, son of Joseph and Jane (Fellows) Lomas.

Joseph Lomas was born in England and was twenty-five years of age when he emigrated to the United States. The rest of his career was passed in mining in Schuylkill county, Pa., and here his death occurred in November, 1913. There were eight children in his family: Sylvia, who married Frank Dawson; Joseph; Benjamin; Matthew; Sarah Jane, who died young; Thomas; William; and Lillian, who died young.

Benjamin Lomas attended public school at Gilberton, and like many of the boys of this section began when still a lad to pick slate. Later he left the breaker and went inside, where he gained experience in driving and turning a fan. He worked also as a machinist from the time he was twenty-one years old until he was thirty-five, at which time he was promoted to breaker boss. In 1906 he was made outside foreman, a position which he still retains, having charge of 250 men at the colliery. Mr. Lomas is thoroughly familiar with all departments of mining, and, being steady and reliable, has gained the confidence of his employers and the good will of the men. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A. and the B. P. O. E., both of Shenandoah, having joined both local lodges at the time they were founded. He is a Methodist in religion. As a citizen he has always done his full share in promoting the welfare of the

community, and for three years served on the Gilberton school board as the representative of the East ward.

Mr. Lomas married Lilian Smith, who died leaving one son, Philip, who died young. Mr. Lomas took as his second wife Sarah Fox, and they have five children: Olive, William, Thomas, Hilda and Hobart.

MARTIN E. FOYLE, teacher, Heckscherville, Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania.

JOHN GROSSKETTLE, of Shenandoah, has for a number of years been associated with the Home Brewing Company, now holding the responsible position of assistant brewmaster. He is a man of thorough reliability and solid character, and has proved very valuable in his present connection, towards which he has worked up by merit alone. He is a native of Germany, born June 15, 1879, at Endorf, Westphalia, and was two years old when he came with his parents to America. They settled in Shenandoah.

Joseph Grosskettler, grandfather of John Grosskettler, was born at Holtum, near Werl, Westphalia, where there is still a fort which was built at the time of the Roman conquest. He was a country gentleman, owning an estate of two hundred acres which had been in the family for many generations, and there he spent all of his long life, dying at the age of eighty-four years. His wife passed away when seventy-four years old, and is buried near Werl.

Eberhardt Grosskettler, father of John Grosskettler, was born at Holtum, near Werl, Westphalia, received his education in the local government schools, and served a thorough apprenticeship at the trades of locksmith and machinist, obtaining certificates which entitled him to work as a journeyman, in which capacity he was engaged for several years. He saw considerable service in the German army, in the wars waged during 1864, 1866 and 1870, in 1864 acting in the secret service, carrying dispatches through the picket lines. On one occasion during that war he traveled for forty-eight hours to deliver a message to one of the colonels, and being obliged to rest on the ground had his hair frozen to the earth as he slept, which caused the loss of nearly all his hair. During 1866 he served as a corporal in the cavalry. In 1870 he was orderly to a doctor on the medical staff.

Mr. Grosskettler was married at Endorf, Westphalia, and was engaged in the wholesale produce business at that place until he brought his family to America in 1881. Locating at Shenandoah, Schuylkill Co., Pa., Mr. Grosskettler found employment as a blacksmith at the Plank Ridge colliery, where he remained for two years. Then he traveled down to Alabama, and westward to Franklin county, Mo., in search of a suitable place for a permanent home, eventually returning to Shenandoah, where he bought a blacksmith shop, at the corner of Coal street and Pear alley, where he was established in business for several years. He lived retired for some time before his death, which occurred April 22, 1901, at the age of sixty-two years. His wife, Anna Maria (Pott), was born at Endorf, daughter of Anton and Theresa (Beste) Pott, the former a farmer and blacksmith. Mrs. Anna Maria Grosskettler died Oct. 7, 1912, at the age of seventy-two years. To Mr. and Mrs. Eberhardt Grosskettler were born children as follows: Joseph; Eberhard, fireman at the Home brewery, who married Catherine Frantz, and has one child, Theresa; John; Anton, who died at the age of twenty-two years; Theresa, who is the wife of Eugene Fretz and has one child, Marguerite (Mr. Fretz is State agent of the

Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of North and South Dakota, with headquarters at Grand Forks, N. Dak.); and Mary Josephine, who is the wife of Christian Frantz, one of the foremen at the Home brewery, and has children, Anna M., Mary Catherine, Henry G. and John Eugene. All the family belong to the German Catholic Church of the Holy Family, and Mr. Grosskettler was a member of St. Michael's Society. In politics he was a Democrat.

John Grosskettler was educated at Shenandoah, in the parochial school of the Church of the Holy Family. He began work early, becoming a slate picker at the Shenandoah City colliery when but nine years old. At that time Marshall Baugh was the outside foreman there, and Joseph Whitehouse breaker foreman. Mr. Grosskettler was variously employed about the colliery until he reached the age of fifteen years, when he commenced doing inside work, under Frederick Carl, foreman. He also assisted in putting up machinery, and served in the repair gang. During the latter part of 1902 and the beginning of 1903, for a period of six months, he worked in the soft coal mines, at the Franklin slope in Cambria county, Pa., for the Cambria Iron Company. On his return thence to Shenandoah he entered the employ of the Home Brewing Company, first as a teamster, driving the coal wagon, and later delivering beer. Having familiarized himself with the business he was given other responsibilities until promoted to the position of assistant brewmaster, which he is filling very acceptably at the present time.

On Nov. 28, 1907, Mr. Grosskettler was married, in the Holy Family Church, by Father Francis Holtgreve, to Catherine Elizabeth Schmidt, a native of Shenandoah, born April 28, 1883, daughter of Christian and Catherine (Bender) Schmidt. They have had four children, born as follows: Agnes Mary, Feb. 1, 1909; Gertrude Mary, Aug. 9, 1911; Mary Josephine, Aug. 25, 1913; and John William, Nov. 28, 1915. Mrs. Grosskettler was educated in the parochial school of the Holy Family Church at Shenandoah and the public schools of the borough, and remained at home until her marriage. She and her husband are devout members of the Holy Family Church, and she also belongs to the Rosary Society. Mr. Grosskettler is an active Republican, always taking a live interest in local and national affairs. His home is at No. 220 North West Street, Shenandoah.

WILLIAM H. ZIMMERMAN, of Shenandoah, proprietor of the finest meat market in that borough, is one of its leading business men and a substantial citizen in every respect. His activity in various local enterprises and prominent connection with social bodies is evidence of the interest he feels in the town of his adoption, and of the confidence his fellow men repose in him.

The Zimmermans are of German extraction, and the family was founded in Schuylkill county by Henry Zimmerman, grandfather of William H. Zimmerman. John Zimmerman, the great-grandfather, lived and died in Lebanon county, Pa., where he followed farming. His children were: Jacob, Kate, Margaret and Henry.

Henry Zimmerman was born in Lebanon county, where he spent his early life. When a young man he came to Schuylkill county, first locating in Pine Grove, where he worked by the day and in time became a carpenter. Later he removed to Tremont, this county, and still later to what was then known as Fox Valley, where the town of Branch Dale is now situated. He lived to be eighty-four years old, dying at the home of his eldest son, John, at Clouser's

Mills, in Branch township, Schuylkill county. His wife, Julia (Stahr), daughter of Peter Stahr, of Branch township, died at the age of seventy-one years, and they are buried in the Clouser's Church cemetery. They had a large family, viz.: John, who was a carpenter, died at Clouser's Mills; William died young; Elizabeth married Peter Rhoads, and both are deceased; Joseph H. is the father of William H. Zimmerman; Jacob died at Mount Carmel, Northumberland Co., Pa.; Susan married Aaron Yoder, and both died in Columbia county, Pa.; Henry is buried in the State of Illinois; Frank is a resident of Hyde Park, Scranton, Pa.; William H. lives in Arkansas; Charles is a resident of Fountain Springs, Schuylkill county.

Joseph H. Zimmerman, now living in retirement at Pottsville, spent sixty-three years of his life in mine work. Born April 18, 1835, at Branch Dale, Schuylkill county, he began picking slate when but seven and a half years old, at what is now Branch Dale, then called Muddy Branch. After two years at that work he was given other employment about the mines, acting as driving boy inside, loading coal, etc., until he reached the age of fourteen, when he began to cut coal, at Muddy Branch. He was actively engaged at the mines until seventy years old, for a number of years holding responsible positions at various collieries. For some time he was employed as a boss by Col. J. C. White; was assistant inside foreman; boss at the York Farm colliery, for the Lehigh Company; and then a boss for the Albright Coal Company, at Silverton, for three years. His last work of the kind was at Eagle Hill, for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company. After living in retirement for one year Mr. Zimmerman became gate watchman at the Schuylkill county almshouse, where he continued for fourteen months. Again he had a year's leisure, and then for three years was night watchman at the courthouse. His home is at No. 623 Fairview street, Pottsville, and he and his family are highly respected in that city.

Mr. Zimmerman is a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in 1861 in Company K, 16th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, among the first ninety-days men. He received his discharge at Harrisburg July 24, 1861. Mr. Zimmerman was formerly a member of the G. A. R. post at Tremont, changing his membership to Mahanoy City. He has been a Republican since 1856, and in his earlier years took considerable interest in local public affairs, serving ten years as school director of Gilberton, and five years as tax collector in Reilly township. His religious connection is with the Presbyterian Church, and socially he belongs to Washington Camp No. 284, P. O. S. of A., of Gilberton, and to Social Lodge, No. 56, I. O. O. F., of Minersville.

On May 26, 1856, Mr. Zimmerman married Janetta McClay, daughter of Robert McClay, and eight children were born to this union, viz.: William H.; Joseph, who died in infancy; Robert J., of St. Clair, this county; Jacob, of Gilberton, this county; Jeanette, who married John Gorey; John, of Springfield, Ill.; James, of St. Clair, this county; and Mary, twin of James, who died young. The mother died Sept. 20, 1871, and is buried in Clouser's graveyard. On May 1, 1872, Mr. Zimmerman married (second) Mrs. Ellen (Finley) Stewart, whose father, Robert Finley, was a native of Ireland. She was first married Oct. 14, 1864, to John Stewart, who died Aug. 4, 1871, and by that marriage had three children: Eliza (Mrs. Charles Knoll), Robert and Ellen. To her union with Mr. Zimmerman have been born the following: Joseph, a resident of Shenandoah; Henry, of Schuylkill Haven; Franklin, of Potts-

ville; Annie, who died young; Hugh, who died young; Charles, who died young; and Alexander, who is living in Palo Alto, this county.

William H. Zimmerman was born April 14, 1857, at Branch Dale, and there received such education as the public schools afforded. In his boyhood he went to work as a slate picker at the Swatara colliery, and he continued to follow mine work until twenty years old, after which he learned the butcher's trade at Gilberton, this county, with Jacob Buehler. He worked at it for nine years before establishing himself in business, in 1887, in Shenandoah, where he has since continued, and in 1889 he purchased his present place of business, at No. 124 South Main street. His trade has been growing steadily, thanks to his persevering efforts and sincere endeavor to please his patrons, who have appreciated the unusual advantages afforded by his up-to-date establishment. Mr. Zimmerman's efforts have not been confined to the advancement of his own affairs, for he has willingly assisted a number of undertakings intended for the general welfare. At present he is a member of the Shenandoah school board, in which trust he is giving very satisfactory service. He is a director of the Merchants' National Bank of Shenandoah and of the Citizens' Savings Fund, and a member of the receiving committee of the latter. Socially he holds membership in the Sons of Veterans, the P. O. S. of A., the Royal Arcanum and the Masonic fraternity, and takes a keen interest in the prosperity of all their local organizations. He has been treasurer of his council of the Royal Arcanum for the last sixteen years. As a Mason he is connected with Shenandoah Lodge, No. 511, F. & A. M., and Williamsport Consistory, having attained the thirty-second degree.

Mr. Zimmerman married Clara Lorah, daughter of George Lorah, of Shenandoah, who was a miner. Two children have been born to this marriage: Emma, who died when twenty-two years old; and Millie, wife of Dr. W. C. Scott, a dentist of Lansford, Carbon Co., Pa. The family are members of the Reformed Church.

L. C. LYTLE, outside foreman at the Lytle colliery, in Cass township, Schuylkill county, post office Minersville, Pennsylvania.

SHERMAN H. REED, a former jury commissioner of Schuylkill county, and one of the most popular auctioneers of this section of Pennsylvania, is now residing at Cressona, this county, where he is cultivating a farm. He holds auction sales whenever called, in various localities. He is a lifelong resident of Schuylkill county, having been born Nov. 25, 1865, in Wayne township, coming of a family that has been established here for several generations.

John Reed, the first of the family to locate in this part of Pennsylvania, resided at Reedsville, Schuylkill county, and was one of the best known farmers of his section. He owned the tract of land now in the possession of Howard Mengle. He was twice married, his second wife's maiden name being Kimmel, and they are both buried at Reedsville, Pa. To his last marriage were born six children: George, William, Daniel K., Elias, Hannah (married Peter Reed), and Elizabeth (wife of William Fehr).

Daniel K. Reed, son of John, was born at Reedsville, Pa., and like his father followed farming. He was also an auctioneer, his services being in constant demand. After his marriage he removed to Wayne township, where he died upon his farm of eighty acres at the age of fifty-four years. He is buried in the cemetery at Friedensburg. He married Susan, daughter of Lud-



wig Berger, of North Manheim township, and they became the parents of the following children: Lyman G., living at Friedensburg; Mendon, who died at that place; Elizabeth, married to Lewis Brown, ex-county commissioner of Schuylkill county, residing at Cressona; Arabella, married to William W. Berkheiser, and living in South Manheim township; Ida, who married Lewis Brown, of Washington township, both now deceased; Gordon D., residing at Schuylkill Haven; Sherman H.; and Annie, married to George Emerich.

Sherman H. Reed was educated in the schools of Wayne township and reared on the homestead farm. He was obliged to take up the cares of the family and the task of cultivating the farm owing to the death of his father when he was but sixteen years of age. He assisted his mother until her death, in 1890, when the property was sold and the proceeds divided among the heirs the following year. Mr. Reed located on the Luckenbill farm, one mile from Friedensburg, Schuylkill county, which he operated for five years. He then moved, Dec. 16, 1895, to a farm near Cressona, where he carried on agriculture and butchering, as well as holding auction sales wherever called by patrons. This farm was sold to W. D. Maurey in the course of ten years, and in March, 1906, Mr. Reed went to Cressona. In the fall of 1907 he purchased the W. H. Markle farm of fifty-four acres, in the borough of Cressona, which he has since so greatly improved as to make it one of the most valuable farms in this part of the county.

On Nov. 26, 1885, Mr. Reed was married to Ida Fullman, daughter of Henry and Esther (Davis) Fullman, of Pottsville, and to this union were born six children: Daniel K., now an inspector in the Rutherford shops at Harrisburg, Pa.; Hattie, married to Oscar Moyer, living in the Panther valley, near Cressona; Lottie, married to Howard Kulp and living at home; Esther, at home; and Ada A. and Sherman, Jr., attending school. Socially Mr. Reed has been a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge of Friedensburg since 1907; of the Independent Order of Americans for the past twenty years; and he is a charter member of Camp No. 264, P. O. S. of A., at Friedensburg, which was organized thirty-three years ago. He is one of the best known auctioneers in Schuylkill county, having been making sales for thirty-two years. In political affiliation he is a Republican, and was elected jury commissioner from Wayne township in 1900, with a majority in this Democratic stronghold of 1,500 votes. In 1903 he was reelected with a large majority, being the only Republican chosen that year to a county office. In 1908 he was a candidate for the office of county commissioner, but withdrew in order to give precedence to a friend. Mr. Reed has also served upon the election board of Wayne township, and in 1910 was elected a member of the school board of Cressona, which office he filled with great credit. In religious affiliation he is a Lutheran, being a member of the church at Friedensburg, and he takes a personal interest in its welfare, as well as that of his fellow members and townsmen. Through his many activities Mr. Reed is probably one of the best known as well as most popular men in Schuylkill county.

PETER JAMES MONAGHAN, who is engaged in the fire insurance business at Shenandoah, Pa., was born Nov. 12, 1873, at the corner of Chestnut and Lloyd streets, Shenandoah, son of Michael and Bridget (Monaghan) Monaghan.

John Monaghan, the grandfather of Peter J. Monaghan, was born in County Mayo, Ireland, close to the coast, and from boyhood followed the sea for his

livelihood. He was a fisherman and through thrift and industry became very prosperous, owning a number of fishing sloops, but he was overtaken by a number of financial reverses and lost his entire property. On a return trip from England, where he had delivered a boatload of fish, a squall came up, wrecked his vessel, and took as its toll a number of the hardy fishermen, including Mr. Monaghan's father and two of his brothers. He was married in his native county, and after the death of his wife there, with his two children, Michael and Bridget, emigrated to America and settled at Minersville, Pa. There he secured employment as a miner, an occupation at which he worked also at Ashland, just before the outbreak of the Civil war. Several years later he removed to Shenandoah, and there passed away at the age of sixty-seven years, having retired some time before. His daughter, Bridget, became the wife of Patrick Eagen, deceased, who was a miner of Girardville, Pa., where Mrs. Eagen now resides. Her children are: John, a fireman of Shamokin, Pa.; William, who is a fire boss near Girardville; Michael, yardmaster for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Camden, N. J.; Margaret, who is the wife of Thomas Cauffield, a motorman for the Schuylkill Traction Company, at Girardville, and has four children; and Barbara, who is the wife of a railroad man at Camden, N. J., and has one child. John Monaghan was a staunch Democrat. He was a faithful member of the Roman Catholic Church of the Annunciation at Shenandoah, and was buried in the Annunciation cemetery.

Michael Monaghan, the father of Peter J. Monaghan, was born in County Mayo, Ireland, in 1837, and was eleven years of age when brought by his father to the United States. His first occupation was as a slate picker, at Minersville, for which employment he was paid \$1.25 per week. As his board cost him \$1.75 per week, he was obliged to work extra at picking coal early in the morning and late in the evenings, so that it may be seen that his days were full ones and he had little leisure either to play or to secure educational advantages. When grown to manhood, with steady employment at a man's wages as a miner, Mr. Monaghan married at Minersville, about the year 1860. Later he removed to Ashland, Pa., where he sank a slope, and also engaged in driving gangways, tunnels, etc. About forty-five years ago he came to Shenandoah and followed mining, subsequently driving a tunnel at the Kohinoor colliery, sinking a slope at Miller's colliery, and driving a tunnel at Grant's colliery. At the latter place Mr. Grant, while standing with a business associate, Mr. Gibbs, was killed by the fall of the top of the tunnel. Mr. Monaghan followed mining and mine work until 1888, when he became boss for the old water company, in which he was also a stockholder. He was overseer for the company for two years, and was also engaged for a time in the retail liquor business, but finally retired, and lived quietly until his death, which occurred Jan. 23, 1894. He married Bridget Monaghan, who was born in County Mayo, Ireland, and was eleven weeks old when brought by her parents to this country. She was a daughter of Bryan Monaghan, a retired miner, who died at Shenandoah. Mr. and Mrs. Monaghan became the parents of the following children: Michael, Bridget and John, who died in childhood at Ashland; another died there in infancy; Annie, Michael, John, Bernard and Anthony, who died in childhood at Shenandoah; Peter James; and Anthony, who married Veronica Kusick and lives on East Lloyd street, Shenandoah. Michael Monaghan was a Democrat and served as supervisor of Shenandoah. He was a member of the W. B. A., miners' association, and was treasurer of four local unions at the time of his demise. He belonged to St. Patrick's

Society, was a devout member of the Church of the Annunciation, Roman Catholic, and was buried in the Annunciation cemetery, as was also Mrs. Monaghan, who died Dec. 20, 1907, aged sixty-three years.

Peter James Monaghan was educated in the graded and high schools of Shenandoah, following which he took a classical course in Georgetown University, at Washington, D. C., where he was a student for one and a half years. At the end of that period, because of his father's illness, he was obliged to give up his college course, but later he took a term in the Peirce business college, from which he was duly graduated. After his father's death Mr. Monaghan went into the saloon business, at the corner of Lloyd and Chestnut streets, but mine excavation work ruined his building, and he finally sold out and moved to Chestnut and Centre streets. There he remained until 1895, in the same business, and then sold out and went to Chamberlain, S. D., where he spent two and a half years on the range between Missouri and the Black Hills. Returning to Shenandoah, in 1902 he entered the fire insurance business, in which he is still interested, being the representative of twenty-one companies at this time.

Mr. Monaghan is a member of the Midnight Sons, a dramatic organization, the membership of which includes the best talent in the borough of Shenandoah. This company has given some really fine performances at the O'Hara theater, the proceeds from which have always been devoted to the Annunciation Church charities, Mr. Monaghan being a member of that church. He belongs to the Sacred Heart Society and to the newly-organized Holy Name Society, which already has more than nine hundred members. Politically he is a Democrat. His fraternal connections include membership in Shenandoah Lodge, No. 945, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Shenandoah Aerie, No. 103, Fraternal Order of Eagles; and Division No. 2, Ancient Order of Hibernians. He is treasurer of his aerie in the Eagles. In fire insurance circles, Mr. Monaghan is one of the best known men in this part of the State. He is treasurer of the Fire Underwriters' Association of the Middle Department; is a member of the Phoenix Fire Company, of which he was marshal for nine years; was chief of the Shenandoah fire department for three terms; is a member of the State Firemen's Association and of its publicity committee, and is a member of the Six County Firemen's Association, holding the office of chairman of the auditing committee. He has always been one of Shenandoah's most enthusiastic boosters, and at this time is a member of the Devitt Club, the object of which is the promotion of home industries and interests.

Mr. Monaghan was married April 12, 1912, to Agnes Cardin, who was born July 4, 1892, daughter of John J. and Bridget (Toole) Cardin, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of County Mayo, Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Monaghan are the parents of two children: Anna, born March 29, 1913; and Joseph, born Feb. 22, 1914. Mrs. Monaghan was born at Shenandoah, and here attended the public schools. She studied music under Professor Wilde and mastered one of the most difficult of musical instruments, the violin, on which she is a finished performer. She is a member of the Sodality, of the Sacred Heart Society and of the Church of the Annunciation.

Thomas Cardin, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Monaghan, was born in County Mayo, Ireland. He was a man of large physique, and ran a jaunting car. He was a faithful Catholic, and was buried in the parish of Lackin, County Mayo. His son, Patrick Cardin, the grandfather of Mrs. Monaghan, was married in his native County Mayo and was a farmer in Ireland. He

came to the United States on a sailing vessel, and settled at Muddy Branch, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he worked around the mines as an outside laborer. Later he removed to Shenandoah, bought a property on West Lloyd street, and there passed the rest of his life in retirement. He was a Democrat in politics, and his religious faith was that of the Roman Catholic Church. He married Margaret McDonald, also born in County Mayo, Ireland, who died in her seventieth year, and both are buried at Pittston, Luzerne county. They were the parents of the following children: Mary, who married (first) Bartholomew Haley and (second) John Martin, and now lives at Pittston; John J.; a son who died in infancy; and Patrick, who met his death in the West Pittston disaster, in 1871.

John J. Cardin was born at Muddy Branch, Schuylkill Co., Pa., July 15, 1852, and there received a public school education. He was eleven years of age when he came to Shenandoah, and here his first work was as a slate picker. Later he became a miner and worked at the following collieries: Indian Ridge, Shenandoah City and Kohinoor. After following mining for many years Mr. Cardin turned his attention to other affairs and contributed his services to the city in various positions of responsibility and trust. He was elected a member of the council for two years, and was then elected city clerk for five consecutive terms. In the meantime he had received election to the office of justice of the peace, filling both offices, and was then again elected councilman. He still holds the office of justice of the peace, to which he has been elected three terms, missing a fourth term by but two votes. He is a Democrat, as are all his sons. Fraternally he is affiliated with Shenandoah Aerie, No. 103, Fraternal Order of Eagles, of which he is secretary. He is also secretary of the Shenandoah Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of which he was the organizer in 1903, and is a member of the old St. Patrick's Society. His religious connection is with the Church of the Annunciation, Roman Catholic.

Mr. Cardin was married at Shenandoah to Bridget Toole, who was born in County Mayo, Ireland, and was four or five years of age when she came to the United States. She is a daughter of Patrick Toole, who brought his family to this country and settled at Primrose, near Minersville, Pa. On the journey to America one of his daughters died, and was buried at sea. John J. and Bridget Cardin have had children as follows: Mary, who married Thomas Purcell, a machinist in the Lehigh Valley railroad shops at Delano, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and has one child, John; Katie, who married Harry McIntyre, a clerk of Philadelphia; Miss Sadie, who is engaged in teaching school at Shenandoah; Elizabeth, who died in infancy; Nellie, who resides with her parents; Bessie, who is a manicure of Atlantic City, N. J.; Agnes, who is now Mrs. Monaghan; Margaret, who died in infancy; Patrick, who was a barber of Philadelphia, and died at the age of thirty-two years; John, who is employed at the Home Brewery, Shenandoah; and Charles, an employe of the well known sporting goods firm of A. J. Reach, Philadelphia.

JOHN J. CULLEN, of Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, telegrapher for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company.

JAMES FOLEY, a most respected citizen of Shenandoah, is now living in retirement there, having given up active work several years ago, after more than half a century spent in the coal mines of the vicinity. For thirty-four

years he was at the Indian Ridge colliery, as miner, fire boss and assistant foreman.

Mr. Foley was born on his father's farm near Carlow, Queen's County, Ireland, son of Edward and Margaret (Frane) Foley. The parents were also natives of Queen's County, and with the exception of the year they spent with their son James in Schuylkill county, Pa., passed all their lives there. The father was a farmer and miner, working in the coal mines during the winter months, and he was considered an expert, being employed as a boss. The shafts there were similar to those in the Pennsylvania anthracite fields, but the lines were run more accurately, by the compass. Edward Foley and his wife lived to a ripe old age. They parted very reluctantly from their son James when he came to America, the bond of affection between them being very strong, and in 1873 they came to visit him at Shenandoah, Schuylkill Co., Pa. They remained a year, but could not stand a longer absence from their old home, to which they returned. Mrs. Foley considered the town a wicked place, and felt that many of the residents did not deserve to be called Christians. She and her husband were devout members of the Catholic Church. Of the children born to them the following lived to maturity: Margaret married Daniel Kilroy, a machinist, and they resided at Dublin, Ireland, where they died; they are survived by one son, who is a missionary priest in Dublin. James is next in the family. Mary married and died in Ireland. Patrick came to Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and followed mining; he married Bridget Welsh, and they had children, Ellen, Eddie, Maizie, James, Katy and Loretta. Timothy, also a miner, settled at Shenandoah; he married Margaret Burns, and they had five children, Annie, Edward, Margaret, Mary and Katy. Bridget married John Ash, and they live on the old homestead in Ireland; they had a large family. All the family adhered to the faith of their parents.

Andrew Frane, father of Mrs. Edward Foley, was a farmer and storekeeper. His people were prominent in their neighborhood and well-to-do, and he was given a good education. His wife was one of the Elliots, another fine old family of Queen's County. All belonged to the Catholic Church.

James Foley attended school in his early boyhood, but he was only eight years old when he began to work as a miner's helper, carrying tools and material, and from that time on he was employed either at the mines or on the farm. In time he became a regular miner. When a young man he married, and in 1860 he and his wife came to the United States, making the voyage in the sailing vessel "Bridgewater," which was seven weeks and four days on the trip from Liverpool to New York, where they arrived July 1st. A few days later they came to Heckscherville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and after a short stay there moved to Minersville, where Mr. Foley soon found work at the mines, being employed in the gangways until he became familiar with the drifts, after which he followed mining. He continued in that line until his retirement, some ten years ago, and there is probably no better known miner in the county.

In May, 1860, Mr. Foley was married, in the Mayo Church about seven miles from Carlow, Queen's County, by Father Burns, to Margaret Tobin, who was born on her father's farm at Queenstown, near her husband's birthplace, daughter of Richard and Nora (Barber) Tobin. Her father was a drover, and also owned a large farm. The men of the Tobin family were large and powerfully built, and remarkable for intelligence; the women were equally notable for their good looks and refinement, all giving evidence of superior

excellence of character. Fourteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Foley: Annie married Frank Dougherty, who died May 16, 1914, she and her son Francis residing in Philadelphia, Pa.; Richard, a contractor and builder, who died Nov. 4, 1914, married Margaret Heaton, and they had children, Harry, Elizabeth, Gertrude, Gerald, James, Thomas, Claire, Mary and Francis (this family resides in Philadelphia); Edward, a clerk in the recorder's office at Philadelphia, married Alice Fitzpatrick, and their children are Helen, James, Edward and Paul; Mary Ella is the wife of Martin M. Burke, and they have one son, Clarence, now attending the university at Fordham, N. Y.; Patrick J., a clerk in the Madeira Hill colliery, is unmarried; Bridget M. is keeping house for her father; John J., a traveling salesman, makes his home at Fresno, Cal.; William F., who is unmarried, is now engaged as a hotel clerk in Pittsburgh (he was formerly chief clerk at the "Antler" hotel); Margaret is a graduate of the normal school at East Stroudsburg and now teaching fourth grade in Shenandoah; Harry J. is engaged as chemist at the Pittsburgh waterworks; four died in infancy. The mother of this family died at the home on West Centre street, Oct. 27, 1914, in her seventy-first year, and is buried in the cemetery of the Annunciation Church. She was active and energetic to the last, appearing much younger than she was, and she was universally respected for her many fine qualities of head and heart. Like all of her family, she was a member of the Church of the Annunciation at Shenandoah and one of the zealous workers in the parish, and she belonged to the Sacred Heart Society.

For years Mr. Foley has been one of the most useful members of the Church of the Annunciation. When the old church site was selected he blasted out the stone back of the property for use in the construction of the church and priest's house. He was a close friend of Father O'Reilly, who had great confidence in him, selecting him to manage many of the church fairs and similar enterprises, and look after the finances of such undertakings. Mr. Foley is the last surviving charter member of the Total Abstinence Benevolent Society of the church, organized Nov. 1, 1870. He has been its treasurer for many years, and was recently reelected to that office in spite of his protests, being chosen while he was urging his fellow members against the choice. In politics he is a Democrat.

RICHARD KRAPF has had a varied experience at mining and mechanical work, his practical knowledge of the latter being of great value in his duties about the colliery. At present he is outside foreman at the Phoenix Park colliery in Branch township, Schuylkill county.

Mr. Krapf was born in 1881 at Lavelle, in Butler township, Schuylkill county, and is of German descent, his father, William Krapf, having been a native of Germany. The latter came to the United States when a young man and settled at Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he did mine work at the old Keystone colliery. Later he removed to Lavelle, this county, where he died. His wife, Caroline (Peine), like himself a native of Germany, came to America when twelve years old. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Krapf: Adam and Caroline, twins, who died young; Louisa; Anna; John; Catherine, and Richard.

Richard Krapf was a pupil at the public schools of Butler township until fifteen years old. Then he went to work as a slate picker, and when a little older became hoisting engineer at the Pott's colliery for one year. He held a similar position at the Locust Spring colliery for two years, after which he

went to Reading, where he was employed for two years at the machinist's trade. His next change was to New York City, where he worked as a steam-fitter for about a year, following which he was a passenger trainman on the New York Central lines for a short time. Returning to Schuylkill county he located at Ashland, where he resumed work with the Philadelphia & Reading Company, running a steam shovel, for three years, since when he has been engaged on outside work at different collieries. His first position of the kind was at the Goodspring colliery, where he was stationed sixteen months as assistant foreman; then he was transferred to the Pine Knot colliery, in the same capacity, for the same length of time; and in January, 1914, he came to the Phoenix Park colliery, as outside foreman. This mine has a large force employed, six hundred on the inside and one hundred and seventy on the outside, the latter under the direction of Mr. Krapf, who has proved his efficiency in every responsibility. Personally he has high standing, and is well known in the local fraternal organizations, belonging to Ashland Lodge, No. 294, F. & A. M.; Tremont Chapter, No. 221, R. A. M.; the P. O. S. of A., and the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Krapf married Gertrude Kehler, daughter of William Kehler. They have one child, Beatrice C., who is attending school.

JOSEPH C. BOSCH has been a lifelong resident of Shenandoah, where he is well known in various associations, business and social. His father, Joseph Bosch, lived at Shenandoah for many years prior to his death.

Joseph Bosch was born in Germany, where he grew to manhood and received his education and business training, learning linen and carpet weaving, which he followed as long as he remained in his native land. Coming to America when about twenty-one years of age, he settled later at Shenandoah, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and was the owner of a lime kiln near the borough, burning lime which he sold in the town. He retired from that business before his death, which occurred when he was aged fifty-one years. Mr. Bosch was married in Germany to Catherine Weaver, the daughter of farming people. She died when about sixty-eight years old. Mr. and Mrs. Bosch had five children, of whom two survive, Joseph C. and John, the latter now on the United States battleship "New York"; he is married to Barbara Poff, and they have one child, Margaret. The father was a Catholic, belonging to the Church of the Holy Family, and was a member of St. Michael's Society for years. Politically he was a Democrat.

Joseph C. Bosch was born Jan. 12, 1872, in Shenandoah, and there received his education. He started work as a slate picker at the Shenandoah City colliery, under Frederick Carl, and was later employed in the mines at Indian Ridge, as driver for two years. Subsequently he entered the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, in their locomotive shops at Delano, this county, as blacksmith's helper, remaining there for ten years, at the end of which time he went to Weatherly, Carbon Co., Pa., as steam hammerman. After working there for fifteen months he returned to Shenandoah, and for six or eight months followed different occupations, in July, 1905, becoming an employe of the Home Brewing Company, as shipping clerk. He was afterwards promoted to the position of head shipping clerk, his prompt attention to all his duties making him a valuable man in that capacity.

Mr. Bosch was married to Ellie Symbal, daughter of Frank Symbal, a native of the state of Suwalki, Lithuania. They have one child, Joseph John,



born Sept. 23, 1910. For many years Mr. Bosch has been a member of the Columbia Hose Company, and he was one of the trustees of that organization for fifteen years; for ten years he was treasurer of the Fire Relief Association. He also belongs to the Washington Beneficial Society, of which he was a trustee for two years. His religious connection is with the German Catholic Church of the Holy Family at Shenandoah. Mr. Bosch is a Republican on political questions.

GEORGE W. MORGAN, of Minersville, Schuylkill county, paymaster for the Lytle Coal Company, in Cass township, this county.

JOHN J. MILLER, of Shenandoah, has taken his place among the useful citizens of that borough, where he began his independent business career several years ago as a manufacturer. He has succeeded in establishing excellent trade connections, and as his factory affords employment to some fifty hands it is an important unit in the local industrial situation. Mr. Miller is a native of Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, born Sept. 6, 1869, son of the late John Frederick Miller.

John Frederick Miller was of German nativity, born in the kingdom of Wurtemberg. There he spent his childhood and youth, coming to this country when twenty-one years old. He landed at Castle Garden, New York City, came as far as Landingville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., by canalboat, and thence walked to Orwigsburg, where he found work with Reuben Hoy as a farm hand. Some time later he purchased 145 acres of land in West Brunswick township, lying one mile north of Orwigsburg, the old Laymaster farm. Part of it was still covered with brush and timber, and he continued the work of clearing and cultivation until 1895, in which year he removed to the borough of Orwigsburg. The property remained in the Miller family for forty-five years, and is now owned by Fred Beacher. John F. Miller acquired extensive and valuable real estate holdings at Orwigsburg, and exerted himself very effectively in introducing modern conditions of life into that town. The first sewers laid there were of his construction, and he was the original owner of the system, now in the possession of his son, Henry L. Miller. When the borough was ready to provide a public water supply the necessary land was purchased from him, and he assisted the project in every possible way. He was the first to start in the ice business at Orwigsburg, and carried it on successfully, as he did everything else he undertook. Indeed, his fellow citizens had such confidence in his judgment and faith in his disinterested public spirit, that few men of his time were more influential in guiding local affairs, though he took no special part in the administration of public matters. However, he was a zealous member of the German Lutheran Church at Orwigsburg, having been one of the founders of the church, and he assisted in building the present St. Paul's Church, which he served as trustee. Mr. Miller lived to the age of seventy-eight years, dying in 1909, after several years of retirement. He is buried in the Lutheran cemetery at Orwigsburg.

Mr. Miller married Sophia Dietrich, also a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, who came to America when twenty years old, and died at Orwigsburg at the age of seventy-nine years. They were married at that place, and the following children were born to their union: Elizabeth died young; Mary died young; William F., who lives at McAdoo, this county, is engaged in the ice business and has a farm in the Quakake valley; Henry L. now lives at Port

Carbon, this county; George B. is living at Orwigsburg; John J. is next in the family; Catherine is the wife of John Reidler, of Orwigsburg; Rosie is the wife of Charles H. Hein, who is serving as poor director of Schuylkill county; Frederick lives at Pottsville. Mr. and Mrs. Miller also reared her sister's son, Jacob Koenig, who was born in Germany and was brought to America when nine months old.

John J. Miller received his education in the Orwigsburg schools, spending his boyhood upon the farm. He was familiar with agricultural work, which he continued to follow until twenty years old, when he went to Girardville, this county, where he was employed with his brother William F. Miller at the butcher business. He was occupied in that line for about five years, at the end of which experience he came to Shenandoah, where he has since had his home. Here he was employed for about ten years as a carpenter foreman at the mines, and for five years held a position with the Kehley Run Ice Company, in 1910 establishing the business to which he has since given all his attention, engaging in the manufacture of underwear. His large brick factory is at Nos 213-215 North White street, four stories in height, well lighted and arranged, and all the machinery installed is of modern design. The demand for the output has been so constant that it is operated full time, and fifty people are given steady employment. Mr. Miller has shown versatile ability in the founding of this business and its development, for the requirements necessary to insure success have been many, in the line of executive talents as well as thorough understanding of the manufacturing end. He has also become connected with other interests in the borough, having since March, 1915, been one of the directors of the First National Bank of Shenandoah.

Mr. Miller married Joanna Reigel, who died leaving one son, Ralph, now his father's assistant at the mill. For his second wife Mr. Miller married Annie Derr; they have had no children. He is a Lutheran in religious connection, while Mrs. Miller belongs to the Evangelical Church.

HAROLD L. LANDENBERGER, of Tremont, was one of the original staff of the Tremont National Bank at the time of its establishment, in 1902, and has risen to the cashiership on his own merits. The influence this institution exerts in local circles is entirely on the side of wholesome, reliable business, and though Mr. Landenberger is conservative enough to be considered thoroughly dependable he is known as one of the most progressive men in his part of Schuylkill county. With natural foresight, and judgment developing under a varied experience, he is working steadily up to an important place in the commercial world.

Mr. Landenberger's grandfather was an early settler in Pine Grove township, Schuylkill county, where George Landenberger, father of Harold L., was born. The father is a resident of Tremont, and for the last twenty-five years has been an engineer in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, at present engaged on the Tremont & Lebanon division. He married Isabella Huber, also a native of Pine Grove township and member of an old family there, her father having settled in that section many years ago. She died in 1905.

Harold L. Landenberger was born in 1889 in Pine Grove township, Schuylkill county, and there spent his early years, beginning his education in the local public schools. Later he attended school in Tremont. He began work at the time the Tremont National Bank was opened, in 1902, in a modest capacity, and

becoming familiar with the work as the years passed was advanced steadily, working his way up from clerk to cashier. He was chosen to the latter position in 1912, succeeding Mr. E. J. Power, who had filled the same from the time the bank was started, and whom he assisted for several years, during which time he gained a thorough insight into the responsible duties of the office. Personally he has gained an enviable prestige by his obliging disposition, prompt and courteous attention to all business which passes through his hands, and commendable attitude on every question affecting good business and useful citizenship.

In 1913 Mr. Landenberger married Lillie E. Moore, formerly of Tremont, but then a resident of Philadelphia, where her parents are now living. Mr. Landenberger is a member of the Lutheran Church, and socially he belongs to the Odd Fellows (Tremont Lodge), Knights of the Golden Eagle and Patriotic Order Sons of America (Tremont Camp, No. 74).

The TREMONT NATIONAL BANK was founded in the year 1902, with a capital stock of \$25,000, and the following officers: President, William C. Hack (now of Shamokin, Pa.); vice president, T. J. Murphy, of Tremont; cashier, E. J. Power. The present officers are: William C. Hack, of Shamokin, president; H. O. Seltzer, of Tremont, vice president; Harold L. Landenberger, of Tremont, cashier. The deposits have reached the surprising amount of \$215,000, and the business of the bank in every other direction shows a proportionate increase. The bank building is one of the most up-to-date in the county.

RALPH A. SCHWALM is one of the most enterprising young citizens of Valley View, in which town he is much respected for the progressive and industrious traits of which he has given evidence. He has spent all his life in and around Valley View, and belongs to one of the old families of that section. His great-great-grandparents, John and Tillie Schwalm, came from Germany and settled in Schuylkill county, Pa., among the pioneers in what is now known as Hubley township (then Mahantongo), in the Hegins valley. They were farmers by occupation.

Frederick Schwalm, great-grandfather of Ralph A. Schwalm, was born in what is now Hubley township, and there spent all his life, engaged in farming. He was a member of the German Reformed Church, and a Democrat in politics. He married three times, and by his first wife, Catherine (Stein), also a native of Schuylkill county had a family of thirteen children, all now deceased but Daniel. William was a retired farmer, of Valley View, this county; Emanuel was postmaster at Hegins; Daniel is a farmer in Hubley township; Peter had a twin sister Catherine, who lived in Indiana; Louisa lived and died in Illinois. For his second wife Frederick Schwalm married Sarah Sufing, who died leaving no children, and he subsequently married Harriet Dieter. By the last union there were three children: Otilla and Elizabeth, both now deceased; and Jackson, of Hegins township.

Peter Schwalm, grandfather of Ralph A. Schwalm, was born Aug. 21, 1836, in what is now Hubley (then Lower Mahantongo) township, this county, and there passed his early years, receiving his education in the public and subscription schools which flourished in the neighborhood during his boyhood. His father was one of the directors of the first free school established in the township. Peter Schwalm remained at home until twenty-five years old, when he took charge of the farm of his brother Samuel, who had entered the army for

service in the Civil war, giving three years and one month of his time to the Union cause. He was thus occupied for a year and a half, and then bought the Schrob gristmill, which he carried on for several years; selling out, he removed to Porter township, where he had acquired property in the meantime, having purchased 129 acres in the Williams valley. Though the land was not all cleared and the buildings were old, he had paid \$5,500 for this place, and he set at once about the task of improving it, which was no small matter. Some parts were so wild and overgrown with underbrush that the foxes would come close to the farmhouse in broad daylight and carry off the chickens, and Mr. Schwalm trapped thirty foxes during his first few years there. He continued to reside on that farm until 1895, when he built a home in Muir to which he removed, living in retirement there until his death, which occurred July 25, 1908. His son George then took charge of the home farm. In 1887 Mr. Schwalm had purchased another tract, containing about 118 acres, in Hegins township, which before his death passed into the ownership of his son Ellsworth. The village of Muir is built partly upon his Porter township farm. Mr. Schwalm was a man of active temperament, enterprising in looking out for the welfare of his locality as well as his own interests, and he served his township in the public offices of school director, tax assessor and tax collector. Politically he was a Republican, and his religious connection was with the Reformed Church at Orwin.

On April 23, 1861, Mr. Schwalm married Maria Schrob, who was born Oct. 29, 1843, in Hegins township, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Holdemann) Schrob, who had a family of six children, four of whom attained maturity: Jacob died when sixty-five years old; Amos lives at Valley View, this county; Catherine lives in Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Schrob were among the early settlers in their section of Schuylkill county, and both died there. They were members of the Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Schwalm died April 1, 1911, and is buried with her husband in the Fairview cemetery near Muir. Seven children were born to them: Elizabeth married Alfred Hand, and is deceased; she had two children, Harry H. and Ira W., the former dying when eleven months old; the latter married Elizabeth Jobe and has two sons, Elbert and Ivan. Ellsworth is the father of Ralph A. Schwalm. George M. married Agnes Haertter, and they reside in Porter township. Albert T. is a teacher of long experience in Porter township. William O., who lives near Midland, S. Dak., married Annie Bixler, and has children, Ira and Ray (twins), Merle, Dorothy, Arthur and Ben. Mary E. married Thomas Moser, a teacher of Porter township, and has children, Irma, Clair, Lyle, Glenn, Ruth, Paul, and Jeanette. John P., who has long been carrying on a hardware business at Reinerton, married Catherine Lebo, and they have three children, Beatrice, Harold and Mark.

Ellsworth Schwalm, father of Ralph A. Schwalm, was born near Sacramento, this county. He received a public school education, and in his early life worked for a time at the mines, but farming was more to his taste, so he bought a farm of 123 acres, and for a number of years devoted all his energies to its cultivation. He is now living retired. Mr. Schwalm is a Republican in his political convictions, and he has taken an active part in politics and in local public affairs, having served several years as school director and tax collector. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He married Jane Kessler, and to their union have been born the following children: Elmer, who is married to Gertrude Stutzman and has one daughter, Eva; Ralph A.; Ruth,

wife of Elmer Miller; Beulah; Effie, married to Edward Schadler; Lloyd; and Claude, who died in infancy.

Ralph A. Schwalm was born Aug. 16, 1888, near Valley View, and received most of his education in Hegins township, attending the elementary and high schools. Then he took a course at the Peirce business college in Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1908, after which he was employed for a time as bookkeeper in Delaware county, Pa. Returning home, he commenced an apprenticeship to the plumbing and steam heating business, in which he had thorough training before he became interested in that line with his uncle, Mr. J. P. Schwalm, with whom he was associated for a period of three years. He has since been in the business on his own account at Valley View, and besides doing all kinds of plumbing he is prepared to do gas fitting and install steam, vapor and hot water heating plants, as well as residence electric light plants. He also handles a line of stoves, implements, mining tools and oil engines, and has built up a good patronage in both lines. He sells Saxon and Dodge automobiles as local agent. His ambition and energy have carried him forward steadily, and his townsmen have recognized this and chosen him for the responsible position of superintendent of the Valley View Water Company, one of the important public enterprises of the town.

On Dec. 25, 1908, Mr. Schwalm was married to Annie M. Snyder, daughter of William C. and Amanda Snyder, of Valley View, and they have two children, Irene and an infant.

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