

CHAPTER XXVIII.

BIOGRAPHIES—SOUTH SIDE.

ARCHIBALD AGNEW, farmer, P. O. Sheffield, was born July 4, 1823, on a part of the old McCoy place, where his father then resided. His grandfather, Robert Agnew, was a native of Ireland, came to America, joined the continental army, and became one of the heroes of the revolution. He was captured, and taken to Quebec and confined on an English prison ship three months. After the war he went to Cannonsburg, Pa., and from there to the wilderness of Beaver county. He settled on Raredon's Run, lived here about fifty years, and died at the home of his son, William, aged eighty-five years. He was a member of the Old Seceder's church. His wife was Margaret Cornagy, who died young. They had three sons and three daughters. Of the sons William married Jane, daughter of David and Nancy (Shearer) McCoy. They had eight children, four of whom are deceased: John, Agnes, Esther and William. The last mentioned died in Libby Prison. Those living are Archibald, David, Jane and Samuel. William Agnew died at the age of seventy-eight years. He was a member of the United Presbyterian church; in politics a Democrat. Archibald Agnew, subject of this sketch, married Mary J., daughter of John Purdy. Three children have blessed this union: James P. (died young), John C. and Margaret, the latter wife of John Greene. Mr. and Mrs. Agnew are active members of the United Presbyterian church. He is a Democrat and has held various township offices.

JOSEPH ALEXANDER, farmer, P. O. Seventy-Six, is a grandson of Robert Alexander, of Scotch descent, who came to Beaver county at an early day and settled near Seventy-Six, then in Hopewell township, and died there. His wife was Nancy Phillis, and they had nine children: David, Joseph, James, Alice, Nancy, Rebecca and Margaret reached maturity; Alice (Mrs. Gilbreth) and Rebecca (Mrs. Glaspey) are yet living. David married Mary, daughter of Jacob Phillis. David Alexander was a man well known throughout the country, was born Feb. 14, 1806, and died on the old homestead, July 20, 1869. His widow was born in 1804, and is yet living. He was a Democrat and held the office of constable for twelve years or more. He was the father of six children, Margaret A. (Mrs. Johnston), Jacob P., Joseph, Eliza A., James M. and David S. Of these Joseph married Louisa, daughter of James S. Alexander. They have two children: James Ray and David A. Of these James Ray is married to Anna Newingham, and has two children: Joseph S. and William. Mr. Alexander is a Democrat, and has served sixteen years as constable and assessor of Independence township. He owns a farm of eighty-two acres.

JOSEPH ALLEN, farmer, P. O. Industry, is a native of Washington county, Pa., born in 1817, of Scotch-Irish descent. Eli Allen, a farmer and a native of the same county, married Sarah Griffith, by whom he had three sons and two daughters, the eldest of whom, Joseph, father of our subject, also born in Washington county, was a farmer and boat builder. He married Annie Thompson, of Fayette county, Pa., and she bore him five children. Joseph, the third child, remained in his native county until 1866, when he came to Beaver county. He received a common-school education, and in early youth learned carpentering, which he afterward followed in connection with ship-building. For thirty-five years he was engaged on the river in various kinds of work on steamboats, as mate, engineer and captain. Retiring in 1878 he purchased the prop-

erty where he now resides, and devotes his attention to farming. He was married, in 1837, to Rebecca Jane, daughter of Robert and Elenor Lyons, of Irish extraction, and they have five children: Ruth Ann (now Mrs. Reed), Florilla, (now Gallagher), Margaret Marie (now Mrs. Gormley). Joseph, at home, and Sarah Jane (now Mrs. Surles). Mr. Allen and family are members of the Presbyterian church; he is a Democrat.

BENJAMIN ANDERSON, farmer, P. O. Murdocksville, Washington county, is a grandson of Benjamin Anderson, of Scotch descent, but a native of Ireland. He first settled in Washington county, and later moved to Hanover township, Beaver county, where he died, aged about fifty-eight years. His wife was a Miss Campbell of an old Scotch family. They had eleven children, all born in Hanover township, of whom two are now living: Mrs. Betsey Shillito, of Beaver, and Mathew Anderson, of Hookstown. The others were John, Ella, Nellie, Mary, James, Edward, Benjamin, Robert and Benoni. Of these John moved to what is now Bockstown, then known as "Anderson Still House," and carried on distilling and milling until about 1848, when he removed to Independence and continued milling for a few years, and then went to California, where he died in 1857, aged fifty-eight years. His wife was Elizabeth, daughter of David Miller, and died young, leaving six children: Elizabeth, Benjamin, David M., Mary E., John and Samuel. Of these Benjamin and David M. accompanied their father to California. David lived awhile in Chili, South America, returned to Beaver county, studied medicine, and settled in Washington county. He was a surgeon in the late war. Benjamin left California and went to Honda, United States of Columbia, where he was superintendent of mining for an English syndicate. He remained for five years, superintending from 100 to 150 natives, none of whom could speak English. He returned to Beaver county in 1877, crossing the Gulf of Mexico in a small boat. He owns 284 acres of land in Beaver county. In 1882 he went to Colorado in the interest of the Comstock Mining Company of Beaver, for whom he has made several trips. His wife is Orrie Burretta, daughter of David P. and Elizabeth (McDonald) Scott.

JAMES R. ANDERSON, farmer, P. O. Murdocksville, was born Aug. 30, 1830, on the old Anderson homestead settled by his grandfather, William Anderson, a native of Ireland. The latter married a widow Logan, who had one child, James Logan. William Anderson was shot through the shoulders by the Indians early one morning, but managed to escape to Fort Dillow, which place his wife and youngest child reached in the night, James Logan, aged six years, and William Anderson, aged two years. James Logan remained with the Indians until he was twelve years old, and then made his way to Fort McIntosh, but William Anderson never returned. Years afterward his children wrote to their uncle, Thomas Anderson, making inquiries about their white relatives and stating that their father had become a chief. Their descendants had been educated at Carlisle, Pa. William Anderson, the pioneer, had six children: William, Alexander, Thomas, David, Mrs. Robert Calvin and John. Thomas was twice married. His first wife, a Miss Patton, had ten children: Juliet, David, William, Esther, Angeline, Mary, Sarah, Armor, Clarissa and Matilda. His second wife was Jane, daughter of James Patton, a native of Maryland. She died April 9, 1881, aged ninety-one years, the mother of three children: Catherine J., James R. and Alexander H. The parents were members of the Hopewell Presbyterian church, which Mr. Anderson helped to build, and of which he was for many years a trustee. James R. has been a successful farmer and owns 200 acres of land, a part of the old homestead. He has been twice married. His first wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Culley. She had one child, Ada M., who is the wife of Edward Inglesfield. His present wife is Sarah, daughter of Peter Lance. She has four children: William T., Charlie B., Bertie J. and Ida May. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are members of the Presbyterian church; he is a Republican.

JOHN ANDERSON, miller, P. O. New Sheffield, was born Nov. 5, 1831, in Washington county, Pa. His grandfather, John Anderson, came from Ireland and settled in West Virginia in an early day. His son, Andrew, was born in West Virginia and settled in Washington county, Pa., where he farmed until 1837; then removed to Raccoon township, Beaver county, where he died at the age of seventy-three years. He was a

member of the old Seceder's church, in which he was for some time an elder. In politics he was a Democrat. He was an excellent fifer, and was always on hand muster day. His wife, Hannah Wykoff, died at the age of eighty-two years. Their children were Mary J., Nancy Ann, Margaret, Sarah, John, Catherine, James W., Andrew J. and William M. John was a farmer in Raccoon township until 1869, when he came to Hopewell township and engaged in milling. He first owned and operated a water and steam mill half a mile from New Sheffield, and in 1878, built the steam mill, which he has since operated in New Sheffield. He also has a farm of fifty acres. He was married, June 21, 1855, to Mary E., daughter of James and Margaret (McCune) Buchanan. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are members of the United Presbyterian church, of which he has been an elder many years. In politics he is a Democrat; has held many township offices, and is now justice of the peace.

SILAS ATEN, farmer, P. O. Frankfort Springs, is a son of Jacob and Eliza (Brown) Aten. His paternal grandfather was a native of Germany, settled in Hancock county, W. Va., and raised a large family. Jacob and Eliza Aten had nine children. The parents moved to Jefferson county, Ohio, where they died. Silas was married in West Virginia to Mary, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Carson) Peterson, the former of German and the latter of Irish descent. Mr. and Mrs. Aten have four children living: Eliza E., Emma E., Luda C. and Ira O. Mr. Aten and wife are members of the Presbyterian church, of which he is an elder. He came to Beaver county in the autumn of 1864 and bought 166 acres of land, which he has well improved. He owes his success in life to his own perseverance and industry.

GEORGE BAKER, farmer, P. O. New Sheffield, was born on Raccoon creek, April 28, 1837, and is a grandson of George Baker. The latter, with his parents and brothers, was captured by the Indians, but escaped while the savages were drunk. The father, who was a Bavarian, came to this country in the pay of the British during the Revolution, but deserted and fought for the colonists. George Baker, Sr., was a farmer, and died at the age of ninety years. His children were George, Charles, Michael, John, Nellie, Isabella, Jane and Betsy. Michael married Mary Jane, daughter of George and Mattie (Young) Nickum, and by her had nine children: John, George, Joseph (killed at the battle of Chancellorsville), Martha, Eliza J., Malinda (deceased), Isabella, Adaline and Mary. Our subject was reared in this township, and chose the business of farming. Starting in life with nothing, he now owns two farms, containing 102 and seventy-six acres, respectively. His wife is Emeline, daughter of James and Agnes (Christy) Warnock. They have nine children: James O., Calvin Q., Daniel W., Joseph H., Michael, Lillie M., Vistie A., Vinnie J. and Eddie C. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church at New Sheffield, of which Mr. Baker has been an elder. He takes great interest in church and school matters. Two of his sons, Daniel W. and Michael, have been teachers.

GEORGE BECHTEL, merchant, P. O. Water Cure, was born May 30, 1843, in Schemmern, near Cassel, Germany. His father, Rev. George Bechtel, a minister of the Reformed church, lived and died in Germany. He was educated in the universities of Leipzig and Heidelberg, and could speak seven languages. He was an earnest worker, and had charge of seven congregations. His wife, Margaretha Tourte, was the mother of eight children: Wilhelm, Matilda and Charlotte who are deceased, and Ernst, Mary, Henry, George and Fred, living. Wilhelm was a captain in the civil war. Fred is a music teacher in Allegheny, and Henry is also a resident of Allegheny. George was educated in Germany, and learned mercantile business there. At the age of twenty he came to this country and located in Pittsburgh, where he clerked for four years. He then came to Phillipsburg, where he has since been engaged in mercantile business, keeping a general store. His first wife was Emelia, daughter of Antony Knapper. She died here. His present wife is Mary Miksch, a native of Bohemia. She has two children: Emelia and William. The parents are members of the Reformed church. Mr. Bechtel is a Democrat, and has filled several town offices.

ROBERT BIDDLE, gardener, P. O. Water Cure, is a grandson of Spencer Biddle, who

came from England with his brother. The family is of French descent. Spencer Bidle married Sarah S. Pierce, and settled on the eastern shore of Maryland, where he kept a merchant mill. He lost a vessel loaded with goods, and this loss caused him to move west. He settled on Fish Creek Island, in the Ohio river, in Marshall county, Va., where he bought a large tract of land; brought negroes and fine blooded stock with him and became a leading man in his section. He kept a hotel there, and was nearly ninety years old when he died. His wife died in Wheeling, W. Va. They had seven children. Of these Lloyd was a farmer, and died in Pleasant county, W. Va., aged ninety years. His wife, Francis Wikart, of German descent, died at the age of eighty-seven years. They had eleven children. Of these Robert followed the river from an early age until he was forty-five years old. He was a deck hand two years and then was mate twenty-four years on the upper and lower Mississippi and Missouri, the upper and lower Ohio and the Red and Ouchata rivers. In 1865 he came to Phillipsburg. After this he was for a while engaged in steambating, then began gardening, which he has continued to the present time. He has a garden of about twenty acres, and supplies New Brighton and Beaver Falls with his produce. He is married to Mary E. Hayward. They are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Bidle is a Republican.

SAMUEL BIGGER, farmer, P. O. Frankfort Springs, was born Oct. 19, 1819, in Hanover township. The progenitor of the family in America was Thomas Bigger, a son of Matthew Bigger, a native of Scotland, who, on account of religious persecutions, fled to Ireland. Matthew was the father of six children: John, James, Samuel, Thomas, Jane and Elizabeth, wife of John Anderson. They lived in County Antrim. The three eldest sons remained in Ireland; the rest, accompanied by the mother, came to America, landing in Baltimore Oct. 16, 1773. Thomas was thirty-five years old when he came to America. He settled near Raccoon creek, Washington county, Pa.; was a weaver by occupation, and was a leading man in those early days. He married in Ireland, in 1773, Elizabeth Moore, of an old and wealthy family, who objected to her marriage with Mr. Bigger, which fact prompted them to emigrate. They were the progenitors of a numerous family, and died on the old homestead. Of their ten children James married Mary Biggart, and in 1816 settled in Hanover township, where they died. James Bigger was a man of good sense and ability, and became the father of nine children: Samuel, Jane, Mary, Thomas, Eliza A., Ellen, James M., John and Robert. Of these Samuel, our subject, is a thoroughly self-educated and well-informed man. He married Jane, daughter of James Fulton, of Washington county, and four children have blessed this union: James, a lawyer, in Chicago; John, Laura, and Mrs. Nettie Stephenson. Mr. and Mrs. Bigger are members of the United Presbyterian church; politically he is a Democrat.

THOMAS BIGGER, farmer, P. O. Frankfort Springs, was born Jan. 9, 1826, on the old Bigger homestead in Hanover township, where his father, James, settled in 1816. The farm consisted of 400 acres of wild land originally entered by Magnus Tate, an eastern man. Thomas Bigger was reared and educated in his native county, and has always been a farmer. He still has a farm of sixty-one acres near the famous Frankfort Springs. He was married, Nov. 2, 1854, to Mary Nicholson, a native of Frankfort, where she was born May 6, 1834. She is a daughter of Hon. Thomas and Rebecca (Stewart) Nicholson. The former settled in Frankfort in 1833. Mr. and Mrs. Bigger are the parents of three children: Ellis N., an attorney at Beaver; Inez J., and James Carl. Mr. Bigger, wife and daughter are members of the United Presbyterian church. He has been a Republican since 1860, having been a Democrat previous to that time.

J. M. BIGGER, hotel-keeper, P. O. Frankfort Springs, was born March 31, 1834, on the old Bigger homestead in Hanover township. His father, James Bigger, served in the War of 1812, and was stationed at Fort Malden, on the lakes. J. M. was reared and educated in this county, and previous to engaging in the hotel business, was a farmer. He owned 200 acres of the old farm, which he sold in 1884, and bought the Frankfort Mineral Springs property, on which he has made great improvements. The summer resort opens July 1st.

HENRY BIMBER, lumber merchant, P. O. Water Cure, is a native of Germany, and a son of George Bimber, of Hesse-Cassel, who was a large hotel-keeper, a prominent man in his town and a major of militia. George married Marie Tourté, a descendant of an old Huguenot family that was driven out of Paris at the time of the French revolution. Mrs. Bimber died in 1876, aged sixty-four years, the mother of four boys, of whom only Henry is living. The latter was well educated in his native country, in the gymnasium and polytechnic institute in his native town. In 1854 he came to America and settled in Phillipsburg. He has spent much time in traveling. In 1870 he returned to Germany on the occasion of the death of his father, and sailed on the last German ship that crossed during the Franco-Prussian war. The vessel was bombarded by a French man-of-war, and landed in England. He remained in Germany until 1884, when he returned to Phillipsburg. He was married here to Josephine, daughter of Dr. Acker, the founder of the Water Cure at Phillipsburg. They have four children: George A., who was educated in Germany and is now a druggist in Allegheny City; Mary, born in America; Edward and Carl, born in Germany. The parents are members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Bimber has been a teacher in the German school of Phillipsburg. He is an active worker in and superintendent of the Sunday-school. He is a Republican.

THOMAS BLACKMORE, blacksmith, P. O. Hookstown, was born Sept. 9, 1832. His great-grandfather was a native of Maryland, and lived for some years in Beaver county. His grandfather, Nathaniel Blackmore, married Mary Patterson and resided several years in Greene and Hanover townships, this county, but died in Meigs county, Ohio. Their son John was born in Hookstown in 1804, and died at the age of seventy-six years. John married Mary, daughter of Robert Laughlin, and they had eight children: Matilda, Thomas and William (twins), Mary, Elizabeth, Sarah, Lucinda and John. Thomas, the subject of this sketch, married Sophia Wright, and to them have been born three children: John W., Mary A. and Bertha. Mr. Blackmore is a thorough mechanic. His father and grandfather were both blacksmiths, as is his son, John W. Mr. Blackmore has also been successful as a stockman, and in his stables may be seen the "Duke of Dunblane," "Prince of Normandy," "Messenger Billy," and the colt, "Pride of Scotland."

JACOB BORN, farmer and dairyman, P. O. New Sheffield, was born June 16, 1849, in Canton Berne, Switzerland. His parents, John and Magdalena (Sherich) Born, came to America with their children in 1853, and settled in Pittsburgh, where the father followed his trade, that of carpenter, until his death. He left four children, John, Jacob, Barbara and Magdalena; the last two died about four years ago. John is janitor of the City Hall, Pittsburgh. The mother afterward married John Kaiser, and moved to Monroe county, Ohio, with the family, and engaged in farming there. He married Mary Kanzig, by whom he has six children: John W., Charles A., George J., Benjamin H., Lena and Louis F. Mr. Born is a Republican. He resides on his brother's farm, which he cultivates for him, and which contains a gas well. He ships about 200 quarts of milk to Pittsburgh daily.

JOHN M. BOYCE, farmer, P. O. Seventy-Six, is a son of Robert Boyce (deceased), a man of sterling worth and a prosperous farmer, who was born near Cannonsburg, Pa., Sept. 15, 1800, and moved to Beaver county in 1851. He started in life poor, and accumulated a valuable property of 140 acres, where John M. now resides. He was a member of the Hopewell Presbyterian church, and in politics a Republican. His wife, Flora, was born Jan. 10, 1804, and was a daughter of Samuel and Jane (Patterson) Stewart. She had two children, who are now living, Jennie P., born July 26, 1836, and John M., born July 27, 1839. The latter is a successful farmer and a respected man, following in the footsteps of his father. He was married to Louisa E., daughter of Samuel Eachel. They are members of the United Presbyterian church; Mr. Boyce is a Republican.

AARON BOYD, farmer, P. O. Harshaville, was born July 1, 1823, on the farm where he was reared and educated and where he now resides, containing 340 acres. His grand-

father, John Boyd, who was of Irish descent, settled near Frankfort, in Hanover township, Beaver county, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Sallie Moore. He was a farmer, and had a large family. His son, John Boyd, was born July 20, 1782, and died April 2, 1870, at the home of his son, Aaron. He was married, in October, 1807, to Agnes, daughter of Thomas Moore, who came here when the Indians were still in the county, and a blockhouse stood near where Mrs. Eliza Moore now resides. Mrs. Boyd was born Dec. 15, 1789, and died Aug. 13, 1869. She was the mother of twelve children: Margaret, Martha, Mary, Thomas, Sarah, Eliza, Samuel, Aaron, Eleanor, Agnes, John and Esther. Aaron married, Feb. 2, 1871, Martha, daughter of James Plotts, a bugler, who was killed in the Civil War. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Boyd: Harvey, Ava, James, Robert A. (died at the age of seven years), Hally, Mitchell and Maud. Mr. Boyd is a thorough-going business man; in politics a Democrat.

JAMES BRADEN (deceased) was a native of Raccoon township, Beaver county, Pa., born in 1812. His ancestors were among the pioneers of this county, whose experiences in the wilderness and among the Indians are recorded in history. He was a son of John and Mary (Phillips) Braden; who were the parents of five children, he being the second son, born and reared on the home farm. At the death of his father he inherited the property, consisting of 422 acres, subsequently reduced to 300 acres. Mr. Braden married, in 1835, Ellen, daughter of William and Margaret (Patterson) Elliott, of Jefferson county, Pa., and to this union were born eleven children, six yet living: John, Thomas (married), Isabella and Beckie J., at home, Margaret and Rachel, married. Mr. Braden died in 1866, a life-long farmer; in politics a Republican. His widow is a member of the United Presbyterian church, as are her children, with the exception of John and Isabella, who are Methodists.

WILLIAM BRUCE, farmer, P. O. Shafer's, was born on the old Bruce homestead in Hopewell township, Jan. 21, 1829. His great-grandfather, Charles Bruce, was born in Scotland, came to this country in youth, and is buried on the old homestead in Moon township, and his son, George, lived and died on the above place, where he had a large tract of land, which was divided among his sons. He (George) married Hannah Gun, whose second husband, Joseph Rambo, lived on Raccoon creek. George Bruce had seven children: Charles, Abraham, Jacob, John, William, Peggie and Jane. Of these Charles married Margaret, daughter of Daniel Christy, a native of Ireland, and a well-known man who held the office of county commissioner and auditor. Charles Bruce and wife died near the old homestead. Their children were George, Daniel C., David, William, Joseph R., J. Rodgers, Robert, Rebecca and Hannah. J. Rodgers died in Andersonville prison. William Bruce owns a farm of 135 acres. He has been married twice. His first wife was Malinda Baker, whose grandfather was captured by the Indians. She died, leaving three children: Margaret J., Elmer and Ida. Mr. Bruce's present wife is Elizabeth, daughter of Michael Mateer, Sr. She has five children: Caroline, Louisa, Elizabeth, William J. and Charles R.

HOMER BRYAN, farmer, P. O. Shafer's, was born in Mechanicsburg, this county, Nov. 14, 1857. His great-grandfather, John Bryan, a native of Ireland, came to America when a young man, and died in Beaver county. He had nineteen children. His son Thomas, was a doctor, and practiced under the old school twenty-five years; then adopted the Homeopathic system, which he followed twenty-five years. He died in Sheffield, in September, 1877, aged about seventy-eight years. His wife was Jane P., daughter of Samuel Nichols, and died in July, 1877, aged seventy-eight years. Her children were, Mary S., Samuel N., Jane P., John and Margaret, who are living; and George, who was killed at the battle of Gaines' Mill, and Henry, who was drowned in Raccoon creek. John Bryan read medicine with his father and Dr. J. F. Cooper, and in 1866 was graduated from the Cleveland Homeopathic College. He resides in Moon township, where he owns a farm of 140 acres. He married Elizabeth, daughter of James Reed. Their son, Homer, was married, in Beaver Falls, March 28, 1883, to Ida Bryan, adopted daughter of Anderson and Rebecca (Alcorn) Braden. She was born Feb. 14, 1857. They have one son, John Bryan, Jr., born May 13, 1884. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan are members of the North Branch Presbyterian church.

ROBERT BRYARLY, farmer, P. O. Frankfort Springs, was born Feb. 14, 1805, on the old Bryarly homestead in Hanover township, where his grandfather, Patrick Scott, entered 420 acres of land in February, 1785, besides several other large farms in the neighborhood. This was about the time old Thomas Armour and James Hartford first settled in this county. Robert Bryarly was named after his father, who was born in Maryland, of Scotch-Irish descent. He married Sarah, daughter of Patrick Scott, near Little York, Pa. The young couple came west about 1796, and settled on one-half of the original 420 acres mentioned above. They had six children: Susannah, John, James, Patrick S., Robert and Mrs. Nancy Smith, of Iowa. Robert Bryarly, Sr., was born Oct. 16, 1772, was married Oct. 14, 1792, and died March 29, 1842. His wife was born May 11, 1774, and died April 18, 1827. Our subject is a farmer, and holds 118 acres, a part of the old homestead. He married, April 22, 1828, Elizabeth Smith, who was born June 18, 1800, at Saw Mill Run, seven miles west of Pittsburgh, and died Aug. 19, 1884. Her children were Jane, Sarah, William C., Elizabeth, Margaret and Robert S. The family are all members of the United Presbyterian church. Mr. Bryarly is a Republican. His son, William C., works the home farm.

JOSEPH KERR BUCHANAN, farmer, P. O. Kendall, was born in Hancock county, W. Va., near Chapman's Landing, and is a son of John and Margaret (Chambers) Buchanan. His father died when Joseph was three months old, and, at the age of three years he was left an orphan by the death of his mother. He had three brothers, James, Thomas and John. James went to Nebraska, and from there enlisted in the army where he suffered severe hardships, which eventually caused his death. Thomas started for California in the spring of 1852, and died on the Platte river. John, a mute, is a carpenter at Hannibal, Mo. Joseph at the age of four years, was bound out to Aaron Moore, whose parents, Thomas and Margaret (Hutchinson) Moore, came from Lancaster county, Pa. They were classed among the wealthy people of Beaver county and owned over 1,000 acres of land. Aaron Moore married Polly, daughter of David and Nancy (Kennedy) Stevens. The latter's mother was captured by the Indians. Aaron Moore was a miller on the west branch of Little Traverse, and also owned 100 acres of land. He died childless, Feb. 17, 1879, and his wife died Feb. 27, 1874. They were members of the Mill Creek Presbyterian church. In the article of indenture it was stipulated that Joseph K. Buchanan should be bound to Mr. Moore until age of seventeen; should receive board and clothing, and be sent to school till he could learn to read and write and cipher "till the single rule of three." He was treated as a son by Mr. and Mrs. Moore. At the age of fourteen he went into the mill, asthma having prevented Mr. Moore's active life there, and he continued to operate the mill until after he was seventeen years old, and helped to pay off a debt incurred by Mr. Moore in building a house. Feb. 16, 1855, he was married to Martha T., daughter of James Bigger. She was born April 19, 1830. They have two sons: Rev. Aaron M., of Morgantown, W. Va., and James B. Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan are members of the Mill Creek Presbyterian church; in politics he is a Democrat. He is the largest land holder in the township, owning 700 acres.

JAMES BURNESON, farmer, P. O. Water Cure, was born May 29, 1824, a son of Samuel and Mary Ann (Cochran) Burneson, natives, respectively, of County Armagh, Ireland, and Scotland. They came to America about 1815, and located in Pittsburgh. About 1821 they moved into Moon township. Samuel Burneson was a farmer, and died March 3, 1863, aged eighty-two years. His wife died May 27, 1837, aged forty-three years. They had eleven children: William, Agnes, Jane, Samuel, Thomas, James, Mary A., Isabella, John, Margaret and Andrew. The parents were members of the Associate church; the father was a Democrat, and he filled several township offices. James was educated here, and owns a farm of 100 acres, a part of the old homestead. He is married to Rebecca J. Thompson, and had nine children: Martha A., Mary J., Rebecca J., Robert S., Maggie E., Sarah M., James T., Thomas A. and Fannie J. Mary J. and Maggie E. are deceased. The parents are members of the United Presbyterian church; Mr. Burneson is a Republican.

THOMAS BUTLER, farmer, P. O. Seventy-Six, is a grandson of Simon Butler, who

settled in Beaver county about the beginning of this century. He was of Welsh descent and came here from the eastern part of the state. He had six children: Eliza, Benjamin, Simon, Sarah, Peter and John. Benjamin was born here and married Jane, daughter of Thomas and Catherine McElhanev, and now resides in Alabama. His wife died in Beaver county. Their son, Thomas, subject of this sketch, has lived all his life in Beaver county with the exception of a short time spent in California. He owns 230 acres. He is married to Sarah A., daughter of Samuel Morgan. They have had seven children: Emma J., Benjamin, Samuel M., John T., Charles H. and Clara K., living, and Mary E., who died at the age of fourteen. Mr. and Mrs. Butler are members of Mount Olivet Presbyterian church, of which he is a trustee. Politically he is a Democrat.

J. W. BUTZ, wagon maker, P. O. Frankfort Springs, is of German descent. His grandfather, Nicholas Butz, was born in Germany, and was married there to Maria Magdalena Younker. They located in Northampton county, Pa., but later came to Mercer county, where the father died; the mother died in Wayne county; both were over eighty-five years of age. They had five children; of these David, born Jan. 29, 1801, came to Ginger Hill, Washington county, and from there went to Beallsville, where he learned the shoemaker's trade. He married, July 21, 1824, Amy, daughter of Job Pyle. She was a native of Washington county, and died July 13, 1871, aged sixty-four years. David Butz resided at Beallsville from date of settling there until 1884, when he made his home with his son Joe W., where he died Sept. 22, 1887. They had eight children: Eli, Emily, David, John, Joe W., Job, Mary A. and Sarah C. Our subject was born March 11, 1831, in Beallsville, Washington county, Pa. He learned the cabinet maker's trade in Washington, Pa., and followed it for some time. He went west five times, visiting twelve states. Later he began work as a wagon maker, and although he never learned that trade, he has been very successful. He was married, in Frankfort Springs, Pa., to Kate, daughter of J. S. Campbell, and they have had two children, only one of whom is living—Mrs. Ella M. McKenzie. In July, 1863, Mr. Butz enlisted in Company E, 61st P. V., Capt. William Glenn, and participated in the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, and in the battles in front of Petersburg. Politically he is a Republican. Mrs. Kate Butz' mother was Rosannah Teel. The latter was a daughter of John Teel who fought in the Revolution, and afterward settled in Hanover township; he was captured by the Indians, but escaped from them at night, and while being pursued, he ran around a tree followed by a big Indian; then suddenly wheeling, Mr. Teel sank the Indian's own tomahawk into his pursuer's head; then scalped him and escaped.

MILTON CALHOON, farmer, P. O. Hookstown, was born in Greene township, Feb. 13, 1818. His grandfather, William Calhoon, a native of Ireland, came to Beaver county at an early day, and finally settled near Shippingport, in Greene township, where he died. He was a prosperous man and a large landholder. He had nine children, of whom William, a farmer by occupation, was born in Greene township, and died there at the age of sixty-two years. His brothers, John and James, were tanners in Hookstown; Richard died in Raccoon township, aged four score years; Samuel lived near Smith's Ferry, and died in Ohio, aged eighty-seven years. William Calhoon married Elizabeth, daughter of James Hutchison, an old pioneer on the Raccoon creek. Mr. Hutchison was a grand old man, honest and upright. Besides his own family of four children, he brought from Scotland four poor children, who lived and died with him. Elizabeth Calhoon died at the age of eighty-five years; she had ten children: John, James, Richard, Robert, Milton, George, Thomas, Joseph, Elizabeth and Mary. Milton Calhoon has been a successful farmer. Beginning life poor, by industry and good management he has succeeded in accumulating a competence. He owns three farms containing altogether about 360 acres. He married Phoebe, daughter of James and Polly (Foster) Mackall. Mrs. Mackall's father was Thomas Foster, a leading man in Georgetown in his day. Mr. and Mrs. Calhoon are members of the Presbyterian church. They have seven children: Mary, James, Thomas, Walter, Ida, Samuel and

Hamilton. Mr. Calhoun is a Republican. Five of his brothers were captains and four were owners of vessels. His son Walter is general agent for the State of Missouri for the German Insurance Company.

THOMAS S. CALHOON, steamboat captain, Georgetown, was born Aug. 15, 1834. His grandfather, William Calhoun, was a farmer in Greene township, and died young; his wife, Elizabeth (Hutchison) survived him many years, and was the mother of nine children: John, Richard, James, Thomas, Joseph, Elizabeth, Mary, Milton and George. Of these, John was born on the home farm near Georgetown; he was a river captain, and was drowned in the Ohio river. Elizabeth died young. Mary is the wife of Captain Stockdale, of Allegheny City. All the boys were captains. John married Nancy, daughter of Thomas Stephenson; she died a few years after her husband, the mother of seven children, and those living are Thomas S., Mrs. Hattie Nelson, Mrs. Elmira Smith, and William. Thomas S. began life on the river at an early age, and when twelve years old he made a trip to Nashville on the "Caledonia." He has been a captain since 1862, and is now in command of the "Katie Stockdale," plying between Cincinnati and Pittsburgh. He was married, Jan. 8, 1867, to Amanda, daughter of Charles Calhoun, and they have two children: Harriet, at Beaver College, and Mary E. Captain Calhoun is a Democrat.

JOHNSTON CALHOON, of Hookstown, Greene township, was born Sept. 19, 1812. The progenitor of this family was Gloud or Thaddeus Calhoun, of Ireland, who married a sister of Lord Blaney, at Blaney's Castle (now called Barney). His son William married a Miss Sprowl, a daughter of Jane Johnston, who escaped the siege of Derry by hiding in a potato furrow. Since her time Johnston has been a family name among her descendants. William had a son Johnston and a daughter Jane. Jane married a distant relation in Ireland, named Samuel Calhoun. They came to America and settled in South Carolina. The great statesman, John C. Calhoun, was their son. Johnston also came to America in 1790, in the brig "Cunningham," and landed in Philadelphia. He lived three years in Kennigojig, Pa., then went to Washington county and rented a farm where the Washington County Home now stands. He sold provisions to the government troops commanded by George Washington, when he was sent to quell the whisky insurrection. In 1800 he bought over 300 acres of land at Mill Creek, where he died Dec. 10, 1835, aged eighty-two years. His wife, Jane Donnehay, died in 1833, aged eighty-two years. Their children were William, Joseph, Robert, George and Ann (Mrs. Littell). Joseph married Jane, daughter of William Littell, Esq. He and his wife both died at Mill Creek, the former June 30, 1845, aged fifty-eight years, the latter Nov. 21, 1863, aged seventy-one years. They had six daughters and two sons: Johnston, Mary, Ann, Eliza, Alice, Lovina, Joseph and Agnes. Johnston, the subject of this sketch, carried on farming and sheep raising successfully till 1872, since which time he has lived a life of retirement, for some years in Beaver, this county, and for the last few years in Hookstown. His first wife died leaving eleven children: Jane (now Mrs. Isaac D. Sibley, of Colorado), Mary (now Mrs. John Gallaspie, of Colorado), Isabella A. (now Mrs. Fleck, of Wyoming), Joseph (now pastor of the United Presbyterian church of Indianola, Iowa), John and Henry D. (both now of Colorado), Eliza (now wife of Rev. M. M. Carleton, both missionaries in India), Johnston C. (now a minister in Viola, Ill., United Presbyterian church), George N. (now of Washington Territory), Emma (now Mrs. Andrew Hunter, of Colorado), and Samuel (who died in Huntsville, Ala., about 1866). His second wife, Sarah Shirts, died leaving one child, Alice, now Mrs. Frank Pittenger, of Ohio. His present wife is Maggie A. Calhoun, daughter of Samuel Calhoun, of Bellaire, Ohio. He has been from time to time called to fill positions of trust and responsibility, and has never failed to give full satisfaction. He was elected a school director, and served as such for a number of years; also as justice of the peace of Beaver county. Was a delegate of the Christian Commission twice during the war; first, to the Potomac army at Washington City, and sent from there to Virginia; second, to Cumberland army in Tennessee and Alabama. He organized and taught a Bible class in each army, over and above the duties devolving upon him as a delegate, and was presented by them with a written testimonial of their esteem and regard of him as a Bible teacher.

JAMES S. CALVERT, farmer, P. O. New Sheffield, was born in Allegheny City, May 1, 1832. The history of the Calvert family may be traced back to three brothers of the name, who fled from Scotland on account of political troubles, and settled in three different counties in the North of Ireland. The descendants of these brothers are scattered throughout the United States. The progenitor of the Beaver county Calverts was Alexander, a native of County Down, Ireland. His son, James, was married in Ireland, to Ann Small, and coming to this country settled in Pittsburgh, where James worked at ropemaking. In 1835 he came to Moon township and bought 116 acres of land, on which he died in 1859, aged sixty-six years. His widow died in 1880, aged eighty-two years. They had seven children, all of whom are living. James and Ann Calvert were active members of the United Presbyterian church. He was a Democrat. His son, James S., was reared on the homestead, on which he now resides. During the gold excitement he went to California by the Vanderbilt route, via Nicaragua and Costa Rica. He engaged in mining and prospecting there with varied success, and was for a time foreman of the Rodgers quartz mill, near Virginia City, Nev. He had many thrilling adventures with the Indians. At one time his party of twelve was surrounded by 300 Indians, but escaped by making a bold rush. He is unmarried and his sister Kate keeps house for him. He is a member of the United Presbyterian church at Racoon; in politics a Republican, and has been justice of the peace fifteen years, and jury commissioner, one term.

WILLIAM M. CALVERT, merchant, New Sheffield, was born April 2, 1839, in Moon township. His grandfather, Richard Calvert, was born in the highlands of Scotland, where his two uncles fought under Sir William Wallace. After his defeat the family were banished and went to County Down, Ireland, where James, father of William M., was born. James Calvert was married in Ireland to Ann, daughter of James Small. The latter participated in the great Irish rebellion, was taken prisoner and died soon after his release. James Calvert came to America and settled in Baltimore, Md., in 1815; thence he came by wagon across the mountains to Pittsburgh, and followed his trade of rope making in Allegheny county until 1832; then came to Moon township, Beaver county, and bought a farm of Robert Potts. He died at the age of sixty-six years, his wife at the age of eighty-three years. They had seven children, all of whom are now living: Bella, Mary, Alice, James, Catharine, Rev. A. H. Calvert, of the United Presbyterian church, and William M. The last named was educated in Beaver county, and began his mercantile career in November, 1863, in New Sheffield, where he bought out David Patton. He started with little capital, and has been successful. He was burned out Jan. 31, 1887, and in six weeks from that time he had erected a handsome two-story store and resumed business. He buys and sells large quantities of wool, and owns a farm of sixty-five acres, on which is the largest gas wells in the county. His wife is Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Wallace, and they have ten children: Joseph, James, Bella, Charles, Anna, Vallie, Bessie, Willie, Guy and Alice. Mr. and Mrs. Calvert are members of the United Presbyterian church; in politics he is a Republican.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL was born of Scotch parentage, and while young was indentured to a Mr. Henry Craig to learn the weaving trade in the State of Maryland. Soon afterward this Henry Craig moved to Pennsylvania, and located at the head waters of Service Creek, now Greene township, Beaver county (but what Mr. Craig supposed was Virginia). In 1778 Mr. Craig purchased 200 acres of land, agreeing to give William Campbell 100 acres of this land in lieu of his trade, if he would stay with and work for him until his indentures were out; which he did, and received his deed for the 100 acres of land. William Campbell was married in 1786 to Miss Nancy Vance, and by this union were born four sons and two daughters: Henry, William, Margaret, Nancy, Arthur and James. Said Henry Campbell, after coming to years of maturity, purchased the old Craig farm, and with his sister Margaret lived on said farm until their deaths. They lived until a good old age, and neither of them was married; Nancy died in about her twentieth year. James, the youngest son, bought out the heirs of the Campbell farm and lived on same until his death at a good old age. This James had but one son, William, who now owns both

the old Craig and Campbell farms. Arthur Campbell was born in 1798; was married to Miss Sarah Mercer in 1822, and by her had four sons and four daughters: Nancy, Joseph, William, Comfort, Mary, Marshall, Louisa and James. Arthur Campbell and his brother William bought a farm near the old Campbell farm in 1822, and lived on said farm until 1831; they then sold it and bought 400 acres of land on Service Creek, four miles below the old home farm, and moved on to the same in 1832, dividing it equally between them. They both lived and died on these farms. William Campbell was born in 1790, and died in 1863. He had three children, who still survive him, and live on the old farm. Arthur was a prominent man in his day; he was commissioner of said county at the time of his death, which occurred in 1844. Four of Arthur's children died, leaving no heirs, viz.: Comfort, Louisa, William and James. Nancy married W. W. McCoy; Mary married T. Shane; Marshall married Isabell Smith, by whom he has nine children (he has a part of the home farm); Joseph was born in 1824, was married, in 1849, to Isabell Bryan, daughter of John and Mary Bryan, and to this union have been born three sons and four daughters: Sarah (deceased), John B., William A., Mary A. (married to J. H. Smith), James O. (in Kansas), Jennie (deceased) and Ella Bell (deceased). Joseph and his family are members of the United Presbyterian church; in politics he is a Republican. He still resides on a part of the farm bought by his father in 1832, with other land added to it.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL, farmer, P. O. Hookstown, was born on the old family homestead, Jan. 29, 1833. The Campbell family were early members of Dr. Anderson's church at Service. William Campbell, Sr., was but two years old when he left Scotland, and soon after reaching this country was bound out to a weaver named Henry Craig, with whom he remained until the latter's death, when, having served faithfully and well, inherited the Craig farm of 100 acres, which is yet in possession of his heirs. He married Nancy Vance, who became the mother of the following-named children: Henry, William, Margaret, Nancy, Arthur and James. Of these James was born June 15, 1801, and joined the United Presbyterian church in 1826. He was a thrifty farmer, and died March 8, 1883. His wife was Margaret, daughter of John and Isabelle (Duncan) Craig, the former a soldier of the revolutionary war. Mrs. Margaret Campbell was born Aug. 29, 1809, in Hanover township, joined the church in 1828, and has been a faithful and devoted member ever since. Her life has been marked by kind deeds, and she is greatly respected for her qualities of head and heart. William Campbell married Jane, daughter of David and Jane (Crooks) Kennedy. Their union has been blessed with five children: Mrs. Margaret J. Reynolds, James, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Leeper, Thomas K. and John Newton C. Mr. Campbell and his wife are members of the United Presbyterian church. He has a farm of 180 acres, on which he resides, near the old homestead. In politics he is a Republican.

MARTIN W. CAREY, merchant, P. O. Water Cure, is a grandson of John Carey, who came from England and settled in Beaver county, where he died at the age of fifty-seven years. They had five children who reached maturity: Daniel, George W., Emeline, Harrison and Mary Ann (Mrs. Lutton, deceased). Daniel Carey, father of Martin W., was born, Oct. 8, 1827, in Moon township. He married Mrs. Adaline Minor, *nee* Wilson, who is the mother of three children: Martin W., John W. (deceased), and Mrs. Maria J. Gunther, of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Carey are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Martin W. was married, to Mary A. McCullough, and they have six children: Harry W., Mary L., Mertilla and Modina (twins), Martin W. and Helena. Mr. and Mrs. Carey are members of the Methodist church of Philipsburg, of which he has been financial steward and trustee. He is a Democrat and has held the office of assessor. He was with his parents five years in Ohio, and for the past five years has been a merchant in Philipsburg.

JOHN J. CAROTHERS, farmer, P. O. Frankfort Springs, was born June 10, 1822, on Brady's Hill, Patterson township, this county. His grandfather, James Carothers, was born in Carlisle, Pa. His parents were Scotch-Irish. James Carothers was reared and educated in Carlisle, and at the age of twenty-two years he came to Hanover township,

taking up 212 acres of government land in 1787. He was a civil engineer, held the position of county surveyor, and was known far and wide as Colonel Carothers. He came here a single man, and in 1789 returned to Carlisle and married Alice Carothers, not a relative. She died in 1848, aged eighty-three years. He died about 1817, aged fifty-two years. Both were members of the Presbyterian church. Their children were Mary (or Polly), John, William, James, Jesse, Matilda and Thomas. Thomas was a Presbyterian minister, and died young. Jesse was cashier of the Merchants and Manufacturers Bank, of Pittsburgh. Mary married John Glasgow, and Matilda married Alexander Duncan. John Carothers was born on the old homestead, and married Agnes (McGlester) White. After his marriage he removed to Patterson township where he died. He was a Democrat and served as judge of Beaver county eighteen years, besides filling nearly all the township offices, and was deservedly popular. He died in December, 1860, aged sixty-seven years. His children were James, John J., Andrew, Mary (wife of Wm. Anderson), Jesse, Jane (wife of Wilson Cunningham), William and Nettie (wife of Robert Ferguson). John J. returned to the home farm in Hanover township at the age of fourteen. Sept. 2, 1847, he married Ellen, daughter of John and Sarah (Ferguson) Ewing. They have had five children: Emeline, Agnes S. and Jeanette, all of whom died, within ten days, of diphtheria, aged respectively nineteen, sixteen and ten years; James W. and Ella, wife of A. D. Matchett, a carpenter, of Frankfort. James W. married Maggie Forner. Mr. and Mrs. Carothers are church members. The former is a Democrat, and has been justice of the peace in Frankfort nearly ever since it became a borough.

WILLIAM M. CAROTHERS, retired, P. O. Frankfort Springs, was born March 5, 1833, in Hanover township, where his grandfather, William Carothers, settled at an early date. He left seven children: Ann, Jane, Mary, William, James, Thomas and John. Of these John married Eleanor, daughter of William and Catherine (Gordon) Murray; they died aged sixty-eight and seventy-six years, respectively. William Murray, our subject, was their only child, and was raised and educated in his native county. He married Mary A., daughter of William and Rebecca (McDole) Hoge. William Hoge was a native of Harrisburg, Pa., and came here with his parents when a child. Rebecca McDole was a daughter of Matthew and Elizabeth (Adams) McDole, natives of Ireland. They all died on the same farm. Mr. and Mrs. Carothers are members of the United Presbyterian church of Frankfort Springs.

B. H. CHAMBERS, farmer, P. O. Frankfort Springs, was born Aug. 7, 1823. His grandfather, James Chambers, the progenitor of the family in this country, was born in Fifeshire, Scotland, and the old family name was Chalmers. James came to this country as a British soldier with Cornwallis, and served in the British army three years. Having become imbued with the spirit of freedom he deserted and enlisted in the colonial militia. After the war he went to Florence, Pa., with Miles Wilson, and finally married Jane, daughter of Samuel and Nancy Miller, of Montour's Run, in Allegheny county. In 1797 they came to Hanover township, in Beaver county, where he purchased of Samuel Swearingen, Sr., 150 acres of land for £76, 17s. He died here at the age of seventy-eight years and his wife died January 1, 1830, aged sixty-seven years. They had eight children: Thomas, Samuel, James, Nancy, John, Jane, Margaret and William. Of these Thomas, and Samuel Chambers, father of our subject, were born in Allegheny county. Samuel was a farmer there, but removed to the old Chambers homestead, where he died Jan. 3, 1871, aged seventy-eight years. He was a member of the Presbyterian church; in politics a Republican. His wife was Isabella, daughter of Benjamin and Margaret (Miller) Hall, and died Dec. 11, 1865, aged sixty-eight years. She had four children: Jane, Margaret, James and Benjamin H. The latter now owns the Mansion farm of 247 acres. He married Jane, daughter of John and Margaret (Barclay) McDonald, the former of Scotch and the latter of Irish origin. Mr. and Mrs. Chambers are members of the United Presbyterian church, of which he has been a trustee. He is a Republican. Their children are Mrs. Margaret Cotter; Lizzie C., wife of J. Cooley; Martha B., S. Elmer and Viola S. S. Elmer married Sept. 22, 1885, Laura Lee, daughter

of John and Sarah (Cavitt) Erwin, and they have one son Howard C., born Aug. 15, 1886. He represents the fifth generation living on the same Chambers Homestead.

MICHAEL CHRISTLER, late of Greene township, a native of Switzerland, emigrated to this country at a very early age. He was a great hunter, and one of the pioneers and Indian scouts in the early days of the country's settlement. He was one of the first residents of Greene township, Beaver county, living near Shippingport. During the Revolutionary War he was active in the patriot cause, and lived through many exciting adventures. He was the father of four children: Samuel, Mrs. Rosannah Kerr, John and George. He died at an advanced age.

JOHN C. CHRISTY, farmer and justice of the peace, P. O. Holt, is a native of Philadelphia, Pa., born in 1823, a son of James and Mary (Clark) Christy, natives of Ireland, former of whom was a farmer the greater part of his life, and came from his native land about 1821. He and his wife were the parents of six children, four now living. John C., the second son, received a common-school education, and studied also at a business college in Philadelphia. Coming to Beaver in 1844, he, in 1863, purchased 111 acres of land, now nearly all under cultivation. He married, in 1844, Agnes, daughter of John Covit, and two children were born to them, James Harvey and John Lawrence, both of whom met with untimely deaths in 1883. Mr. Christy was elected to his present office of justice of the peace in 1885, was jury commissioner, and held other positions of trust. He is a member of the Presbyterian church; in politics he is a Republican.

JOHN CHRISTY, farmer, P. O. Holt, is a native of Allegheny county, Pa., born in 1824, a son of Abraham and Hannah (Bricker) Christy. Abraham was the eldest of five sons and four daughters of John Christy, who came with his family from Switzerland to America about 1806, his first settlement being at Wilmington, Del., after which he moved to Pittsburgh, Pa., and finally to Kentucky, where he died. Abraham was a miner for many years, and was engaged in ferrying at Pittsburgh, but in later life purchased a farm, where he lived the remainder of his days. He had a family of three sons and six daughters, of whom John is the second son. The latter received a common-school training, and worked on his father's farm until thirty-two years of age, part of the time in this county, his father having purchased 143 acres here in 1839. John bought his present property in 1856, and the same year married Mary A., daughter of J. J. Anderson, of Rochester, this county. Five sons and one daughter have blessed this union: Abraham A., married to a Miss Ewing; John J., in California; Francis M., married to Emma I. Minor, of this county, and assisting his father on the farm; Daniel G. and Mary J., at home; William L. is deceased. The mother dying in 1868, Mr. Christy married, in 1870, Annie, daughter of Samuel W. and Elizabeth (Leggett) Moore. Mr. Christy and wife are members of the United Presbyterian church; in politics he is a Republican.

JAMES CHRISTY, farmer, P. O. Shippingport, is a native of Allegheny county, Pa., third son of Abraham and Hannah (Bricker) Christy. He was married, in 1871, to Annie, daughter of Rev. J. M. Smith, of Butler county, Pa., and seven children were born to them, five now living: Daniel, Smith, Clarence, Margaretta and Florence, all at home. Mr. Christy has been a successful farmer, and now owns 140 acres of the old homestead, which originally contained 150 acres. He is a member of the Presbyterian church; politically he is a Republican.

T. A. CLIFTON, farmer, P. O. McCleary, was born in 1850 in Raccoon township, the eldest son of John and Rachel (McHenry) Clifton; the latter, a daughter of Charles McHenry, of this county, died in 1872. John and Rachel were married, in 1846, and had six children, three living: T. A., S. G. and D. L. Thomas Clifton, the grandfather of our subject, came from Washington county, Pa., to this county, and married a Mrs. Hunter, who bore him five sons and three daughters, John being the youngest. He (John) and his brother, Thomas, bought in this county 100 acres of land, and soon after a third brother joined them, purchasing seventy-five acres. This piece of land was deeded to an unmarried sister, who held it until 1875, when it was bought by John Clifton's sons. John bought his brother's fifty acres, which he owned up to the time of

his death; he left 100 acres of land to his three sons. Our subject purchased from his brothers their interest in the 175 acres, and is now sole proprietor of the farm. He received a good common-school education, working on the farm during vacations. He married, in 1879, Jennie, daughter of James and Margaret Sterling, natives of Ireland, and by her has two sons: Cory and Carlton. Mr. Clifton is a member of the United Presbyterian church; in politics he is a Republican.

HENRY CONKLE, farmer, P. O. Hookstown, was born on the homestead which he now owns, Nov. 23, 1821. His father, Henry Conkle, Sr., was born in Germany, and was brought to America when but six months old by his parents. They settled in Washington county. Henry and his father came to Greene township when the former was twenty-one years old, and bought a farm of 212 acres, where Henry, Sr., lived and died. He was twice married; his first wife, Margaret, was the mother of eight children. His second wife, Christine Shafer, had four children: Henry and Martha (twins), William and Margaret. Henry Conkle, Sr., was eighty years old when he died, and his father was ninety-eight years. Henry, our subject, married Catharine, daughter of Adam Metts. She bore him eight children: Robert F., a physician at Coraopolis, Pa.; Anna M., Samuel M., Allibue A., Sarah M., John S., George E. and Harriet A. Mr. and Mrs. Conkle and children are members of the Mill Creek church. Politically Mr. Conkle is a Democrat.

SCOTT A. CONNELL, farmer, P. O. Clinton, was born in Independence township, Nov. 6, 1862. His grandfather, John Connell, was a native of Ireland and of Scotch descent. He came to America about 1818, and settled on the farm where Scott A. now resides. He was a carpenter by trade. His children were Nancy, Betsey, Martha, Joseph and Jane. Joseph was born in Ireland, and was married here to Lucinda Gilliland, who is still living. Their children are John, James, Jane, Frank, Mattie, Mary E. and Scott A. Scott A. received a common-school education, and has been a farmer all his life. He was married, Dec. 7, 1886, to Mattie L. Ferguson. Mr. and Mrs. Connell are members of the Hebron Presbyterian church. He was formerly a Democrat, but is now a firm advocate of the principles of the Prohibition party. He owns a farm of 185 acres.

WILLIAM COOK, ferryman, P. O. Shippingport, was born Aug. 20, 1842, in Westmoreland county, Pa. His grandfather, George Cook, lived and died in Trenton, N. J., where his son, George W., was born. The latter was married in Kingessing, Philadelphia, Pa., to Margaret A., daughter of George Fuhr, a basket maker, and landlord of the "Blue Bell Tavern." She died May 30, 1874, aged fifty-two years, the mother of eight children: Caroline V., William, Deborah A., Amanda, Sarah J., Ernest A., Bertha and Clara C. George W., in youth, was bound out to a basket maker, but, disliking his master, left him and finished the trade with George Fuhr. He resided in Westmoreland county, Pa., for fifteen years, and in 1853 came to Phillipsburg, this county, where he farmed and worked at his trade. In 1858 he came to Shippingport and bought the ferry, also became ticket agent for the C. & P. R. R. Co., which position he still holds. He and his son William are both Democrats. The latter has been connected with the ferry over thirty years, and never has had an accident. He was married July 3, 1866, to Harriet, daughter of Andrew Swaney, an old settler. She is the mother of seven children: Harry F., Ernest G., Ella V., Claude R., Albert M., Thomas M. and Sarah I. Mr. and Mrs. Cook are members of the Presbyterian church, of which he is an elder.

JOSEPH COOLEY, farmer, P. O. Frankfort Springs, was born May 19, 1848. His grandfather, Robert Cooley, came to Hanover township, this county, from Pittsburgh, where he had followed the blacksmithing trade. He was married there to Jennie Smith, and then came here shortly afterward, and they had a farm of 160 acres. Both were members of the Presbyterian church of which Mr. Cooley was an elder. In politics he was a Republican. He had a family of nine children. His son, Joseph, married Matilda Anderson, and both died on the farm, aged sixty-two and thirty-two years, respectively. He was also an elder in the Presbyterian church. They had six children who grew to

maturity: Anna, Elizabeth, Robert, Latitia, Joseph and Matilda. Joseph, our subject, was reared by his grandparents from the time he was three weeks old. He has a farm of 230 acres, which includes his grandfather's farm. He was married, Nov. 12, 1873, to Lizzie, daughter of Benjamin Chambers, and five children have been born to them: Laura, Chambers R., Lizzie E., Joseph D. and Leola M. Mr. and Mrs. Cooley are members of the Presbyterian church; politically he is a Republican.

J. F. COOPER, physician, P. O. New Sheffield, was born in East Liverpool, Columbiana county, Ohio, Sept. 25, 1822. His great-grandfather, Philip Cooper, a native of Germany, came to this country at the age of four years, lived in Monmouth county, N. J., nine miles from the old battle ground, and died in 1798, aged ninety-four years. His son, Gasper, was educated in Europe and became a teacher in New Jersey. At the breaking out of the Revolution he accepted a commission in the army. He died in New Jersey. Another son, Jacob, was decoyed from home at the age of fifteen years, and served three years in the British army. He was wounded and taken prisoner at the battle of Trenton, and after several months' confinement was sent home, where he remained until after the war. He became an iron manufacturer, and while superintendent of Turnbull's work in Pennsylvania was thrown from a horse and killed. A daughter of Philip Cooper married a Tory, and moved to Canada. David Cooper, son of Philip, removed to Williamsport, in 1796, and two years later went to Chippewa township, Beaver county, and engaged in farming. His wife died there, the mother of six children. From Chippewa David Cooper removed to Ohio, and died in 1809 near Ashtabula. His son, Philip Cooper, was born in New Jersey in 1792. He learned the trade of a carpenter, and followed it for many years. He returned to Beaver county in 1841, and became a farmer. He died in Moon township, July 7, 1879. His wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Hamilton, and died in May, 1884. She had nine children, five of whom are living. Dr. J. F. Cooper, subject of this sketch, attended the common schools in Ohio and Pennsylvania. In 1843 he engaged in teaching at the same time pursuing his studies. Two years later he was compelled to give up his studies on account of poor health. After three years he resumed his studies and graduated from the Homeopathic Medical College of Pennsylvania in 1853, in the class with Prof. Helmouth, and other distinguished men. He remained with his preceptor, Dr. C. Bayer, of Allegheny City, two years after graduating, then opened an office in Allegheny City, where he has practiced ever since. He bought a farm of 425 acres in Hopewell township, in 1866, which he has greatly improved, and on which are two gas wells. The Doctor is a member of the American Institute of Homeopathy, the Homeopathic Medical Society of Pennsylvania, the Allegheny County Homeopathic Medical Society, and the Allegheny County Anatomical Society. He was married, April 4, 1844, to Sarah, daughter of John and Margaret (Davis) Johnson. They have had six sons: Philip L., an attorney, a graduate of Columbia Law School; Henry; John, a physician, a graduate of the Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, office in Allegheny City; George; William, a chemist in Denver, Colo., and Sidney. The doctor and his wife are members of the Methodist Protestant church of Allegheny City.

HENRY COOPER, oil producer, P. O. New Sheffield, is a son of Dr. J. F. Cooper, and was born Dec. 12, 1848, in Allegheny City. At the age of seventeen years he began to learn the machinist trade; was with Andrew Hartupee one year, and two years with Armstrong & Andrew, in Allegheny City. He then came to Hopewell township, and followed farming and building until August, 1883, when the production of oil first engaged his attention. He helped to take out the first lease, and lent his energy to the new enterprise. He is a member of the Raccoon Oil Company. Nov. 23, 1870, he was married to Sarah J., daughter of George and Eliza A. (Harper) Nevin. George Nevin came to Beaver county in 1838, his parents, John and Margaret (Murray) Nevin, having settled here in 1834. Mr. Cooper has four children: Laura H., Roy C., Jean N. and John F. The parents are members of Mount Carmel Presbyterian church. Mr. Cooper is a Republican, and has held township offices. He served as county auditor three years.

L. M. COTTER, miller, P. O. Service, is a native of Allegheny county, Pa., born

in 1848. He is a son of James and Christiana (Miller) Cotter, parents of six children, L. M. being the second youngest. The father, some years ago, purchased the mill property originally owned by Mr. Shillito. At the age of twenty-three years L. M. learned the milling trade, which he has since followed, having purchased the mill of his father. The power used in operating the mill is steam, and a large business is done. Mr. Cotter was married, in 1870, to Mary, born in Washington county, a daughter of David Wilson, of Washington county, Pa., and the result of this union is three children: John P., James W. and Lizzie. The mother dying in 1876, Mr. Cotter married, June 19, 1878, Maggie, daughter of Benjamin Chambers, of this county. Politically Mr. Cotter is a Democrat.

HENRY COWAN, farmer, P. O. Frankfort Springs, was born in Hanover township, Washington county, Pa., Sept. 29, 1830. His grandfather, Henry Cowan, a native of Ireland, of Scotch descent, came to America when young, and raised a family in Allegheny county, where he died at Half Crown Run. He had five sons and three daughters. Of the sons, Henry married Sarah A., daughter of James and Margaret Stewart, who came to Fort Pitt, where he was offered land at ten shillings per acre, but refused the offer and bought land near Clinton, Pa. Henry and Sarah A. Cowan died in Greene township. They were members of the Presbyterian church. They had six children: Margaret, Eliza J., James S., Henry, William G. and Sarah A. Our subject was educated in this county, and has been a farmer all his life. For sixteen years he was also engaged in buying and selling wool. His farm contains 322 acres. He married Harriet A., daughter of Robert Smith, of Washington county. They have four children: Ella M., William S., Eliza J. and Harry M., the two last being twins. Mr. and Mrs. Cowan are members of the Presbyterian church, of which he is an elder. He is a Republican, and has held several township offices.

JOHN R. COWLING (deceased) was a native of London, England. He came to this country with his father, Edward Cowling, who resided in Allegheny City, and died at his son's residence. Sophia, wife of Edward Cowling, died when John R. was nine years old. Of her children, only two are living; George, of Metropolis, Ill., and Mrs. Gunnell. John R. was educated in Allegheny City and followed the river many years. He enlisted in the 62d Regiment, P. V., and at the second day's fight at Gettysburg received a wound, in consequence of which his leg was afterward amputated. He was subsequently employed in the Arsenal at Lawrenceville, Pa., and later was in business in Beaver Falls. He removed to Hookstown, where he was a merchant, and bought a farm of 100 acres near the village. He died Nov. 28, 1886, aged forty-four years, a member of the Baptist church. He was married, May 26, 1870, to Martie W., daughter of William Sterling. She was born in Beaver county, and died May 27, 1878, aged thirty-four years, a member of the United Presbyterian church. Their only surviving child, Ralph Erskin Sterling, was born Sept. 19, 1872.

J. C. CRAIG, farmer, P. O. McCleary, was born in 1837, on the farm he now owns, in Raccoon township, and is a son of James and Margaret (Crooks) Craig, parents of three sons and three daughters. John, the original pioneer of the Craig family, came from east of the mountains to this county in an early day, and purchased 106 acres of land; he married Isabella Duncan, by whom he had six children, James, the father of our subject being the eldest son. He (James) when comparatively a young man, purchased 190 acres of land, and followed farming all his life. Our subject commenced life a poor boy, and is now one of the most substantial farmers in the county. He married Mary, daughter of James Louthan, of South Beaver township, this county, and by her had seven children, four now living: Charles R., Simon H., William S. and Lizzie B. The entire family are members of the United Presbyterian church; in politics Mr. Craig is a Republican. He enlisted, in 1861, in Company F, 46th Regiment, P. V., and after eighteen months' active service was compelled, through ill health, to return home. He was present at the battle of Cedar Mountain, where he was wounded, and participated in other engagements.

JOHN CRAIG, farmer, P. O. Hookstown, is a member of an old and respected family

on the south side, whose ancestors were of sturdy Scotch stock. James Craig came from Scotland with his parents. He was a Revolutionary soldier, and after the war lived several years in Washington county, Pa., but died in Beaver county. He married Elizabeth Carson, and they were among the first and prominent members of Dr. Anderson's church, and boarded twelve of his theological students. Of their children, James was born Nov. 26, 1786, in Washington county, and died in Beaver county in 1861. His wife was Mary, daughter of David McCoy, a Revolutionary soldier. She was born June 1, 1786, in Hopewell township, where she died April 12, 1855. Both were members of the Seceder's church, and they were the parents of David, Eliza, John, Mary J. and Sarah. John was born Jan. 10, 1815, near Murdocksville, in this county. He has been a farmer, and still owns eighty-two acres. With filial devotion he cared for his parents until his forty-fifth year. He married Sarah Nevin, whose father was a prominent character in his day. Three children have been born to them: Wilda M., Emma L. and Rosa J. The family belong to the United Presbyterian church.

L. L. H. CRAIL, farmer, P. O. Holt, was born in Raccoon township, Beaver county, Pa., in 1831, son of Sethelius Middleton and Sarah B. (Guthrie) Crail, the former the second youngest of the ten children of John and Alethia (Irvin) Crail, the latter a daughter of Robert Guthrie. The father of Sethelius M. Crail came to this county from Maryland at an early day, and served three years in the Revolutionary War. L. L. H. is the second son in a family of five children (two now deceased), and was born and reared on the farm he now owns and lives on, consisting of 160 acres of the original tract of 245 acres. He received a good public-school education, and studied at Pittsburgh Business College, graduating from the same in 1854. For several winters he was engaged in teaching school, saw-milling and farming in the summer, which latter pursuits he still follows successfully. Our subject was married, in 1857, to Elizabeth, daughter of John Cristler, of this county, and by her has five children: Alfaratta, Ida May (now Mrs. Ewing), Atlas Omar, Clara Emma and Ernst Jansen. Mr. Crail has been school director for six years, also township auditor. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he is a Republican. His grandfather, John Crail, was one of the first M. E. church adherents in Raccoon township, and his house the first place where Methodist preaching was held.

REV. P. J. CUMMINGS, P. O. New Sheffield, was born in Coshocton, Ohio, Nov. 23, 1834. His grandfather, George Cummings, was a native of Scotland, and is supposed to have come to this country previous to the Revolution. He settled in Fauquier county, Va., and moved thence to Coshocton, Ohio, where he died at the age of eighty-three years. He was an Episcopalian in religion, and politically a Democrat. He married a Miss Tullus, and they had five children who reached maturity: Eli, Maria, K. Bruce, Susan and Ludwell. Of these K. Bruce Cummings was born in Virginia, Dec. 5, 1803, and still resides in Ohio. He married Harriet Humphrey, of Rhode Island. Her father was a sea captain, and afterward a farmer. She was born in June, 1815, and had five children: Abraham J., Philander J., George M., William W. and Francis M. Philander J. attended the common schools and the Millwood Academy, after which he taught school several years. He entered Washington College in 1859, and was graduated in 1863. He then attended the Western Theological Seminary at Allegheny City, finishing his course there in 1866. In October of the same year he was installed pastor of Mount Carmel church at New Sheffield, and there remained until the spring of 1882. He then took charge of the church at Industry until April 1, 1887, when he returned to his first charge at New Sheffield. He was married in Allegheny county, to Hattie C., daughter of John and Elizabeth (Ferguson) Miller. They have two children: William H. and S. Florence. Mr. Cummings was the first principal of Woodlawn Academy, a position he filled for several years. He was afterward principal of the academy at Industry for two years.

JAMES DAVIS, farmer and justice of the peace, P. O. Seventy-Six, was born Aug. 30, 1846, on the old Davis homestead in Independence township. At a very early age he moved with his father, John Davis, to Moon township, where the latter bought the

old Campbell farm, but afterward the Edwards farm, where his widow Margaret Davis, now resides. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. He was in the boatyard in Elizabethtown in early life. His ancestors are supposed to have been of Welsh origin. His widow, Margaret, is a daughter of Francis Flannegan, who was an attorney of Pittsburgh. She is the mother of twelve children, eleven of whom are living: F. F. Davis, M. D., of Oil City, Pa.; William, a preacher in Iowa; John, Henry, James, Sarah (Mrs. Wilson), Margaret (Mrs. Usleton), Hugh, Elizabeth (Mrs. Tucker), Emma (Mrs. Hicks), and M. S. Davis, a physician of Shippingport. Of the sons, James was educated in his native county and at Edinboro, Pa. He taught school two winters, and then engaged in farming. He owns 145 acres, a part of the old Davis homestead. His wife is Susan C., daughter of Stacy and Mary (Robinson) Engle, and they have five children: John, Francis F., Henry, Maggie and Anna; Mr. and Mrs. Davis are members of Mount Carmel Presbyterian church, of which he is a trustee. He is a Republican; has been school director five years, and is auditor and justice of the peace.

HUGH H. DAVISON, physician, P. O. New Sheffield, was born Jan. 21, 1851, in this county, and is a son of Robert Davison. The latter was married to Margaret J., daughter of Hugh and Sarah (Veazey) Hamilton. Sarah Veazey was a daughter of Elihu Veazey. He located here after the close of the Revolutionary War, on or between 1780 and 1790, on 400 acres of land, and his descendants have filled many positions of trust and honor. Hugh H. Davison was educated in this county and at Clinton, Pa. In 1871 he began the study of medicine under Dr. R. S. Kennedy, who was then located at New Scottsville. Three years later he entered the Medical School at Cleveland, Ohio, and was graduated in 1876. He is engaged in practice in Hopewell township, and resides on a part of the old Veazey homestead. In political preference he is a Republican.

REV. JAMES L. DEENS, P. O. Bellowsville, was born in County Armagh, Ireland, Jan. 3, 1820. His parents, James and Margaret (Graham) Deens, were natives of Ireland and of Scotch descent. The father died in Ireland, and the mother came to America and settled in Pittsburgh when James L. was an infant. She married John Lompere, and both died in Pittsburgh; only one daughter, Mrs. Eliza Irwin, a widow, survives. James L. was educated in Pittsburgh, and there joined the Methodist Episcopal church while clerking for E. Day, and entered the Western University. That institution burning down, he continued his studies with Rev. Wesley Kenney. He entered the Pittsburgh Conference in 1847, and in 1885 he became a supernumerary minister. He now resides in Moon township, Beaver county, on a farm of seventy acres. He married Mary, daughter of Samuel McKinley, well known in Western Pennsylvania, one of the most prominent members of the Masonic fraternity. Mr. and Mrs. Deens have six children: Margaret, Minnie, Anna, Charles, James and John. Anna is a member of the high school of faculty of Pittsburgh, in the Normal department.

JACOB H. DIEHL, farmer, P. O. Georgetown, was born in Lancaster county, Pa., Jan. 29, 1820. His grandfather, Henry Diehl, was a native of Germany, who came to this country at an early age, and whose father died the day before the family landed in Philadelphia. They settled in Reading, Pa., where Henry was a blue dyer for many years. In old age he walked twenty-five miles beyond Lexington, Ky., where he died at the home of his son, William. Of his children, Jacob was a chairmaker, and worked at his trade in various places. His wife was Mary Peterman, and they raised a family of seven children: Charles, Henry, George, Jacob H., Rosannah, Mary A. and Sophia. Of these Jacob H., the subject of this sketch, was also a chairmaker. In November, 1837, he came to Georgetown, where he worked at chairmaking with his father. The latter died on the Ohio river, of heart disease, aged sixty-four years. Jacob H. then engaged in mercantile business with James Todd, continued for thirty-six years, and gained the esteem of all by his just business transactions. He finally gave up mercantile life, and engaged in farming, and now owns 230 acres. He married Anna, daughter of Samuel Smith, a Quaker, and a prosperous farmer, who came here from Maryland. Mrs. Diehl is the mother of three children: Rachel L., wife of Rev. J. E. Wright; Mrs. Anna Jones and Rosa L. Mr. and Mrs. Diehl are members of the Methodist church; in poli-

tics he is a Republican. He started in life with \$100 capital, and by his own efforts has accumulated a comfortable competency. He received only twelve weeks' schooling, and learned the English language after he was eighteen years old.

WILLIAM P. DIEHL, gardener and fruit grower, P. O. Georgetown, was born, raised and educated in Georgetown. His grandfather, Jacob Diehl, came here from Lebanon county, Pa., but lived for a time in Cincinnati, Covington and Pittsburgh. He was a painter and chairmaker, and died in Georgetown. He was a liberal, open-handed man, a member of the Lutheran church, and of German descent. His son, Charles, who was also a painter, died here, aged seventy-four years. William P., our subject, was in early life a farmer, and at the age of twenty-one, in the fall of 1861, enlisted in Company F, 101st Regiment, P. V., serving three and one-half years. He participated in many engagements, including the siege and battles of Yorktown, Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Suffolk, Va., the three skirmishes at Blackwater, Va., Kingston, Goldsboro and Washington, N. C. At the battle of Plymouth, N. C. he was taken prisoner, and held eight months at Andersonville, Ga., Charleston and Florence, S. C., (of thirty prisoners from Company F, only sixteen came home alive). Since the war he has lived in Georgetown and vicinity, making specialties of gardening and fruit growing. Mr. Diehl married Lucy, daughter of John and Mary A. Winch, and they have three children: Elsie M., Jacob J. and Mary E.

GEORGE DOCKTER, farmer, P. O. Water Cure, was born in Alsace, Germany, Jan. 28, 1835. His parents, Christian and Caroline (Sturm) Dockter came to America in 1875, with the following named children: Martin, Christian, George, Catharine, Caroline and Salome. They settled in Butler county, Pa., where the parents died. George was educated in Germany, and there learned the carpenter's trade. After coming to this country he worked in a brickyard in Beaver county, then farmed in Butler county nine years. At the expiration of that time he sold out and went to Michigan, where he farmed one year, and then returned to Beaver county and bought a farm of 100 acres, where he now resides. He has added to his possessions by purchase till he now owns 520 acres adjoining Phillipsburg, on which he has built a fine residence, all of which he has accumulated by his own industry and perseverance. Mr. Dockter married Elizabeth, daughter of Conrad Ebert, and she has borne him six children: Frederick, George, Christian, Charles, Caroline and Henry. The parents are members of the Lutheran church. In politics Mr. Dockter is a Republican.

JOHN DOUDS was born about six miles from Carlisle, Pa., on what is called Yellow Breeches Creek, Oct. 29, 1778, the only son of an Englishman, Robert Douds, who had immigrated to America previous to the outbreak of the Revolution, and who was killed in the colonial service in 1777. His mother (before marriage Miss Elizabeth Dawson) was a resident of Carlisle, her parents being of German origin. For the first three and a half years of his life young John remained in the locality of his birth. At the expiration of this period, in company with James Braden, with whom he lived until attaining his majority, he removed to Pittsburgh, remained there during the following winter and in the succeeding spring, John and his foster parent removed to the region of Raccoon Creek, Beaver county. The first abode they entered consisted of a small log hut, about twelve feet square, so low that one could not stand erect within it. In this house the family lived for over three years, Mr. Braden, meanwhile, clearing away the adjoining timber, and preparing for future improvements. At length a larger house became necessary, and a log one, 18 by 24 feet in dimensions, was "raised," with the assistance of neighbors, and occupied shortly afterwards. In this structure, surrounded on every hand by forest and wilderness, young John was reared. The territory in which he lived was the theatre of many an Indian outrage and massacre; and it is related that John was so much thrown into Indian society that he became acquainted with the savage language, and could converse quite readily in it. At the age of twenty-one Mr. Douds decided to embark upon the sea of matrimony, and Oct. 18, 1799, was united in wedlock to Miss Mary Hutchison, daughter of James and Elizabeth Hutchison, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Reno, of Beaver. Immediately afterward the new couple removed

to the farm, on which they passed the remainder of their lives. Their housekeeping equipments consisted of two chairs, a few stools made out of puncheons, a table constructed in the same manner, pewter dishes and other utensils of a like primitive nature. The implements with which the husband began cultivating his farm were also novel. His horse-collars were platted corn husks, sewed together by a wooden needle with a flax cord; his trace chains and bridle were made out of home-twined rope; backbands of double tow linen; and hames of wood, with two auger holes through it, and ropes put through them so as to lengthen or shorten, as might be required. The plows were wooden, the shares and coulter were of iron, while the harrow had wooden teeth. Notwithstanding these inconveniences, it is related that the Douds' farm was kept in a condition that would cause envy among many of the farmers of to-day. His wife, Mary Hutchison, was born June 23, 1782, at Kilrea, county Derry, Ireland, emigrated to America in June, 1789, in company with her parents; located first at Brandywine, later at Middletown, in Allegheny county, Pa., and afterwards in Moon township, Beaver county. Shortly after her marriage she joined the White Oak Flats Presbyterian church, and by the influence of her Christian life secured her husband's entrance into the fold of the same congregation, of which, under its later name of Mount Carmel church, he became a leading and honored member. The union of these worthy pioneers was blessed with eleven children: Agnes, born July 25, 1800, and married, Aug. 28, 1817, to Mahlon T. Stokes; Robert, died in infancy; James H., born Jan. 15, 1805, married, Aug. 16, 1827, to Margaret Caldwell, died Sept. 7, 1856; John, born March 17, 1807, married, Dec., 1832, to Mary McDonald; Benoni D., born Aug. 23, 1809, married in March, 1833, to Mary Irons; Eliza, born Jan. 30, 1813, married, Nov. 7, 1833, to James Moore; Mary Ann, born Nov. 6, 1815; William McC., born Feb. 19, 1818, married, May 6, 1841, to Rebecca Wyant; Edward Hill, born July 27, 1820, married, April 29, 1845, to Maria Fronk; Margaret H., born Oct. 11, 1822, married, April 8, 1841, to Joseph Irons; and Mahlon S., born Dec. 9, 1824, married, April 23, 1850, to Rebecca Brotherton.

B. D. DOUDS, farmer, P. O. Green Garden, was born in Moon township, this county, on the old Douds homestead, where his grandfather, James Hutchison, first settled. The latter was a native of Ireland, and of Scotch descent. Robert Douds, grandfather of B. D., was a light horseman, and was shot from his horse during war. The quarter section of land, which his family were entitled to was never obtained, though it lies in the limits of Beaver county. John Douds, son of Robert, was born near Carlisle, Pa., and at the age of two years was bound to James Braden, who lived at the mouth of Raccoon creek, and was engaged in carrying salt from Carlisle to Beaver county. John Douds was married at the age of twenty-one years to Mary, daughter of James Hutchison and both died in Moon township, he, April 4, 1867, aged nearly eighty-eight years, and she, March 24, 1868, aged nearly eighty-six years. They had the following named children who reached maturity: Agnes (Mrs. Stokes), John, Benoni Dawson (our subject), Edward H., Margaret (Mrs. Irons) and Mahlon S., living, and James H., Elizabeth and William M., deceased. B. D. came to Hopewell township in 1852, and bought the John R. and Mary A. McCune farm. He sold a part of it, retaining sixty-one acres. He also owns a farm of eight-seven acres across the Ohio river. He was married March 16, 1833, to Mary, daughter of Solomon Irons. She died April 29, 1887, aged nearly eighty years. She had five children that reached maturity: Mary (Mrs. Orr), James I., John B. (killed at Spottsylvania, May, 12, 1864), Robert C. and Agnes A. The latter is the wife of William Brunton Smith, and has three children: Mary I., William J. and Dawson D. Mr. Douds is an elder in the Presbyterian church. In politics he is a Republican.

MCALLISTER DUNLAP, farmer, P. O. Murdocksville, was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., Feb. 22, 1819. His grandfather, Thomas Dunlap, was of Scotch-Irish descent. John Dunlap, father of McAllister, was born in Westmoreland county, and married Jane, daughter of John McClure. They came to Beaver county, afterward lived a short time in Washington county, but returned to Beaver county, and bought the old John McComb farm. They were members of the Presbyterian church. Their

children were John, William, Alexander, Lucetta J., McAllister and Violet (twins) and James, who died at the age of sixteen. McAllister Dunlap married Margaret, daughter of Robert Cooley. They are active members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Dunlap has a farm of 107 acres, where he resides, and another farm of sixty-five acres. He is a Democrat, and takes an active interest in local and national affairs.

JOHN C. DUNN, farmer, P. O. Water Cure, was born near Glasgow, Scotland, Nov. 14, 1842. His parents, Walter and Ellen (Brownlee) Dunn came to America with nine children: William Nicol (a son of the mother by a former marriage), Jessie, Catharine, Jeanette, David, Walter, John C., Mary and Ellen. They had two children, Robert and James, born in this country. In 1852 the family settled in Beaver county, where the father died at the age of seventy-two years. John C. was a pit boss at the coal mines of McKeesport for about twenty-five years. In 1882 he came to Beaver county, where he has a farm of sixty-seven acres, a part of the homestead of his father-in-law. His wife is Martha B., daughter of William Shroads. They have six children living: Nettie, John, Ellen, Samuel, James and Alice N. The parents are members of the North Branch Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Dunn is a trustee. In politics he is a Republican.

CHARLES EACHEL, oil producer, P. O. Ethel Landing, was born in Allegheny county, Pa., Oct. 23, 1844. His grandfather, Andrew Eachel, was of German descent, and came from Redstone, Pa., east of the mountains. He settled in Hopewell township in 1810, and died there at the age of ninety-three. His wife, Mary Ann, also died in Hopewell township. His son, Samuel, bought the homestead of his father, and died Feb. 9, 1884, at the age of seventy-six years, a member of the United Presbyterian church. He was a weaver by trade, and lived for many years in Allegheny county, having held office there. He was a Democrat. His wife was Isabelle Johnston, who died at the age of sixty-six years. Of their children seven lived to maturity: Mary Ann, Margaret J., Matilda, Verinda, Louisa E., Elizabeth and Charles. The latter was educated in this county, and here followed farming until the oil business opened a new field of industry. As an oil producer he has been successful. His wife is Sarah J., daughter of Thomas Brunton. Their children are Vinnie L., Charles E., Edna Laura, Edith Lillian and Gertie. The parents are members of the United Presbyterian church. Mr. Eachel has six wells on his farm of 106 acres, all of which is leased, except five acres, which he operates himself.

JOHN H. ECKERT, farmer, P. O. Water Cure, was born in Baden, Germany, Jan. 16, 1828. His parents, John H. and Margaret (Reicherd) Eckert, came to America in 1843, bringing seven children, viz.: Peter, Jacob, John H., Charles, Margaret, Rosa and Adam, William, the eldest son, having come three years before the rest. They settled in Economy township, Beaver county, where the father died at the age of seventy-two. John H. was engaged in butchering in Allegheny City for many years, having learned the trade in Germany. He came to Moon township in 1868, and engaged in farming and dairying, in which he has been successful. He owns nearly 170 acres, which he has greatly improved. His wife, Charlotte Koener, was born March 16, 1834, in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany. They have had eight children: Albert, Emma, Ferdinand, Henry, William, Ernest, Charles and Theodore. The parents are members of the Evangelical Protestant church. Mr. Eckert is a Democrat, and has held several township offices.

WILLIAM P. ELLIOTT, farmer, P. O. Bellowsville, was born in Hubbard township, Trumbull county, Ohio, Sept. 29, 1817. His father, William Elliott, Esq., a native of Ireland, came to this country with his brother James, who settled in Carlisle, Pa., and whose descendants live in Pittsburgh. William settled in Jefferson county, Pa., and subsequently went to Trumbull county, Ohio, with his uncle, Dr. John Mitcheltree. He sold his farm there, and in 1824 came to Moon township and bought the farm where George Sohn now lives. His wife was Margaret Patterson. Their children are Jane, Nancy, Arabella, Ellen, Susan, Rachel, John, William P., James and Thomas. The father died at the age of eighty-three, a member of the Presbyterian church, and the

mother at the age of eighty-five years, a member of the Methodist church. William P. was educated in this county, and owns a farm of eighty-two acres. His wife is Adeline, daughter of George Nickum, and their children are Margaret, Narcissa S., Oliver B., James, Washington and Elizabeth. James and Washington are stockmen in Oregon. The family are members of the North Branch Presbyterian church, of which Oliver B. is an elder. The father and sons are Republicans.

CHRISTIAN ERBECK, farmer, P. O. Water Cure, is a son of Balthasar Erbeck, who was a farmer in Körle, Cur Hesse, Germany, where he died when Christian was fifteen years old. His wife, Mary Miller, also died there. She had four children: Wilhelm and Mary (deceased), Anna M. and Christian, living. Christian learned the saddlery and upholstery business in Germany, and at the age of nineteen came to America, and followed his trade in Pittsburgh and Rochester, where he worked in the car shops, and where he afterward had a shop of his own for two years and a half. He was successful, but was compelled to give up the business on account of ill health. He removed to Moon township, where he followed farming and butchering about twenty years; then ceased butchering, and devoted his whole attention to farming; he still owns a farm of 109 acres. He married Phillipine, daughter of Jacob Wagner. They have four children: Ernest, Walter, Frank and Clara. The family are members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Erbeck is a member of the I. O. O. F. He is a Democrat, has been member of the council several times and member of the school board for fifteen years.

DAVID EWING, farmer, P. O. McCleary, was born in Raccoon township, Beaver county, Pa., in 1818, of Scotch-Irish descent. Five brothers by the name of Ewing came to America at a period anterior to Penn's arrival in the country, and Alexander Ewing, a descendant of these, born in Delaware county, Pa., came to this county in 1788. John, a son of his, married Jane, daughter of David McAllister, also a native of Ireland, and they had seven sons and four daughters, of whom David is the eldest son and third child. Our subject worked on the home farm until his thirtieth year. He received a good common-school education, and at the age of twenty-two learned coopering, a trade he followed ten years. He married, in 1857, Elizabeth, daughter of David Kennedy. She dying, Mr. Ewing was united in wedlock with Sarah Ann, daughter of Elisha and Nancy (Brinton) Thornsburg, of this county, and by her there were four sons and two daughters: R. S., at home; Stanton F., in Kansas; Ellis and Willis (twins, latter deceased); Lizzie and Jennie, at home. Mr. Ewing bought, in 1847, his present farm, consisting of 150 acres. He has held many positions of trust in the county, and was for twenty-one years a justice of the peace; he is a school director, etc. In politics he is a Republican. He and the family are members of the United Presbyterian church.

JAMES M. EWING, farmer, P. O. Holt, was born in 1827, in Raccoon township, the fifth son of John and Jane (McAllister) Ewing, and a descendant of Alexander Ewing referred to in the sketch of David Ewing above. James M. was born and reared on a farm, and for thirty years was a school teacher in his district during the winter months, attending to his farm duties in summer. He is the oldest school teacher in the county south of the river. He was married in 1851 to Nancy Robertson, who bore him five sons and one daughter: Wellington (deceased), William M., Samuel L. (in Illinois), Frank (in Iowa), Lizzie Jane (now Mrs. Rogers) and Alva A. (in Illinois). The mother died in 1865, and Mr. Ewing subsequently married Nancy, daughter of Thomas Purdy, of Allegheny county. Mr. Ewing has been school director, judge and clerk of elections and township auditor. He is a member of Session of Service United Presbyterian church. Politically he is a Republican.

J. H. EWING, merchant, Shippingport, was born in Raccoon township, this county, in 1834, youngest son of John and Jane (McAllister) Ewing. He remained on a farm while a young man, receiving a common-school education, and his first venture in mercantile life began in 1868, when he engaged in the wholesale grain trade in Pittsburgh, continuing three and a half years. Coming to Shippingport in 1871, he embarked in his present general merchandise business. Mr. Ewing was married, in 1864, to Nannie, daughter of James and Jennie (Wallace) Nelson, and by her has three sons: William H.,

J. Wallace and John LeMont. The parents are members of the United Presbyterian church. Mr. Ewing is a Republican.

JAMES P. EWING, farmer, P. O. Holt, was born on the farm he now owns, in Raccoon township, in 1830. Henry Ewing, the eldest child born to Alexander and Margaret (McConnell) Ewing, was brought, when a child, from Lancaster county to Allegheny county, Pa., in 1786, and four years later they moved to Beaver county. The journey was made on horseback, and when crossing the Susquehanna river, the boy slipped from his mother's lap into the water, and but for the timely assistance of the father, who rescued him, would have been drowned. Arriving at maturity, this Henry, with his brother, James, purchased a tract of land known as "Panther Grove," part of the Martin survey, and containing 337 acres, 207 of which are now owned by the subject of this sketch. Henry Ewing married Jane Purdy, of Allegheny county, and three children were born to them; James P., the youngest, secured a common-school education. In 1853 he married Frances, daughter of Samuel Kennedy, and by her had two children: Samuel (deceased) and Caroline, now Mrs. A. A. Christy. The mother dying, Mr. Ewing married Marie, daughter of William Littell, of this county. Nine children blessed this union, five sons and two daughters yet living: Alice Jane, William L., Cyrus Alexander, Mary Frances, Randall Ross, Oliver Sheridan and Horace Warren. The family are members of the United Presbyterian church. Politically Mr. Ewing is a Republican.

WILLIAM EWING, farmer, P. O. McCleary, was born in Raccoon township, in 1825, was reared on the farm, and received a good common-school education. During the early part of his life he traveled through different parts of the West, and in 1862 he enlisted in Company H, 140th Regiment, P. V., serving nearly three years. He participated in the battles of Gettysburg and Spottsylvania, receiving at the latter a wound which incapacitated him from duty for six months, and at the close of the war he returned home. On the death of his father he purchased 100 acres of land—part of the original tract bought by his father. He was elected county commissioner in 1867. He is a member of the United Presbyterian church. In politics he is a Republican and a Prohibitionist.

WILLIAM EWING, farmer, P. O. Frankfort Springs, was born in Frankfort Feb. 5, 1833, and is a son of John Ewing, a native of Allegheny county; His ancestors were natives of Chester county, and of Scotch descent. John was a tanner by trade, and carried on business in Frankfort many years. He was a popular man in the township and filled the office of justice of the peace for many years. He died in 1863 aged sixty-three years. His wife was Sarah, daughter of John Furgeson, and their children were Jane (deceased), Ellen, Sarah A., Eliza, James (deceased) William and John. William was educated at Frankfort Springs, and has been a farmer all his life. He was married, Nov. 13, 1856, to Margaret, daughter of Jacob Keifer, and she is the mother of seven children: John B., William K., Jacob G., Charles S., Margaret, Horace G. and Sarah A., who died at the age of nine years and seven months. Mr. and Mrs. Ewing are members of the Frankfort Springs Presbyterian church, of which he has been a trustee. He is a Republican, and has been elected school director.

DANIEL B. FIGLEY, farmer, P. O. Shafer's, was born on the old Figley homestead in Hopewell township, Dec. 5, 1827. His grandfather was one of the pioneers of Western Pennsylvania. He was of German descent and had five children: Jacob, Hannah, William, Margaret and Elizabeth. William married Nancy, daughter of Daniel Baker, and they had nine children: Margaret, Zachariah, Daniel B., Mary, William, Hannah, Jacob, Sarah and John. The parents were members of Mount Carmel Presbyterian church. They died on the old homestead. Daniel B. married Mary, daughter of James McCallister, and they have four children: William, David, Nancy and Daniel. Mr. and Mrs. Figley are members of Mount Carmel Presbyterian church. He is a Republican, and has held various township offices.

WILLIAM FLOCKER (deceased) was born in Darien, Conn., May 22, 1830, and was a son of Cornelius Flocker, (a native of New York. At the age of nineteen years, Cornel-

ius Flocker was on the brig "General Armstrong" in the war of 1812. This vessel was scuttled and sunk at New Orleans. William Flocker went to Allegheny City when a boy, and there learned the trade of rope maker. He married Eliza Snider Miller, who was born Feb. 22, 1831, in Lewistown, Pa. and who is the fifth descendant from the Duchess of Holland, who came with a colony from Amsterdam in the seventeenth century, and settled near the present site of New York, which they called New Amsterdam. She is the mother of six children: Miller, George C., Frank J., Thomas M., William H. and Washington W. Mr. Flocker came to Bellowsville, Beaver county, in 1873, and in 1876 was killed by a railroad train near Glendale. He kept a store, which has been continued by his widow, who is now postmistress. Three of the sons, George C., William H. and Washington, are engaged in butchering. Mrs. Flocker is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Flocker served in the War of the Rebellion in the 40th Regiment O. V. Mrs. Flocker's parents were Peter and Susan (Young) Miller; the former was a soldier in the War of 1812, a son of Adam and Mary (Ensminger) Miller, who lived at Little York during the Revolution. General Washington was a frequent visitor at their house.

MILLER FLOCKER, merchant, Bellowsville P. O., was born in Steubenville, Ohio, April 28, 1852, and is a son of William and Eliza Snider (Miller) Flocker, natives respectively of Connecticut and Pennsylvania, and of English and German origin. His maternal grandfather, Peter Miller, was a soldier in 1812, as was also his paternal grandfather. His father was a rope maker, and came to Beaver county from Allegheny in 1871, and died in 1876. Miller is the eldest of the family. He traveled considerably in early life in Canada, Michigan and Ohio. He worked at his father's trade, commencing when he was ten years old, and followed it until he was twenty. In 1881 he embarked in the mercantile trade, and at present is running a general store at Vanport, and also one at Bellowsville. He has made his own way in the world and has met with success. He was married April 11, 1878, to Julia Ramsey, of Pittsburgh, and daughter of Samuel and Rebecca (Agnew) Ramsey, natives of Allegheny county and of Scotch-Irish origin. Mr. and Mrs. Flocker are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has been superintendent of the Sabbath school. In politics he is a Prohibitionist.

JAMES A. FORSYTHE, farmer, P. O. Shafer's, was born in Hopewell township, Jan. 27, 1843. His paternal grandfather came from Ireland and settled in Beaver county at an early day. His son Alexander, father of James A., was a farmer most of his life, but followed the river in youth. He was born in Hopewell township, and died there at the age of seventy-six years. He married Aleyan McGary, who is yet living, and had seven children that lived to maturity: Mary J., James A., Rachel A., Agnes, Benjamin, Margaret E. and William H. The latter was drowned in the Ohio river, below Louisville, at the age of eighteen years. James A. was educated in Hopewell township; followed the river for about eighteen years, beginning at the age of eighteen, and was mate of a number of steamers. He now resides on a farm of 106 acres, which he has greatly improved. He was married, in Beaver county, to Caroline, daughter of Michael Mateer, and they have three children: Margaret A., Clara and Harry E. Mr. and Mrs. Forsythe and daughter are members of the North Branch Presbyterian church; politically he is a Democrat.

JOHN N. FRAZER, farmer, P. O. Frankfort Springs, was born July 27, 1836, in Hanover township, Washington county, Pa. His grandfather, Thomas Frazer, was a native of County Down, Ireland, and of Scotch descent. His wife died in Ireland, and he came to America with his son, William H., when the latter was eleven years of age. They came to Hookstown, this county, where William H. was left with his uncle, William Frazer. His father revisited Ireland, but afterward returned to Beaver county. William H. was a miller in early life, then a carpenter and then a merchant; he was engaged in mercantile business in Frankfort about thirty years, and was a popular man, greatly esteemed. He was a Whig, later a Republican, filled many township offices, and was once a candidate for associate judge of Beaver county. He was for many years an

elder in the United Presbyterian church of Frankfort. His wife was Mary, daughter of John Nelson, one of the pioneers of Greene township. She had seven children: John N., James T., Thomas S., William M., Mary E., Margaret J. and Robert L. John M. was educated in this county, and married Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Bryarly. They have three children: Robert B., James T. and Lizzie J. Mr. Frazer, his wife and family are members of the United Presbyterian church. He served in the Civil War, being orderly sergeant of Company G, 168th regiment. His brothers, James T. and Thomas S., served in Company F, 46th regiment. Mr. Frazer owns two farms containing eighty-four and forty acres, respectively. He is a Republican, and has filled nearly all the township offices.

SOLOMON FRONK, farmer, P. O. Hookstown, was born in Allegheny county, Pa., May 24, 1816. His great-grandfather came from Germany. His grandfather, Jacob Fronk, was born in Eastern Pennsylvania, and afterward came to Beaver county, where he died. His son, George, came with him to this county, and was a farmer in Raccoon township. He finally moved to Ohio, where he died at the age of seventy-five years. His wife was Rebecca, daughter of Casper Metts, and died in Ohio, aged over seventy years. They had nine children: Solomon, Lavina, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Maria, Sarah, Elmira, George and John. Solomon moved to this county with his parents, in 1828. He has been a successful farmer, and owns 118 acres of land in Greene township. He married Rosannah, daughter of John Cristler, whose father, Michael was one of the pioneers of Beaver county. She was born in Ohio in 1820, and they have four children: John, Rebecca, Sarah and Elizabeth. The parents are members of the Episcopal church; in politics Mr. Fronk is a Democrat.

FREDERICK FUCHS, farmer and gardener, P. O. Water Cure, was born in Sausenheim, Canton Frankenthal Phaltz, Germany, Sept. 29, 1817, and is a son of Adam and Eve (Neushafer) Fuchs, both of whom died in Germany. They had seven children. One of the two sons, Henry, spent a short time in this county, and returned to Germany. Frederick was educated in Germany and learned his trade there. He came to America in 1848, returned to Germany in 1849, and in 1850 came again to America, bringing with him the Hartenbach family. In the latter year he married Fredericka Hartenbach, who bore him four children: Katie, Daniel, Adam and Emma. Daniel and Katie (Mrs. Niemes) live in Cincinnati. Mr. Fuchs owns a farm of 100 acres, which his son manages. His second wife was Mrs. Anna C. Walter, *nee* Schaffer. He is a member of the Evangelical church.

JOHN S. GIBB, farmer, P. O. Clinton, is a great-grandson of Alexander Gibb, a native of Botriphnie, Scotland, who was born Nov. 11, 1751, and coming to this country settled on the farm where John S. now resides, in the year 1794, and died there. The place was first entered by a Mr. Maxwell, who sold to George McElhaney, and he to Alexander Gibb. His wife, Jane Innes, was born in Botriphnie, Scotland, in May, 1757. They had eight children: Anna, Adam, Margaret, John, Alexander, Martha, Mary and Jean. Alexander Gibb owned four farms at his death which he left by will, one farm to Adam, one to John, one to Alexander and the homestead to Anna and Margaret; the rest of the heirs receiving their shares in money. Adam Gibb, son of Alexander Gibb, was born in Piqua, Scotland, in October, 1785, and died Sept. 27, 1855. His wife, Susannah Duncan, was born Oct. 10, 1781, and died May 10, 1849; both were members of the Seceder's church of Service, of which he was an elder for many years. Their children were Alexander, John A. and Jane. Alexander, grandson of Alexander Gibb, came into possession of the homestead. He married Ruth Tagert, who was born about 1820, and died July 10, 1884. He was born March 11, 1812, in Hanover township, and died March 24, 1882. They had no children. The homestead, called "Prosperity," finally descended to John S., its present owner, who has 207 acres. John A., father of John S., was born in this county July 16, 1814, and died Jan. 30, 1888. He was a machinist, and built many of the old fashioned threshing machines. He married Sarah, daughter of John Shaffer. She was born in 1821, and died July 25, 1874. She had four children who lived to maturity: Susannah (Mrs.

Elder), Sarah E. (married to William Whiston), Emma (died at the age of eighteen) and John S. The latter moved to the old Gibb homestead in 1879. He was married in Cambridge, Ohio, and afterward lived four and a half years in Noble county, Ohio. His wife is Jane, daughter of James and Margaret Geary. They are both members of the United Presbyterian church of Clinton. They have two sons: Wilbert C. and and Willis G. Mr. Gibb is a Republican.

JOHN A. GIBB, Esq., farmer, P. O. Harshaville, was born July 16, 1814, in Hanover township, a son of Adam Gibb. The latter, a native of Scotland, came to this country with his parents, Alexander and Jane (Innes) Gibb, both natives of Scotland and members of the old Seceder's church. They were weavers by occupation, and came to America in 1787 or 1788, settling on Peter's creek, in Washington county, Pa. They afterward came to Independence township and settled on Prosperity farm, where they remained until their deaths. They had eight children: Anna, Adam, Margaret, John, Alexander, Martha and Mary (twins) and Jean. Adam was born in October, 1785, in Piqua, Scotland, settled in Hanover township in 1811, and died there Sept. 27, 1855. He was married, May 13, 1811, to Susannah, daughter of John Duncan, and born Oct. 10, 1781, died May 10, 1849. She had three children: Alexander, John A. and Jane. John A., who is the only son living, is a well-educated and well-informed man. He has been twice married: first to Sarah, daughter of John and Mary (Geary) Shafer. She left three children, now living: Mrs. Susannah Elder, John S. and Mrs. Sarah E. Whiston. Mr. Gibb's present wife, Ann, is a daughter of Samuel Bigger (deceased). Mr. and Mrs. Gibb are members of the United Presbyterian church, and he is a member of Session. He is a Republican, and has been justice of the peace fifteen years.

WILLIAM GILLILAND, farmer, P. O. Cometsburgh, was born June 6, 1822, in Hanover township, Washington county. His grandfather, James Gilliland, was of Scotch-Irish descent. He had three children: John, James and Margaret. Of these James married Jennie Anderson, a native of York county, Pa., and they lived in the vicinity of Frankfort after they came to Western Pennsylvania. The father died in 1862 at the age of sixty, in Beaver county, and the mother died in Washington county ten years later, at the same age. They were both church members. Their children were Margaret, Archibald, Elizabeth, David, Eleanor, James, Jane, Lucinda, William and George B. William was put to work at an early age, and for this reason his education was limited. He was the chief support of his mother after his father's death, the other children all marrying. He was married, Nov. 11, 1847, to Elizabeth, daughter of Joshua and Jane (Hooper) Witherspoon, early pioneers of Washington county. She is the mother of eight children: Jane L., James W., Mary E. (died at the age of twenty-one years), Lizzie A., William O., Lucy L., Maggie E. and Mattie B. Mrs. Gilliland died Oct. 26, 1877, aged fifty years. She was a faithful member of the United Presbyterian church, as are all the family. Mr. Gilliland has been an elder in three different churches. He is a Republican. As a farmer and business man he has been successful, for he started poor and now owns two farms, one of 138 acres and the other of seventy acres.

JOSEPH GILMORE, farmer, P. O. Shoustown, is a son of Archibald and Jane (Bigam) Gilmore. Archibald Gilmore is a native of Ireland, and of Scotch descent. He came to this country in 1829, and first settled near Pittsburgh. His wife is a daughter of Joseph Bigam, who settled here about 1812. They are members of the United Presbyterian church. They have had three sons and one daughter: James, Joseph, Alexander, and Sarah, who died young. Joseph and Alexander enlisted Aug. 15, 1862, in Company I, 140th Regiment, P. V., and served until the close of the war, and were in many battles. Joseph was taken prisoner at Gettysburg and suffered the horrors of prison life at Belle Isle and other Southern prisons until exchanged. After the war he returned home, and has followed farming ever since. He is a Republican.

DORSEY K. GLASS, farmer, P. O. Hookstown, was born Oct. 30, 1838. His grandfather, Robert Glass, was born in Washington county, Pa., and was of Irish descent; and his son, John, a farmer by occupation, was also born in Washington county. He was taken to West Virginia by his father when quite young, and died in Hancock county, aged

seventy-two years. He married Rachel, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Pentecost) Kinney. She is still living at the age of seventy-one years, and is the mother of seven children: Malinda, Dorsey K., Eliza J., Rachel H., John T., Andrew J., and Lawrence W. Dorsey K. worked for his father until he was twenty-five years old, and received a horse and cow as his reward. He has been a successful farmer, and owns 115 acres. He married Elizabeth A., daughter of Ebenezer Langfitt, and born in 1836, in Hancock county, W. Va. She has one son, Harry G. L., born Sept. 18, 1868. Mr. Glass is a Democrat.

WILLIAM C. GOLL, farmer, P. O. Shafer's, was born in Knittlingen, Württemberg, Germany, Oct. 25, 1839. His parents, Jacob F. and Anna C. (Burk) Goll, died in Germany. They had four children, all of whom came to this country. Their names were William C., Jacob F., John T. and Christina. William C. came to this country in 1853, and settled in Philadelphia, where he learned the shoemaker's trade. He removed to Economy, Beaver county, in 1855, and followed his trade there. He subsequently went to Pittsburgh, and carried on coopering for one year; then engaged in business in Freedom, where he remained eighteen years, and at the expiration of that time came to Moon township, purchased the Daniel Baker farm of ninety-three and a quarter acres, and has since been engaged in farming. He was married, in Pittsburgh, to Caroline Bayha, a native of Württemberg, and they have the following-named children: Emma (wife of Otto Kind), Catharine, Maggie, Louis R. and Jacob. The parents are members of the Evangelical church. Mr. Goll is president of the school board; politically he is a Democrat.

ROBERT GORSUCH, farmer, P. O. Service, was born Jan. 19, 1825. His grandfather, John Gorsuch, was a native of Ireland, but of Scotch extraction. The family were Protestants, and strict adherents of the old Covenanters church. John came to America when a young man and settled in Maryland, where Robert Gorsuch, Sr., was born. Robert came across the mountains at the age of six years, in 1798, with his father, when the Indians were numerous in Pennsylvania. He settled in Washington county, and at one time, when pursued by the Indians, swam the Ohio river with his son Robert on his back. John Gorsuch died near Paris, Pa., in 1828. His wife, Nancy McClelland, was a native of Scotland, and became the mother of six children: Robert, David, Thomas, John, Sarah and Rebecca. Robert Gorsuch, Sr., married Elizabeth, daughter of James McCoy, and by her had four children: John, James, Robert and Rachel. By his second wife he had five children. His third wife was Nancy Cooper, who had no issue. Robert Gorsuch, Sr., was a farmer and died in 1871. Robert, Jr., owns the farm of 230 acres where he lives, and two of 160 acres each in Hanover township, where his sons Robert A. and John M. reside. Our subject married Maria, daughter of Richard Cooper. She is the mother of three children: Robert A., John M. and Nancy J. All the family are members of the United Presbyterian church, and Mr. Gorsuch is an elder in the Hanover church. He is a Republican in politics, and a warm advocate of the principles of prohibition.

SAMUEL GORSUCH, farmer, P. O. Service, is a son of Robert and Nancy (Searight) Gorsuch, who had five children: Eliza J., Margaret, Samuel, Martha and Mary Ann. Samuel was reared and educated in this county, and has been a successful farmer and stockman. He owns 156 acres which he and his father have greatly improved, the land lying in a wilderness when the latter first settled on it. Samuel Gorsuch married Martha J., daughter of John and Mary (Anderson) Brunton. By her he has two children: Mary A. and Robert Wilson. The parents are members of Mount Olivet Presbyterian church. Mr. Gorsuch is a Republican; has been justice of the peace for nine years, and has held other township offices.

ROBERT GREENE, farmer, P. O. New Sheffield, was born in Hopewell township, July 6, 1863. His grandfather, William Greene, settled here in 1790, and married Mary Boyd for his second wife. They had four children. Their son, William Greene, married Sarah E., daughter of Robert McCartney. She was born July 27, 1840, and died March 30, 1872. She had four children: Robert, Mary (deceased), Jennie and

Lillie. William Greene owns a farm of 120 acres. Robert Greene owns a farm of sixty-nine acres. He was married Dec. 2, 1886, to Belle B., daughter of James Marks (deceased). All the members of the Greene family belong to the United Presbyterian church.

GEORGE N. HALL, farmer, P. O. New Sheffield, was born in Raccoon township, this county, Dec. 9, 1836, a son of James F. Hall, who came to Raccoon township where his father bought 400 acres of land, of which James F. got 100 acres. The Hall family were early settlers in Beaver county. George N. was educated in his native county, and became a tiller of the soil. In 1861 he came to Hopewell township, where he owns a farm of 112 acres. He married Lizzie, daughter of James McCormick; she is the mother of four children: Mrs. Nettie Mercer, James K., Adda B. and George Mc. Mr. and Mrs. Hall are members of the Raccoon United Presbyterian church. In politics he is a Republican.

J. R. HALL, merchant, P. O. Shippingport, is a grandson of Robert Hall, who was a farmer of Chartiers, Allegheny county, and died in Freedom. His ancestors were English and Scotch. His son James, father of J. R., was a well-known boat-builder on the Ohio, and is still living at the age of eighty-six years. He married Isabella, daughter of George Baker, who was taken prisoner by the Indians. She died in this county, the mother of nine children, who are all living. J. R. was educated in Beaver county, and followed boat building for fourteen years. He then farmed one year, and has since been in mercantile business. He has been in business in Shippingport for sixteen years; he also deals in grain and wool. He married Lizzie A., daughter of David Gilliland, and they have three children: William G., Sarah B. and Lina. Mr. and Mrs. Hall are members of the Presbyterian church; politically he is a Republican. David Gilliland was a foreman in the laboratory at the Pittsburgh arsenal, where, at the age fifty-three years, he was killed in the fatal explosion.

ZACHARIAH HALL, farmer, P. O. New Sheffield, was born Sept. 11, 1833, in Freedom, Beaver county, Pa. His grandfather, Robert Hall, was born in Lancaster county, Pa., of Scotch descent. He owned 400 acres of land in Raccoon township, and afterward removed to Freedom, where died. His wife was Isabella Fowler, who died at the age of ninety-three years. They had twelve children. Two of his sons, Benjamin and James, came first to Raccoon township, where they built a cabin and remained until spring, when the family came on. The sons built a large distillery on their father's farm, and Benjamin conducted the distillery when whisky sold for twenty five cents a gallon in the barrel. He finally removed to Freedom, where he followed the trade of ship carpenter, and later came to Hopewell township, where he resided until his death. He was eighty-three years old June 17, 1887, and died Sept. 3, 1887. His wife, who was Elizabeth, daughter of Zachariah Figley, died aged about seventy-six years. She had four children: Isabella, Margaret and Nancy (twins) and Zachariah, the latter of whom was reared and educated in this county. Mr. Hall has been constable, supervisor, election judge and inspector, and is postmaster at New Sheffield. He owns a farm of 104 acres, and his father owned one of about 118 acres. His wife was Ellen, daughter of Charles Barry. She died of consumption, Jan. 16, 1864, aged twenty-seven years. She left two children: J. P. and Eleanor J. (Mrs. Bruce). J. P. received his education in the schools and academies of Beaver county. He was admitted at the university of Ann Arbor as a law student in the fall of 1885, and got his diploma from the university in July, 1887. He was admitted to the bar at Ann Arbor, Mich., at the Common Pleas Court, and shortly afterward at the Supreme Court in Lansing, Mich.; was admitted to the bar in Pittsburgh, Allegheny county, in September, 1887, and is now practicing law in Pittsburgh: office, 408 Grant street. He taught school in Beaver county four years. The Hall family are members of the United Presbyterian church.

ADAM HARTENBACH, farmer, P. O. Water Cure, was born in Rhein Baiern, Germany, Dec. 19, 1832, a son of Conrad and Fredericka (Hamman) Hartenbach, both natives of Germany. They came to America in 1852, with the following named children: Catharine Schlupp (daughter of Mrs. Hartenbach by a former husband);

Barbara, now the wife of J. Vogt; Fredericka, now the wife of F. Fuchs; Elizabeth (now deceased); Jacob, of Ohio, Christopher and Adam. The last named was educated in Germany, where he learned the blacksmith's trade with his father. The family settled in Moon township, and the father died there Dec. 24, 1871, aged seventy-two years. The mother died Oct. 10, 1884, aged eighty-eight years. They were both members of the German United Evangelical Protestant church of Phillipsburgh. Adam was married here, March 15, 1863, to Rosa Eckert, and they have two children: Henry C. and Rosa F. The parents are members of the above mentioned church, of which Mr. Hartenbach has been a trustee for fourteen years. He owns the homestead of 100 acres. He is a Democrat, and has been school director six years.

WILLIAM HARTFORD, farmer, P. O. Murdocksville, was born in Hanover township, Beaver county, Pa. His great-grandparents, James and Nancy (Armor) Hartford were born in Ireland, of Scotch descent, and were among the very first settlers in Hanover township, locating on what is known as the McClung farm, now owned by Joseph Cooley. Their children were William, James, Thomas, John, Abraham, Peggy, Polly (or Mary), Julia, Nancy, Rachel and Mrs. Valina Smith. Of these William married twice; by his first wife, Margaret Morrison, he had four children: James, John, Jane and Matilda. His second wife, Nancy Caughey, had no children. James, father of our subject, and a farmer by occupation, married Sarah, daughter of David and Mary (McGeehen) Elder. She died Feb. 20, 1886, aged eighty-four years, and James Hartford died March 14, 1878, aged seventy-six years; both were members of the Presbyterian church. Their children were Mary, William and Elder D. The latter served during the Civil War, as one of the Burdan sharpshooters, Company A, Second Regiment, U. S. A. He participated in many engagements including Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. He died in Wisconsin from the effects of a wound in the ankle. William and Mary have the farm of 205 acres. He also owns another farm of 146 acres. Politically he is a Democrat.

MIL0 A. HOLMES, farmer, P. O. Shafer's, was born in Independence township, this county, May 17, 1827. His parents, Joseph and Jennie (McComes) Holmes, natives of Ireland, settled in Independence township and died there. They had ten children: John, Maria, Lazarus, Rachel, Joseph, George, James, Jane, Leander and Milo A., all of whom lived to maturity. Milo A. was raised on a farm, the pursuits of which he followed all his life. He owns a farm of 140 acres in Independence township. He has been twice married. His first wife, Nancy, daughter of William McElhaney, died at the age of twenty-seven years, leaving three children: William, Joseph and George. His second wife, Margaret A., daughter of John Short, died Jan. 25, 1886. She had one child, Elizabeth S. Mr. Holmes is an elder of the North Branch Presbyterian church. He is a Republican, politically.

WILLIAM HUNTER, foreman, P. O. Water Cure, was born Feb. 28, 1850. His great-grandfather, Enoch Hunter, was born in Ireland, and was of Scotch descent. He came to America and settled in New Jersey, where his son, Enoch, was born, and at the age of nineteen years, settled on Brush Creek, in New Sewickley township, Beaver county, Pa., where he was engaged in farming. He died at the age of ninety-three years, his wife, Mary (Musser), at the age of eighty-nine. They had eleven children: Abraham, Caroline, John, Abel, Margaret, Samuel, William, Mary, Thomas, Kate (deceased) and Nancy. Of these, John is a farmer near the old homestead. His wife, Ellen Wines, of Washington county, Pa., died in 1880, of cancer. They had seven children: Sarah, George, Lizzie, Bob (deceased), Albert (deceased), Mary and William. William left home at the age of nine years. He worked at farming three years, then on a canal one summer, and afterward learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed until 1880. In that year he took a contract to build the Phoenix Glass Works, with which he has ever since been connected. After the burning of the original building in 1883, he erected the present structure, and he is foreman of the etching department. He is married to Barbara Bloom, and they have eight children: Clara, John, Lester, Elmer, Willie, Olive, Leo and Clyde. Mr. Hunter is a Democrat.

JAMES A. INGLES, farmer, P. O. McCleary, was born in Raccoon township, Beaver county, Pa., in 1840, son of James and Nancy Ingles, parents of four children, James A. being the third. Mrs. Nancy Ingles had been previously married to a Mr. Purdy. James Ingles, grandfather of our subject, came from Scotland to America, and soon after his arrival located in this county. His children were Andrew, John, Isabella, James, Nathaniel, Eliza. Our subject was reared on the farm where he was born, and received a common-school education. He married, July 1, 1869, Lizzie, daughter of John McClester, of this county, and five children were born to them: John A., Clara B., Nathaniel W., William Leroy and Nanjie Ella. Mr. Ingles now owns the farm, part of the original tract purchased by his grandfather. He has been school director; is a member of the United Presbyterian church; in politics a Republican. Mr. Ingles has one sister living, Mrs. N. J. Kerr.

JAMES A. IRONS, justice of the peace, P. O. Water Cure, was born Jan. 12, 1837, in Hopewell township, on the river bank, the site being washed away by the flood. John Irons, father of James A., was born in the old Irons homestead, and married Ann, daughter of Joseph Moore. He died March 11, 1851, aged forty-two years, and his wife died March 18, same year, both being victims of the Hookstown fever. He was a ruling elder in the United Presbyterian church, had accumulated considerable property, and stood high in the community. In politics he was a Whig. He had seven children: Joseph, James A., Elizabeth A., Rachel J., Rcsannah, John D. and Margaret A. James A. was a blacksmith before and during the war. He was assistant engineer and blacksmith on the Mississippi flotilla, on the ram, "Lioness," operating on the lower Mississippi. After the destruction of the rebel fleet at Memphis the town was surrendered to Captain John M. Shrodes, of the ram "Lioness." After the war, Mr. Irons returned to Phillipsburg where he followed his trade at times, but has been engaged principally in the real estate business. He has been justice of the peace since 1888, and is filling his second term of office as Burgess. He was married in Moon township to Margaretta Quinn. Her grandfather, William Quinn, made the cordage for Commodore Perry's fleet on Lake Erie, and his descendants became noted men in Northern Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Irons have had four children: John E., Anna E. (deceased at the age of eighteen), James Clyde and Will. Bert. Mr. Irons is a member of the Equitable Aid Union, and of Rochester Post G. A. R. In 1870, while in Virginia, he was a local minister of the Methodist church, a position he filled three years. While in Washington, in 1873, he was a sub-contractor on the James Creek Canal, where he was engaged six months.

WILLIAM W. IRONS, farmer, P. O. Woodlawn, was born Jan. 9, 1814, on the old Irons homestead in Hopewell township. His grandfather, James Irons, lived and died in Ireland. He had six children, of whom Joseph first came to America and settled in Washington county, Pa., where he died. His son John, better known as Major John Irons, kept public-house in Washington county and Pittsburgh. His son Joseph was educated at West Point, and served in the Mexican war under Gen. Scott. He became a colonel, and distinguished himself at the storming of Chapultepec. Samuel and Solomon Irons, sons of John, came to America and settled near Noblestown, Pa. Solomon married Rachel Dixon, removed to Hopewell township in 1807, and with his father-in-law bought 300 acres of land, of which he retained 200 acres. He died in 1845 aged seventy-one years. He and his family were members of the Seceder's church. His wife died in 1829, aged forty-seven years. They had twelve children: James, Rachel, Rosannah, Mary, George, John, William W., Elizabeth (died at the age of fourteen years), Joseph, Andrew (a United Presbyterian minister, who had charge of two congregations, Portersville and Mountville, Lawrence county, Samuel and Agnes (died at the age of six years). William W. and Joseph are the only ones living. William W. received a common-school education, attending fourteen different schools. He has been a successful farmer and owns about 250 acres of land, besides Crow's Island. His first wife was Hannah Dixon. She died here at she age of forty-three years. She was the mother of eight children, three of whom are dead: Rachel, Leander and Agnes. The living are

Sarah, John D. (sheriff of Beaver county), Martha, James and Davison. The latter is a minister of the United Presbyterian church of Barlow, Ohio. Mr. Irons' present wife is Sarah J., daughter of Archibald Harper, and by her he has two sons, Harper and Joseph. He has been an elder in the United Presbyterian church since 1852. He was formerly a Whig, and is now a Republican.

JOSEPH IRONS, farmer, P. O. Woodlawn, was born May 8, 1818, on the old Irons homestead, where his father, Solomon Irons, settled in 1808. The latter, a son of James Irons, and a native of Ireland, came to this country at the age of fifteen years and finally settled in Allegheny county, where he married Rachel, daughter of George Dixon, one of the pioneers of Allegheny county. She died in June, 1828, aged forty-seven years. She had seven sons and five daughters. Solomon Irons came to Hopewell township and bought 100 acres of land, to which he added by subsequent purchase. He died here in 1847, aged seventy-one years. He was a prominent member of the Seceder's church. His son Joseph followed the river for twelve years, beginning at the age of sixteen years, then returned to the farm, and owns 115 acres. His wife is Margaret H., daughter of John Douds. Their children are Rev. John D., president of Muskingum College, Ohio; Rachel D., Rev. William D., pastor United Presbyterian congregation, of McDonald, Pa.; Joseph M., Mary A., Elizabeth J. and James H., a bookkeeper in Pittsburgh. The parents are members of the United Presbyterian congregation of Ohio, of which Mr. Irons has been ruling elder for fifteen years. He was formerly a Whig, and is now a Republican. His first vote was cast for General Harrison for president. He has been supervisor and county commissioner.

WILLIAM JOHNSON (deceased) was a farmer of Hopewell township. He died of consumption, May 4, 1877. He was twice married: first to Jane Barry, by whom he had two sons Michael B. and J. Preston. His second marriage was with Sarah A. Neely, who survives him. She was born in Moon township, Allegheny county, on the old Neely homestead, settled by her grandfather, who at one time owned 1,000 acres. Her parents were Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Boyd) Neely, the former of whom died at the age of eighty years, and the latter at the age of seventy-two. They had eight children: George, Letitia and Esther (deceased), and Matilda (Mrs. Thompson), Samuel, Sarah A., Nancy and James, living, the last two residing on the old homestead. Sarah A. was married to William Johnson, Dec. 10, 1868. She has no children. She is a member of the United Presbyterian church, and resides on the farm of 250 acres belonging to her late husband's sons.

THE JOLLY FAMILY. The representatives of the Jolly family resident in Beaver county are descended from revolutionary stock, their progenitor having been Colonel Henry Jolly, a brave officer during that eventful struggle, who afterward settled in Marietta, Ohio, became a distinguished citizen, and presided as Judge over the first court held in that state. His wife, formerly a Miss Gheist, was no less distinguished as the victim of Indian atrocities. She was scalped and tomahawked, and though the wound never healed, she survived this barbarity for forty-three years, and died at an advanced age. The children of Colonel and Mrs. Jolly were William, Kenzie, Albert and Sidy, wife of Vashel Dickerson. Kenzie Jolly was born in 1778 in Washington county, Ohio, where his life was devoted to the pursuits of a farmer. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Dickerson, born in 1795, and still living in her native county. Their children are Rachel (Mrs. John Ankrim, of New Orleans); Rebecca (Mrs. Abner Martin, of Washington county, Ohio.); Sidy (Mrs. Charles Hutchison, of Phillipsburg); Henry (of Washington county); Dickerson and Andrew Jackson, residing in Phillipsburg; Alpheus B., who removed to Keokuk, Iowa; William M., who died in infancy; Electa M. (wife of James Hutchison, of Washington county); and Owen F., of Dayton, Ky. Andrew Jackson Jolly was born May 23, 1828, in Washington county, Ohio, where he resided until 1844, availing himself during his boyhood of such advantages of education as the primitive schools of the day afforded. At the age of sixteen he came to Pittsburgh and embarked as a boatman on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, beginning as a deck hand and advancing through various grades until he became cap-

tain of a steamer. This was continued until 1866, when he engaged in prospecting and drilling for oil in Beaver county, a venture in which his accumulated savings were speedily absorbed without a corresponding return. He then resumed the life of a boatman, and continued this pursuit until 1872, when the business in which he is at present engaged had its beginning in the furnishing of stone for large buildings, and cobble stones for street paving. Like many great enterprises, the business of A. J. Jolly & Sons, Limited, has developed from small beginnings, and is the outgrowth of hard labor, perseverance and indomitable energy. It is unnecessary to detail here the obstacles overcome, the severe toil necessary to secure cobble stones from the river banks, and finally the opposition met from older firms in the same business. These have been happily overcome, and the subjects of this sketch now rank among the most successful contractors in the state. The first contract was awarded them by the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad Company, since which time they have been largely engaged in furnishing stone and masonry for this road and other railroads in various portions of this country. The firm supplied the stone for the Pittsburgh courthouse and custom house; built a bridge one and a half miles long and 103 feet high on the Ohio River Railroad at Point Pleasant, W. Va.; erected the bridge at Parkersburg in the same state, furnished the stone for Lock Number Four on the Monongahela river, and for the bridge at Cold Centre, Pa., on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. For five years nearly all the masonry and stone work on the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad has been done by them. Mr. Jolly has for many years devoted his time to business, and given little attention to politics. He supports the nominees of the Democratic party, but is not himself ambitious for office. He was married, Sept. 26, 1850, to Miss Sarah, eldest daughter of Captain John M. Shrodes, of Beaver county, and their children were William A. (deceased), John K., Albert M., Marilla E. (married to J. D. Anderson), Eddie (deceased), and Frank L. Mr. Jolly has relegated the details of the business largely to his sons, who are his partners. The eldest of these,

John K. Jolly, was born March 20, 1854, in Phillipsburg, and spent his early youth with his parents. He received instruction at the common schools, and at the age of fifteen began the life of a pilot on the Ohio river, making Pittsburgh and Louisville his objective points. Continuing thus employed for six years, he then engaged in the retail coal business in his native county. In 1874 he became associated with his father as a general contractor in stone and stone work, to which business he gives his exclusive attention. He is much of the time in Pittsburgh, where the main offices of the firm are located, or superintending the work in the field. His presence is also frequently required at the quarries in Beaver and Lawrence counties. Mr. Jolly was married, July 3, 1873, to Emeline G., daughter of Samuel Cameron, of Pittsburgh, and their children are Birdie G., Sadie, Alice C. and A. Eugene. Mr. Jolly is connected with no orders other than Rochester Lodge, A. O. U. W. Though interested in local politics he has never accepted office.

Albert M. Jolly, the second living son of Andrew J. Jolly, was born Dec. 11, 1855, in Phillipsburg, and received a modest English education in his native town, after which he spent two terms at Duff's Mercantile College, in Pittsburgh, from which he graduated in 1874. Returning to Phillipsburg he at once became interested with his father in the business of contracting, and is now the secretary and treasurer of the firm of A. J. Jolly & Sons, Limited. This was at that date chiefly confined to the quarrying of stone, but has since been largely extended, and made its principals well known throughout the state as contractors. Mr. Jolly gives much attention to the details of the business, and is frequently to be found in various localities where work is progressing, West Virginia having recently been his base of operations. He was, on the 23d of March, 1882, married to Jennie E., daughter of S. J. and Elmira Small, of Beaver Falls. Their only child is a son, Clarence D., born March 30, 1883, in Beaver Falls, his parents' home. Mr. Jolly is a member of Valley Echo Lodge, No. 622, I. O. O. F., of Beaver Falls; of Lone Rock Lodge, No. 222, K. of P., also of Beaver Falls, and of Mechanics Lodge, No. 28, A. O. U. W.

JAMES JORDAN, farmer, P. O. Ethel's Landing, was born Feb. 20, 1813, in Hopewell township, one and a quarter miles from where he now resides. His grandfather, James Jordan, was a native of Ireland, and came to this country with his wife and son John, before the Revolution. He entered the Continental army, and fought the battles of Germantown, Brandywine and others, under General Washington. At the battle of Germantown, having no gun of his own, he seized one of a fallen comrade, and did good service. He made four charges for a battery and finally captured it, receiving several bullets in his hat and clothes. He was taken prisoner and nearly starved to death, and his best team was stolen by the Hessians. He lived in Philadelphia county on the Schuylkill river, came west in 1784 and settled on the farm now owned by Charles Eachel, in Hopewell township. He died at the home of his daughter, Margaret, in Allegheny county, aged eighty-six years. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church. He was twice married, and his children were John, William, Jane and Margaret. William married Elizabeth Ann, daughter of George McClellan. Their children were James, George, John, Margaret, Eleanor, Jane, Nancy E. and Mary A. William Jordan was an elder in the Presbyterian church, and died at the age of sixty-seven years where his son James now lives. His wife died Oct. 17, 1864, aged seventy-four years. James Jordan was a farmer all his life, except eighteen months, when he was a ticket and freight agent for the P. & L. E. railroad company. He owns about eighty-three acres, and a two-thirds interest in the remainder of the old homestead. He is a member of the Presbyterian church; in politics is an independent Democrat.

EDWARD KAYE. Mr. Kaye is of English parentage. His grandfather, Joshua Kaye, resided in Yorkshire, England, until 1817, the year of his removal to Pittsburgh, Pa., where he spent the remainder of his life. He married Hannah Poole, also of English birth, and their children were as follows: William, Joseph, David, Edward, Timothy P., Mary and Lydia, of whom all but the eldest three were born on American soil. The birth of David Kaye occurred at Henry Bridge, Huddersfield, Yorkshire, England, in 1817, from whence he came, when a child, with his parents, to America. Settling in Pittsburgh, he at an early age learned the trade of a glass blower, and until his recent retirement from active labor, was a skillful workman in the latter city. By his marriage with Sarah Jane McCoy were born children as follows: Edward K., Mary K. (Mrs. James B. Simpson), David K., Jr., Sarah J., Hannah P., Belle (wife of Edward Eaststep), Timothy P. and George B. Edward Kaye, the eldest of these children, was born Aug. 6, 1854, in Pittsburgh, and spent much of his early youth with his grandparents in Washington county. His education was limited to the common English branches, and the years usually devoted to study were spent in acquiring the glass blower's trade, his first employers being Messrs. Atterbury & Co., of Pittsburgh. A year later he entered the works of Messrs. Plunkett & Co., of the same city, where his father was assistant foreman, and finally completed his apprenticeship with Messrs. Chandler & Hogan. Mr. Kaye followed his trade at various points, and in 1880 came to Phillipsburg as a glass blower for the Phoenix Glass Company. In February, 1881, he was made foreman of the works, and now fills that responsible position. In politics the subject of this biography is a Republican, and has been active in municipal affairs as member for four years of the common council of the borough of Phillipsburg. Mr. Kaye was married, in December, 1875, to Anna Catherine Koedle, of Butler, Butler county, Pa., and their children are two sons: Melvin Wesley and Clarence Edward. Mr. Kaye is connected with various orders, being a member of Rochester Lodge, No. 229, F. & A. M.; of Eureka Chapter No. 167, of Rochester; of Rochester Lodge, No. 786, I. O. O. F.; No. 99, K. of P., of Phillipsburg; of No. 921, R. A., and of the J. O. A. M., No. 24, also of Phillipsburg.

JOHN KEBER, glass worker, P. O. Water Cure, was born in Allegheny City, Oct. 18, 1851. His parents, Michael and Elizabeth (Keefer) Keber, who were both natives of Germany, lived many years in Allegheny City and Pittsburgh. They had two children, who are now living: Henry A. and John. The mother died in Pittsburgh. The father, who is a farmer in Moon township, married for his second wife Elizabeth Sitzman.

John Keber was educated in Pittsburgh, and at an early age began labor in the glass works. He worked at Bellaire, Ohio, from 1872 to 1877, returning to Pittsburgh in the latter year. In 1880 he came to Phillipsburg, and was one of the founders and stockholders of the Phoenix Glass Company. He married Mattie, daughter of Leonard Hahn, one of the pioneers of Phillipsburg, and they have had two children: Nora Lee, born Feb. 1, 1886, died July 1 the same year; and Edward E., born April 21, 1887. Mr. Keber is a Republican; a member of Rochester Lodge, No. 274, K. of P.

WILLIAM KEIFER, farmer, P. O. Frankfort Springs, is a son of Jacob Keifer, and was born Dec. 17, 1837. He was raised and educated in this township, and is a wide-awake farmer, managing a farm of 183 acres. He married Miss Martha Strouss, who died Aug. 22, 1884, a faithful, loving wife and devoted Christian. She had nine children: Jane M., Emily E., Agnes M., David S., Jacob F., Dickey, Martha M. and Anna B., twins, and William H. Three of the children died: Dickey, March 15, 1874; Anna B., Sept. 3, 1875; Jane M., March 18, 1883. Mr. Keifer, three daughters and two sons are members of the Frankfort Presbyterian church, of which he has been a trustee. Politically he has been identified with the Republican party.

JACOB KEIFFER, farmer, P. O. Frankfort Springs, is a son of Henry and Anna (Byers) Keiffer. Henry Keiffer was of German descent, came west when a young man and settled in Allegheny county, but made nineteen trips across the mountains with pack-saddle horses, carrying salt, etc. He was married at the age of forty years, his wife being a native of Allegheny county. He died at the age of eighty-two, and she at the age of fifty-one. They had ten children, of whom only Jacob and Henry came to this county. Jacob was born in Allegheny county June 11, 1803, and in 1826 married Nancy, daughter of Robert and Jane (Moore) Smith. She died Aug. 10, 1881, aged seventy-nine years. They had eight children: Jane M., Henry B., Robert S., Samuel, Margaret, Anna, William and John C. Anna married R. M. Bigger, who died Oct. 9, 1862. She afterwards married John Martin, a native of Virginia, and he died April 27, 1885. John C. was killed during the war. Mr. Keiffer has been a successful farmer. He is a true Christian member of the Presbyterian church, and has been a member of Session. Politically he is a Republican, and has held many responsible offices, including supervisor, assessor, etc.

WILLIAM C. KELLEY, oil producer, P. O. Ethel's Landing, was born May 7, 1857, in Pittsburgh, where he was reared and educated. He is a son of Amer and Elizabeth (Vandergrift) Kelley, of Irish and Scotch descent. Amer Kelley was a merchant in Pittsburgh, and enlisted in Company D, 13th Regiment, and died of fever while in the army. His widow is still living in Allegheny. The children now living are Sophia, Ellen, Harriet, Carrie, William C. and Jacob V. William C. has been in various occupations, having assisted in the support of the family since he was twelve years old. At the age of fifteen he removed with his mother to Cleveland, and four years later he went to Butler county, Pa., where he worked as pumper on an oil well. He soon sent for his brother and they worked there six years; then went to Byrank Center, where they drilled the first well on their own account. A year later, William C. went to McKean county, and operated there three years. He then went to Garfield, in Warren county, and operated there two years, coming from there to Beaver county. In 1884 he bored a gas well on Raccoon Creek, on John Zimmerly's farm. He has extended operations in all directions and at the present time has sixty-five wells in operation. In March, 1886, he formed the Raccoon Oil Company, consisting of the Kelley brothers, Henry Cooper and E. H. Jennings. The company employs about forty-two men, and produces about 2,000 barrels of oil per day. Mr. Kelley was married, Nov. 14, 1883, to Miss Martha A. Kohl, and they have one son, Howard B.

WILLIAM KELLY, glass packer, P. O. Water Cure, was born in County Down, Ireland, Feb. 21, 1841. His father, William Kelly, died in Ireland, at the age of sixty-five years. Our subject followed farming in his native country until 1869, when he came to America and settled in Pittsburgh. He worked in a glass factory until 1875, when he came to Moon township, where he bought a small farm. He sold the farm in

1882, and came to Phillipsburg, where he is employed by the Phoenix Glass Company. He was married, in Ireland, to Jane E., daughter of Arthur Brady, and they have five children: Mary A., William, John B., Rebecca J. and George A. The parents and the eldest daughter are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Kelly is a Republican.

ALEXANDER KENNEDY, farmer and merchant, P. O. Shoustown, was born in Independence township, this county, July 14, 1839. His grandfather, Ambrose Kennedy, was a native of Ireland and of Scotch descent. He married Drucilla Inman, and they came to this country and settled in Allegheny county, Pa. Their son, Alexander Kennedy, Sr., was born in Allegheny county, was a farmer, and died there at the age of forty-five years. He was married to Emeline, daughter of John and Agnes (Shipman) McMurtrie. She was born near Philadelphia, and came to Allegheny county when four years old. She is the mother of four sons and three daughters. Of the sons, only our subject is living. He was educated here, and married Mary J., daughter of A. P. Morrow. They have five children: Alexander M., Anna Z., Hugh, Sarah A. and Laura May. The parents are members of the United Presbyterian church. Mr. Kennedy was formerly a Democrat, but is now independent in politics. He has held the office of supervisor, is an extensive farmer, and keeps a general store.

HENRY KENNEDY, farmer, P. O. Holt, is a native of Allegheny county, Pa., born March 6, 1818, second son in the family of eight children, four boys and four girls, of Alexander and Elizabeth (Myers) Kennedy, former of whom, a twin son of Ambrose Kennedy, was a farmer and blacksmith, which trade he followed up to his death. Ambrose Kennedy, who came from Ireland to America in an early day, had three children. Henry learned his father's trade at home, and in 1836 came to this county, where he has followed agriculture. He was married, in 1841, to Isabella, born Oct. 25, 1817, a daughter of Hugh Orr, of this county, and the result of this union has been four children: Martha Jane, born Sept. 2, 1842; Alexander and an infant (deceased), twins, born March 27, 1844, Elizabeth Ann, born July 24, 1846, died June 18, 1861. Mrs. Kennedy died Jan. 6, 1888, a member of the Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Kennedy is also a member. In politics he is a Democrat.

WILLIAM A. KENNEDY, farmer, P. O. Green Garden, was born in Findlay township, Allegheny county, Aug. 19, 1815. He is a grandson of William A. Kennedy, who left Ireland on account of religious intolerance, and settled in Butler county, Pa., dying at the age of ninety years in Steubenville, Ohio. His children were Alexander and William A. (twins), and Mrs. Stephenson. Of these William A. was four years old when the family came from Ireland. He died in Jackson county, Ohio, aged sixty-five years. His wife, Druzilla (Inman), was of Scotch descent, and died in Jackson county, Ohio, aged seventy-one years. Their children were Ezekiel, Alexander and William A. and John (twins). William A., subject of this sketch, was educated in Allegheny county, where he learned the cooper's trade, and followed it for ten years. In April, 1841, he came to Independence township; he owns a farm of 160 acres, that township, and another of 143 acres in Raccoon township. In 1878 he went to New Brighton, where his son, Dr. Robert S., kept a drug store. Two years later he moved to Beaver, where he was in partnership with his son in the office of the *Star*. After seven years he returned to the farm, where he has since remained. He was married to Rosa B., daughter of Robert Shannon. She died in 1881, aged sixty-seven years. Two children are now living: Dr. Robert S. and Mary D. Mr. Kennedy is a member of the United Presbyterian church; in politics a Democrat. In early life he was a lieutenant of a militia company.

FRANKLIN D. KERR, physician, P. O. Hookstown, was born in Hookstown Aug. 16, 1844. His father, grandfather and great-grandfather were each named David. The great-grandfather was a native of County Antrim, Ireland, and his wife was Jane Black. He settled near Frankfort Springs while the Indians were still about. He raised a good crop of corn the first summer, with his family safely housed for weeks at a time in Dungan fort. He died on the homestead which he settled. He had five children: David, Mary, Jane, Sallie and Margaret. Of these David married Rachel, daughter of Thomas

and Nancy (Phillis) Moore, and had five children: Thomas, David, Samuel, Mary A. and Agnes. The father died in Hookstown, aged eighty-seven years. The mother died in Greene township, aged ninety years, having had her thigh broken three weeks previous to her death. Her son David was a carpenter. He was made captain of militia by Governor Porter. He married Mary, daughter of Capt. Thomas Swaeney, of Hanover township. She died July 7, 1887, aged seventy-six years. His death occurred Nov. 25, 1887, in his seventy-sixth year. Mr. and Mrs. Kerr were members of the Presbyterian church for about forty-eight years, and he was an elder thirty-two years. Their children were Jane, Rachel, Samuel, Frank D., Sylvester and Estella. Rachel, who married William F. Johnson, D. D., was a graduate of Beatty's Female Seminary, Steubenville, Ohio, and was a missionary in India for twenty-five years. Franklin D., the subject of this sketch, was married Sept. 7, 1871, to Susan M., daughter of James Nelson, Esq., of Hanover township, and they have four daughters living: Helen, Jennie, Edith and Nellie, and had three sons and two daughters deceased, Olive, four years old, being the eldest deceased. The Doctor is a brother-in-law of Rev. William F. Johnson, D. D., president of Biddle University, N. C., a missionary to India for twenty-five years, and of J. C. Langfitt, Esq., of Allegheny City. He was schooled in his native village and for some time worked at carpentering. When past seventeen he enlisted with his only brother, Samuel, who was breveted major for gallant services as a private in the 140th Regiment P. V. He took part in the battles of Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Maryland Heights, Bolivar Heights, Halltown and other engagements. After Gettysburg he was transferred and promoted to first lieutenant, Company G, 1st Maryland Cavalry (Cole's Cavalry), and was for a time in command of Company B. He afterward served as adjutant, assistant adjutant-general, commissary, quartermaster, commander of blockhouse with parts of two companies at Back Creek, Va., and aide-de-camp to Gen. William H. Seward, and his last services were as judge advocate of a military commission, which sat at Harper's Ferry under General Stevenson, for the trial of bushwhackers confined there. He was recommended to President Lincoln for appointment as a cadet at West Point by General Seward, Colonel Cole, Colonel Vernon and others, but the consent of his parents was withheld. He served in the army three years before he reached his majority. After the war he attended Washington and Jefferson College; taught school, traveled in the West, and after three years' study was graduated from Cleveland Medical Colleges of Wooster University, Ohio. He has been practicing in his native village for a number of years. Dr. Kerr was elected an elder in the Presbyterian church in 1888, of which he has been a member since he was sixteen years of age.

PRESLEY M. KERR, M. D. (deceased), was born in Raccoon township, Beaver county, Pa., in 1835, a son of James W. and Mary (Allen) Kerr, parents of eight children, our subject being the second youngest. He was born and reared on the home farm, attended both public and high schools, graduated from the Allopathic College at Cincinnati in 1860, and at once commenced the practice of his profession in his native township, in which he continued up to his death in 1884. At the outbreak of the Civil War the Doctor was appointed field sergeant, which position he had to resign, owing to ill health, and return home, but was soon called again into service, attending in the practice of his profession Hairwood and other hospitals, for over a year. On his return from the army he was appointed physician to the County Home, which position he filled for fourteen years, at the end of which time he resigned on account of ill health. He was married, in 1862, to Nancy J., daughter of James and Nancy (McAulley) Ingalls, by which union there are six children, all at home: Alvin H. and James Purdy, studying medicine, Nancy A., Emma, John F. and Anderson J. The family are all members of the Presbyterian church, as was also the Doctor. In politics he was a Republican.

CHARLES KUGEL, farmer, P. O. Water Cure, was born in Baden, near Heidelberg, Germany, April 1, 1848, and is a son of George and Catherina (Epert) Kugel, the former a native of Baden, and the latter of Hesse Darmstadt. Both died in Moon township, on the farm where they first settled. They came to America in 1849, reaching Rochester, Pa., July 4 of that year. George followed the trade of carpenter and cabinet-maker one

year, then engaged in farming. He had nine children, six of whom lived to maturity: Charles, Catherine, Elizabeth, Caroline, Bertha and George. Charles was educated in Beaver county, and owns eighty-two acres of land, a part of the old homestead. He married Pauline Kaercher, a native of Beaver county, and a daughter of Charles F. Kaercher, who was born in Wurtemberg, Germany. She has three children: Albert J., C. Frederick and William George. The parents are members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Kugel is a Democrat, and was supervisor of the township in 1885.

WILLIAM LANGFITT, farmer, P. O. Kendall, has been a life-long resident of Hanover township, where he was born March 31, 1820. His grandfather, William Langfitt, the hero of the frontier of Beaver county, was born on the eastern shore of Maryland, came West in youth, and "tomahawked" the road from Washington to Georgetown. He married Margaret, daughter of James Campbell, a pioneer of Virginia. They settled in Hanover township, where Ephraim Langfitt now resides, and where they died, he at the age of ninety-eight and she at the age of eighty-eight years. They had five sons and five daughters: James, William, John, Philip and Thomas; Bettie, Sarah, Katie, Rebecca and Hannah. Of these, James married Sarah, daughter of Henry Russell. They had eleven children: Philip, William, John, James, Margaret, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Sarah, Mary, Hannah and Catherine. James Langfitt died Jan. 2, 1884, aged ninety-eight years and one day. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and a stranger to sickness and pain. On the day of his death, he told his family that he was going to die. He walked to the door, took one look at the outside world, bid it farewell, then walked to his bed, where he lay down and died, without a groan or sign of pain. His wife died in 1841. William Langfitt has been a farmer all his life in Hanover township, where he and his sister own 200 acres of land. He is a Democrat, as was his father before him.

EPHRAIM W. LANGFITT, farmer, P. O. Kendall, was born May 22, 1849. His grandfather, William Langfitt, born in 1737, came west in youth, and was the third man west of the mountains. He was shot by the Indians, but recovered from his wounds and lived to be ninety-four years old. He was a hardy pioneer. His son, Philip, was born Oct. 12, 1799, on the old homestead, where all his children were born. On Dec. 22, 1836, he was married to Mary A., daughter of John and Charity Crister. She was born Sept. 10, 1815, and died Jan. 29, 1879. Philip Langfitt was a farmer all his life, and died Jan. 28, 1875. Both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church. Their children were William, Margaret, John, George, Frank, Ephraim W., Mary E. (wife of William Salman) and Joseph. Ephraim W. married Clara E. Porter. She was born March 11, 1850, and is a daughter of Nathan and Julia A. (Anderson) Porter. Her father was a boat builder for many years, and a well-known and esteemed character along the Ohio river. Mr. and Mrs. Langfitt are members of the Presbyterian church. He owns 150 acres of the old Langfitt homestead, which originally contained 343 acres, and was called "Indiana." An old blockhouse built for protection from the Indians stood on the farm. Politically Mr. Langfitt is a Democrat.

CHARLES B. LAUGHLIN, steward, P. O. Georgetown, was born Nov. 6, 1841, in Greene township. His grandfather, Thomas Laughlin, settled in Beaver county at an early day. His son, Robert, father of Charles B., was a farmer in Greene township, and died there. His wife was Rebecca, daughter of Robert Dawson. They had eight children: Sarah A., George, Thomas, Jane, John, Benjamin, Robert and Charles B. The latter commenced life as a cabin boy at the age of fifteen years, and has followed the river almost ever since, except three years spent in the army. He enlisted July 20, 1861, in Company A, 147th Regiment, P. V.; was in many engagements, including Antietam, Gettysburg, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge and Ringgold, and was mustered out at Louisville, Ky. In 1873 he went to Salineville, Ohio, where he engaged in the bakery and confectionery business for eighteen months. He is now in the employ of Joseph Walton & Co. He married Pauline, daughter of Hiram Cornell, and they have two children: Victor Clyde and Gertrude Lytton. Mr. Laughlin is a Republican.

THOMAS J. LAUGHLIN, farmer, P. O. Hookstown, was born Sept. 30, 1814. His grandfather, Thomas Laughlin, of Irish descent, was one of the early settlers of Beaver

county, and lived and died on a farm between Hookstown and Georgetown. He lived to be over eighty years old; his wife was Sarah Simpson, who died at the age of eighty. Their children were John, Robert, Thomas, James, William, Mary, Betsey, Ann, Sarah and Nancy. All married and raised families. John was born and died here. His death occurred in 1822, in his thirty-fourth year. He was a farmer by occupation, and his wife, Martha Bell, died in 1849, aged sixty-two years. They had two children, Mary and Thomas J. The latter was a carpenter for about thirty years, and has since been a farmer. He owns about 125 acres. He married, Nov. 9, 1843, Clara, daughter of Jacob and Sarah Strieby, who died Aug. 2, 1878, aged fifty-five years. She left three children: Adele (wife of James Calhoun), Walter S. and Ada M. Mr. Laughlin is a member of the Presbyterian church; politically a Republican.

WILLIAM LAUGHLIN, farmer, P. O. Hookstown, was born June 18, 1818, on the farm of 130 acres, where he now resides. His grandfather, William Laughlin, was of Irish descent, and lived and died near Cannonsburg, Washington county, Pa. His son, Samuel Laughlin (father of our subject), was born in the above named place and died on his farm in Greene township in 1819, aged twenty-five years. He settled on the land that his father had taken up in 1797, which then contained 460 acres. William Laughlin came here when the Indians were still in the vicinity, and he had no neighbors within seven miles. Samuel Laughlin married Hannah, daughter of Robert Reed, of Ireland, and had two children: William and Martha, the latter of whom married John Murphy. William is a successful farmer. He married Agnes, daughter of David Kerr, and has had the following named children: Marianna (deceased), Rachel J., Ida M., Lizzie, Anna, Samuel (deceased), John, Sylvester (deceased), Maggie, Lillie, Frank W. and Mabel C. Mr. and Mrs. Laughlin are members of the Mill Creek Presbyterian church, of which he is a trustee. He is a Democrat.

FELIX LAY, assessor, collector and treasurer, P. O. Water Cure, was born in Phillipsburg, in March, 1841. His grandfather and his father, George Lay, were born in Germany. George Lay married Mary Baker, and they had eight children, Felix and George being the only survivors. The others, who all died in the prime of life, were named Edward, William, Alonzo, Kate, Etta and Maggie. Felix learned the shoemaker's trade and followed it for many years. Since 1877 he has engaged in various occupations, including gardening. He has been assessor and collector for several years. He was married here to Wilhelmina, daughter of Simon and Christina (Smith) Wagner, the former of whom died in 1843. Mr. and Mrs. Lay have four children: Richard, Edward, Josephine and Libbie M. In political preferences Mr. Lay is a Democrat. He enlisted in August, 1862, in Company E, 134th Regiment, P. V., Captain J. A. Vera, and served nine months. He was wounded in the battle of Fredericksburg, and draws a pension.

THOMAS LEE, hotel keeper, P. O. Water Cure, was born in Yorkshire, England, Dec. 16, 1841, a son of Thomas Lee, who died in England. He was raised and educated in Lancaster county, England, and was foreman of the saw room in a cutlery factory. At the age of twenty-three he came to America with his mother, Sarah (Travis) Lee, who died in Lawrence, Mass. His brother and sister are living in the East. Thomas Lee was married in Darlington to Ann Woolley, by whom he has two children: Sarah A. and Nora H. Mr. Lee came to Phillipsburg in March, 1883, and purchased the Point Breeze Hotel, which he has since conducted. Politically he is a Democrat.

SAMUEL H. LEEPER, Frankfort Springs, Pa., is a grandson of James Leeper, a native of County Antrim, Ireland, and who was of Scotch descent. James Leeper came to America with his parents when a small boy; his parents settled in York County Pa., and died there. James, his son, married Nancy McCleary. They moved to Washington county, Pa., and thence removed to Hanover township, Beaver county, Pa., in 1794. They had ten children—five boys and five girls. Robert was the eldest, and father of S. H. Leeper. Joseph Washington Leeper lives on the farm his great-grandfather settled on, and, together with his son Robert, erected a cabin in 1794. James

Leeper died March 13, 1814, aged sixty-six years. Nancy, his wife, died April 15, 1815. They were members of the Seceder's Church, James also being an elder. He was a man of great intelligence and piety. Robert inherited fifty acres of the old homestead farm, afterward adding 150 acres by purchase, for which he paid \$750. He died Aug. 28, 1862, in his eighty-fifth year. He held a commission as captain in the War of 1812, and he carried a sword which his father-in-law, Samuel Harper, brought from Scotland, and which is now in the possession of his son, S. H. Leeper. He was training his company one day when the word came that the British were at Youngstown. He ordered the drum muffled, and beat around for volunteers. But only three volunteered. He threw down his uniform and marched after the drum and almost all of his company followed him. He was an elder in the old Seceder's church of King's Creek. The congregation afterwards built a new church at Frankfort Springs, Pa. His wife, Nancy A., daughter of Samuel Harper, was born Oct. 10, 1782, in York county, Pa., and died in May, 1868, in her eighty-seventh year. Their family consisted of seven children: Jane, Margaret, Samuel H., Agnes, James K., Emeline and Levina. During his younger years S. H. was in mercantile business, but farming and stock-raising have constituted the principal part of his occupation. He spent the winter of 1836-37 in Rock Island, Ill., having arranged to go into business in that place. His parents wishing him to return home, he did so, feeling it to be his duty to return home to promote their comfort. His wife, Mary J., daughter of Joseph Miller, Esq., died April 17, 1887. Their family consisted of seven children: Robert Newton, Joseph W., Mary A., Estella S., Robert C., James L. and Samuel Harper. Politically S. H. Leeper is a Republican, and an advocator of tariff for protection to American productions. Of his sons, J. L. is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Reading, Pa., and S. Harper is a student, senior year, at the Theological Seminary. Both were educated at Princeton College and Seminary.

JOSEPH W. LEEPER, farmer, P. O. Frankfort Springs, was born July 4, 1841, and is a son of S. H. Leeper. He was reared on the farm he now owns, consisting of 150 acres. He was married Oct. 19, 1871, to Nancy E., daughter of James Fulton, of Washington county. She was born Oct. 23, 1845. Their children are Estella S., aged fifteen; Ira F., aged thirteen; Mary Jeannetta, aged eleven, and Harland H., aged nine years. Mr. and Mrs. Leeper are members of the United Presbyterian church of Frankfort Springs, and he is a trustee and a member of Session. In politics he is a Republican.

SAMUEL H. LEEPER, farmer, P. O. Hookstown, was born on the home farm at Frankfort Springs, Aug. 1, 1821. His father, Hugh Leeper, was born near Frankfort Springs in 1793, and died near Hookstown in 1869. He was an elder in the United Presbyterian church, and a member of Session. His wife, Esther, daughter of Samuel Harper, was born in Beaver county, and died in May, 1871, aged seventy-five years. She was the mother of fifteen children, twelve of whom reached maturity, viz.: Jane, James, Samuel, William, Anderson, Robert, Archibald, Mary A., Harriet, Amanda, Joseph and Hugh. Two of the sons were college graduates, and Archibald became a physician in St. Louis. Samuel taught school eight years, beginning at the age of nineteen years, receiving a certificate from Thomas Nicholson, the first county superintendent. Since then he has been a farmer, and owns 116 acres. He has been married twice; first to Margaret Patterson, who bore him four children: Harper, Elizabeth J., Esther J., and William A. His present wife is Jennie, daughter of Walter Denny. They are members of the United Presbyterian church, and he is a member of Session. He is active in church and school work, and has been secretary of the board nine years. He was formerly a Whig, and is now a Republican.

ROBERT LEEPER, farmer, P. O. Hookstown, is a son of Hugh and Easter (Harper) Leeper. His parents were of Scotch-Irish descent, and were members of the old Seceder's church. Their fathers, James Leeper and Samuel Harper, with their wives, emigrated from Ireland to America, and settled in York county, Pa.; thence they moved to Frankfort Springs, Beaver county, where Robert was born Nov. 10, 1827. At the age of six years he came to Greene township, where his father bought land. He taught school for nine years, four years in Greene township, one in Hanover township, two in

Allegheny county, one in Washington county, and one year more near Xenia, Ohio. He owns the old homestead farm of 150 acres, where he resides, and another of eighty-eight acres. His first wife was Mary, daughter of Joseph Collins, of Greene county, Ohio. She died Aug. 10, 1863, leaving two sons: Hugh C. and William R. His present wife is Elizabeth, daughter of John Dallas, of Springfield, Ohio, and she is the mother of three children: Mary H., John B. and Robert J. The parents are members of the United Presbyterian church, Mr. Leeper being an elder. Politically he has been successively a Whig, Republican and Prohibitionist.

THE LEIPER FAMILY. Five brothers of this family, of Scotch-Irish extraction, emigrated to America in the latter part of the eighteenth century. James Leeper (so formerly spelled) did not stop in York county, as did his four brothers, but came farther west, locating for a time in Washington county, and subsequently at Frankfort, Beaver county. Here he became the father of five sons—Robert, James, William, John and Hugh. William was a soldier in the war of 1812, and died of fever contracted while lying in a marshy, malaria-breeding camp near Erie, Pa. Hugh married Esther Harper, in 1818, and located on a farm near Frankfort. He became the father of fifteen children, the last three of whom were born on a farm of 250 acres near Hookstown, which he purchased in 1836, and upon which he located. Three of these died in infancy; four of the eight sons who lived to mature life graduated in letters and theology, and one in medicine, the remaining three becoming farmers. The names of the brothers in order of birth are James, a farmer in Randolph county, Ill.; Samuel, a farmer in Beaver county, Pa.; William, an editor in Malvern, Ark.; John Anderson, a minister, who died in October, 1855; Robert, a farmer in Beaver county; Archibald, a physician, died in December, 1886, at Coulterville, Ill.; Joseph H., a minister and secretary National Reform Society, Philadelphia; and Hugh G., pastor United Presbyterian congregation at Yellow Creek, Ohio. The four daughters, Mrs. Jane Patterson, Mrs. Mary Ann Littell, Mrs. Harriet Andrews and Mrs. Amanda Blythe, are still living.

ANDREW LEITCH, farmer, P. O. Shoustown, was born in 1815. His grandfather, John H. Leitch, came from Ireland and settled in Hopewell township, where Andrew now lives. His son, Daniel, was born in Ireland, and died here in 1862, aged eighty years. He married Eliza, daughter of James McFarland, and they had twelve children. Andrew Leitch has been a hardworking, successful farmer. His wife was Nancy Biggerstaff, by whom he had one child, Joseph. Joseph married Mary J., daughter of Samuel Neely, and they had two children: Albert S. and Rosa A. Mr. Leitch is a Democrat.

GEORGE LITTELL, farmer, P. O. Service, was born Jan. 24, 1825. William, grandfather of the present Littell family was a native of Ireland, and with his brother James came to this country during the Revolutionary struggle; they both entered the army. During James' thirteenth battle, William, who was a staff officer, was taken prisoner and held at Philadelphia, but was finally exchanged. He married Elizabeth Walter, and settled on a farm in Hanover township, Beaver county, Pa., where he died. He was one of the first members of Service Congregation; he was a justice of the peace, and for a time the only one from Pittsburgh to Georgetown. His children, all of whom were born on the old homestead, were Betsy, Jane, Mary, Alice, Agnes, James, William, David and Thomas. David, who remained on the old farm, was born in 1801, he married Jane, daughter of George and Nancy (Miller) Shillito; he died July 8, 1865, and she died Oct. 10, 1885. They had eight children: Belinda, Elizabeth, Agnes, George, James, William, David S. and John R., all of whom united with the Congregation of Service. James and William emigrated to Iowa in 1855; David S. is now pastor of the Second United Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh. George, the eldest, and J. R., the youngest, divided the old home farm of near 400 acres. George married M. A. Leeper, and their family consists of eight children: Joseph A., Hugh F., James H., David W., William A., John D., Robert R. and Ella J., all of whom are members of the United Presbyterian church. Joseph A. married Clara, daughter of Judge Munger, of Xenia, Ohio, and is pastor of the First United Presbyterian church of Albany, N. Y. They have unanimously voted the Republican ticket.

WILLIAM McCAGUE, farmer, P. O. Service, was born Aug. 24, 1817. His grandfather, James McCague, was a native of County Down, Ireland, and a tiller of the soil. He was of Scotch descent, and married Jeanette Cochrain, a native of Scotland. They came to this country with two children: William and Jane, the latter of whom married first a Mr. Langan, and afterward James Logan. James McCague settled on Peter's creek, Washington county, Pa., and became a successful farmer there. He was a member of the United Presbyterian church. Both he and his wife died at an advanced age. Their children born in this country were Thomas, John, James, Mary, Martha and Ann. William McCague, Sr., came to Beaver county in 1807, and settled on the farm of 150 acres, where his son, William, now lives. He died in 1866, aged eighty-five years. He was a member of the old Seceder's church. His wife was Mary, daughter of John and Hannah Reed, old settlers of Allegheny county, and they had eight children: Hannah, Jane, Mary, Tabitha, William, Elizabeth, Martha and John. Of these William was educated in this county, and has been a successful farmer on the old homestead. He married Lucinda, daughter of Alexander and Jane (McElhane) Thompson, and by her had three children: Jane M., who died at the age of seven years; William F., of Beaver, Pa., and Anna Cora, at home. The parents are members of Mount Olive Presbyterian church; Mr. McCague is a Republican.

WILLIAM C. MCCOLLOUGH, farmer, P. O. Frankfort Springs, was born in Hanover township, Washington county, Pa., Aug. 25, 1820. His grandfather, George McCollough, was born in Scotland. He came to America, and with his brothers, Alexander and William, and two half brothers, settled at the head of Big Traverse in Hanover township, this county. Alexander and George were farmers. William started the salt works, and became wealthy. His son, John N., is a prominent railroad man. George McCollough died at the old homestead. He had seven children, of whom George, Jr., was born in 1795, and died in Missouri in 1843. He married Jane, daughter of William and Margaret (Clagston) Carothers. She was born in October, 1797, and died Dec. 4, 1871. Her children were Elizabeth, William C., John, Peggie Ann, George, David, Mary and Alseta. William C. was raised in this county, and has lived here all his life, except three years spent in Missouri. He is a farmer and carpenter, started in life poor, and, as the result of his own labor and industry, now owns 196 acres of land. He and his brother John supported their mother and her family. He married Eliza, daughter of Henry and Mary A. (Smith) Keifer. She is the mother of seven children: George H., David K., Jennie N., Anna Mary, Amanda, Sarah E. and Alsetta. Mr. and Mrs. McCollough and their family are members of the Presbyterian church, of which he is a ruling elder. Politically he is a Democrat.

JOHN MCCOLLOUGH, farmer, P. O. Frankfort Springs, is a son of George McCollough. He was born in Frankfort Springs borough Jan. 4, 1823, and at the age of ten years moved with his parents to Halliday Cove, in Brooke county, W. Va. From there they went to Missouri and settled in Adair county, where the father died. The family came to this county in 1845, and John came six months later. He was a house carpenter and joiner, having learned his trade in Paris, Pa., and Steubenville, Ohio, and followed his trade in this county about five years. He married Sarah A., daughter of John Ewing, and entered into partnership with his father-in-law. They carried on the tannery business for five years, and for about twenty years Mr. McCollough followed the business on his own account, working first in Beaver and then in Washington county. When his father-in-law gave up business, he returned to Frankfort Springs and remained in business until 1873. He then moved to a farm of 100 acres, which he purchased. He now owns 350 acres of land in Beaver and Washington counties. He has three children: John E., Frank and Sarah F. He is a Democrat. He now resides in the house he helped to build while he was working for seventy-five cents a day, in order to help pay for a home for his mother in Frankfort Springs. While in Missouri he gave all his money to help the family at home.

CYRUS MCCONNELL, physician, P. O. Service, is a native of Washington county, Pa., born in 1836, the fourth of the ten children (six sons and four daughters) of John

D. and Sarah (Morrison) McConnell. The father was born in 1802, on the farm of his father, at whose death he came into possession of the property by purchasing his brothers' and sisters' shares; he was a son of Daniel McConnell, who had four sons and six daughters, John D. being the eldest son. Daniel was a native of Maryland, came to Washington county, Pa., when a young man, and followed blacksmithing for a considerable period, afterward purchasing and operating a farm of 200 acres. Cyrus received a good common-school education, studied at Florence Academy, Washington county, for six years, and at the age of twenty-five commenced the study of medicine with Dr. James McCarell, then of Washington county, now of Allegheny City; entered college at Ann Arbor in 1863, from which he graduated, commencing the practice of his profession in 1868 at his present location. He was married, in 1872, to M. H., daughter of Samuel Reed, of Greene township, this county. The doctor and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church.

JOHN B. MCCONNELL, farmer, P. O. Seventy-Six, was born March 18, 1831, on the old homestead, where his father, Joseph, settled after his marriage with Elizabeth, daughter of James Wallace. Joseph and Elizabeth McConnell had seven children: Nancy, Susannah, Rachel, Alice M., James, John B. and Joseph. The mother died young, but the father lived to the age of eighty-two years, and both were devoted members of the United Presbyterian church. John B. McConnell, father of Joseph, came from the vicinity of Philadelphia to Beaver county at an early day. John B., our subject, married Mary, daughter of Joseph McCorkle, and a native of Mahoning county, Ohio. She is the mother of two children: Harry S. and Elizabeth L., wife of A. Allen, of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. McConnell are members of the United Presbyterian church, of which he has been trustee and treasurer. He has been a farmer all his life, and owns 107 acres of land, on which there is an oil well. Politically he is a Democrat.

ALEXANDER L. MCCOY, farmer, P. O. Service, was born Feb. 16, 1814, in Allegheny county, Pa. His grandfather, James McCoy, was a farmer in Allegheny county, and of Scotch-Irish descent, and his son, James, Jr., (father of our subject) was born and married in Allegheny county; was a farmer and came to Raccoon township at an early day. He finally bought land where his grandson, J. E. McCoy, now resides, and died there at the age of fifty-six years. He married Elizabeth Bridewell, who lived to be over eighty years of age, and had six children: William, Alexander L., James, Mary, Martha and John. Alexander L. married Margaret McCoy (not a relative), who was born in 1814. They have nine children: James E., John L., Alexander, Samantha, Martha, Melissa, Roberta, Seymour and Edwin. Mr. McCoy is a self-made man and a successful farmer; he owns 128 acres of land. He is a Republican.

DAVID MCCOY was born in Scotland, and came to this country at an early day. He purchased in 1772, the old homestead in Beaver county, where his granddaughter, Agnes S. McCoy, now resides. He was one of the heroes of the Revolution, and was discharged in 1779. In April, 1783, David McCoy, of Chartiers, was married to Nancy Shearer, of Path valley, Cumberland county, Pa. She died in 1826, leaving four children: Mrs. Polly Craig, Mrs. Jane Agnew, Mrs. Nancy Eachel and Archibald. David McCoy and wife were members of the old Seceder's church, and were married by Rev. Samuel Dougal. Mr. McCoy used to spell his name in the old Scotch way "McKeay." He owned a farm of 600 acres. He died in December, 1831, aged eighty-seven years. His son, Archibald, was born July 24, 1803, and died Sept. 15, 1883. He was a farmer on the old homestead, and married Jane, daughter of Daniel Leitch, of an old pioneer family. She was born on the old Leitch homestead, and is the mother of six children: Agnes S., Elizabeth (Mrs. Douds), David, Mary J. (deceased), Hannah (Mrs. Creese), and Rosa Ann, who died at the age of nine years. Archibald McCoy was a quiet man, greatly esteemed and respected. In politics he was a Whig and a Republican. He was a member of a militia company. The family have a letter written July 1, 1788, by Sally Shearer to Nancy McCoy, and an old gun and sword found under a log by Mr. McCoy. These arms undoubtedly belonged to a French officer. Cut in an old tree on the farm is the picture of a hunter with his gun on his shoulder, and a turkey in his hand, and

underneath the words "Aurgaurst, 1772," supposed to have been executed by one of the French hunters. An old Indian trail crosses the farm from southwest to northeast.

JAMES E. MCCOY, farmer, P. O. Service, was born June 26, 1837, on the old homestead where he now resides, and which was settled by his grandfather, James McCoy. He was raised and educated in this county, and was married, Oct. 25, 1860, to Ann, daughter of Alexander McCoy. She was born Jan. 3, 1837, and has three children: Laura C., Jennie M. and Albine R. Mr. McCoy lived four years with his uncle before he was married, and after marriage went to Richland county, Ohio, where he settled sixteen miles northeast of Mansfield, and engaged in farming three years. He then bought a farm in Hanover township, this county, and remained there until 1881. He now owns the old homestead; has 230 acres and has been financially prosperous in life. His parents had nine children, all of whom are living, and eight are married and have children.

JAMES H. MCCOY, farmer and stockman, P. O. Clinton, was born Sept. 19, 1820, in Greene township, Beaver county. His grandfather, James McCoy, a weaver by trade, and a native of Ireland, lived in Allegheny county, Pa., where he died at an old age. He had seven children: William, James, Alexander, Hugh, Isaac, Betsey and Polly. Hugh married Rachel, daughter of William Schooler, and died at the age of seventy-nine. He was an active member of the Baptist church. His wife died in Independence township at the age of sixty-seven years. Her children were Polly, Ann, Elizabeth, James H., Rachel, William, Isaac A., Sarah J. and Lucinda. James H. received a common-school education, and at the age of ten years began farming, which he chose as his occupation. Gradually, with pluck and perseverance, he made his way in the world. He bought his first land while a young man, and went in debt for it, but now owns 176 acres. He married Martha, daughter of William McCague, and they had six children: John, Lucinda, Mary Ann, Martha J., William Frank and Thomas. Lucinda died at the age of fourteen years. John is a merchant in Bocktown, and William F. in Gringo. Mr. McCoy is a Democrat, and has been school director. He has dealt extensively and successfully in stock.

JOHN R. MCCOY (deceased) was born Jan. 22, 1828, on the old McCoy homestead, in Greene township. He was in early life a farmer, later a stockman, and purchased the old homestead of 260 acres, to which he added eighty-four acres, and on which his widow now resides. He was a member of the Presbyterian church; politically he was a Republican. He married, June 20, 1850, Martha, daughter of Alexander and Mary (Wood) McCoy, and born Nov. 27, 1830, in Service. Mr. McCoy was a good business man, esteemed for his many excellent qualities of head and heart. His early education was limited, but he was a well-read and intelligent man. He died June 22, 1881, mourned by a large circle of friends.

JOHN B. MCCREADY, Hookstown, was born on the old McCready homestead, Aug. 5, 1837. His great-grandfather, Joseph McCready, was a native of Ireland, and settled in Greene township while the Indians were still living in the neighborhood. He took up 400 acres of land, receiving patent dated 1784, and died in 1798. His wife was Katy Laughlin, and they had five daughters, who became Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Ralston, Mrs. Bay, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. McClure, respectively, and two sons, Joseph and John, the latter of whom was a doctor at New Bedford, where he died. Joseph, born July 9, 1786, married, May 14, 1805, Elizabeth Ewing, and died Oct. 3, 1862. His wife was a daughter of James Ewing, and died March 22, 1846. He was a man of most remarkably strong mind and clear judgment, an earnest Christian and staunch Presbyterian. He had four sons, James, Joseph, John B. and W. E., and four daughters, Catharine, Jane, Eliza A. and Isabel. James was born May 10, 1806, and died Sept. 30, 1872. He married Mary A. Reed, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (King) Reed. She was born Sept. 11, 1801, in Cumberland county, and died in Hookstown, July 3, 1882. They had five children, two sons and three daughters: Joseph J., John B., Sarah E., Elizabeth I. and Mary Jane. Three are deceased and two living, John B. and Mary Jane. John B. came to Hookstown in 1873, built a mill, has carried on a successful business, and still owns 120 acres,

a part of the old homestead. He married, April 25, 1861, Sarah A., daughter of Henry and Sarah A. Cowan, and they have two children living: James H. and Frank, the former of whom is married to Mary E. Stewart, and has one child, Edith B. The family have been members of the Presbyterian church for many generations. Mr. McCready is a Republican.

CYRUS MCCREARY, harness-maker, P. O. Frankfort Springs, was born May 11, 1848, in Columbiana county, Ohio, in the village of Fairfield. His grandfather McCreary, who died at Gettysburg, Pa., was of Scotch-Irish descent. His son, Henry B., was born in Adams county, and was a harness-maker by trade. He came to Beaver county at an early day, and married Anna Carothers, who died here. She had eight children, five of whom lived to mature age. Henry B. followed his trade in Frankfort Springs in the shop now occupied by his son, Cyrus, and died at the age of eighty-three. Cyrus McCreary married, Oct. 3, 1882, Laura E., daughter of Alexander and Margaret (Wilcoxson) McConnell. Mr. and Mrs. McCreary are both active members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. McCreary is a Democrat, and has filled the offices of Burgess and councilman of Frankfort Springs. He is greatly esteemed and respected by his fellow-citizens.

S. L. McCULLOUGH, M. D., Frankfort Springs, was born June 27, 1853, near Buffalo, Washington county, Pa., a son of John L. and Julia A. (Logan) McCullough, the former a native of Ireland of Scotch descent, and the latter a native of Lancaster county, Pa., and still living. Her children are Jacob L., John L., Nathaniel G., Joseph E., Matthew W., S. L., Mattie and Julia A. The first four served in the Civil War in Company A, 100th Regiment, and were all wounded. John died at home; Nathaniel is still living, and the other two died on the battle-field. Matthew W. enlisted, but was rejected. S. L. received his education at the California State Normal School, after which he taught school nine years. He studied medicine with Dr. T. C. M. Stockton, and was graduated from the University of the city of New York, in 1883. He first located in McDonald, Washington county, Pa., and then came to Frankfort Springs, where he has built up a good practice. He was married June 7, 1878, to Miss Maggie Prondit, of Burgettstown, Pa., and they have three children: William, J. L., Charles L. and Gracie G. The Doctor and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, of the Sunday-school of which he is assistant superintendent. In politics he is a Republican.

ALLEN McDONALD, farmer, P. O. Hookstown, was born on the farm he now owns, Jan. 27, 1844. His father, John McDonald, was a native of Inverness, Scotland, and came to America at the age of ten years, his parents having preceded him some years. Allen's grandfather, Daniel, settled in Greene township, this county, at an early day and died there. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. His children were Mrs. Nancy Randolph, Mrs. Jennie Cronk and John. The last named married Margaret Barclay, daughter of Andrew Barclay, of Irish descent, who is yet living, aged eighty-five years. She used to make annual visits to her old home, doing the journey of forty miles on horseback, and carrying a child in her arms. Hotels in those days were few and far between. In the shearing of sheep, the women performed that labor, and the flocks then, on ordinary sized farms, consisted usually of twenty in number, which was considered a large flock; they would shear each an average of three pounds, and the carcass would sell at one dollar per head. John died in 1859, aged sixty-two years. He was a successful, energetic farmer; a member of the United Presbyterian church; in politics a Republican. His children were William, Jane, Joseph, Andrew, Elizabeth, James, John, Sarah, Margaret, Allen and Maria. Allen was reared and educated in this county, and was married, Dec. 31, 1874, to Cordilla J., daughter of David and Jane (Henry) Anderson, and born Aug. 24, 1851. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald are members of the Tomlinson Run Presbyterian church, of which he is a trustee. In politics he is a Republican. He has one child, Emma J., born Oct. 21, 1875.

C. I. McDONALD, contractor, P. O. Woodlawn, was born Nov. 26, 1846, in Logs-

town Bottom, Hopewell township, on the place where Rev. Andrew McDonald settled in 1810. The latter preached at White Oat Flats, now Mount Carmel. Our subject graduated from Duff's Business College, in Pittsburgh, learned the carpenter's trade, and after working at it some time, severely cut himself. He then became a clerk for Simon Harrold, contractor, of Beaver Falls, and two years later a partner. At that time his work was mainly for the Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad, building shops, bridges, etc. During dull times he ran his sawmill at Logstown, and dealt in lumber. He was engaged with B. J. McGrann in the construction of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad, about one year. From 1878 to 1880 he managed his sawmill, and in 1880, in connection with Capt. D. A. McDonald, established the Point Bottle Works at Rochester. In 1881 he sold out, and engaged once more in contracting. He built bridges across the Allegheny river, and the Mahanoy river, Ohio; lock and dam No. 7 on the Monongahela river, also second lock at No. 3 for same company, and enlarged the tunnel for the P. C. & Y. Railroad. In 1884 he began dam 6 on the Great Kanawha river for the U. S. government, and completed it in October, 1886. He was married in Mount Pleasant, Ohio, to Mattie V. Sharon, daughter of John Sharon, who was brother of Senator Sharon, of California. John Sharon was born in Carlisle, Pa., of Scotch descent. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald have had six children: Clement B., John S., Chauncy I., Mabel V., Harold H. and Helen. Mabel V. died when two years of age. Mr. McDonald established the postoffice, and was the first postmaster at Woodlawn, which place was on his farm, and named by his wife. He supplies many families with natural gas, which is found on his place. He is now engaged with the C. & O. R. R. in Virginia and West Virginia. In politics he is a Republican.

ALEXANDER T. McELHANEY, farmer, P. O. Service, is a grandson of George McElhane, the old Indian scout and pioneer. He was educated in his native township, and has followed farming all his life. His wife is Jane, daughter of John McMurtrie, and they have nine children: Elizabeth, Mary A., Joseph Alvin, Thomas A., Richard E., Clara, Lossie B., Elvira Lucretia G. and Harry. Mr. McElhane has been identified with the Republican party all his life. He owns a farm of seventy-six acres near the old homestead.

JOHN S. McELHANEY, farmer, P. O. Seventy-Six, is a grandson of George McElhane, who was born in Lancaster county, Pa., and whose father came from Scotland. In 1782 George McElhane made application for a tract of 400 acres of land where John S. now resides. He died at the residence of Thomas Butler, at the age of sixty-two years. At the time of his settlement the Indians were numerous, and he was one of the most daring Indian scouts on the frontier. He married Martha Stringer, of Lancaster county, and of Welsh descent. The young people failed to obtain the permission of their parents, but, escaping the vigilance of the latter, they were married and settled in their new home in the wilderness. They reared five children, whose descendants are numerous in Beaver county, and have contributed much to its wealth and advancement. The names of the children were William, John, Thomas, Jane and Martha. Of these William married Lydia, daughter of John Strouss. She died at the age of seventy-six, and he died at the age of seventy-six years. They had eight children: Martha, John S., George, William, Eliza, Nancy, Jane and Alexander. John S. has been a farmer all his life, and owns 151½ acres. He married Hannah, daughter of William and Nancy (Baker) Figley. They have four children living: Zachariah F., Strouss D., Richard W. and Frank R. Mr. McElhane is a Democrat, and has held several township offices, including that of school director.

WILLIAM McELHANEY, farmer, P. O. Seventy-Six, is a grandson of George and a son of William McElhane. He was educated in this county, chose the occupation of farming, and owns 104 acres. He was married in Hopewell township to Eliza, daughter of John and Margaret (Davis) Johnston, of an old pioneer family. This union has been blessed with seven children living: Margaret M., Francis H., Charles B., David S., Martha, Ida J. and Elva N. The mother is a member of the United Presbyterian church. Mr. McElhane has held a number of township offices, including supervisor, for several years.

JOHN H. McELHANEY, farmer, P. O. Service, is a grandson of William, and a son of George McElhaneY. The latter was born July 7, 1821, in this county, has been a life-long farmer, and owns 300 acres. After his marriage he settled near his father's residence, and lived there sixteen years. He then purchased 199 acres, and by subsequent purchase has accumulated his present property. He was married to Elizabeth, daughter of Isaac McCoy, and they have four children living: Lydia (Mrs. Mateer), William J., John H. and Isaac M. The mother and daughter are members of Mount Olive Presbyterian church. John H. was born in Independence township, and is a successful farmer and business man, owning about 200 acres. He married Maria, daughter of Thomas Wilson, and their children are George, Alexander G., Sarah E. and Nora B. Mr. McElhaneY is a Republican.

WILLIAM J. McELHANEY, farmer, P. O. Seventy-Six, was born on the place where he now resides, Jan. 27, 1845. His grandfather, William McElhaneY, was born in Beaver county, where his father, George McElhaneY, owned a large tract of land. William J., is a son of George and Elizabeth (McCoy) McElhaneY, and was reared and educated in Beaver county, where he is a prosperous farmer. He was married, Oct. 24, 1867, to Mary E., daughter of Hugh Miller, and they have five children: Jane A., Margaret E., George W., Hugh Calvin and an infant daughter. Mr. McElhaneY is a Republican.

JOHN McHENRY, retired farmer, P. O. Service, was born in Hopewell township, this county, in 1818, and is the eldest son and second of the six children (four yet living) of Charles and Martha (Devine) McHenry, both of Irish parentage. John McHenry, grandfather of our subject, with his wife and children, came from Ireland to these shores, locating soon after arrival in Washington county, Pa., and afterward removed to Beaver county. He had five children, the eldest of whom, Charles, born in 1785, was a hatter for several years. In 1820 he came to Raccoon township, purchased 130 acres of land, and settled down to farm life. He married Sarah McCracken, who bore him one son, Dr. William McHenry. This wife dying, Mr. McHenry married Martha Devine, as above. He held the office of justice of the peace for fifteen years. John was reared on the farm, receiving a good education. He married, in 1861, Cynthia, youngest daughter of William Littell, and sister to Gen. John S. Littell, the family being one of the oldest in the county. Seven children, three now living, have blessed this union: Agnes (graduate of Edinboro College), Jennie Estelle and John Edgar, at home. Mr. McHenry was a school director for fifteen years, and held many other positions of trust. He and family are members of the United Presbyterian church; in politics he is a Republican.

WILLIAM E. McKEE, farmer, P. O. Woodlawn, was born in Birmingham, now Pittsburgh (South Side), May 5, 1835. His grandfather, James McKee, a native of Ireland, settled in Cumberland county, Pa., and finally removed to Pittsburgh, where he died. His son, John McKee, father of William E., was born in Cumberland county, Aug. 19, 1798, and was reared in Pittsburgh. He was a prominent man in his day, was well known throughout the country, and was justice of the peace for twenty-five years; also served as borough treasurer and poorhouse director of Allegheny county. He died July 11, 1863. His wife was Charlotte, daughter of Henry Wendt, one of the first glass manufacturers of Pittsburgh. She was born in Pittsburgh (South Side) Sept. 11, 1808, and died Jan. 5, 1870. John McKee was class leader in the Methodist church for many years. Politically he was a Whig and afterward a Republican. His brothers, James, Samuel and Thomas, were prominent glass manufacturers in Pittsburgh. William E. McKee, our subject, had two brothers, John and Henry, and one sister, Sarah, who lived to maturity. John is a member of the Board of Health of Pittsburgh. William E. was educated in Pittsburgh, and learned the trade of glass-cutting; enlisted Aug. 5, 1861, in Company B, 62d Regiment, P. V., and served until November, 1862. He participated in the battles of Hanover Court House, Gaines' Mill, Antietam and South Mountain, and at Gaines' Mill he received a wound, on account of which he was discharged. After the war he came to Moon township, where he has a farm of 100 acres.

He was married in Pittsburgh, to Mary, daughter of George and Catharine (Roth) Haas, and they have five children living: Thomas, Sarah, John, William and Charles.

JOHN R. MCKENZIE, farmer, P. O. Harshaville, was born in Washington county, Pa., Nov. 22, 1827. His grandfather, Kenneth McKenzie, was born near Fort George, Scotland, and came to America between 1780 and 1790, settling in Maryland, where he was married to Jane Clark. They moved to Bevington Mill, Washington county, Pa., and in 1819 came to Hanover township, this county, where Mr. McKenzie died April 25, 1814. His wife died Sept. 22, 1836. They had six children: John, Mary, Jane, William, Collin and Sarah A. William, who was a farmer and tanner, was born in Washington county Jan. 10, 1803, and died Sept. 3, 1835; his wife, Isabella Ralston, was born in 1803 and died in 1886. They were members of the United Presbyterian church. They had three children: John R., James and Jane C. John R. was married to Elizabeth, daughter of David Strouss, and they have five children living: Nettie, David, William J., John and Joseph. Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie are members of the United Presbyterian church; politically he is a Democrat. He owns 200 acres of land. Of his sons, David and William J. are farmers; John teaches school in winter, and farms through the summer. Mrs. Isabella McKenzie was a daughter of John Ralston, whose father was assisted and partly carried to Fort Frankfort in one of the early Indian alarms. He died at Youngstown, Ohio, aged 104 years.

ALEXANDER and J. B. MCKIBBIN, farmers, P. O. Green Garden, are sons of Alexander McKibbin, who came to the United States from Ireland about 1825, and shortly after his arrival located in Pittsburgh, where for seven years he followed his trade, that of stone mason. He then moved to Beaver county, purchased 125 acres of land, commenced farm life, and managed successfully a country store. He married a Miss Gregg, sister of the well-known wholesale dry goods merchant of Pittsburgh. Two children were born to this union: John T., of Kansas, and Ellen (now Mrs. Campbell), of Perrysville, Allegheny county, Pa. The mother of these dying, Mr. McKibbin married Nancy Bryson, who bore him seven children, five of them now living.

Alexander McKibbin, the second son born to the last marriage, was reared on the homestead, and received a good education, graduating from the Commercial College at Pittsburgh, in 1868. He enlisted in 1862, in Company H, 140th Regiment, P. V., served three years, and participated in many decisive battles. In 1871 he bought 100 acres of land, all under cultivation, and the same year married Tillie J., daughter of William Irwin. By her he has four children: Ella May, Mattie Jane, Amie Mary and Alvin Stewart. Mr. McKibbin has been a member of the county and state board of agriculture for six years, serving his second term as member of state board of agriculture; is school director and secretary (third term); was county auditor from 1876 to 1879. He is a member of the United Presbyterian church; in politics a Republican.

J. B. McKibbin, also a son of Alexander and Nancy (Bryson) McKibbin, is a native of Allegheny county, Pa., born in 1840, and was reared on the farm purchased by his father, at whose death he inherited the property. He married, in 1865, Lizzie Ellen, daughter of James White, and to this union were born three children: Aggie, Jane and Bessie. Mr. McKibbin is a member of the United Presbyterian church; politically a Republican.

WILLIAM MCKIRAHAN, minister, Hookstown, was born Feb. 25, 1845, in Belmont county, Ohio. The genealogy of the family dates back to the days of religious persecution in Scotland, when all the family were killed, save two brothers, who fled to Ireland, where one was killed by the Catholics on landing. The other one escaped and settled in the North of Ireland, where many of his descendants still reside. Samuel McKirahan, grandfather of William, came to America in 1790, in the Brig "Cunningham." He settled near Hickory, Washington county, Pa., and died in Belmont county, Ohio. He married a Miss Gamble, who was the mother of nine children, five sons and four daughters. Of these children, Joseph was a minister. John was born in Washington county, Pa., in 1806, and is still living in Logan county, Ohio, and is a farmer by occupation. He married Elizabeth Porterfield, who is the mother of nine sons and three

daughters. Five sons were soldiers in the Civil War. William was graduated from Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., received his literary diploma from West Geneva College, his theological education in Allegheny Seminary, and has a certificate from Dr. Harper of Yale College, professor of the Semitic languages, where he studied Hebrew. He is now studying the Assyrian and Arabic languages. He received the first appointment in Indiana county, Pa., where he remained six years, and Oct. 14, 1883, came to Hookstown, where he has charge of the United Presbyterian church. He was married in Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 4, 1876, to Ida L., daughter of Rev. J. M. Johnston, and they have one son living, Ralph, born May 30, 1878.

JOSEPH McLARN, merchant and postmaster at Murdocksville, was born in Findley township, Allegheny county Pa., in April, 1815. He is a son of Hugh McLarn, a native of Ireland, who came to America when a young man in company with his brother, Robert, and settled in Mercer county, Pa. He afterward moved to Findley township, where he carried on the business of farming, and died in August, 1825, aged fifty-eight years. He was a Whig, and a member of the Seceder's church. He married, Jennie, daughter of John Harper, an old settler of Allegheny county. She bore him eight children. Joseph was educated in his native county, and was in early life a farmer. At the age of twenty-five he started a store in Moon township, Allegheny county; opened his store in Murdocksville in 1840, and has been very successful. He owns 150 acres of land in this county, and twenty acres in Washington county. Dec. 11, 1849, he was married to Mary Ann Donaldson, who is the mother of four children: Joseph II.; Jennie M., wife of Rev. J. L. Leeper, of Reading, Pa.; Anna M., widow of Dr. Henry Burns; and Esther. Mr. and Mrs. McLarn are members of the United Presbyterian church of Robinson. Mr. McLarn has been postmaster since 1841, and is a Republican. He is a thorough-going successful business man.

JOHN McMURTRIE, farmer, P. O. Clinton, Allegheny county, was born Dec. 10, 1809, in Sussex county, N. J. His grandfather, John McMurtrie, was a native of Sussex county, of which he was the oldest justice, and died there. His son, John, father of the subject of this sketch, was also born in Sussex county, but died in Clinton, Pa. He was a farmer, and married Ann, daughter of Joseph Shippen, and granddaughter of Dr. Shippen, of Philadelphia, from whom she received an annuity as long as she lived. She died in Clinton, Pa., leaving six children: William, Nancy, John, Emeline, Angeline and Horace. Of these John, our subject, came west at the age of four years. He farmed until he was twenty years old, then worked on the road to Philadelphia as a broker and dealer in stock. He purchased land in Beaver county in 1840, and now owns 143 acres. He married Elizabeth, daughter of John Connel, and she has borne him five children: Jane, Ann, Elizabeth, Nancy M. and Joseph. Mr. McMurtrie has been a Democrat all his life.

ADAM MANOR, farmer, P. O. Bellowsville, is a native of Allegheny county, Pa., born in 1812. His parents were James and Elizabeth (Graham) Manor, the former of whom came to Western Pennsylvania from east of the Alleghenies at an early day. They had seven children, four now living, Adam being among the eldest. Our subject was reared on a farm, and in 1836 came to Beaver county, where he purchased, in 1862, his present farm of fifty-four acres, in Raccoon township, whereon he has since resided. He was united in marriage, in 1842, with Elizabeth S., daughter of Peter Lance, of this county, and eight children have blessed them. Mrs. Manor died in 1871, and in 1872 our subject wedded Emeline Lance, sister to his first wife, and she has borne him one daughter, Dora. The mother dying, Mr. Manor married Mrs. Ralston, of Washington county, Pa., the mother of four children by her first husband. Mr. Manor is a member of the Presbyterian church. In politics he is a Democrat.

JAMES MARKS (deceased), son of John Marks, was born in Allegheny county, Pa., Dec. 25, 1812, and died Dec. 19, 1884, of cancer of the stomach. His father, John Marks, was a fuller by trade, and came here from over the mountains. He first settled on Montour's Run, Allegheny county, where his descendants became honored members of the community in which they lived. Our subject became a member of the Associate

Reformed church at the age of sixteen years. In 1838 he moved within the bounds of the Raccoon church, in the same year was installed ruling elder of the congregation, and remained for about forty years in the discharge of his duties as an officer of the church. In 1877 he changed his membership to the New Bethlehem church. The memory of his true, Christian life will ever be cherished by those who were privileged to know him. He was married three times. His third wife, whom he married Dec. 26, 1861, and who survives him, and was faithful and devoted to him, was Margaret, daughter of Samuel Eachel, and she became the mother of two children: Isabella, wife of Robert Green; and Ulysses Grant, a student at the Western University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Marks was a Republican. Of his children, three sons and four daughters are yet living, one son having given up his life in the service of his country. The Marks farm contains ninety-six acres, on which are three oil wells.

MICHAEL MATEER, farmer, P. O. Shafer's, was born July 14, 1839, in Moon township, to which place his father, Michael Mateer, Sr., had moved the previous spring. The latter was born at Alsace, Germany, and was married in Pittsburgh, to Margaret Rook. He died Oct. 12, 1882; his widow died Nov. 23, 1887, aged eighty-two years. She was the mother of seven children: Margaret, Mary A. (deceased), Elizabeth, Michael, Caroline, George and Louise. Michael, our subject, followed the trade of carpenter for twenty years. He owns a farm of 155 acres, part of the old Baker homestead, and which contains probably the oldest orchard in the county. Mr. Mateer married Lydia A., daughter of George McElhanev, and she has borne him five children: Elizabeth A., Anna M., Margaret L., Thomas F. and Albert M. Mr. and Mrs. Mateer are members of the North Branch Presbyterian church, of which he is a trustee. He is a Democrat, and has been school director, treasurer, auditor and collector.

SAMUEL MAXWELL, farmer, P. O. Bellowsville, was born Aug. 17, 1833, in Findley, Washington county, where his father lived from 1815 to 1833. The parents died in Allegheny county, the father at the age of seventy-six, and the mother at the age of eighty-three years. James Maxwell was born in Scotland, and had fourteen children, of whom nine reached maturity: Jane J., Mary, Fanny, Isabella, Ann, Rachel, James A., Joseph B. and Samuel. The last named was educated in Allegheny City, and learned several trades. First he learned the iron moulder's trade, and then the blacksmith's bellows trade, from which occupation the village of Bellowsville received its name. In Allegheny he was in partnership with his brother, Joseph B., who died in Bellowsville. Samuel came here and bought land Aug. 17, 1870, and now owns fifty-six acres. When Mr. Maxwell and his brother came here they erected a substantial ferryboat, which plies between Bellowsville and Vanport, and kept the ferry about ten years. During the war they had a large factory and forge, and filled many government contracts. Samuel Maxwell married Eliza, daughter of William Morrison, Esq., and they have three children: Harriet J., Rachel A. and Ella E. The parents are members of the United Presbyterian church. Mr. Maxwell is a Prohibitionist.

JOSEPH MEHAFFEY, farmer, P. O. Harshville, was born in Cumberland county, Pa., Sept. 6, 1815. His father, also named Joseph, and a native of County Tyrone, Ireland, came to America at the age of twenty-one years, and settled in Cumberland county, Pa., where he carried on farming. He married Jane Patterson, who was also a native of Ireland, and who came with her parents to this country when she was two years old. After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Mehaffey settled in Washington county, where they died. They had nine children. Joseph, our subject, was married in Washington county, to Jane, daughter of William Chapman, and six children have been born to them: John L., William Alexander, Joseph H., Elizabeth J. (died at the age of eleven years), Sarah E. and Emma A. Mr. Mehaffey and wife are members of the United Presbyterian church of Hanover, of which he is an elder. He came to Beaver county in 1844, and has since been successfully engaged in farming here, owning 140 acres. He is a Democrat, and has held several township offices.

J. H. MEHAFFEY, merchant, P. O. Service, was born in 1827, in Beaver county, Pa. His grandfather, Joseph Mehaffey, came from Ireland and settled in Washington

county, Pa. Of his family of three sons and five daughters, Joseph, the eldest son, came to this county in 1842, and purchased the farm on which he died; he married Jane Chapman, by whom he had six children, five yet living, J. H. being the youngest. Our subject was reared on the farm, where he remained until his twenty-fourth year, then engaged in huckstering, Pittsburgh being his shipping port; and for thirteen years he has been engaged in general mercantile business, the past eight years at his present place. He was married, in 1870, to Sarah, daughter of Allison Robertson, of this county, and two children have been born to them: Lillie Dickson and Fred Arden. Mr. McHaffey is a member of the United Presbyterian church; he is a Democrat.

JUSTICE MERKEL, blacksmith, P. O. Water Cure, was born May 3, 1824, in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, in the village of Swingenberg. His father, Johannes Merkel, was a blacksmith in the German army, was with Napoleon Bonaparte in the war with Russia, and received three medals for bravery. He died in Bessengen, Hesse-Darmstadt, aged ninety-three years. His wife was Elizabeth Merkel, who died in Germany, aged eighty-three years. They had ten children, seven of whom are living. Justice learned his trade with his father, and was with him in the army at the age of fourteen years. He traveled seven years in Germany and came to America Oct. 1, 1847, and worked a while in the carriage shops at Albany, N. Y., and then went to Philadelphia, where he worked two years in the horse-shoe shops. After this he worked two years in Pittsburgh, and then two years in Stewardstown. In October, 1854, he came to Phillipsburg, where he has since carried on his trade. He was married here to Margaretha, daughter of Michael and Margaret Matter, and now supports his aged mother-in-law.

JAMES MILLER, farmer, P. O. Clinton, Allegheny county, was born in County Derry, Ireland, Jan. 18, 1822, is a son of John and Elizabeth (Scott) Miller. James came to this country with his mother, at the age of twenty-two years, and in 1845 he bought from John Hice the place where his brother John S. now lives. There the family settled, and from there the children started out for themselves and became good and useful citizens. James married Sarah, daughter of Hiram Lockhart, and they have eight children living: John, Joseph, Archibald, Robert, William, Elizabeth M., Margaret Ann and Sarah. Mr. Miller and wife are members of the United Presbyterian church, and he is an elder in the New Bethel church. He owns the farm of 134 acres where he lives, and about 200 acres in the neighborhood. He is a Democrat.

JOHN S. MILLER, farmer, P. O. Seventy-Six, was born March 26, 1830, in County Derry, Ireland, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Scott) Miller. The father died in Ireland, and the mother in this country, in 1869, aged sixty-nine years. She had nine children: Mrs. Mary Sherrard, (who died in the old country), Mrs. Margaret McGarvey, Mrs. Jane Thompson, Mrs. Martha McGarvey, Mrs. Eliza A. McAllister, James, Archie (deceased), Joseph (of Kansas) and John S. The mother showed great courage in leaving her friends in Ireland, and bringing her family to this country. John S. has followed farming all his life, except nine years spent in mining in California. He owns 125 acres. His wife was Jane, daughter of John and Sarah (Carr) Mateer. She died, leaving six children: Sarah, Eliza A., Mary J., Martha, John S. and Andrew. Mr. Miller is a member of the New Bethlehem church, of which he has been a trustee. In politics he is a Democrat.

JOHN MONTGOMERY, farmer, P. O. Hookstown, is a grandson of James Montgomery, of Irish descent, who was a farmer and millwright for many years in Washington county, Pa., and Columbiana county, Ohio, where he died. He raised eleven children, of whom James was a tanner by trade, and worked many years near Frankfort with John Ewing, who taught him the trade. He finally bought a farm of 250 acres in Greene township, where his son John now resides. He died Aug. 14, 1866, aged fifty-six years. He was a Presbyterian, and took a deep interest in church and school affairs. Politically he was a Republican, as is his son. His wife was Sarah, daughter of John Stevenson, who built the Stevenson mill in Allegheny county. She died July 1, 1881, aged seventy-two years. She had two children, John and Nancy J., who farm the home place. They are members of the Mill Creek church.

ALEXANDER MOORE, farmer, P. O. Service, was born in Allegheny county, Pa., April 18, 1826. His paternal grandparents were John and Letitia (Watt) Moore, of Scotch-Irish Presbyterian stock. His father, Samuel W. Moore, was born in County Antrim, Ireland, and was the eldest of six children. He was born in October, 1797, came to America at the age of twenty, and died Feb. 14, 1873. He first landed in Philadelphia, where he worked about a year, and then came to Pittsburgh, and worked for a time on the abutment of the old Allegheny bridge. In 1831 he bought 300 acres of land, and in the fall of that year moved to the farm. His wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Alexander Liggett. She died Sept. 17, 1875, aged seventy-nine years. They were members of the United Presbyterian church of Service. Their children were Isabella, John L., Alexander, Letitia, Ann, Hugh, Eliza J. and Samuel N. Alexander has been a farmer all his life, and owns a farm. He has been a successful farmer, and has accumulated a competence.

JAMES MOORE, farmer, P. O. Hookstown, was born Feb. 16, 1817. His grandfather, Thomas Moore, was born near Easton, Pa., and married Margaret Hutchison, a Scotch lady. They settled in Washington county, but soon afterward came to Hanover township, and purchased 400 acres of land, where our subject now resides. Thomas Moore was one of the wealthy men of Beaver county, and owned about 1,000 acres of land. He had seven children: James, Nancy, Mary, Samuel, Aaron, Andrew and Margaret. Of these, James married Sarah, daughter of John and Martha (Mahan) Boyd. James Moore died at the age of eighty-four years, and his wife at the age of sixty-two. They were members of the United Presbyterian church: in politics he was a Democrat. Their children were John, Thomas, James, Margaret, Martha, Aaron and Sarah. Of these, James, the subject of this sketch, is the only one living. He married Rachel, daughter of Samuel Lindsey. They have three children: Martha A. (Mrs. Ewing), Mary A. and James E. Mr. and Mrs. Moore are connected with the Tomlinson Run United Presbyterian church; politically he is a Democrat.

SAMUEL W. MOORHEAD, farmer, P. O. Hookstown, was born July 30, 1817. The progenitor of the family in this country was Samuel Moorehead, a native of Scotland, and supposed to have been a descendant of the old Moore family of that country. He came to America, and first located in Wilmington, but soon afterward left his tools and an unfinished cellar to investigate lands further west. He settled in Washington county, and died there at an old age. His wife, Elizabeth Sproul, died at the residence of her son John, aged nearly 100 years, having been blind for seven years before her death. She had five children: John, James, David, Robert and Elizabeth (Mrs. McLaughlin). Of these John was a mason by trade, and owned a farm in Washington county, where he died, aged over seventy years. He married Sarah, daughter of John Buchanan. She died young, leaving five children: Samuel W., John, William, George, and Eliza J., who died young. Samuel W. followed farming in Washington and Allegheny counties, and in 1872 came to Greene township, where he has a farm of 101 acres. In 1843 he married Ellen Wilson, granddaughter of old Rev. Dr. Wilson. They had four children, only one of whom, Mrs. Sadie Campbell, is living. Mr. and Mrs. Moorhead are members of the United Presbyterian church. He is a Prohibitionist.

DAVID MORRIS, farmer, P. O. Service, was born "east of the mountains," Jan. 19, 1818. Isaac Morris, his grandfather, was born in Ireland, of Scotch descent; his wife was Mary Lockhart, and they lived in Bucks county, Pa., whence they moved to Allegheny county. They had eighteen children. Of these, Thomas settled in Greene township, Beaver county, and died there; his wife was Mary E. Benwood, and they had nine children, of whom David, the subject of this biography, lived in Greene township until he was twenty-one years old. He then lived two summers in Washington county. He married Elizabeth, daughter of William Schuler, and they have six children, John, George, William, Levi F., James A. and Eliza Ann. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church of Mount Olivet, which Mr. Morris helped to build, and in which he has been an elder. He has been a life-long Republican.

THOMAS J. MORRIS, pilot, P. O. Water Cure, was born in Wood county, W. Va.,

Oct. 9, 1820. His parents were Thomas and Nancy (French) Morris, the former of English and the latter of Scotch descent, and both died in West Virginia. They had three children: William, Thomas J. and Isabella. Thomas J., the only survivor, was educated in his native county, and at the age of sixteen made a trip to New Orleans with produce. On his return he commenced to learn the business of piloting in Pittsburgh, and has followed that occupation since 1846. His usual run is from Pittsburgh to Louisville, Ky. He was married in Rochester to Mary, daughter of Samuel Moore. The latter erected the third house in Rochester, which is still standing, and died in 1884, aged ninety-six years. His father, James Moore, cut a road across the mountains, and settled near New Brighton. The children had to be taken to the blockhouse at night to avoid a massacre by the Indians. Mr. and Mrs. Morris have seven children: James H., Charles T., Alfred L., Clinton H., Frank R., George S. and Carrie A. Mr. and Mrs. Morris and daughter are members of the Presbyterian church of Phillipsburg. Mr. Morris is a Democrat. His maternal grandfather, William French, located at the present site of Williamsport, Pa., which was destroyed by fire by the Indians, the family being saved by a friendly Indian. Of Mr. Morris' children, James H. is engaged in the coal and steam business at Allegheny City and Pittsburgh. He is married to Rebecca Shires, and has three children: Shires, Max and Lillie.

ALEXANDER MORROW, farmer, P. O. Seventy-Six, was born Sept. 4, 1846, on the old Morrow homestead, in Hopewell township, Beaver county. His father, Alexander P. Morrow, was also born there. They are descendants of Hugh and Sarah (Herdman) Morrow, natives of Ireland, and probably of Scotch descent. Our subject was educated in the schools of his native county, and has been a successful farmer. He owns about 160 acres of land, besides a gristmill, which was formerly operated by the Anderson and Bock families. Mr. Morrow married Mary J., daughter of Robert McBride, and they have had nine children, eight of whom are living: Ida M., Sadie, Minnie, Lulu W., Lizzie B., John Lee, Charley B. and Myrtle Pearl; Alexander H. died Jan. 17, 1881. Mr. Morrow is a Democrat, and has held township offices.

WILLIAM MORROW, farmer and stockman, P. O. Seventy-Six, is a grandson of Hugh Morrow and a son of Alexander P., one of the large landholders of Beaver county. William was born on the old Morrow homestead, in Hopewell township, Aug. 14, 1849, and was educated in his native county. He worked for his father until six months after he reached his majority, then began for himself. He was married, Dec. 29, 1872, to Miss Melvine Jane, daughter of Henry Twiford, of West Virginia. She was born in Independence township Jan. 12, 1851; was educated in Raccoon township, and resided with her grandparents until her marriage. They have seven children now living: Laura B., Sadie A., Alexander P., William Wilson, Mary J., Seth W. and Phoebe A. The parents are members of the United Presbyterian church of New Bethlehem, and Mr. Morrow has been teaching in the Sabbath-school for seven years. Politically he is a Democrat, has held the office of school director, and has been reelected for three years more.

JOHN MORROW, farmer, P. O. Ethel Landing, was born in Hopewell township May 21, 1844. His grandfather, Hugh Morrow, was born in the North of Ireland, of Scotch descent, came to this country when a young man and settled on the old Morrow homestead, in Hopewell township. John Morrow was educated in the county and became a farmer. He married Fannie, daughter of James Alexander, and their children are J. Alexander, William J., John, Hugh, Nancy J., Mary and Edith L. Mrs. Morrow died Nov. 17, 1886, aged thirty-nine years. She was a member of the United Presbyterian church. Mr. Morrow is a Democrat, and has held the offices of supervisor and school director.

JAMES MULLEN, glass worker, P. O. Water Cure, was born in Philadelphia May 6, 1832. His parents, George and Catherine (McLaughlin) Mullen, were both natives of County Derry, Ireland. They came to America in 1818, and settled in Philadelphia where they lived many years. In 1835 they removed to Pittsburgh, where the father followed the blacksmith trade, and died at the age of seventy-two years. The mother

died young. They had seven children. James began labor in the Fort Pitt Glass Works, and has followed the business in different places for forty-four years, becoming one of the finest glass blowers in Western Pennsylvania. He was in the employ of Bakewell, Pierce & Co., for twenty-nine years, and was one of the originators and stockholders of the Phoenix Glass Company in 1880. Since 1883 he has been employed by George A. McBeth & Co., in the Keystone Glass Works, at Pittsburgh. He married Mary Milligan, who died in 1871. Three children are the result of this union, all living: Ella E., a well-known singer in Pittsburgh, now married to W. J. Mellon, a prominent attorney of Beaver, Pa.; George V. and Agnes B. Mr. Mullen politically is a Democrat.

JAMES NELSON was born May 4, 1804. The first of the family to settle in this country was William Nelson, who was born in Ireland and came to America with five children: John, Matthew, James, Anna and Margaret. The mother died on the voyage. William Nelson settled in Beaver county, four miles northwest of Service. The first Seceder's congregation of Service was formed at his house, and he was a prominent member. His son Matthew married Hannah Hunter, and both died in Greene township. They had ten children: John, William, David, Mary, Esther, James, Alexander, Margaret, Samuel and Nancy. James Nelson married Jane, daughter of Hezekiah and Nancy (McCullough) Wallace. She was born April 20, 1811, and is the mother of nine children: John, Hezekiah W., Mrs. Hannah Ewing, Matthew, Mrs. Nancy Ewing, Mrs. Martha Swearingen, Susan M. (wife of Dr. F. D. Kerr, of Hookstown), David A. and Esther J. Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson are members of the United Presbyterian church, of which he was for forty years an elder. Politically he was formerly a Whig, but is now a Republican. During the anti-slavery excitement he aided and sheltered fugitive slaves. Hezekiah W. Nelson was reared and educated in Beaver county and Pittsburgh. He was lieutenant of Company H, 53d Regiment State Troops, in the Civil War, and served three months. He was sent to relieve General Kelly at New Creek, W. Va., and afterward spent much time in recruiting, and in the Christian commission. Politically he is a Republican. The old family name was spelled Nielson.

JOHN NELSON, farmer, P. O. Hookstown, was born May 23, 1830, on the old homestead, where he remained only one year, when his father removed to Greene township, where he lived until nine years of age, then lived on a farm near Service twelve years. In 1851 he returned to the homestead, then owned by the heirs of his grandfather, Hezekiah Wallace. After living there ten years he was married March 31, 1861, and then settled on a farm of fifty acres, which was a part of the homestead. In the spring of 1867 he bought a farm on Service creek, where he resided until 1880, when he purchased a farm of 160 acres near Hookstown; he also owns another farm of 135 acres. His wife was Mary J., daughter of Thomas and Susan (Allen) Withrow, both natives of Chester county, Pa., and of Scotch-Irish descent. This union has been blessed with two children: Susan E. (wife of George R. Stewart, who has one son, Clyde N.) and Flora J. (now at school in Beaver). Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are members of the United Presbyterian church, of which he is an elder. He is a Republican. Early in life he taught school and conducted a saw-mill. He has also done much work as a surveyor.

MATTHEW NELSON, farmer, P. O. Harshaville, was born Dec. 4, 1839, on Service creek, in Greene township, where his parents, James and Jane Nelson, resided for about twelve years. He was reared and educated in this county, and has been a farmer all his life, with the exception of the time spent in the army. He enlisted Aug. 22, 1861, in Company F, 46th Regiment, and served over three years, being honorably discharged in September, 1864. He was in General Banks' campaign in the Shenandoah Valley; was with General Pope on his retreat from Cedar Mountain; was captured at Chancellorsville, and taken to Libby prison. He was shortly afterward paroled, and when exchanged, joined the regiment in Tennessee. He was in the engagement at Buzzard Roost, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, Dallas and Peach Tree Creek, South Mountain and Antietam, and his brigade was the first to enter Atlanta. He had typhoid fever at the time of the battle of Gettysburg. Mr. Nelson was married, Sept. 21, 1865, to Hattie,

daughter of John Calhoun, and sister of Captain Thomas Calhoun. This union has been blessed with three children: Rosella J., Frank E., and Ernest J., who died Jan. 16, 1881. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are members of the United Presbyterian church. He is a Republican.

JAMES NELSON, mechanic, P. O. New Sheffield, was born Aug. 11, 1814, on the banks of the Ohio river, in Beaver county. His grandfather, John Nelson, a native of Ireland and of Scotch descent, a farmer by occupation, died in Pittsburgh. His son, John Nelson, was a farmer and died in Pittsburgh, aged ninety-five years. His wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Nicholas Conly, who was a soldier in the Revolution, serving all through the war. Mrs. Elizabeth Nelson died on the farm where James Nelson now resides, in 1884, aged eighty-six years. She had two children: James and Mary (Mrs. Maratta). She was one of a family of twenty children, who lived to maturity. John Nelson was a well-read man, and had the most extensive library in the neighborhood. He fought in the War of 1812, and received injuries from which he suffered concussion of the brain. James Nelson attended the common schools, and at the age of fourteen began learning the trade of steam engine building. He served an apprenticeship of seven years, at the close of which he went into partnership with his employers, Samuel Stackhouse and James Thomson. The firm eventually became James Nelson & Co., and continued until 1862, when Mr. Nelson went to St. Louis, where he built two coasting monitors for the U. S. navy, the "Etlah," and the "Shiloh." After the war he returned to Pittsburgh, and again engaged in engine building till 1876, when he removed to Hopewell township where he owns a farm of 146 acres. In 1850 he was elected to the executive department of the water works in Pittsburgh, and filled the office with ability for twelve years. He was one of the founders of the Mercantile Library Association, formerly the Merchants and Mechanics Institute. His life has been one of great activity and usefulness. He has never married. He was formerly a Whig, and is now a Republican.

SAMUEL NELSON, farmer, P. O. Hookstown, was born in August, 1815, on the homestead where he now resides. His father, Mathew Nelson, was a native of County Armagh, Ireland, and when four years old came to this country with his father, William. Mathew Nelson married Hannah Hunter, who died on the farm now owned by Samuel. They were members of the United Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Nelson was an elder for many years. He was a fluent speaker, and was identified with the old Whig party. Samuel was reared and educated in this county. He was the youngest son, and retained the homestead farm, which he has greatly improved. He is a member of the United Presbyterian church; politically he was formerly a Whig, and is now a Republican. He has been township auditor for several years, and justice of the peace ten years. In 1878 he was elected county commissioner, and served three years.

THOMAS NICHOLSON (deceased), whose portrait appears elsewhere in this work, was the first superintendent of schools for Beaver county. He was emphatically a self-made man, having had no early educational advantages, and was compelled to support himself from a very youthful age. His parents, John and Margaret (Hays) Nicholson, were natives of Ireland, and lived in Lancaster county, Pa., where our subject was born on Aug. 26 of that year. From early childhood until 1833 he lived in Washington county, and removed in the last named year to Hanover township, this county. At first he taught a subscription school, and afterward opened an academy at Frankfort in company with Rev. James Sloan. Nearly all the time of his residence here he filled the office of justice of the peace. In 1844 he was elected to the legislature on the Whig ticket, and served three terms; in 1867 he was again elected to the same position, which he held two terms. For the last three years of his legislative service he was a member of the committee of ways and means. While an ardent champion of the Republican party, he was fair to his opponents, and was influential in debate. A faithful laborer in the cause of free education, temperance and the abolition of slavery, he was respected alike by his allies and opponents. He knew when to say a word in time, and killed a bill to prohibit

the free range of cattle with these words: "Great God! What will you do with the poor woman's cow?" Resigning the office of assemblyman at the close of the last session to which he was elected, Mr. Nicholson accepted the position of cashier of the state treasury, which he held under four preceding treasurers, being often left in entire charge, and without giving bond. During the last term of such service, under treasurer Mackey, he was obliged to resign on account of ill health, and returned to Frankfort, where a long life of usefulness was brought to a close Jan. 14, 1872. During his judicial service he labored to prevent litigation among his fellow citizens, and was known in the legislature as the uncompromising foe of extravagance with public funds. For a helpmeet Mr. Nicholson espoused Rebecca, daughter of David and Mary Stewart, of Ireland. She was a native of Washington county, Pa., and died at Frankfort Springs Dec. 12, 1887, in her eighty-first year. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson were communicants in the Methodist Episcopal church. Their only children now living are Mary T., wife of Thomas Bigger, of Frankfort Springs, and Thomas C., of Altoona, Pa. The latter was for some time editor of the *Argus*, in Beaver, where he subsequently studied law. He practiced for some time in Paola, Kas., and served as lieutenant in the 140th Regiment, P. V. I. John H., the eldest child of Thomas Nicholson, died at Macomb, Ill. David S. died at Fairview, W. Va. Margaret, wife of Dr. J. A. Bingham, died in Frankfort Springs. Eliza Jane died at the age of six years.

ALEXANDER NICKLE, farmer, P. O. Kendall, was born Nov. 18, 1824, in Washington county, near Frankfort Springs, where his parents, David and Mary (Murrey) Nickle resided. The latter's mother, Mary Murrey, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Kevan, aged eighty years. Our subject's parents were of Scotch origin. The father died aged seventy-seven, and the mother aged seventy-one years. They belonged to the Associate church, of which he was an elder. They had eight children: James, George, William, David, Elizabeth, Mathew, Alexander and Margaret. Alexander was reared and educated in this county, became a farmer and owns 124 acres. He was married, in October, 1866, to Mrs. Minerva A. Stevenson, *nee* Evans. They have had three children: John C. C., James E. and Mary V. Mr. and Mrs. Nickle are members of the United Presbyterian church of Hookstown, in which he has been an elder ever since the war. He is a Democrat, and has been supervisor eleven years.

MATTHEW NICKLE, farmer, P. O. Hookstown, was born July 7, 1822, and was raised and educated in this county. His father, David Nickle, was born in 1781, near Edinburgh, Scotland, and was a merchant in his native country. His wife was Mary Morrow. They had five children born in Scotland: James, George, William, David and Elizabeth. They came to this country in 1820, and settled near Frankfort Springs, where the old Dr. McElwee place now is. They were members of the old King's Creek Seceder's church under Dr. John Anderson's charge. They subsequently moved to the northwestern part of the township, where the father died in 1847, aged eighty-six years. The mother died at the home of her son, Alexander. They had three children born in this county: Matthew, Alexander and Margaret. Matthew married, Aug. 7, 1847, Margaret Patterson, of Carroll county, Ohio. She died, leaving seven children: John B., Thomas M., Alexander M., James, Mary (who died at the age of sixteen years), Margaret R. and William P., the adopted son of Alexander and Mary Scott, of Carroll county, Ohio. Mr. Nickle was married, on second occasion, to Mrs. Jane Hall, daughter of James Bigger. Mr. and Mrs. Nickle are members of the Tomlinson Run United Presbyterian church, of which he has been an elder for fifteen years. He has been a hard working, successful business man, and has accumulated a property of 450 acres. He is a Democrat, and has filled several township offices.

DAVID NICKLE, farmer, P. O. Frankfort Springs, was born Nov. 13, 1834, in Hanover township. His grandfather, David Nickle, was a native of Scotland, and was married there to Mary Murray. He came to America when his son James was twelve years old. He had eight children: James, George, William, David, Matthew, Alexander, Eliza and Margaret. The grandfather settled in Hanover township, where he died. He was an elder in the Seceder's church. In politics he was a Democrat. James Nickle

married Jane Dobbin, from West Virginia, and both lived and died in this township. They were members of the United Presbyterian church. Their children were Mary, Jane, David, Leonard, James, John, Matthew, Margaret and Ann. David married Eliza A., daughter of James Bigger, and they have one son, Robert J., born Dec. 18, 1861. Mr. and Mrs. Nickle are members of the Presbyterian church, of which he is an elder. Politically he is a Democrat.

JOHN NICKLE, farmer, P. O. Kendall, was born May 7, 1840. His grandfather, David, and his father, James, came from Scotland when the latter was eight years old, and both died in this county. James Nickle married Jane, daughter of James and Jane Dobbin, natives of Ireland, and ten children were born to this couple: Mary, Jane, David, Leonard, James, John, Matthew, Margaret, Charles D. and Anna. John was born on the homestead, and followed farming until the war. He enlisted Aug. 22, 1862, in Company H, 140th Regiment, and participated in many engagements, among which were the Wilderness, Cold Harbor, Spottsylvania and Chancellorsville. He was at Mine Run, near Petersburg, and lost his right leg. He afterward returned home, has since followed farming, and now owns 138 acres. July 9, 1879, he married Belle, daughter of Andrew and Eliza (McCready) Moore. They have one child, Anna Orta Ethel, born Nov. 23, 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Nickle are members of the Mill Creek Presbyterian church; in politics he is a Republican.

CHARLES OBNEY, farmer, P. O. Service, was born at Montour's Run, Allegheny county, Pa. When he was but fourteen years old he came to Beaver county, and lived in Independence township for ten years, on the farm where Robert Gorsuch now resides. At the age of eighteen years he commenced working out for other people. He married Mary, daughter of John Ralston. She was born on King's creek, Washington county, and died Oct. 14, 1885, leaving two children now living: John R. and William A. Of these John R. married Elizabeth Bell, and had seven children: Charles O., Alice Bell, Mary I., Emma I., Cora E., Annette O. and James C. Charles Obney married for his second wife Eliza J. Shillito, who was born at Service, Beaver county. Both are members of the United Presbyterian church of Service, and take a deep interest in church affairs. Politically Mr. Obney is a Republican. He has been supervisor, and is now school director.

JOSEPH PALMER, decorator, P. O. Water Cure, was born in Falkennau-bei-Heide, Bohemia, Feb. 18, 1845. His father, Joseph Palmer, Sr., was an expert decorator on glass, and early in life our subject evinced a love for the profession, in which he has since proven himself so proficient. He learned his trade with his uncle, August Palmer, whose son, William, is now in a factory in New York City. Joseph Palmer was in business in Germany for twenty years, having twenty employes under him. He came to America in 1883, and after remaining in New York City three years, in 1886 came to Phillipsburg, where he is engaged in the Phoenix Glass Works. He has been twice married; his first wife Helene Paul, died in Germany, leaving two sons, Joseph and Richard, who are employed in the glass works. His present wife, Caroline Budelmeyer, is a native of Germany and the mother of one child.

CAPTAIN A. H. PARR, P. O. Georgetown, is a son of Abraham S. Parr, who was a blacksmith, and died in Georgetown, Dec. 30, 1839, in his thirty-ninth year. His wife was Mary A. Hague, who was born near Hagerstown, Pa., and died Oct. 9, 1866, aged seventy-five years. She was the mother of five children by her first husband, Frederick Ebbert, viz.: Capt. George W., Theodore, Harrison, Mary A. and Susan. By her second husband, Mr. Parr, she had eight children: Sarah M., William J., Parthenia, Myrtilla, Andrew H., Lucinda B., Jessie S. and John Q. A. Andrew H. was born Jan. 14, 1831, in Georgetown, and at the age of fourteen became cabin boy on the river, and has worked his way to his present position. He has been with J. C. Risher & Co. for sixteen years, and is now running on the tow boat "Smoky City" between Pittsburg and Louisville. He married Lizzie H., daughter of James Calhoun. They have nine children living: Mary A., J. Frank, Flora B., Quincy A., Parthenia C., Jackman T. S., Myrtilla M., Lizzie R. and Homer S. K. The family are members of the Metho-

dist church. Captain Parr is a Republican. During the war he was for a time on the government boat, steamer "Melnotte," on the Cumberland and Tennessee rivers, carrying troops and forage.

JAMES PETERS, farmer, P. O. Harshville, is of Scotch descent, his grandfather, Peters, going from that country and settling in County Antrim, Ireland, where the family became well-to-do, and were members of the Presbyterian church. The father of our subject, John Peters, married Mary, daughter of Peter Madill, and had eight children. James, the youngest, was born in 1814, and was educated in his native country. He came to this country when a young man, and first settled in Pittsburgh, where he was employed in a wholesale grocery about six years. In 1844 he came to Hanover township. He was married to Rebecca, daughter of Samuel Kelley, who settled here in 1809. She was born in 1828, and is the mother of eleven children: Samuel, John, Sarah, Mary, Agnes, William, Cynthia, Alla, Minnie, Nettie and James. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church of Hookstown. Mr. Peters began life without means, and by industry and perseverance has accumulated a good home and property, owning over 400 acres of land. In politics he is a Republican.

JOHN R. PETERS, civil, mechanical and mining engineer, P. O. Georgetown, was born in New York City, June 19, 1818. The first of the family came to England, with William the Conqueror. They came to New England at an early day, and settled in New Hampshire. Absalom, grandfather of John R., was aide-de-camp to General Bailey in the Revolutionary War. He was best known as Gen. A. Peters. His father was a nail maker in New Hampshire when slaves were employed to make them. John R., Sr., son of Gen. A. Peters, was a wholesale cotton merchant in New York, and sent the first vessels to Mobile to bring cotton to the North. He was familiarly known as "Alderman Peters," having served as alderman several years. He died in New York City, in 1858, aged seventy-four years. His wife was Abbey Covil, of Providence, R. I., and they had nine children. John R., our subject, was educated in New York City, and was in mercantile business a number of years; then entered the University of the City of New York, where he took a course in mathematics, Spanish and other languages, paying special attention to engineering. He was one of a corps of engineers in Allegheny county, N. Y., under Chief Major Brown, who died in Russia. In 1843 he was attached to the first embassy to China under President Tyler's administration. Fletcher Webster being secretary of legation, and Dr. E. K. Kane, the arctic explorer, the surgeon. In 1845 he returned to America, and brought with him the Chinese collection which was exhibited in Boston and New York, and at the Philadelphia Exposition. In 1865 he went to West Virginia to prospect for oil for a New York firm. He finally came to Beaver county, where he developed several wells in Greene township, near Georgetown. He left here in 1866, and spent twelve years in Morris county, N. J., directing mining operations. He returned to this county in 1878. He was married to Susan M., daughter of Capt. Richard Calhoon, and they have three children: Lizzie, Harrie and Grace.

SAMUEL PLUNKET (deceased) was a son of Isaac and Lydia (Hannah) Plunket. The father died when Samuel was fourteen years old, and the mother died about eleven years later. Samuel was the second eldest child, and the burden of raising the rest of the family fell principally on him. He remained with them until they were grown up. He had two sisters, Mary and Bettie, and four brothers, John, James, William and Robert. The boys all learned trades except William, who died young. John was educated for a United Presbyterian minister; Samuel worked for several years by the month, then learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for a time in Pittsburgh. He then bought 151 acres where he resided until his death March 13, 1888. By other purchases he increased his property to 341 acres. His widow is Margaret, daughter of John Spence, a native of Ireland, who lived to be nearly 100 years old. Of Mr. Plunket's children, five are living: John S., Isaac, Thomas, Amanda J. and Ida S. The parents were members of the United Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Plunket was an elder. He was a Republican and had been assessor and supervisor of his township.

THE POES. Of the early settlers along the Ohio river, no better examples of strong physical form and development, together with heroic daring, were to be found than those of Adam and Andrew Poe, two brothers who were born near the present city of Frederick, Md., and who migrated to the West in the year 1774, settling in what was then Westmoreland, but subsequently Washington, county. Later, in life, they were residents respectively of the vicinity of Hookstown and Georgetown. The contest which these stalwarts had with Big-foot, the mighty Indian chief, in the autumn of 1781, has been so frequently told that it need not be related here. Suffice it to say, no more thrilling hand-to-hand contest has ever been chronicled than that in which Andrew Poe (not Adam, as the old story has it) measured strength and prowess with the Ajax of the forest, together with the smaller Indian who was with him when the conflict ensued. Both these sons had large families, who became prominent citizens and members of Beaver and other counties. Andrew died near Hookstown, in 1831, more than an octogenarian, while Adam died at Massillon, Ohio, during the presidential campaign of 1840, at some ninety-three years of age. He had been invited to attend a mass meeting at which General Harrison was the chief speaker, and having drunk a large quantity of ice-water, became ill and never recovered. His only surviving child, Sarah, the seventh of ten children, died near Congress, Wayne county, Ohio, in March, 1888, in the ninety-eighth year of her age.

WILLIAM J. PORTER, merchant, P. O. Water Cure, is of Scotch ancestry. His great-great-grandfather fought under Sir William Wallace, and fled to the North of Ireland, where he died. His son returned to Scotland, where he was married and died. His son, James, grandfather of William J., came to America and settled in Findley township, Allegheny county, then a part of Virginia. He died near Clinton, aged seventy years. He married an eastern lady of Scotch descent, who died aged sixty-five years. They had seven boys and two girls, and all went to Ohio except Samuel, who died in Clinton, aged seventy-one years. He married Elizabeth Kindley, also of Scotch descent. The name was formerly spelled Ginley or Kindley. She died in Burgettstown, Pa., aged seventy-eight years. She had seven sons and three daughters. Of these William J. married Mary Anna, daughter of Isaac and Margaret (Greenlee) Onstott. Mr. Porter followed farming in early manhood. In 1863 he removed to Pittsburgh, Pa., where he resided until 1873, when he came to Phillipsburg, and has since been engaged in the mercantile business. Mr. and Mrs. Porter are members of the Presbyterian church of which he is an elder. They have no children, but their home is brightened by the presence of two adopted nieces: Robba and May Porter. The former is organist in the Presbyterian church.

ROBERT POTTER, farmer, P. O. Bellowsville, is a native of Venango county, Pa., born June 10, 1806, son of James and Mary (Quigley) Potter, both of Irish descent; former born and reared on a farm, latter a daughter of James Quigley. They have five sons and three daughters, Robert being the eldest. James Potter's father, Robert, came from Ireland to America about 1774, and soon thereafter settled in Allegheny county, Pa., where he died. Our subject remained at home until the age of thirty, and then moved to his present place. Same year (1835) he married Margaret Irvin Braden, by whom he had five children, three now living: William, Emily (now Mrs. Dunn) and John; the deceased are James and Mary. The mother dying in 1843, Mr. Potter married, in 1855, Rosanna, daughter of James and Agnes (Baker) Reed, of this county. Three children blessed this union: Mary Ida (now deceased), Robert Calvin, at home, and Washington M., at present a student at Mercer College. Mr. Potter was for thirty years a justice of the peace; was a jury commissioner, and held other positions of trust. He is a member of the Presbyterian church. In politics he is a Democrat.

THOMAS POTTS, JR., pilot, P. O. Georgetown, was born Dec. 15 1827. His grandfather, Noah Potts, was a native of Wales, immigrated to Pennsylvania, and married Barbara Hagethorn, of German descent. They came to Beaver county, and he was on one occasion chased by the Indians, and saved his life by swimming the river at the head of Georgetown Island. He and his wife both died near Georgetown, each aged over eighty years. Their children were Sarah, Thomas, Rachel, James, Polly and Robert. Of

these Thomas married Nancy, daughter of Nathan Potts; they lived to be eighty-two years old, and raised twelve children. Thomas, our subject, was a cabin boy when quite young, became a pilot at the age of seventeen years, and has been captain or pilot ever since, at times filling both positions, and has been in the employ of John A. Wood & Son for the last nineteen years. He married Ann, daughter of John Scott, and she has borne him five children: Luella (wife of Harry Hughes), Mrs. Harriet McCormick, Mrs. Isadore Hisley (now residing in Germany), Estella H. and Thomas H. Mr. Potts is a Democrat.

FARMER PURDY, farmer, P. O. Frankfort Springs, is a son of James Purdy, a native of Ireland, whose parents and two sisters died on the ocean while coming to America, when he was but eleven years old. He (James) landed in Philadelphia, and remained with his aunt for some time; then went to Lancaster county, Pa., where he married Mary, daughter of Gregor Farmer. They finally moved to Allegheny county, near Mansfield, and died near Clinton, Pa. They had ten children. Of these, Farmer was born Feb. 11, 1803, was educated in Allegheny county, and was married there to Miss Esther Richmond. She died in this county, leaving nine children, three of whom are living: James, John and Esther. His present wife is Mary, daughter of Thomas Frazer. She has two children: Maria and Sadie, the former being the wife of James Hood. Mr. and Mrs. Purdy are members of the United Presbyterian church, of which he has been an elder since 1854. He owns a farm of 150 acres. He is a self-made man, and his only capital when he started in life was energy and perseverance. He is a Republican. James Purdy was a soldier in the Revolution, and one of the heroes of Valley Forge. His grandsons, William and John, enlisted in Company H, 140th Regiment, and William was lost at the battle of Spottsylvania.

ELI RAMSEY, farmer, P. O. Kendall, was born Dec. 3, 1822, in Hanover township, this county. His grandparents, Robert and Mary (Mitchel) Ramsey, resided in Hanover township, Washington county. They had fourteen children, all of whom lived to maturity. Robert, Jr., was married twice. His first wife, Susannah Leeper, died, leaving four children: Robert, James, William and Mary. His second wife was Mrs. Deborah Whitehall, *nee* Stephens. She had three children: Eliza, Eli and Jane. Robert Ramsey, Jr., came to Hanover township, Beaver county, April 1, 1812, and died May 9, 1862. His wife died Sept. 10, 1830. Eli was reared and educated in this county, and has been married twice. His first wife was Elizabeth Stephenson, who died June 23, 1850, leaving four children: Thomas S., Robert M., Louis and Elizabeth J. His present wife is Mary E., daughter of Andrew and Eliza A. (McCready) Moore. She has three sons: James P. M., Andrew G. and Joseph W. The parents are members of the United Presbyterian church. Mr. Ramsey is a Republican, and has been school director twelve years. His bachelor half-brother, Robert, resides with him, and owns 100 acres of land. Eli owns 150 acres.

F. R. RAMSEY, farmer, P. O. Hookstown, was born Sept. 2, 1845. His grandfather, Robert Ramsey, lived near Florence, on King's Creek. He was one of the pioneers of Western Pennsylvania, was of Scotch descent, and the father of fourteen children. Of these, Robert married twice. By his first wife, Susannah Leeper, he had five children, and by his second, Deborah Whitehill, three. Robert and Susannah Ramsey were members of the Presbyterian church. Of their children, William L., born July 4, 1814, on King's Creek, Beaver county, came to Greene township in 1840, and in 1845 bought fifty acres of land. He married Mary J., daughter of William and Elizabeth (McHarg) Ewing. She died March 13, 1881, aged sixty-two years. She had five children, of whom Frank R., our subject, is the only one living. He went west in 1867, and was married in Davenport, Iowa, Feb. 16, 1869, to Marena R., daughter of Dr. A. S. Maxwell. She was born March 25, 1850, in Holmes county, Ohio. Mr. Ramsey has spent considerable time in the West, was for some time engaged in the drug business in Davenport, and also followed farming for a while. He now occupies the home farm of 213 acres. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey are members of the Hookstown Presbyterian church, and he is a fifth degree member of the I. O. O. F. in Iowa, and a Master Work-

man in the A. O. U. W.. Davenport, Iowa. They have six children: Jennie E., William M., Lottie M., Blanche A., John W. and Nellie M. Mr. Ramsey is extensively engaged in the fruit business. His brother, Watson J., was an able, well-informed man, an elder in the Presbyterian church, and died Oct. 28, 1879, aged thirty-seven years. Mr. Ramsey's grandfathers, Robert Ramsey and William Ewing, were elders in the church at Mill Creek. The first apple trees in this section were planted by his great-grandmother Ewing, who brought apple seed with her from east of the mountains. Some of these trees yet remain on the farm where our subject resides. One-half mile distant from his farm was a blockhouse, where his great-grandparents and their neighbors took refuge from the Indians.

DAVID REED, farmer, P. O. Poe, was born in Hanover township Jan. 17, 1837. His grandfather, Adams Reed, was a native of Ireland, and settled in the eastern part of the United States. He was twice married. His son, Adams Reed, came to Beaver county with his father in 1812, and when he was sixteen years old his father purchased 100 acres of land from James Miller, the patentee. The grandfather died at the age of ninety-four. Adams Reed, father of David, married Susannah, daughter of David and Isabella (Adams) Beal, who were Quakers, and came from Westmoreland county. Adams Reed and his wife died on the old homestead; he at the age of ninety-two. They had seven children: William, Isabella, David, Margaret J., Martha Ann, Agnes and Rachel. William married Jane Ralston; Agnes married Joseph Bell; Rachel married William Strauss. David and Mrs. Rachel Strauss are the only ones now living. David inherited the home farm. He was married, June 28, 1860, to Hattie E. Durbin, who bore him five children: Anna, Joseph B., Agnes Bell, Minnie and Elizabeth. Mrs. Reed is a Methodist. Mr. Reed, politically, is a Republican.

T. JEFFERSON REED, farmer, P. O. Service, is a grandson of Andrew Reed, who came to Western Pennsylvania from the vicinity of Philadelphia at an early day. He had ten children: William, James, Moses, John, Andrew, Isabella, Mary, Dorcas, Samuel and Hannah. Moses was a thrifty farmer, and owned 100 acres of land. He married Mary A., daughter of Robert Toland, and had seven children: Andrew M., Thomas Jefferson, Susannah, Sarah J., Elizabeth, Matilda and Julia A., who died at the age of thirty years. The boys sold the old farm, and bought another of 200 acres, where they now reside. The farm is longer east and west, and the 45th degree line of the gas belt passes through the center of the place. There are now three gas wells on the place, each well of greater capacity than the first one drilled. Moses Reed was a Whig, and his sons are Democrats. Mr. Reed has in his possession an old music book, written one hundred and twenty-seven years ago by his grandfather's uncle. It was all done by his pen, and it is said to be as fine a piece of penmanship as can be produced to-day; some of the verses are written in Latin and translated into English. It is highly prized by music teachers to-day. He was a good scholar. His name was John.

WASHINGTON B. REED, farmer, P. O. Holt, is a native of Beaver county, Pa., born Jan. 14, 1825, a son of James and Agnes (Baker) Reed; former a farmer, latter a daughter of Michael Baker, of this county. They were the parents of eleven children, Washington B. being the eldest son. He remained on the home farm until twenty-one years of age, receiving a common-school education, and in 1851 married Eliza, daughter of Sampson and Agnes Kerr, of this county. To this union have been born seven children, all now living: Lizzie Alice, John Allen, Lewis Washington, Cornelius Weygantd, Sampson Kerr, Harriet Isabella and Agnes Marie. With the exception of twelve years our subject has always lived on the farm which he now owns, originally consisting of 200 acres, now of 150, of which 100 are under high cultivation. Mr. Reed is a member of the Presbyterian church. All his life he has been one of the leading Democrats of the county, though never aspiring to any political office, but has served his township by filling several township offices to which he had been elected.

DAVID REID, farmer, P. O. Seventy-Six, was born in Hopewell township, Beaver county, March 21, 1820. His paternal grandfather was born on the ocean while his parents were crossing to this country. The family came from the North of Ireland, but were of

Scotch ancestry, and the name was formerly spelled Reed. The grandfather married a Miss Finley, and settled in Fayette county, Pa., whence he removed to Allegheny county, and died near Clinton. He was a farmer and had eight children: Andrew, Samuel, William, James, Moses, Isabella, Mary and Dorcas. Of these Samuel was a farmer, and married Agnes, daughter of David Scott. They removed to Independence township, thence to Hopewell, and settled near what is now the village of Independence, where they both died. He died April 10, 1840, aged sixty-three years, and she at about the same age. They were members of the Associate church at Scottsville, known as the Ohio congregation, of which Samuel Scott was an elder from the age of nineteen years. They had six children: Jane, William, David, Maria, Samuel and Agnes. David received a common-school education, and adopted the business of farming, in which he has been successful, owning 160 acres. His wife is Mary, daughter of Thomas W. McKee, born in Ireland of Scotch ancestry, and came to America at the age of five years. They have four children: Agnes (Mrs. Purdy), Samuel, Elmer W. and Valeria A. The parents are members of the old Ohio congregation, and Mr. Reid is an elder. In politics he is a Republican.

WILLIAM RENDALL, miller, P. O. Frankfort Springs, was born March 28, 1831, in Seavington, Somersetshire, England, and is a son of Simon Rendall, who was a member of one of the oldest families in his native county. William was educated in his native country, and served a three years' apprenticeship at the milling business. He came to this country in 1853, and for four years worked at the "Black Rock" mill, near Buffalo, N. Y.; then six years in the "Pearl" mill in Allegheny City, and from 1863 to 1866 worked in various places; in September of the latter year he bought the Frankfort steam mill. He has made great improvements in the property, and has established a lucrative business. The capacity of the mill is fifty barrels per day. He was married, Sept. 5, 1861, to Eliza, daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth (Lawhead) Anderson, pioneers of Pine township, Allegheny county. Three children have been born to them: Asenath S., Walter A. and John S.

JAMES C. RITCHIE, farmer, P. O. Woodlawn, was born in Hopewell township March 10, 1824. The Ritchie family came from Center county, Pa., and is probably of Scotch descent. Robert, father of J. C., became an orphan in early childhood, and was raised by his uncle and aunt, Jonas and Jeanette Davis. They settled in Hopewell township in 1796. Robert was eighteen years old, and as they had no children he inherited the homestead, where he died at the age of eighty-four years. He was an industrious farmer, and member of the Presbyterian church of Mount Carmel. He married Elizabeth, daughter of William and granddaughter of Alexander Thomson, who came from Scotland, and settled near Chambersburg, Pa. Elizabeth Ritchie died in 1839, aged fifty-two years. She had eight children: Jane, Frances, Alexander, William, Robert, James C., Elizabeth and Jonas D. James C. was educated in his native county, and became a farmer. He was married, May 15, 1851, to Margaret, daughter of William and Phoebe (Williams) McDonald. Their children are William, Mattie, Robert and Phoebe. Robert was graduated in 1886 from Washington and Jefferson College, and is now a law student. Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie are members of Mount Carmel Presbyterian church. He is a Democrat, and was elected county auditor. In 1849 he was elected county commissioner, in 1853 and again in 1878, being the first man elected to that office a second term. He has been a school director over twenty years.

JAMES RUSSELL, farmer, P. O. Service, is a grandson of William and a son of James Russell. The latter was a farmer in Washington county, Pa., and died there. He married a Miss Scott, and they had eight children: Abraham, Jane, Samuel, Sarah, James, Mary, William and Margaret. Of these James was educated in Washington county, and was married there to Martha, daughter of James Dunlap. They have two children now living: Finley J. and Franklin. The latter is married, has two children, and is farming his father's place of 155 acres in Hanover township. Mr. and Mrs. James Russell are members of Mount Olivet church, of which he is a trustee. In politics he is a Democrat. He owns 235 acres of land, and is a successful farmer.

WILLIAM J. SALISBURY, farmer, P. O. Water Cure, was born in Sligo, near Pittsburgh, Sept. 2, 1835. His grandfather Salisbury died in Wheeling, W. Va., and was descended from an old English family. His son, James Salisbury, is yet living in Pittsburgh, where he was a glass blower and a manufacturer for some years. He was married to Lydia Gallagher, who is also living, and is the mother of six children who lived to maturity: Mary Ann, Elizabeth, William J., John, David and Henrietta. The parents celebrated, some years ago, their golden wedding, on which occasion the minister who united them, the Rev. Mr. Williams, was present. William J. Salisbury was educated in Pittsburgh, where he learned and followed the glass blower's trade. He went to California in 1863, and followed his trade there until 1873, when he returned to Pittsburgh. The next year he bought a farm of 100 acres of land in Moon township, where he now resides. He was married, in California, to Margaret J. Fuller, who was born in Nantucket, Mass., March 3, 1845. Mr. Salisbury is a Republican.

MICHAEL SCHADE, farmer and dairyman, P. O. Water Cure, was born in Gruenberg, Saxony, Germany, March 2, 1822, and is a son of Melchior and Rosina (Schmidt) Schade, both of whom died in Germany. They had twelve children, only six of whom reached maturity. Michael learned the trade of shoemaker in Germany. He came to this country in 1850, and followed his trade two years in Buffalo, N. Y. In 1852 he came to Independence township, and opened a small shop, where he carried on his trade until 1856. He then removed to New Scottsville, where he was postmaster, besides carrying on his trade until 1863, when he purchased a farm of sixty acres, to which he has added forty acres more, and owns two houses in Phillipsburg. He was married in Buffalo, to Miss Justine Klotz, who was born April 6, 1826, in the same town that her husband was born in. She had eight children, five living; Emma, Agnes, Rosa, Frank and Louis. Mrs. Schade died Dec. 19, 1880, a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Schade has been school director six years, and also held the office of supervisor for one year.

HENRY G. SCHMOUTZ, farmer, P. O. Water Cure, was born in Würtemberg, Germany, Aug. 31, 1837. His parents, Gotlieb and Christine (Kappahn) Schmoutz, came to America in 1840 and settled in Pittsburgh, where the father was a gardener. They had five children who lived to maturity: Caroline, Rachel, Henry G., Mary and Catharine. Henry G. worked in the glass works of McKee Brothers, in Pittsburgh, for twenty-four years. He came to Moon township in 1886, and bought of John Wilhelm the farm of 112 acres where he now resides. He was married in Pittsburgh to Caroline Shaffer. They have four children: William, Thomas, John and Flora. Mr. Schmoutz is a Republican.

DAVID SCOTT, a native of Aberdeen, Scotland, was educated when a boy for a merchant's profession, and, after attaining manhood, was sent to Philadelphia in the interests of a Liverpool firm, whose employment he entered at the time. He had been prepared for his new position by being made thoroughly conversant in the French language, owing to the fact that the trade of his firm was conducted largely with Frenchmen as well as Americans. Not long after his arrival in Philadelphia he espoused the patriot cause, and entered the army of Gen. Anthony Wayne, serving in the capacity of quartermaster. While his division was stationed at Fort Duquesne, now Pittsburgh, young David was sent with a company of men to Legionville, a short distance below Economy, on the Ohio, to aid in erecting a temporary fort. While engaged in its construction he met with the accident of having his right leg broken, which so disabled him that when he recovered the war was over. In compensation for this misfortune he was subsequently given by the government a 500-acre tract of land lying across the river from Legionville, about one mile from Economy, which he retained in his possession until the time of his death. Outside the learned professions, few men of his day obtained as liberal an education as he possessed, or as much general information. His legal advice was much sought by his neighbors, and, when given, was received with confidence. It passed into a general saying among his friends and associates that "if old Davy Scott said that was *law*, there was positively no use in consulting a lawyer." While Mr. Scott never sought any office, he received (under the old law) a life appointment as justice of

the peace, a position which, it is needless to say, he filled with honor and credit. It was his custom, while occupying this official position, to hold court in his private residence every Saturday; and upon that day it was not an uncommon thing to see from twenty to fifty horses tied in front of the justice's door. When quite a young man he married Miss Jane McLellan, a native of Armagh, Ireland, although of Scotch parentage. Miss McLellan crossed the Atlantic in an ordinary sailing vessel, the trip being made in 105 days. The ceremony of marriage was performed in this country. They became the parents of a large family, many of whom arrived at distinction in later years, and nobly upheld the credit of the family name, which, upon the side of David, was rendered illustrious by its having once numbered royalty within its ranks, the ancestor thus noted being Robert Bruce, King of Scotland, to whom the line of descent could be clearly traced.

JOHN SCOTT, farmer, P. O. Holt. John Scott, the grandfather of the subject of this biography, married Margaret Steward, daughter of Elisha Robinson, of Maryland. He emigrated from Ireland to America, and became a resident of Washington county, Pa. His son William Scott, the eldest of seven children, married Frances Robinson. John Scott, the second son in a family of seven children, was born in 1809, in Washington county, Pa. The farm, and its varied labors, occupied his attention until his twentieth year, when he chose to become independent by mastering a trade, and for eighteen years thereafter was a successful cooper. In 1852 he purchased 180 acres of land, and at a later date 220 in addition, giving him the ownership of 400 acres, on which he and three sons reside. Mr. Scott married, in 1832, Nancy Gilmore, whose three children are William, David and Samuel. He married, for his second wife, Ellen, daughter of Elisha Stansbury, of West Virginia, whose children are McKendre M., Joseph L., L. H., E. S. and Charles W. All these sons have chosen the vocation of their father, and are industrious farmers. Mr. Scott and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, he being its only survivor of the congregation of fifty-one years ago. He has been for thirty years one of its officers; for twenty years a steward; in 1850 assisted in building the Green Valley M. E. church, and in 1872 aided in the erection of the Mount Zion church of the same denomination; in politics he is a Republican, and has held positions of trust. His son David manifested his patriotism by joining the 140th P. V. I., and serving for three years during the Civil War. He was wounded in both feet by the same ball at Hackett's Run, and was also in the battle of Gettysburg. He died in December, 1880, in his thirty-seventh year.

M. M. SCOTT, farmer, P. O. Holt, was born in Raccoon township, Beaver county, Pa., in 1854, the eldest son of John and Ellen (Stansbury) Scott. He was reared on the farm where he was born, and received a good common-school education. In 1879 Mr. Scott visited Colorado to improve his health, and while there engaged in mining, but returned after one year. In 1885 he married Lynda M., daughter of John Springer, of Raccoon township, and two children were born to them: Catherine E. and John W. Mr. Scott is a member of the Methodist church. In politics he is a Republican.

J. L. SCOTT, farmer, P. O. Holt, was born in Raccoon township, Beaver county, Pa., in 1856, the second eldest son of John and Ellen (Stansbury) Scott. He received a good common-school education, and was reared to agricultural pursuits on the farm where he was born. He has bought a farm in the same township, and now lives on it. He was married, in 1881, to Lizzie A., daughter of John L. and Jane (Adams) Moore. He is a member of the Methodist church, and his wife of the United Presbyterian. Politically Mr. Scott is a Republican.

L. H. SCOTT, farmer, P. O. Holt, was born, in 1859, on the farm where he has always lived, in Raccoon township, Beaver county, Pa. He is the third son of John and Ellen (Stansbury) Scott, and was brought up to agricultural pursuits. In 1880 he married Jessie, daughter of William and Mary (Wallace) Barnes, by which union have been born two children: Mary Ellen and Alice Iona. Mr. and Mrs. Scott attend the services of the Methodist church. In politics he is a Republican.

WILLIAM SCOTT, farmer, P. O. Murdocksville, was born in Hanover township,

Washington county, Pa., Oct. 26, 1833. His grandfather, Joseph Scott, was born in the eastern part Pennsylvania, and was of Scotch descent. He was one of the early settlers of Washington county, and died there aged ninety-six years. He was a farmer. Both he and his wife, Martha Paden, were members of the Cross Roads Presbyterian church. They had five children: Benjamin S., Jane, Martha, Betsey and Joseph. Of these Joseph was born on the old homestead in 1799, and died there in 1873. He was a farmer, and married Isabelle, daughter of Samuel Nelson, a native of Hookstown, Beaver county, Pa. She bore him five children: Louisa, William, Margaret A., Elizabeth and Joseph. The parents were members of the Presbyterian church. William, our subject, was a farmer in Washington county until 1858, when he came to this county. Jan. 23, 1861, he married Agnes H., daughter of David Moreland. She was born June 7, 1836, in Robinson township, Washington county, and is the mother of six children: Mary Bell, David M., James A., Jennie L., Ada Robertine and Leona A. Mrs. Scott is a member of the Hebron Presbyterian church. Mr. Scott is a successful farmer, and owns 163 acres, which he has greatly improved. In politics he is a Democrat.

SAMUEL SHAFER, blacksmith, P. O. Shafer's, is a son of Daniel Shafer, and was born in Moon township Jan. 16, 1829. He was reared and educated in Moon township, and learned his trade in the village of Scottsville with George Denny. He has a farm of ninety acres. His wife is Agnes, daughter of James McCallister, and they have seven children: Mary E., James M., Ann E., Emma R., William M., Daniel P. and Nancy J. The parents are active members of the Raccoon United Presbyterian church. Mr. Shafer has been a chorister about thirty-seven years, and Sunday-school superintendent two and one-half years. He takes a deep interest in all things pertaining to the welfare of the community. He has been a Republican ever since the inception of that party, having previously been a Whig.

JOHN SHAFER, farmer, P. O. Shafer's, was born on the old homestead, in Moon township, June 9, 1831. His father, Daniel, was born in Pennsylvania east of the mountains, and settled on Raccoon creek in Independence township, but subsequently came to Moon township, where he died. His wife was Mary, daughter of Samuel Wade, and they had nine children: Sarah A., William, Eliza J., Samuel, John, Daniel, James, Mary and Joanna. John Shafer is by trade a wagon maker, which business he followed in New Scottsville from 1854 to 1865. He then returned to Moon township, where he owns a farm of 147 acres. He married Esther, daughter of John McClester. They have seven children: Lizzie (Mrs. Bell), Anna M., Frank E. (in Missouri), Mattie J., Ella A., John M. and James A.

J. B. SHANE, M. D., P. O. Service, is a native of Raccoon township, this county, born in 1832, a son of Cornelius and Mary (Bryan) Shane (parents of nine sons and three daughters), the latter a daughter of John Bryan. Cornelius Shane, also a native of this township, by occupation a farmer, was the second son of Timothy Shane. The latter came from Ireland to America at an early day, took part in the Revolutionary War; he was the father of five sons and two daughters. J. B. was reared on the farm where he was born, and for some time followed school-teaching; then commenced the study of medicine with his brother, Dr. S. C. Shane, and attended college at Cleveland; following which he located in Raccoon township, and has since practiced his profession here. He was married, in 1857, to Lizzie, daughter of James Craig, and eight children were born to them, six now living: Maggie (now Mrs. George), Mary Bell (at home), William P., Joseph W., Ernest Elmor and Thomas N. The entire family are members of the United Presbyterian church. In politics the Doctor is a Republican.

ROBERT SHANNON (deceased) was a son of Robert Shannon, Sr., and grandson of Robert Shannon, a native of Ireland who came to America before the Revolution, and settled in Independence township. He took up a tract of several hundred acres, and died here in 1831, aged seventy-four years. His wife Isabella died in 1843, also aged seventy-four years. They had five sons and five daughters. Of the sons, Robert, father of our subject, a farmer by occupation, was born in Independence township, Beaver county, Pa., where he also died, aged about forty years. His wife was Mary, daughter

of William Thomson, and their children were William, Thomson, Robert, Lindsey, and Rosa Bell (deceased in 1881,) who married William A. Kennedy. Robert, our subject, was a farmer, went to California in 1852, and remained five years. He drove a pair of mules over the plains with a company from Pittsburgh, and worked in the gold mines. His health failing he returned to the old homestead, and there died Nov. 4, 1871. He was married, in 1859, to Nancy A., daughter of Alexander Thomson, and she is the mother of two children: Alexander Thomson (deceased) and Jennie M. (wife of Edward Snyder). Mrs. Shannon is a member of Raccoon church. She owns a valuable property of 312 acres, including the old homestead.

GEORGE SHILLITO was born in Ireland, and brought to America at the age of eleven years. His parents settled near Germantown, Pa. George served in the Revolution, and at the termination of that contest married Miss Nancy Miller, of Robinson's Run, Washington county, Pa., and settled in Raccoon township in April, 1812. He became the father of seven children: Samuel, John, Elizabeth, Jane, James, Mary and Ebenezer. He died at the age of eighty-four years, on the old homestead; and his wife, in Hanover township, at the age of ninety-one years.

W. W. SHILLITO, retired farmer, P. O. Service, was born in Raccoon township, Beaver county, Pa., in 1831, eldest son of James and Violet (Smith) Shillito, who were married in 1830, and had eight children, seven of whom are yet living. James, at the age of nineteen, learned the trade of tanner and currier, which he carried on in addition to farming, having received from his father, in 1828, fifty acres of land. George Shillito, grandfather of W. W., came to this county from Allegheny county, about 1812, and here purchased 424 acres of land near where Service church now stands. He married Nancy Miller, who became the mother of eight children, James being the fourth son. Our subject has always lived on the old homestead and followed agricultural pursuits, having also learned the trade of tanner and currier. He married, in 1858, Jane, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Thompson) Reed. Mr. Shillito has been assessor of his township, was on the board of election, and filled other positions of trust. Mr. and Mrs. Shillito are members of the United Presbyterian church; he is a Republican.

DANIEL B. SHORT, farmer, P. O. Water Cure, was born in Moon township, this county, June 16, 1826, and is a son of John Short. The latter was born on the ocean, while his parents Hugh and Ann Short were coming to this country from Ireland. They lived for a short time in Little York, Pa., then came to Irons Ridge, Beaver county. John Short married Elizabeth, daughter of Daniel Baker, whose father, George Baker, was captured by the Indians. Mrs. Elizabeth Short died Dec. 9, 1867, aged nearly sixty-eight years. She had three children: Daniel B., John H. and Margaret. Daniel B. received his education in a log school-house. He married Jane McCallister, of Hopewell township, and she has borne him seven children: Lizzie, Nancy, James M., John B., Reuel R., Jane I. and Margaret E. Mr. Short owns two farms containing 194 and seventy-two acres, respectively. By his own energetic efforts he has achieved success. He worked at brickmaking six years, receiving only eight and ten dollars per month. In politics he is a Republican. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church.

GEO. W. SHROADS, farmer, P. O. Bellowsville, was born in Moon township Oct. 3, 1831. His great-grandfather, Jacob Shroads, a native of Germany, located in Pittsburgh when that place was a borough, and removed to Moon township, Allegheny county, where he farmed. He was accidentally killed while crossing a pair of bars. He weighed about 250 pounds. He had five sons. George was a farmer first in Allegheny county, and afterward in Ohio and Virginia. In 1824 he came to Beaver county and ferried at what is now Vanport ferry. He died in Moon township at the age of sixty-seven years. His wife, Mary, was a daughter of James Minor, and died here at the age of sixty-five years. She had six children: Jacob, William, Samuel, Margaret, Eliza and John. William was a farmer and a man of local prominence. He filled the office of county commissioner, and was steward of the county home for thirteen years; also held many township offices, including constable, fifteen years, and justice of the peace,

thirty years. He was an auctioneer for fifty years, and was a major of militia. His wife taught him how to write. He died June 9, 1885, aged seventy-eight years. His wife Margaret was a daughter of Anthony Baker, who came from Virginia and settled here about 1800. She died March 22, 1881, aged seventy years. Her children were George W., Mary (deceased wife of Dr. David Müller), Margaret (deceased wife of John B. Potter, of Phillipsburg), Martha (Mrs. Dunn), Viannah, Lossan (Mrs. Badders) and William James E. George W. received a common-school education, and has made farming the business of his life. He was county commissioner in 1876-79, and has also filled township offices. He is a Republican. He was school director many years. His wife is Jane, daughter of Moses Rambo, and granddaughter of William Rambo, one of the early pioneers. Mr. and Mrs. Shroads have eight children living: George W., Jr., John M., James M., David, Porter, Zoa, Stanley Quay and Edwin Forrest. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church.

JAMES B. SIMPSON, glass blower, P. O. Water Cure, is a son of William Simpson a, native of Ireland, and of Scotch descent. When a young man, William Simpson came to this country with his wife. They settled in Lancaster county, Pa., and he became a gardener and florist, having learned the business in his native country. He was a leader among the Orangemen, and a member of the United Presbyterian church. He finally removed to St. Louis, where he died, and was buried with great ceremony by the Masonic fraternity, of which he was a prominent member. His widow, Susannah E. Simpson, now resides in Pittsburgh. She has seven children, all living: John, Harry, George, James B., Emma (Mrs. McDonald), Virginia (Mrs. Allen) and Cora A. James B. was educated and learned his trade in Pittsburgh. In 1881 he removed to Phillipsburg, and became a stockholder in the Phoenix Glass Company. He worked there until the fall of 1887, when he became a stockholder in the New Brighton Glass Company. He is president of the school board, and takes a deep interest in educational matters.

JOHN E. SMITH, retired, Georgetown, was born March 28, 1828. His great-great-grandfather left Scotland during the religious revolution, and his great-grandfather John was born in New Jersey. William Smith, the grandfather of our subject, married a daughter of Joseph Smith, but not a relative. He (William) died on Terre Haute Prairie, Ind., in 1818, being one of the pioneers of that locality; his wife died the same year, and they left ten children: Sarah, John, Joseph, James, William, Steel, Robert, Washington, Smiley and Rebecca. All except John lived to a good old age, and all returned to Belmont county, Ohio, where the parents had formerly lived. The sons were all millers by occupation, as was the father. John was born in 1801, in Washington county, Pa., and died in Belmont county, Ohio, in 1848. He married Martha, daughter of John and Mary (Stewart) Kirkwood. She died March 10, 1887, in her eighty-second year. She had ten children: William S., John Edie, Mary E., Rebecca J., Joseph W., Sarah A., Martha E., Margaret A., James S. and Campbell K. John E. was a miller and farmer until he was nineteen years old. He then went on the river, followed engineering eighteen years, and was a captain three years. He then carried on mercantile business at Smith's Ferry and Glasgow. While at the latter place, he lost his two sons, William S. and James K., aged eleven and thirteen years respectively. This loss caused him to leave the place and remove to Georgetown, where he bought "Rose Point," which he has greatly improved and beautified. His wife was Emily, daughter of James and Mary Boyles Kelsey. She had five children, all deceased except Callie K., wife of T. Stephen Laughlin. The family are members of the Presbyterian church. In politics Mr. Smith is a Republican.

JULIAN J. SMYTH, farmer, P. O. Service, was born in Wellsville, Ohio, March 2, 1847. His grandfather, John Smyth, who was born of Irish descent, came to Beaver county about the close of the War of 1812, from Adams county, Pa., bought land and settled in Hanover township, where he died at the age of seventy-two years. His wife was Nancy, daughter of John McClure, and they had eight children: James, John, Cynthia, William, Eliza J., Violet, Nancy and Washington R. The last named was born near Cannonsburg, Pa., and was a mere boy when he came to this county. Early

in life he was a tanner and harness-maker, but later became a farmer; was also a merchant for several years, and a hotel-keeper. He died July 23, 1866, aged fifty-six years. His wife was Melvina D., daughter of John M. Jenkins, an attorney at law at Wellsville, Ohio. She died Dec. 26, 1881, aged sixty years. Washington R. Smyth was a Democrat, and a prominent man in his day. He was brigadier-general of state militia under Governor Bigler. He had three children: Wellington W., Julian J. and Clarence C. The latter is chief clerk for the master mechanic of the Bee Line Railroad; Wellington W. is an engineer on the I. & St. L. Railroad; Julian J. married Elizabeth, daughter of John McMurtry, and they have seven children: Frank H., Blanche F., Mortimer C., Bessie M., Ralph W., Libbie D., and Lillian. Mr. Julian J. Smyth is a Democrat. He owns a farm of 230 acres.

JOHN L. SNYDER (deceased) was born Nov. 27, 1829, in Allegheny City, Pa. His father, Martin Snyder, was born on the Rhine, in Germany, came to Pittsburgh when a young man and kept a dairy. He died in Wall Rose, Beaver county, where he owned a farm, which is yet in the possession of his widow, Mary (Black) Snyder. Martin Snyder had eleven children, including two pairs of twins. Only six are living. John L. was educated in his native town, where he lived until a young man, when he moved with his father to Economy township, Beaver county. There he was married, Feb. 22, 1855, to Susan, daughter of Thomas and Isabella (Porter) Neill, both of whom died in Beaver county, he at the age of ninety, and she at the age of seventy one years and eleven months. The Neill family came from near Belfast, Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder had eight children, who are now living: Alfred L., Thomas M., Isabella A., Mary A. (deceased), Edward R., Callie M., Clara E. and Anna L. Mr. Snyder was a ruling elder in the Presbyterian church. He was in the dairy business, which his widow has continued successfully in spite of many discouragements. She has erected new buildings, and made great improvements on the farm generally.

VALENTINE SOHN, farmer, P. O. Woodlawn, was born in Gross Karlbach, Rhein-Baiern, Germany, Dec. 22, 1819. His grandparents were Heinrich and Catharine Sohn. The former died at the age of seventy-seven years, and the latter at the age of ninety-six. His parents were John G. and Ann Maria Sohn, former of whom died at the age of forty-two years, and the latter at the age of eighty-four. They had eleven children. Valentine came to this country at the age of nineteen, in 1838, reaching Pittsburgh on Aug. 20. He worked as a gardener and florist, six years, and after his marriage followed gardening on his own account, five years. He then purchased a farm of fifty-five acres in Hopewell township, and to this he subsequently added thirty-three acres. He owns two other farms, containing respectively seventy-two and 160 acres. He is a member of the Protestant church at Phillipsburg; in politics a Republican. He married Louise Eirich, who has borne him nine children: Maria L., Sarah, George J., William, Heinrich, Louise, Carl, Emma (deceased at the age of twenty-two years) and Elizabeth Gertrude.

GEORGE J. SOHN, farmer, P. O. Shafer's, was born in East Liberty, Allegheny county, Pa., June 14, 1851, a son of Valentine Sohn. He was educated in Beaver county, and has been a farmer all his life. He married, March 31, 1880, Miss Lizzie Wilhelm who was born July 5, 1854, in Moon township. Her father, John Wilhelm, a native of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, came to America in 1852, and settled near Pittsburgh. One year later he went to Huntingdon county, where he worked in the woods; thence came to Quincy, Ill., and one year later returned to Allegheny county, where he was married, in 1844, to Gertrude, daughter of Conrad Hert, and who died April 22, 1883. She had three children: John, in Allegheny City; Heinrich, living in the South on account of ill health, and Lizzie. Mr. and Mrs. Sohn have two children: Elmer, born Dec. 19, 1881, and Gilbert, born Feb. 15, 1886. In 1880 Mr. Sohn came to Moon township, where he has a farm 165 acres, equipped with the finest farm buildings and machinery in the township. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church at Phillipsburg.

W. H. SOHN, farmer, P. O. Woodlawn, was born March 20, 1853, in Hopewell

township. He is a son of Valentine Sohn, who settled in Beaver county, in February, 1853. W. H. received a common-school education, and adopted the business of farming, in which he has been successful. He was married, Sept. 22, 1881, to Alice, daughter of William McDonald, and they have one child, Bessie, born July 4, 1884. Mr. Sohn is a Republican.

HON. EDWARD SPENCE, justice of the peace, Georgetown, is a son of Edward Spence, a native of Ireland, of Scotch descent. The father married Ann Smythe, whose four nephews were Presbyterian ministers, and one of whom was a member of parliament. Mr. and Mrs. Spence came to America with two children, Richard and Samuel, and settled in Rhode Island. They afterward lived in Massachusetts, and later came to Allegheny county, Pa., where the father engaged in farming and gardening. They finally came to Georgetown, where the father and mother died, aged, respectively, eighty-one and eighty-two years, both members of the Baptist church. They had four children born in America: Mary, Edward, John and Margaret. Edward was born in Pawtucket, Mass., April 9, 1829, and was educated in Allegheny county. He has been a farmer and merchant, and engaged in producing petroleum oil. He was married Jan. 2, 1879, to Jennie, daughter of R. D. Dawson. Mr. Spence has been a Republican ever since the inception of that party. He was in Kansas during the border troubles, and took an active part in making it a free state. When the war broke out, being in West Virginia during the formation of the state, he received a commission as second lieutenant from Gov. Pierpont. He has filled the office of burgess for a number of years, and has been justice of the peace for five years. In 1880 the people showed their appreciation of his sterling worth by electing him representative, which office he filled with honor and ability.

MICHAEL SPRINGER, retired farmer, merchant and postmaster, Green Garden, is a native of Beaver county, born in 1819. His paternal great-grandfather came from Switzerland. His grandfather, Michael Springer, a farmer, born in Eastern Pennsylvania, married Susan Sunderland, who became the mother of five sons and six daughters. Daniel, the eldest son, was born in Allegheny county, and remained on the home farm until a young man; then came to Moon township, this county, where he purchased a farm on Raccoon Creek. He married Rebecca Meanor, who bore him eight children. Michael, the second son, remained on his father's farm until his twenty-second year; married Elizabeth, daughter of John Cooper, and by her had six children, five now living: Elizabeth Susan (now Mrs. Ewing), John C., Christina Maggie (now Mrs. White), Mary R. and James E. When Mr. Springer arrived at maturity his father gave him sixty-three acres of land, and soon afterward he purchased seventy-five more, and is now the owner of 140 acres. In addition to farming he has followed mercantile business for twenty-two years. He has been postmaster at Green Garden since 1867, and has also been mercantile appraiser and school director. He is a member of the United Presbyterian church. In politics he is a Republican.

HENRY SPRINGER, farmer, P. O. Clinton, Allegheny county, was born in Allegheny county, Oct. 11, 1835. His grandfather, Mathias Springer, was born at the forks of Yah on the Allegheny river, and was a farmer there. He came to Allegheny county in 1785, was a soldier in the Revolution, and participated in the battles around Lake Erie. His son, Joseph, was born in Findley township, Allegheny county, and died on the old Springer homestead there, aged sixty-six years. He was a farmer, in politics a Democrat; a member of the United Presbyterian church at Clinton under Rev. William Wilson, then called the Seceder's church. His wife was Nancy McMurtrie, and they had ten children. Of these Henry came to Beaver county in 1860, and settled on the old Bier farm owned by his father. He still owns the farm which contains 175 acres. His wife is Rebecca, daughter of John and Sarah (Carr) Mateer, and they have seven children now living: Nancy E., Sarah M. (Mrs. Doughty of Beaver Falls), Ulysses A., Joseph H., Lillie M., Martha J. and John M. Mr. and Mrs. Springer are active members of the Hebron church, and he is one of the trustees. He is a Democrat, and has held various township offices, serving six years as school director.

HON. ROBERT L. STERLING, farmer, P. O. Seventy-Six, was born in the village of Independence, Nov. 14, 1835. His grandfather, Robert Sterling, was born in Ireland, of Scotch descent, and came to America in 1837. James Sterling, father of Robert L., came to this country in 1829, being twenty-nine years old at the time. He worked for some time in Pittsburgh in the rolling mills, and as a salesman. He married Margaret Ebbornethy, and came to Bocktown, where he opened a store. He next moved to Seventy-Six, where he was the first postmaster, and was a merchant there seven years; then went to Bloomfield, Hanover township, and eighteen months later removed to the farm in Independence township, where he died at the age of seventy-eight. His widow survived him two years, dying in 1880. They were the parents of five children: Robert L., Margaret, Elizabeth, William (who died in the army) and Martha J. Robert L. was educated in his native county, and at the Iron City Mercantile College. He owns a farm of 112 acres, on which were a saw and grist mill. He rebuilt the sawmill in 1859, and the gristmill in 1863. His wife is Elizabeth M., daughter of James Shillito. They are members of the United Presbyterian church, of which he is an elder. He is a Republican, and has held many township offices, including justice of the peace thirteen years. In 1885 he was elected a member of the legislature.

ANDREW STEVENSON, farmer, Frankfort Springs, was born Dec. 5, 1822, in Moon township, Allegheny county, Pa., a son of John Stevenson, who was born in Pigeon Creek, Allegheny county. He (John), married and settled in Moon township, where he died at the age of seventy-two years. His wife, Nancy, a daughter of Philip Hooper, died, aged sixty-two years. She raised nine children. At the age of twenty-five, Andrew came to Frankfort Springs, Hanover township, and engaged in milling in partnership with his brother John, to whom he sold out two years later. He then returned to Washington county, where he carried on agriculture five years; then came back to Beaver county, where he farmed and kept store at Frankfort Springs two years. He owns two farms in Beaver county, one of 170 acres and the other of 200 acres, and also one of 191 acres in Washington county. His wife, Ann Maria, was a granddaughter of Mrs. Mary Dungan, and daughter of John Roberts, an old pioneer, who was born Aug. 13, 1780, and died at the age of ninety-five years, and whose son, Colonel R. P. Roberts, fell at Gettysburg. Mrs. Stevenson is the mother of four children: John, Richard P., Mrs. Agnes M. Bryte and Samuel M. Mr. and Stevenson are members of the Presbyterian church. He is a Republican.

W. S. STEVENSON, farmer, P. O. Hookstown, was born Dec. 20, 1851, on the farm where he now resides. His great-great-grandfather was born in Scotland, and emigrated to Ireland. His great-grandfather, James Stevenson, was born in Ireland, emigrated to America, was an orderly sergeant in the Revolutionary army, was captured by the British, confined in Philadelphia nine months, and exchanged at New York. He lived after the war in Chester county, Pa., was collector of fines for that county, and was twice married. His first wife was Hannah Bull, sister of Colonel Bull, of the Revolutionary army. She bore him seven daughters and three sons. His second wife was Catharine Moore, who bore him eight sons and one daughter. In 1808 he moved to Poland, Ohio, and lived on a farm which he cleared, dying in the eighty-fifth year of his age. Two sons by his second marriage survive him: Silas, of New Castle, Pa., and McCurdy, of New Bedford, Lawrence county, Pa., the latter now in his eighty-second year. Thomas Stevenson, a son of James Stevenson by his first marriage, was born Aug. 25, 1788, was a farmer and owned the farm now occupied by W. S. Stevenson and on which he died July 17, 1847. He was a Democrat, and an adherent of the O. S. Presbyterian church. He was married, Dec. 19, 1811, to Jane Smith, who was born July 23, 1783, and died Oct. 27, 1853. Their children, all of whom are dead, were Nancy, Esther, James, Jonathan, Thomas and Elizabeth (twins), Martha, Andrew, Sampson and Mary J. Of these, Sampson was born Sept. 8, 1824, and died Aug. 28, 1880. He was a farmer, a member of the United Presbyterian church, and politically a Republican. He was twice married, first to Rachel Stewart, who was born Feb. 27, 1828, and died June 2, 1854, and whose only surviving child is our subject, a younger child, Laura E.,

dying in infancy. His second wife, Rebecca Manor, survives him. W. S. Stevenson was married, April 23, 1879, to Mary A., daughter of Robert N. Graham. Three children have blessed this union: S. Percy, Willis R. and Samuel N. The parents are members of the United Presbyterian church. Mr. Stevenson, politically, is a Republican.

RICHARD D. STEWART, undertaker, Hookstown, was born June 5, 1838. His grandfather Stewart, one of the first settlers of Findley township, Allegheny county, bought 1,000 acres on Potato Garden Run, a small part of which was cleared, probably by the Indians. He afterward sold 200 acres for what he had paid for the whole tract, and died on the property. His widow died in 1842, aged eighty-four years. They had eleven children: Jane, John, James, Richard, Joseph, Thomas, Ann, Ellen, Polly, Sarah and Peggie. Of these Richard was married, April 12, 1821, to Mary Stuard, who died Feb. 19, 1872, aged seventy-four years. He died Jan. 2, 1860, aged sixty-two years. They were members of the Presbyterian church of Hopewell, of which he was an elder many years. Their children were James, Catherine, John B., Margaret, Mary, Joseph, James R. and Richard D. John B. is a Presbyterian minister at Riverside, Cal. Richard D. was born on the old homestead, which he farmed until 1876, when he sold out and moved to Hanover, this county, where he bought 170 acres of land. He afterward sold out and came to Hookstown, where he has since been engaged in the undertaking business. He married Matilda, daughter of Russel Moore, and they had six children: Mary E., wife of James McCready; Margaret J., Nancy M., John M., Frank and Harry. The parents are members of the Hookstown Presbyterian church, of which the father is trustee and deacon. Politically he is a Republican.

ROBERT W. STEWART, farmer, P. O. Hookstown, was born Sept. 15, 1819, and is of Scotch descent. His grandfather Stewart was a colonel in the army in his native country; he had a large family, his sons in America receiving a dowry from him many years ago. Of his sons, Benjamin lived in Westmoreland county, Pa. He removed to Virginia when a young man, and was married in West Virginia to Rebecca Cochran. They sold their farm in Virginia, and came to Greene township, where Robert W. now lives, and where they died. They had seven children: Charles, Mary, Susan, Rebecca, Robert W., Samuel Elihu and Margaret J. Robert W. has been twice married. His first wife, Isabella Ewing, died, leaving three children: Mary J., Sarah and John, all married. His present wife was Mrs Jane Stevenson, *nee* Ramsey. His children by her are Oliver, Laura, Anna, Harriet and George. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart are members of the Presbyterian church of Hookstown, of which he is an elder. He was formerly an elder in the Mill Creek church. He has taken much interest in church and school work. Politically he is a Republican.

WILLIAM STEWART, plumber, P. O. Water Cure, was born and educated in this county. His father, Samuel Stewart, was born in Scotland, and came with his parents to this country when a mere youth. He settled in the northeastern part of West Virginia, and became a farmer. He lived for a while in Bridgewater, this county, but finally returned to the old homestead, where he died at the age of sixty-four years. His wife, *nee* Elizabeth Grim, died at the same age. She was of German descent, and had two children: Josephine and William. William married Louisa Brady, a native of Casel, Germany, who died Jan. 1, 1881, aged forty-six years. She had four children who are now living: Felix, William, Albert and Clara L. In early life, Mr. Stewart was a shoemaker. For sixteen years he worked for the Gray Iron Line of boats, but for the last five years has been employe by the Phoenix Glass Company, of Phillipsburg.

JAMES STORER, farmer, P. O. Holt, is a native of Washington county, Pa., born in 1858, son of Richard and Mary Jane (Cooper) Storer, latter a daughter of David Cooper. Richard Storer was for many years a boat-builder in Pittsburgh, Pa., but for the past thirty years has carried on farming in Allegheny county. He had thirteen children, nine of them yet living, James being the youngest son. Our subject worked on his father's farm until twenty-two years of age; then commenced on his own account, and in 1884, came to this county, where he settled on his present farm. He married, in 1880, Phebe Ann, daughter of David and Mary (Gibson) McMillin, and by her has three

children: Mary Elva, Richard William and Harper Beacom. Mr. Storer and family are members of the United Presbyterian church at Mt. Pleasant; in politics he is a Republican.

DAVID M. STROUSS, farmer, P. O. Harshaville, was born May 9, 1857, on the Strouss homestead, and is a son of David Strouss. He was reared and educated in this county, and has been a successful farmer. He has a portion of the old homestead, consisting of 134 acres. He married Aug. 12, 1879, Della F., daughter of James and Jane (Leeper) Patterson. By her he has three children: Junius M., James C. and Charles A. Mr. Strouss and wife are members of the Olivet Presbyterian church, of which he is trustee and treasurer. Politically he is identified with the Democratic party.

HENRY STROUSS, farmer, P. O. Clinton, Allegheny county, was born Jan. 28, 1807, in Northampton county, Pa. His grandfather, David Strouss, was born in Germany, and died in Pennsylvania; and his father, Henry, was born in New York City, in 1768, married Barbara Rouch, and died in 1861. He bought 100 acres of land in Independence township. His son Henry, the subject of this sketch, yet owns ninety-three acres of this land, which he has greatly improved. He has been twice married. His first wife was Nancy Bolger, and his present wife is Sarah, daughter of Joseph Gunnett, a millwright by trade, who died in this county, aged seventy-four years. Mrs. Strouss is a member of the Hebron church. Mr. Strouss has been a hardworking, industrious man, and all the buildings on his farm have been erected by himself.

WILLIAM J. STROUSS, farmer, P. O. Harshaville, was born March 1, 1837, in Allegheny county, Pa. His grandfather, John Strouss, was born in Germany, came to Lancaster county, Pa., when eight years old, was by trade a millwright, and died near Clinton, Allegheny county, at the age of ninety years. He was the founder of the Hopewell Presbyterian church of Allegheny county, was a plain, straightforward man, a strong Presbyterian and an elder in the church. He built the Potato Garden Mill, still known as the Strouss Mill, and hauled the buhrs from Philadelphia. These French stones are now in the Hookstown mill. He was married three times, and reared a large family. His first wife, Mrs. Mary (Rauch) Strouss, had eight children: John, Jonas, David, Simon, Mary, Betsey, Hannah and Martha. Of these David, born in Allegheny county, was a tanner by trade, came to Beaver county in 1847, and engaged in farming. His death occurred when he was sixty-five years old. He was examining a loaded gun, when the contents were discharged in his head. His wife Emily, daughter of Josiah and Elizabeth (McCleary) Woodrow, was born Sept. 6, 1813, and is still living. Her children were John (deceased), Josiah (deceased), William J., Junius M. (deceased), Ulysses S., David M., Elizabeth, Martha (deceased), Melissa J. and Mary A. Of these William J. came into this country at the age of ten years. He has been a farmer all his life, and owns 161 acres. He married Rachel, who was born near Frankfort Springs, Beaver county, a daughter of Adam Reed, and they have three children: Anna, Emily E. and Mary A. Mr. and Mrs. Strouss are members of the United Presbyterian church of Hanover. He is a Democrat.

JEHIEL B. SWANEY, farmer, P. O. Hookstown, was born March 17, 1850, on the homestead. His great-grandfather, James Swaney, was born in Ireland, of Scotch parentage. He was one of four brothers, who all came to America and settled in different states. Thomas settled in Beaver county, while the Indians were still here. His son, James, was a farmer, and died on the old mansion farm near Hookstown. He was father of seven children: Thomas, Andy, Benjamin, Mary, John, Robert and William. Of the sons, John, the father of Jehiel B. was born on the homestead June 1, 1815, and died May 20, 1876. He was well-known and highly esteemed. He was married, Sept. 19, 1839, to Sarah, daughter of Hezekiah and Nancy (McCullough) Wallace, of Scotch descent. She was born Dec. 18, 1818, and reared eight children: Hezekiah, Cynthia, James, Jehiel B., Anna, Robert, Homer and Emmet. Jehiel B. was married, Sept. 15, 1874, to Eva, daughter of William and Anna (Gibb) Trimble, and they have one child, Jerome J., born in 1875. Mr. Swaney is a Republican.

BASIL SWEARINGEN, farmer, P. O. Poe, was born Feb. 23, 1835, in Hanover town-

ship. His father, Zachariah Swearingen, also a native of this county, was born on the old homestead, and died May 31, 1867, aged eighty-one years. He was a successful farmer, and at the time of his death owned about 910 acres of land, which was divided among his children. He was a man of large physical proportions, and industrious habits, was firm and decisive in all his dealings, yet never sued nor was sued. He was twice married; his first wife, Elizabeth, or Ruth Wilcoxon, died June 13, 1830, aged thirty-eight years, the mother of five children: Thomas, Samuel, Garret, Catharine and Zachariah. His second wife was Malinda Swearingen, and her children were Leonard, Basil, Mary (Mrs. Duncan), John, Captain William, Henry and Rezin. Henry died in the army. Basil was raised and educated in his native county. He owns a farm of 320 acres, which he has greatly improved. He married Melissa J., daughter of David Strauss, and they have five children: Mary O., Mattie V., David S., Zachariah and Nina E. Mr. Swearingen is a Republican, and has been school director for many years.

DUNCAN SWEARINGEN, farmer, P. O. Poe, was born Dec. 5, 1820, in Hanover township, this county, and is a son of Bazel and Sarah (Wilcoxon) Swearingen. He was reared in the county, and has been a successful farmer, owning 218 acres. He was married April 28, 1842, to Sarah, daughter of Jonathan and Jane (Reed) Hoge. She was born July 15, 1819. Her grandfather, John Hoge, served in the Revolution, was taken prisoner, and afterward drew a pension. He took up 400 acres of land in Hanover township in an early day. Mrs. Swearingen is the mother of ten children: Mary M., Washington (deceased at twenty years), Amanda J., Sarah A., Basil D., Jonathan D., John C., Samuel D., Martha M. and Arnet Swearingen. Mr. Swearingen and his sons are Republicans.

JOHN A. SWEARINGEN, farmer, P. O. Kendall, was born in Hanover township, Oct. 3, 1851. His grandfather, Basil Swearingen, married Sarah Wilcoxon, who bore him ten children. She died at the age of seventy-four, and he at the age of seventy-one years. Their children were Samuel, Leathy, Catharine, Mary, Jackson, Ruth, William, Duncan, Elizabeth and Sarah. Of these Samuel married Martha, daughter of Louis Spirey. She bore him seven children: Basil, Louis (killed at Gettysburg July 2, 1863), Levina, Samuel, William, John A. and A. Jackson. With the exception of Basil the family have been members of the Disciples church. Samuel Swearingen died Dec. 3., 1880, aged seventy-four years, and his widow is still living. John A. was born on the old homestead, and was reared a farmer. He owns the farm where he resides, containing seventy-five acres, and one of ninety-five acres in Greene township. He was married to Melissa J., daughter of James Miller. They have one child, Albert Myron. Mr. Swearingen is a Republican.

JOHN VAN SWEARINGEN, farmer, P. O. Poe, was born Nov. 4, 1816, above Cumberland, W. Va., where he resided until he was six years old. His grandfather, Samuel Swearingen, was born near Bladensburg, Md.; was married there and came to this township in 1779, and settled on the farm now owned by our subject. He took up 400 acres, which was divided among his heirs in 1841, and died at the age of eighty-eight years. His children were William, John V., Thomas, Zachariah, Basil, Samuel and Mrs. Mary Colvin. Of these John V. was seven years old when he came here. He died in 1846, aged seventy-four years. His wife Martha, daughter of George C. Chapman, died Jan. 4, 1861, aged eighty-one years and eight months. They had thirteen children: George C., Samuel V., Hugh, John V., William V., Catharine, Anna, Jane, Betsey, Lena, Martha, Sarah and Mary. Our subject was married, Jan. 19, 1865, to Sarah, daughter of David Beal. She died Sept. 6, 1873, leaving three children: James H., Hugh E. and Thomas B. James H. married Mary H. Cruikshank, and has one daughter Vernah. Mr. Swearingen owns 138 acres of land, and many of the family are buried on the farm. Politically he is a Republican.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM H. SWEARINGEN, farmer, P. O. Harshville, is a son of Zachariah and Malinda Swearingen, who died on the farm where the Captain now resides. Mrs. Swearingen was a daughter of Thomas Swearingen, of Ohio. They had seven children: Leonard, Basil, Mary, John, William H., Henry C. and Reason W. William

H. and Henry were soldiers in the Civil War. The latter enlisted in the sixty-days' service, in the Pennsylvania militia, and died soon after reaching home. The Captain was born Sept. 5, 1841, on the farm which he now owns, and which contains 230 acres. He was reared and educated in Beaver county, and taught school four winters. He enlisted Aug. 9, 1862, as a private in Company F, 140th Regiment. He participated in the battles of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg; he was wounded at the latter, and was taken sick and conveyed to Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, Pa. After his recovery he was commissioned first lieutenant of Company E, 32d Regiment United States colored troops, was promoted to captain, and served until Aug. 22, 1865. He was married, Dec. 17, 1868, to Mattie, daughter of James Nelson, and they have four sons: James N., Homer H., John J. and Ernest D. C. Captain and Mrs. Swearingen are members of the United Presbyterian church at Hanover. In politics he is a Republican, and has held several township offices.

EDWARD P. SWEET, cooper, P. O. Water Cure, was born in Scotland, Windham county, Conn., Jan. 9, 1831. His grandfather, James Sweet, who was born in Connecticut of English parents, was a soldier in the War of 1812. David D. Sweet, father of Edward P., has been a farmer, and is yet living; his wife, Alma S. Freeman, died in 1861, aged sixty-one years. Edward P. enlisted in May, 1861, in Company B, 5th Connecticut Volunteers, for three years. January 3, 1863, he was discharged for disability. He then drove an ambulance for the 2d Eastern Shore Maryland, until after the battle of Gettysburg, and was then transferred to Frederick City, Md. There he married Sophia E., daughter of John Richardson. She is the mother of nine children: Charles D., Fannie A., Mollie A., Maggie, John M., Willie R., George R., Day and Nellie. Mr. Sweet learned his trade in Maryland, and followed it there for some time. In May, 1871, he moved to Pittsburgh, and in October of the same year came to Phillipsburg. He is foreman in the cooper department of the Phoenix Glass Works. He is a Republican in politics; a member of the G. A. R. and both himself and Mrs. Sweet are members of the Presbyterian church.

ZACHARIAH SWERINGEN, farmer, P. O. Poe, was born Jan. 13, 1828; he married Rachel, daughter of David A. Gilliland, who was killed at the great explosion of the Pittsburgh garrison in 1862, being foreman of the cartridge factory. Four children have been born to this couple: Errett V., Charles G., Sarah L. and Mary L. Mr. and Mrs. Sweringen are members of the United Presbyterian church of Frankfort Springs. He owns a farm of 160 acres, and is a stock raiser. On this farm, A. D. 1790, occurred the bloody Indian tragedy, which resulted in the killing of his aunt, Mrs. Colvin, and her child, and the wounding of her husband. Mr. Sweringen takes a deep interest in both local and national affairs, but is no politician.

REV. WILLIAM G. TAYLOR, D. D., was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., March 3, 1820, of pious Scotch-Irish parents, James and Margaret Taylor. He had nine brothers, six of whom died in infancy, and the others lived to advanced age. One of the three survivors (a half brother) was the distinguished author, Rev. J. B. Walker, D. D., and the remaining two were merchants and manufacturers in Pittsburgh for over forty years. The three sisters lived to advanced age. Dr. Taylor's father was one of the Irish patriots of 1798; was a druggist in Pittsburgh, and, designing William for his own business, commenced to train him while yet in childhood. His father died in August, 1827, leaving the training and education of the boy to his mother, a woman of the common education of that day, but of very vigorous natural mind, and good common sense, devoted piety and implicit trust in God. She was a strict disciplinarian; her rules were obedience, and industry, work, study, and play, and no idleness; these rules developed into *fixed habits* the untiring industry and unconquerable energy that characterized Dr. Taylor in his manhood. A prominent physician said of him, "He loves to undertake things others are afraid to touch, and then with pluck, tact, labor, patience and perseverance, succeeds."

Personal Characteristics. Dr. O. S. Fowler, of New York, in writing of Dr. Taylor says:

"He has one of the best organizations, heads, and temperaments that come under

my hand; his intellectual faculties are uncommonly clear, cogent, forcible and powerful, reasoning clearly and right to the point, making deep thought so plain that even the unlettered think them simple truths. He is preëminently adapted to reason on moral and religious subjects; he is a natural theologian, minister, Sabbath-school and Bible-class teacher, and expounder of moral truth; and is peculiarly happy in illustration, and a natural educator of the young. His strongest sentiments are justice, benevolence and the controlling power of conscience; he is not a natural bargain driver, but is capable of prompt and instant comprehension and action in business matters of any kind, and is most likely to succeed. He is a good judge of human nature, and knows just how to take men; he can lay plans and think for others, can attend to a great variety of business at the same time, and in short order, and without confusion. He values money for its use and not for its wealth; he will succeed in any missionary or benevolent work."

He was at home alike in the pulpit, school room or in active business.

Literary, Industrial and Business Education. We have spoken of his industrial home training and habits. During the period between school he was kept in some business house from the time he was nine years old, and always in such houses found ready employment for his school, college and seminary vacations. Hence the confirming of his habits of industry and his business training. He graduated at Jefferson College in 1847, and at the Western Theological Seminary in 1849. He was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Pittsburgh, in April, 1848, and ordained by the same Presbytery in April, 1849, as an Evangelist, as he designed to devote himself to missionary work among the feeble churches. He was married, April 15, 1849, to Miss Charlotte Thompson, daughter of John and Mary Thompson, of Allegheny City, Pa., who has been his valuable companion and helper. They had six children, all living, viz: Mary M., Charlotte E., James W., Ellen S., John T. and Harry J.

Work. Before graduating at the seminary he was invited to become the assistant editor of the *Prairie Herald* Publishing Company, Chicago; he declined till through seminary. Accepting, he soon became editor-in-chief. This company then had the only power press in Chicago. They published two religious weeklies, and worked off on their small power press two dailies, one monthly, and two quarterly journals. In connection with this company was a bookstore, and in addition Dr. Taylor assisted the pastor of the Third church, who was in feeble health. This intense labor and chill-fever broke down his health, and he sought rest in preaching to a small New England congregation, but the chill-fever compelled his return to Pittsburgh.

Ministerial Work Proper. On his return he commenced work on unbroken ground on Mt. Washington, on the hill above S. Pittsburgh in April, 1851. Here was a good Sabbath-school established, and the foundation laid for the now flourishing church. The Presbyterian church of Beaver having declined from 196 to 42 members, he was invited for half term, but gave them all time, as that was necessary to success, as a neighboring church of 360 members, all active and zealous Christian workers, were gathering into their fold all possible members and hearers. Even under these odds, a reaction took place in favor of the old church; it was handsomely repaired, and in four years increased its communion, and the congregation one-half, with a good Sabbath-school and large catechetical classes.

The church at Tarentum had been in trouble for several years and needed special labor. There was want of harmony and difficulty in raising the salary for half time, the Bull Creek church raising the other half. They made a unanimous call for Dr. Taylor, which was accepted and he entered upon his work. Soon harmony was restored, and a missionary point, at Natrona, added to this field. In four and one-half years both of these churches were able to call a pastor all time, and Bull Creek to build a parsonage and Tarentum kept Natrona mission. This closed his labors on this field.

Dr. Taylor's next field of labor was Mt. Carmel, Beaver county. This church had been without a pastor for *twenty years*, and lacked harmony and ability to support a pastor half the time. He received a unanimous call for half time, but felt all time was necessary if the church prospered, and therefore gave them whole time, commencing in May, 1861. Harmony was restored, and the church soon in better condition. In 1865,

the pastor of North Branch church leaving, he took that for extra service. He moderated a call for Rev. P. J. Cummings, salary \$1,000, in the united churches; soon Mt. Carmel called him all time at the same salary, and were able to build a fine new church edifice.

PHILLIPSBURGH SOLDIERS' ORPHAN SCHOOL. A new and different field opened for the labors of Dr. Taylor. The county superintendents of Beaver, Allegheny, and Washington, and Col. Quay recommended his appointment as principal to open the first and exclusively soldiers' orphan school in Western Pennsylvania. Many friends of the orphans, knowing his fitness for the work, urged him to accept the appointment that had been made. There were serious difficulties in the way: (1) The State would not provide grounds, building, and furniture. (2) The uncertainty of the continuation of the appropriation. (3) It would require \$20,000 cash for thirty acres of ground, buildings, furniture for house and schoolroom, and books and apparatus. (4) The small amount allowed for each orphan (\$115, under ten years of age, and \$150.00 over ten to sixteen years of age) for boarding, clothing, schooling, books, doctor and medicines, and all expenses. The work for 150 orphans would require twenty assistants to be paid out of this small amount, and these obstacles made considerable *risk* in the undertaking. Dr. Taylor took the risk, and *succeeded*. It was difficult to get a suitable location in this congressional district. At last he bought the former Water Cure, but latterly a summer resort, repaired and furnished it and added a dwelling 34x44, four stories. An additional schoolroom, 27x44, chapel, boys' hall, 24x41, and girls' hall, 20x41, and 210 acres of ground, the whole costing \$48,000. All this expense was borne by Dr. Taylor. The next difficulty was to train teachers and help for this new and peculiar work. All the buildings were handsomely and tastefully furnished, as taste is essential to culture, the girls' parlor and music rooms being furnished with Brussels carpet, chairs, piano and organ.

Education. The State prescribed eight grades as the extent of the educational course. To this Dr. Taylor found he could add four grades of a mathematical and scientific course, and one-fourth of the orphans were able to finish these four grades. The average annual progress of the school was one and five-eighths grades, while one-third made two grades. No one was promoted unless their standing was at least seventy-five. The State examination conducted by State Supt. Dr. Wickersham, and Mrs. Nutter, State inspectress, July, 1874, indicated the *average standing of the school* to be ninety-three, for several years they reached ninety-five, while a large number were 100. Probably this is the highest average and progress ever reached by any school so far as known. For six years Prof. S. H. Piersol greatly aided in these results.

Hygiene. The laws of health and life were practically understood and carried out by Dr. Taylor, as the results show. Food was given for bone making, muscle, nerve and brain. All clothing fitted and adapted, perfect cleanliness of body, house, school rooms, wash and out houses, light in abundance, thorough ventilation, nine hours regular sleep, ten hours moderate but diligent work on fixed details, boys one hour regular military drill, play morning, noon, evening and recess, unless on a necessary and indispensable detail duty; clean, warm, feet, good shoes fitted by Dr. Taylor personally, always long enough and with "commonsense heels," guarding against all violent passions. Six hundred and seventeen orphans were thus cared for, over two hundred of whom required medical attention on being received.

Industry. With the aid of his excellent and educated wife, his constant and efficient helper, and who enjoyed a most remarkable home-training in all domestic work and housekeeping, they were able to originate a system of industrial details of labor, to recite daily, in classes, for thirty days, under competent teachers in each department, by which every girl in the Institution (without losing a recitation in school) acquired an intelligent, systematic and practical knowledge of domestic work, in classes in scrubbing, washing, ironing, housecleaning, dining-room work (four classes), dishwashing, cooking, all kinds of baking, mending, darning, plain family sewing, dressmaking, bonnet trimming, house keeping, sweeping, bed making, arranging rooms and parlors,

all of which was subject to the daily inspection of Mrs. and Dr. Taylor. Every room, kitchens, and wash-rooms, were open for the inspection of visitors, under the guidance of a member of the Institution, every day but Sabbath, from 8 A. M. till 5 P. M.. All the surroundings and trainings in this work were designed to *form and conform habits of systematic industry*, refine the taste and manners, and give *beauty* and ease to the person, which can not be done without regular habits of industry. The results of this culture and training showed itself everywhere, in private, public and in church.

Moral, Religious and General Instruction. Dr. Taylor had a Bible class of all the scholars, employes (no one was employed in the Institution who declined to attend the Sabbath services), and all of his own family. He preached Sabbath afternoon, and generally lectured in the evening on religious biography, Bible history and archaeology. He also during the week gave each day two table talks, of about ten minutes, on some subject, historical, moral, economical, on society, secrets of success and failures, on government, or comments on passing events or incidents that occurred in the school. In addition teachers read on an average per year seventy-five volumes; thus intelligence was increased and the conscience educated to become the guiding and controlling power of their life and conduct.

From boyhood Dr. Taylor took strong ground on the temperance and anti-slavery questions. He felt a deep interest in the late war, and immediately on the firing on Ft. Sumter commenced recruiting for the conflict.

He was deeply interested in the great work of "The Christian Commission" (of which Mr. George H. Stewart, of Philadelphia, was president), at home and on the field. The Beaver County Commission, of whom Judge Agnew was chairman, placed Dr. Taylor in charge of the work in Beaver county. Dr. Boardman, the United States Secretary, said Beaver county was the banner county of the United States in proportion to its population and amount raised. The labor was entirely gratuitous.

The enterprise, public spirit, courage and foresight of the Doctor prepared him to take the risk of progress and improvement. He was one of the seven who met at the call of Mr. Nelson to originate the Beaver County Agricultural Society. He was one of the parties who organized the Beaver Female Seminary, now College. With Prof. Bliss, he was the first to publicly advocate the necessity for a County Superintendent of Common Schools, and conducted the first Teachers' Institute for Hon. Thos. Nicholson, County Superintendent. He earnestly pressed the necessity for and the claims of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad, when securing the right of way and stock subscriptions. He was one of the originators of the street railway from Freedom to Beaver. He has also helped young men to start in life, and older men to get homes for their families. He was also one of the advocates for a Presbyterian church at Rochester and at Phillipsburgh.

Dr. Taylor is regarded as a man of wealth, all of which has been made in a legitimate business way, and not by speculation; principally by foresight in investments in real estate, which he commenced in 1847. He saw causes for increase in values and waited patiently for from five to twenty years, generally realizing more than his expectations; hence his present means and the time he has had for the work before noted. His economy always gave him means for any good investment that offered. As a true business man he minded his own business, and kept his own counsel. For thirty-six years Dr. Taylor has been an active participant in the interests of Beaver county, and especially in the vicinity of his home.

REV. M. S. TELFORD, P. O. Harshaville, is of Scotch ancestry. His grandfather, John Telford, came to America when nine years old, and died in May, 1812, at the age of forty-eight. His wife, *née* Sarah Beamer, of Irish descent, died April 7, 1840, aged seventy years. Stephen Telford, father of our subject, was born in Washington county, N. Y., June 20, 1795. He was a thrifty farmer, and died at the age of fifty-two years. His wife was Mary, daughter of Rev. John Cree. The latter was born in Perth, Scotland, in 1754; was graduated at Glasgow, and studied theology in the Theological Hall of the General Assembly Synod; was licensed in 1786, and came to America

in 1790. He supplied the Associate church in New York City for a year, and was ordained and installed pastor in 1792. He preached in Rockbridge, Va., until 1803, then in Fairfield and Donegal, Westmoreland county, Pa., where he died April 1, 1806. His life was one of useful and earnest labor. Mrs. Mary Telford was nearly seventy years old when she died, and was the mother of eight children: Agnes, George, Mary J., Sarah, Margaret, Morrison S., David and John. The last named is a United Presbyterian minister. Morrison S. Telford was born July 3, 1834; was educated at Westminster College, graduating in 1861; studied theology in Xenia, Ohio, and Allegheny City Pa., graduating at the latter place in 1864. He was licensed to preach in 1863; and had charge of a congregation in Indiana county, Pa. for nine years. He afterward officiated nine years in Jefferson county, and at Beaver Run and Cherry Run, where he did good work, and gained the esteem of his people. Since 1882 he has been located at Hanover, this county. He was married, July 8, 1863, to Anna Barr, who was born Feb. 1, 1839, in Huntingdon county, Pa. She is a daughter of Robert and Jane (McMinn) Barr, and is the mother of three children: Maggie, M. David and Herbert M. Mr. Telford has been a successful minister, and is a strong advocate of the Prohibition party.

J. C. TEMPLE, physician, P. O. Water Cure, is a son of Robert Temple, of Hope-well township, and a descendant of one of the pioneer families of the county, both of his grandfathers having resided here prior to and being soldiers in the War of 1812. He received his primary education in his native county, and read medicine with Drs. Lang-fitt, of Allegheny City, and J. W. Craig, of Mansfield, Ohio; he attended lectures at the Western Reserve Medical College of Cleveland, and at the Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati, graduating from the latter institution in 1878. He again attended the Cleveland College, and graduated there also. Obtaining the necessary endorsements from the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania, he settled in Phillipsburg, and soon built up a good practice. He spent some time traveling, and then returned to Phillipsburg, where he continues practice. He was married, in Washington, D. C., Oct. 19, 1876, to Anna M., daughter of Paul J. Hinkle, a member of a prominent family in Wetzlar, Germany. They have two children: Edith Emma and Archie Robert, aged respectively six and four years. The Doctor is a member of the Masonic fraternity, of the E. A. U. and K. of P., and formerly of the State Medical Society of Pennsylvania, and also State Medical Society of Ohio. He is assistant surgeon of the P. & L. E. railroad. He is also a prominent member of the Presbyterian church. A. B. Temple, also a son of Robert Temple, read medicine with his elder brother, and is a graduate of the Cleveland Medical College in the class of 1883. He located in Phillipsburg, and afterward spent a short time in Allegheny City. Then he settled in a thriving town in Eastern Kansas about three years ago, where he has since acquired an extensive practice.

JOHN T. TEMPLE, farmer, P. O. Hookstown, was born in Bullitt county, Ky., Dec. 25, 1816. His grandfather Temple was an Englishman. William Temple, father of John T., was born in Nelson county, Ky., was a farmer, and died in Daviess county, Ky., aged seventy-five years. He was married to Jane Trimble, a native of Ireland, and died in Bullitt county, Ky. She had three children: John T., William and Mary J., of whom only John T. is living. In early life he was a farmer and miller. In 1855 he came to Hookstown, and lived with his uncle, James Trimble. He followed carpentering several years and then bought a farm of seventy-five acres. He married Jane, daughter of John and Rachel (Whitehill) Ewing. Mr. and Mrs. Ewing are active members of the Mill Creek church, of which he is a member of Session. In politics he is a Republican. Mrs. Temple's grandfather, James Ewing, was one of the old pioneers of Beaver county, settling in Greene township, where his descendants yet reside. He was an Indian scout.

HON. ALEXANDER R. THOMSON, farmer, P. O. Seventy-Six, is a native of Independence township, and was born Feb. 29, 1820. He is a great-grandson of Alexander, the progenitor of the old Thomson family from Scotland, and whose sons, William and John, were Revolutionary soldiers. Alexander Thomson, grandson of the pioneer, and

father of our subject, came to Beaver county in 1800, and settled permanently in 1804, first living in Hopewell township, and moving a few years later to Independence township, where he died. He was a sickle maker, and followed that trade till modern inventions and methods rendered it unprofitable. He was a major of militia, and his popularity was repeatedly attested by his election to various official positions, including that of county commissioner. He was the only man in Beaver county, as the record will show, who voted for Adams in 1824. He died July 8, 1846, aged sixty-five years. His wife was Jane, daughter of George and Martha (Stringer) McElhaney. She died in the fall of 1867, aged nearly eighty years. Their children were Elizabeth, Martha, Fannie, William, Jane, Margaret, Alexander R., Nancy, Cynthia (died at the age of eighteen), Lucinda and Louisa. Alexander R. was educated in this county, and at Jefferson College. He studied medicine with Dr. Pollock, then of Clinton, now of Pittsburgh. After practicing seven years, he abandoned the profession on account of ill health, and engaged in farming. He afterward studied law with Samuel B. Wilson, Esq., of Beaver, and was admitted to the bar in 1858. His principal business has been farming, and he owns 300 acres. He married Hannah, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Cheney) Charles, of an old pioneer family of Allegheny county. She died, leaving four sons—John, William, Alexander F. and William H. S. The latter was named for Secretary Seward, and is now a lawyer in Beaver. Alexander F. is an attorney in Pittsburgh, and John is a farmer in Oregon. William died in Dakota, Jan. 9, 1886. Mr. Thomson's present wife, Ellen Scott, has one son, Jeremiah Morgan. The old Thomson family were Covenanters. Mr. Thomson has held positions of trust and honor. He was elected prothonotary in December, 1854, and held that position until April, 1856, when he resigned on account of ill health. A staunch adherent of Jeffersonian democracy, he was never a blind follower of party. When the question of slavery was thrust upon the people for solution, he raised his voice in public speech against it. He believed that under the Declaration of Independence, the proposition was self-evident—that the American slave was entitled to his freedom. Nature endowed him with rare gifts as a public speaker. With an oratorical diction and temperament, a mind clear, logical and incisive, an accurate knowledge of national politics and the history of political parties, and with a courage that bid him speak the truth as light was given him to see it, he became at once a political speaker of rare force and power. In 1882, he was elected a member of the legislature. During the extra session of that body, convened for the purpose of apportioning the state, as required by the constitution, his speeches made in furtherance of the constitutional provision, and for the strict enforcement of the organic law, attracted attention throughout the state. He has since been living in quiet seclusion on his farm, a condition at once conducive to health, and agreeable to a mind naturally diffident and retiring.

WILLIAM A. THOMSON (deceased) was born on the old Thomson homestead in Independence township. He was educated in this county, studied under Dr. Kelly, and became a surveyor, which occupation he followed for thirty years. He was an energetic and ambitious man, and injured his health in the discharge of his duty. Among his many good qualities, not the least was that of hospitality. He was a justice of the peace for three terms. Previous to his marriage he bought a farm of 160 acres, where he lived until his demise. On the farm are ten oil wells, for which his widow received \$16,000. He was a son of Alexander Thomson, a sickle maker, who at one time lived in Harrisburg. William A. was married, Jan. 24, 1856, to Matilda B., daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Boyd) Neely. Her grandfather, Samuel Neely, came from Ireland at the age of ten years. He made much money with packhorses in the mountains of Southeastern Pennsylvania, and finally settled in Robinson township, Allegheny county; afterward he purchased 800 acres of land at \$1.25 an acre, in Moon township, where he died. His son, Nathaniel, was born in Adams county, Pa., and died in Allegheny county at the age of eighty-two years. He had eight children, of whom five are living.

WILLIAM B. THORNBURG, farmer, P. O. Holt, was born in Raccoon township,

Beaver county, Pa., in 1844. The original pioneer of the Thornburg family emigrated from Ireland to these shores in an early day, and settled in Allegheny county, Pa., where he carried on farming, accumulating considerable wealth; then came to this county, and bought land on Chartier's creek. He married a French lady, who bore him fourteen children, seven of whom grew to maturity; and on the death of their father each of these seven inherited a farm. James, one of the youngest, was born in Allegheny county, and in early life followed blacksmithing, but subsequently abandoned it for farm life. He married, in 1808, Agnes, daughter of Elisha Vesey, and by this union were six daughters and four sons. Elisha, the eldest son, also a farmer, married Nancy, daughter of William Brunton, and by her had twelve children, William B., being second son. He was born and reared in Raccoon township, and remained at home until 1862, in which year he enlisted in Company H, 140th P. V. I., and for three years he was actively engaged. He participated in nearly all the battles of the Army of the Potomac, among which were Gettysburg, Chancellorsville and Spottsylvania. He was wounded at the last engagement, also at Cold Harbor, and was honorably discharged in 1865. Seventy-two acres of his present farm of ninety-five he purchased in 1868, and in 1870 he married Mary F., daughter of James Scott, formerly of Allegheny, now of this county. One daughter (deceased) was born to them. Mr. Thornburg is a member of the G. A. R., United Presbyterian church; in politics he is a Republican.

WILLIAM L. and JAMES TODD, farmers, P. O. Green Garden. The original spelling of this family name was Tod. Our subject's grandfather, James Tod, emigrated from Scotland, and soon after his arrival located at Pittsburgh, Pa., where for some time he followed the business of carpenter and architect. As early as 1788 he came to Beaver county, and purchased several tracts of land, one of which contains 400 and another 200 acres. He married Kate Forbes, who bore him five sons and two daughters, James being the second son, born in Moon township in 1796. The latter and his sister Susan, on the death of their father, inherited the 400-acre tract of land. James, Jr., married Mary, daughter of William L. Littell, of this county, and five children were born to this union.

William L. Todd, the eldest of this family, was born in 1825, received a common-school education, and has always followed farm life. He married, in 1858, Rachel, daughter of Robert and Mary (Davis) Temple, and eight sons and one daughter have been born to them: James F., Robert H., William R., Mary Lizzie, Temple S., Roscoe A., Eddie L., Wallace Preston and Louis Elmer. For several years Mr. Todd lived on the old homestead, but in 1867 he purchased and removed to his present farm of 200 acres. He and family are members of the United Presbyterian church; in politics he is a Republican.

James Todd, the second son of James and Mary (Littell) Todd, was born on the old homestead, in Raccoon township, in 1828, and in early life learned the trade of tanner and currier, which he followed until 1871. He then purchased 200 acres of land from the heirs of his aunt, Susan Todd Harvey, 120 of which are highly cultivated. He married, in 1851, Mary, daughter of Amasa Brown, and by this union were eleven children, six sons and two daughters now living: Dr. A. W., in Minneapolis; Samuel B., a graduate of Ann Arbor University, Mich., and now principal of the Public Schools of Sterling, Kan.; James Walker and Joseph L., farmers and stock raisers, of Ipswich, Dakota; and Sharp, John C., Alice M. and Maggie. Mr. Todd was appointed jury commissioner in 1883, for two years, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Christy. Mr. Todd was elected county commissioner in 1887 for a term of three years, by the Republican party, of which party he has been a life-long member. He has also filled many township offices with credit. He and the family are members of the United Presbyterian church.

WILLIAM M. TODD, farmer, P. O. New Sheffield, was born Feb. 3, 1841, in Hope-well township. His grandfather, James Todd, was married, April 10, 1788, to Katie Forbes, and they were among the early settlers of Beaver county, where they also died, he, July 14, 1846, aged eighty-six years, and she June 26, 1843, aged seventy-eight years.

They had seven children, viz.: George, Susan, Janet, James, William, Thomas and John. Of these, John was a United Presbyterian minister. William, the father of our subject, was born Oct. 16, 1798, and died where his son now resides, Feb. 27, 1868. He married Jane G. McCune, who became the mother of seven children, of whom Mrs. Nancy Harvey, John, William M. and Thomas are now living, and James, Margaret and Catherine are deceased. Our subject has been a farmer, and on his farm of seventy acres has a fine gas well. He married Adelaide S., daughter of David and Isabelle (Harvey) Searight. This union was blessed with one son, Walter David Todd. In religious belief, Mr. and Mrs. Todd have remained members of the old church to which their parents belonged—the United Presbyterian church. Politically Mr. Todd votes the Republican ticket.

THOMAS H. TODD, farmer, P. O. New Sheffield, was born Oct. 11, 1844, in Hope-well township, a son of William Todd. [See preceding sketch.] He was educated in his native county, where he has been a farmer nearly all his life, and owns a farm of eighty-three acres, on which there is a gas well. Mr. Todd was married to Sarah E., daughter of Thomas and Eliza (Spaulding) Todd. The following named children have blessed their union: Gilbert, Charlie P., Fred L., Orlando H., Sidney V., and Henry R. In religion Mr. and Mrs. Todd are Presbyterians.

JOHN D. TORRENCE, farmer and miller, P. O. Harshaville, is a grandson of James Torrence, who was a blacksmith at Stevenson's Mill, in Allegheny county. He married Margaret Watson, and had seven children: James, Nancy, Mary, Matilda, Albert, William and Eliza. The parents of these children died in Hanover township. James, father of John D., was a farmer and miller. He bought the James Miller mill, and carried on business there until his death, which occurred in 1874, at the age of seventy-seven years. He and his wife were members of the United Presbyterian church of Hanover, of which he was an elder. He married Elizabeth, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Shafer) Deaver, of German descent. She died June 20, 1873, aged sixty-nine years. She had ten children: John D., James, William, Margaret A., Eliza, Cynthia, Albert, Nancy, Mary J. and Samuel. John D. married Esther, daughter of John and Agnes Boyd. Her father died April 2, 1870, in his eighty-eighth year. Her mother died Aug. 13, 1869, aged seventy-nine years, seven months and twenty-eight days. They were parents of twelve children: Thomas, Martha, Margaret, Mary, Samuel, Sarah, Eliza, John, Ellen, Aaron, Nancy, and Esther. Mr. and Mrs. Torrence have eight children: George A., Nancy A., Aaron B., John G., William F., Eliza J., James S. and Cynthia E. The parents are members of the United Presbyterian church. Mr. Torrence is a Republican.

GILBERT TRUMPETER, gardener, P. O. Water Cure, was born Aug. 4, 1833. His father, John Trumpeter, was born in Württemberg, Germany, and in 1805, being then five years of age, he came to this country with his father, John Trumpeter, Sr. The latter did not have money enough to pay his passage, and was sent to prison for one year. There he worked at the shoemaker's trade, his wife selling the shoes until the debt was paid. He eventually came west and became a successful farmer. In 1813 he was persuaded to sell his farm and deposit the proceeds with the Economy Society, at Harmony, Butler county. The society was then under the leadership of George Rapp, and afterward removed to Indiana, and in 1827 returned to Pennsylvania and located at Economy. John Trumpeter, Jr., came to Phillipsburgh in 1832 under Count Leon, and died here in 1871, aged seventy-one years. Some time previous to his death he received from the Economy Society his share, a part of the land on which Gilbert Trumpeter now resides. After he seceded from the society he married Miss Agatha Walfort, who had left the society the same time. Their union was blessed with four children. Gilbert was only one year old when his mother died. His father married a second time, and one son of this marriage is living, William. Gilbert assisted his father in paying for his land, to which he has added from time to time until he now owns twenty-three acres in the town.

MILLOW TWYFORD, farmer, P. O. Seventy-Six, was born Jan. 8, 1829, in Allegheny

county, Pa. His father, Emanuel Twyford, of Scotch descent, settled eventually on the farm now owned by Milow. He married Nancy, daughter of John Cain of Beaver county, and both died in the house now occupied by the subject of this sketch, he at the age of eighty-six and she at the age of seventy-seven years. They had sixteen children. Milow married Eleanor, daughter of Daniel McCallister. They have seven children living: Daniel, register and recorder of Beaver county; James, Jane, Agnes, Emma, George and Margaret. Mr. Twyford is identified with the Democratic party, and has been supervisor of Independence township. He owns the farm of 115 acres where he lives, and another in Hopewell township.

ELISHA VEAZEY came to this county from Maryland and was of English descent. He married Sarah Rutter, and their children were John, Elijah, James, Sarah, Betsey and Julia. Of these Elijah married Margaret McClelland, and their children were Frances, Elizabeth, Elisha, Ellen, Margaret, John, James and Maria. Elijah Veazey died in his sixty-seventh year. Of his children, Elisha was a wagon maker by trade, and followed that business many years. He married Eliza, daughter of Henry and Jane (McCandless) Reed. Mr. Veazey died June 15, 1865, aged sixty years. He was a member of the United Presbyterian church. Mrs. Veazey has been a member of the church fifty years. Her children were Margaret, Henry, James (killed in the army), John and William (twins—John is a United Presbyterian minister at Chase City, Va.), Alexander Mc. (a physician near Louisville, Ky.), Thomas, Jennie (wife of A. L. Scott) and T. Reed (a physician near Louisville, Ky.) Mr. Veazey has a farm of fifty-seven acres, on which is a gas well.

JOHN D. VOGT, farmer, P. O. Water Cure, was born in Wenterbach, Würtemberg, Germany, Dec. 19, 1835, and is a son of Daniel Vogt, a native of the above mentioned place. The latter came to America when John D. was ten years old, with his wife, Catharine Schnabel, who is now eighty-two years old. They settled in Phillipsburg, but soon moved into Moon township, where the father died in 1857, aged fifty-five years. He was an officer in the German Evangelical church. John D. was married in this county to Barbara Hartenbach, by whom he has six children now living: Adam D. (married to Lizzie Merz, and has two children, Bertha and John), Daniel F., Katie F. (married to James A. Cochran, and has one child, Rosa), Rosa, Henry and Emil. Mr. and Mrs. Vogt are members of the German Evangelical church, of which he has been a trustee and treasurer. He owns a farm of 171 acres. He is a Democrat, and has held the office of supervisor.

ISRAEL WAGNER, farmer, P. O. Water Cure, was born in Phillipsburg May 20, 1842, and is a son of Jacob Wagner. He was educated in Beaver and Allegheny counties; resided in Allegheny county about thirteen years, and for six or seven years was in the wholesale dry goods business. He was also for some time in the oil business, a member of the firm of Wagner, Leech & Co. Since 1874 he has been a resident of Moon township, engaged in farming and stock raising. He has 141 acres of land, a part of the old farm owned by his father, and makes a specialty of raising horses. He married Miss Melvina MacTaggart, and has four children: Helen C., Emma M., Leah M., and Mildreth Israella. Mr. Wagner is a Democrat, and holds the offices of supervisor and school director.

WILLIAM WAGNER, blacksmith, P. O. Water Cure, was born in Shelby county, Mo., Aug. 26, 1848. His grandfather, George Wagner, was born in Würtemberg, Germany, was a member of the Economy Society, and died at Powhatan Point, Va. His son, David, was one of the seceders who came to Phillipsburg, removed to Shelby county, Mo., and from there, in the fall of 1862, he went to Oregon, where he farmed until his death in 1874. His wife, Catharine Zuntle, also an Economite, died there in 1883. She had seven children: Emma, Jonathan, Catharine, David, Johannah, Louisa and William. The latter was educated in Missouri and Oregon, and learned his trade with his father. He returned to Phillipsburg in August, 1874, and has followed his trade here ever since. He was married here to Wilhelmina, daughter of Christian Fisher. She is the mother of three children now living: Jonathan D., Emma L. and Anna B.

The parents are members of the Lutheran church, of which Mr. Wagner is trustee. He is a Republican, has been councilman, and is now a member of the school board. He is a partner in a hardware and farm implement store conducted by his brother-in-law, Christian Fisher.

JOSEPH WALLACE, farmer, P. O. Shousetown, was born Dec. 24, 1803. There is a family tradition that the Wallace family is of the same ancestry as Sir William Wallace, the noble hero and patriot of Scotland. It is certain, at least, that their forefathers were natives of Scotland. James Wallace, the grandfather of Joseph Wallace, was born in Scotland. When he was a young man he moved to Ireland, and married Miss Mary Fulton, and to them were born seven children. William, the eldest, married a Miss McClelland, in Ireland; Samuel married a lady of German descent, in Lancaster county, Pa.; Mary married James Prentice, and Sarah married Hugh Morrow. Most of their descendants now live in Beaver county. James Wallace, the father of Joseph Wallace, was born in County Antrim, Ireland, in 1774. He came to America near the close of the last century, and settled in Lancaster county, Pa. About 1800 he married Miss Agnes Ann DeYarmond, and about the year 1804 they moved to Logstown, Beaver county, Pa. About a year afterward they settled on a farm on Squirrel Hill, near New Sheffield. After remaining here several years they exchanged this farm for the one now owned by Alexander Morrow and occupied by Alexander Kennedy. Mrs. Wallace died there in 1820. Two years later Mr. Wallace married Miss Mary Logan. He died in 1834 at the age of sixty years. He was a member of the Old Seceder's church at Scottsville.

Joseph, our subject, was a year old when his parents moved to Logstown. He first went to school in an old log school-house, near the present location of Raccoon U. P. church. Among his schoolmates were Thomas McKee, John R. McCune, the Todds, the Johnstons, William Taylor and James Warnock. He also attended school at an old log school-house that stood somewhere between the Morrow farm and the old McCullough farms, all traces of which have long disappeared. He is said to have been an industrious youth, spending his time, when not at school, in clearing away the brush and timber, and turning the wilderness into fruitful fields. In 1824 he went to Rochester, which at that time contained only about half a dozen houses. Here he learned the business of keel boat building. He proved himself capable and reliable, and was soon promoted to the position of foreman. He next engaged in the business of building steamboats, and helped to construct the first steamboat built at Shousetown. He worked at this business in Pittsburgh, Steubenville, Brownsville and Mongahela City. Here he met Miss Rachel Spence, to whom he was married Sept. 20, 1832. She was born in County Antrim, Ireland, Dec. 29, 1808. James Spence, her father, was a silversmith. He married Mary Donnelly, and they came to New York in 1809, afterward settling in Monongahela City. Mr. Spence was drowned in the Monongahela at the age of thirty-six years. His widow died at the home of Joseph Wallace, Jan. 29, 1861. Soon after their marriage they settled on the farm where they still reside. Mr. Wallace has been an active member of the New Bethlehem U. P. church ever since its organization. He has three sons ministers: James M., pastor of the Eighth U. P. church, Pittsburgh; Washington, pastor of the North Branch U. P. church, Jewell county, Kan.; Joseph R., pastor of the U. P. church at Jamestown, Pa. His other children were Mrs. Mary Reed (deceased wife of John C. Reed, of Independence); Mrs. Rachel Asdale (deceased wife of Dr. Asdale, of Pittsburgh); Elizabeth, wife of William M. Calvert, of New Sheffield, and Nancy and John S., who are still at home. Mr. Wallace has been an economical and industrious man, and now has considerable property. The discovery of oil on his land in later years has also added materially to his income.

JOHN B. WEIGEL, farmer, P. O. Water Cure, was born June 8, 1835, on the old homestead in Moon township, where his great-grandfather, John Weigel, settled. The latter bought 400 acres of land, which had been taken up by one Bousman. His son John lived and died on the farm, leaving a wife, Barbara, who died at the age of eighty years, and six daughters and one son. The son, also named John, married Margaret

Baker, who died in 1857, aged fifty-two years. She had five children who reached maturity: Daniel B., John B., James Ray, Margaret (Mrs. Smith) and Nancy. The father helped to build the North Branch Presbyterian church, of which he and his wife and daughters were members. John B. Weigel had been a farmer all his life and owns a farm of sixty-seven acres. He married Catherine, daughter of Robert Moffitt, and has seven children: James, John, Robert, Henry, Graham, Frederick and Thomas. From 1860 to 1872 Mr. Weigel lived in Raccoon township. He is a Democrat, and has been auditor for a number of years.

JOSEPH M. WHITEHILL, farmer, P. O. Kendall, was born on the Whitehill homestead, Dec. 22, 1840. His grandfather, James Whitehill, was born in Lancaster county, Pa., came to this county at an early day, and died here. He married Deborah Stephens, and had a large family of children. Of these James was born April 14, 1804, and died Feb. 10, 1858. He was a successful farmer, and owned 400 acres. He was married Feb. 10, 1825, to Martha, daughter of James and Jane (McLaughlin) Ewing. They were members of the Mill Creek Presbyterian church, of which he was clerk and chorister for many years. Mrs. Whitehill is still living, and is the mother of eight children: James, John, Robert, Martha J., Deborah, Joseph M., David R. and William. David R. was a member of Company H, 140th P. V., was taken prisoner at the second day's battle at Gettysburg, and taken to Richmond; was in Libby prison and on Belle Isle three months, was paroled, sent to Annapolis, Maryland, and returned home, where he remained a short time. He then went back to his regiment; was mortally wounded Dec. 9, and died Dec. 10, 1864. His remains were brought home and buried in Mill Creek cemetery, Jan. 1, 1865. Joseph M. was reared and educated in this county, and has always been a farmer. He owns 100 acres of land. He married Mary E., daughter of Andrew T. Kerr, a native of Belfast, Ireland. She was born in Washington county, Pa., Feb. 15, 1845, and has three children: Minnie L., John T. and Thomas E. Mr. and Mrs. Whitehill are members of the United Presbyterian church of Tomlinson's Run, and he is treasurer and trustee. He is a school director; in politics a Republican.

JAMES WHITHAM, farmer, P. O. Murdocksville, is a son of John Whitham, a native of England, who was born within four miles of Sheffield. His ancestors were of an old family. He was educated in England, learned the trade of a sickle-maker, and shipped to America as a laborer, as mechanics were not permitted to leave the kingdom. He came to Fayette county, Pa., when a young man, and worked at his trade. He married Mary, daughter of Enoch and Elizabeth (Wheatley) Tilton, who were the parents of thirteen children, eleven of whom reached maturity. John and Mary Whitham came to Beaver county about 1830, and bought 100 acres of land in Hanover township, where he followed his trade for many years. He died at the age of fifty-four years. His widow is living, aged eighty-two years. She has two children: Elizabeth (Mrs. Dugan) and James. The latter was born April 25, 1831, in Hanover township, received a common-school education, and has taught school in the county for thirty years. He was associate principal of the Hookstown academy from 1874 to 1880. He also served as county superintendent, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. I. Reed. For the last seven years he has devoted all his time to farming. He and his mother and sister are members of the Baptist church. In politics Mr. Whitham is a Republican.

JONATHAN T. WILCOXON, farmer, P. O. Poe, was born in this county, Nov. 19, 1839. His grandfather, John Wilcoxon, a native of Maryland, lived in Hancock county, Va., where he died. His wife was Elizabeth Wilcoxon, and they were members of the Church of England. They had about twelve children. Mrs. Wilcoxon's parents owned ninety-nine slaves in Maryland, but she took gold instead of slaves for her marriage dower. Of their children, Reason was born in Virginia, and at the age of sixteen went to Washington county, where he learned the blacksmith's trade. At the age of twenty-one he came to Hanover township and set up a blacksmith shop near Poe postoffice. Several years later he purchased an adjoining farm of about sixty acres, to which he afterward added more land. He was a strong and industrious man; held several township offices, and was a Democrat. His wife, Eleanor, born in Wash-

ington county, March 8, 1805, was a daughter of Jonathan and Margaret (Wright) Tucker. They had four children that lived to mature age: Mrs. Margaret McConnel, Mrs. Eleanor Mayhew, Mrs. Catherine Peterson and Jonathan T. The latter was reared in this county, and chose the business of farming. He now owns 362 acres. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Robert and Eleanor McCloud, of West Virginia. They have five children: Oscar S., Ida M., Lou E., Reason R. and Pearl L. Mr. Wilcoxon is identified with the Democratic party.

HUGH R. WILSON, farmer, P. O. Frankfort Springs, was born in North Fayette township, Allegheny county, Pa., Nov. 12, 1835. His grandfather, Hugh Wilson, one of the pioneers of that county, was killed by the upsetting of a load of hay. His son, Thomas Wilson, a farmer by occupation, who was born in the above mentioned township, was run over and killed by an express train at McDonald Station. His wife, Mary Elliott, of an old and respected family, was born on Montour's Run, and died on the old homestead. She had seven children, who reached maturity: Jane, Hugh R., Mary, William, Matilda, Rebecca, Agnes and Alice. Hugh R. was reared and educated in his native county. He became a farmer, and in 1883 bought 200 acres of J. M. Bigger. He married Elizabeth Buchanan, and they have five children: Ella, William, Mary, Thomas and John. Mr. Wilson and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. He has always been an advocate of the principles of the Republican party.

PATRICK H. WISEMAN, shade maker, P. O. Water Cure, is a son of William and Mary (Murphy) Wiseman. His great uncle was Cardinal Wiseman. William Wiseman was born in Cork, Ireland, immigrated to America and settled in Pittsburgh, where he yet resides. He is a stone mason by trade. His wife died in Bridgewater, aged sixty-eight years. They had eight children, of whom only Patrick H. resides in this county. The latter was educated in Pittsburgh, and at an early age began working in the glass house of Curling, Robinson & Co. He afterward worked in other factories, and in 1880 came to Phillipsburg, and was one of the stockholders of the Phoenix Glass Company. He is now employed in the shade department of the company's works. He was married in Pittsburgh to Kate M., daughter of Levi and Elizabeth (Leslie) Springer, and they have four children: Walter H., William E., Bessie M. and Ethel M. Mr. Wiseman is a member of the E. A. U., of which he has been auxiliary. He is independent in politics, voting for the best candidate, regardless of party.

JOHN S. WITHROW, farmer P. O. Service, was born July 13, 1842. His grandfather, Robert Withrow, a native of Maryland, and of Scotch descent, lived for many years in Washington county, Pa., but subsequently moved to Ohio, where he died. His son, William, born in Washington county, was a miller and followed his trade in various places. He died at Bocktown, Beaver county, at the age of sixty-seven years. Politically he was a Democrat. His wife was Elizabeth Smith, who died in Clinton, Allegheny county, aged seventy-three years. Mr. and Mrs. Withrow were members of the Presbyterian church. They had nine children. John S., our subject, who was in early life a miller, became a tiller of the soil about six years ago, and about two years ago bought the R. Anderson farm of 136 acres, on which he has two fine gas wells, from which he secures a good income, and has his buildings heated and lighted. He has been successful both as a miller and farmer. He married Harriet A. McNary, of Washington county, and their children are Lizzie R., Clara B., Maggie J., Lee McNary and Rhoda Ella. Mr. and Mrs. Withrow are members of the United Presbyterian church. Politically he is a Democrat.

JOHN B. ZITZMAN, glass worker, P. O. Water Cure, is a son of George Zitzman, who died in Germany. His widow, Elizabeth (Rosenberg) Zitzman, immigrated to America with five children, and settled in Pittsburgh, where she reared the family. In 1872 they removed to Moon township, Beaver county, where they farmed, Mrs. Zitzman having previously been married to Michael Keber. John B. Zitzman was educated in Pittsburgh, and at an early age began working in a glass house. He worked at his trade in Bellaire, Ohio, until 1880, when he became a stockholder in the

Phoenix Glass Company, of Phillipsburg, being one of the founders of the company. He was married to Maggie, daughter of George Vogel, and by her has four children: Eva, Alice, Jennie and George. Mr. Zitzman has one child, Mary E., by a former marriage with Mary A. Kever, who died in Bellaire, Ohio. In politics Mr. Zitzman is a Republican.

