

CAPT. ADAM C. BRAUGHLER, commander of Indiana Post, No. 28, Grand Army of the Republic, and a prominent citizen and substantial business man of the borough of Indiana, is a son of Solomon and Nancy (Boyle) Braughler, and was born in Canoe township, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, November 20, 1837. He is of German ancestry on his paternal side and Irish descent in his maternal line. His grandfather, Adam Braughler, came from Germany to Bucks county, and in 1817 removed to what is now Canoe township, where he died at a ripe old age in 1842. His son, Solomon Braughler (father), was born at Quakertown, Bucks county, December 27, 1803. He came in 1817 with his father to Canoe township, where he followed farming and stock-raising till his death which occurred in May, 1870. He was a Presbyterian and a democrat and held several township offices. He married Nancy Boyle, who was born in White township June 8, 1805, and passed away January 6, 1886. She was a member of Presbyterian church and her father, Johnson Boyle, came when a young man from county Antrim, Ireland, to what is now White township. He was a farmer, and re-visited his native land several times.

Adam C. Braughler was reared on his father's farm in Canoe township and attended the common schools until he was eighteen years of age. He then served an apprenticeship of two and one-half years at the trade of carpenter, which he followed until the dark and stormy days of 1861, when he was one of the first to respond to the Union call for troops. He enlisted as a private in Co. D, 78<sup>th</sup> regiment, Pa. Vols., and served until November 4, 1864. He was promoted to orderly sergeant soon after enlisting, and after the battle of Stone river was commissioned second lieutenant. From August, 1862, to January, 1863, he was stationed as a recruiting officer of Pittston and Freeport, Pa. In January, 1863, he rejoined his regiment and participated in the battles of Hoover's Gap, Macleymore's Cove, Chickamauga and Graysville. He fought above the clouds at Missionary ridge and in all the battles of the campaign of 1864, from Chattanooga to Atlanta, Ga., and then was placed under Thomas and served for six months beyond his term of enlistment. In the fall of 1865 he became a member of the grocery and shipping firm of Brillhart, Ellis & Co. In 1867 David Ellis retired from the firm, and in February, 1872, Mr. Braughler purchased J. H. Brillhart's interest and since then has successfully conducted a large grocery and queensware business. He enlisted as first lieutenant in the National Guard of Pennsylvania, when it was organized in 1875, served in the Pittsburgh riots of 1877 and received his present commission as captain August 7, 1880. He is commander of Post 28, G.A.R., and has been adjutant of encampment No. 11, U.V.I., since its organization. He is a member of the I.O.O.F., the K. of L. and the Jr. O.U.A.M.

On April 4, 1865, he united in marriage with Sarah C. Donahey, a daughter of Wm. B. Donahey, of Black Lick township. They are the parents of five children, one son and four daughters: Mary, Iva, Sadie, Jessie and William A.

Capt. Adam C. Braughler is an unswerving republican in politics, was a member of the borough council for four years and is now in the twelfth year of his service as school director. He is a member of the Indiana Presbyterian church, has won friends and patronage in business by straightforward and honorable dealings and is an enterprising and prominent citizen of Indiana, who takes deep interest and an active part in the military, educational and business affairs of the county.