

CAPT. DAVIS A LUCKHART, a wounded veteran of the grand old Army of the Potomac, and the present trustworthy and efficient treasurer of Indiana county, is a son of Jacob and Lena (Davis) Luckhart, and was born in West Mahoning township, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, March 21, 1841. His paternal ancestors were early settlers of Blair county, this State, from which his grandfather, Conrad Luckhart, removed to South Mahoning township, where he purchased a large tract of land, and was engaged in farming for many years. He was of German extraction, stood high as a man and a citizen in the community in which he resided, and died May 6, 1861, aged seventy-seven years, seven months and three days. Of his sons, one was Jacob Luckhart (father), who was born in Blair county in 1810, and died in West Mahoning township in 1863. he was a farmer by occupation, a republican in politics and a strict member of the Baptist church, in which he had frequently served as deacon. He married Lena Davis, who was also a member of the Baptist church, and died in 1887, when in the seventy-first year of her age. She was a daughter of Abraham Davis, of Wales, who came to this county, where he was engaged in farming for many years previous to his death, on September 18, 1869, at eighty-three years of age.

Davis A. Luckhart was reared on a farm and attended the common schools of his native township. Leaving school, he learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed till the breaking out of the last war. On August 21, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Co. A, 61st regiment, Pa. Vols., and was discharged with the rank of captain, and in command of the company, at Pittsburgh, Pa., on June 28, 1865. he participated in all the principal battles of the Army of the Potomac, and for meritorious conduct and soldierly bearing was successively promoted until he was commissioned captain of his company. He was wounded four times while in the union service. His first wound was received when he was a private, at the battle of Fair Oaks, May 31, 1862, where a musket-ball fractured one of the bones of his left arm, which in the last few years has become paralyzed from the effects of that injury. He was next slightly wounded in the side, at Fredericksburg, by a shell, while serving as a corporal in the color guard of the regiment. He passed safely through several battles until the dreadful wilderness fights came, in which, on the 24th of May, he had one of his little fingers split open by a minie ball. His fourth and last wound was received at Winchester, where, on the 19th of September, 1864, he was struck on the left leg by a piece of shell while serving as first lieutenant. He never in the hospital but twice, had several hair-breadth escapes and his life was once saved by a frying-pan in his knapsack intercepting a bullet that otherwise would have reached his heart.

After the close of the war Capt. Luckhart returned home; but in October, 1865, he removed to Missouri, where he resided in Morgan county till 1876. While in Missouri he was engaged in teaching school, milling and farming. In the centennial year he returned to his native county, where he worked at his trade for several years. In 1879 he was appointed postmaster at Smicksburg, in West Mahoning township, which office he filled until October, 1885. The succeeding year he was elected justice of the peace, and held that office till the fall of 1887, when he resigned to accept the county treasurership, to which he had been elected by the Republican party. He entered upon the duties of the latter office January 2, 1888, and so far has ably and honorably discharged the same. The duties of his office are many and various, but to their discharge he has brought such good judgment, keen insight, great energy and executive ability that he thoroughly understands and satisfactorily manages the manifold complications of the business brought under his

control. To the mastery of the more important business of his office, Capt. Luckhart has added close attention to every detail of the minor affairs, and has been enabled to secure favorable results in the interest of the county and its tax-payers.

March 28, 1865, he united in marriage with Catharine Stear, daughter of John Stear, of Smicksburg, this county

Capt. Luckhart is an active and leading republican, a member of the Lutheran church, and at present lieutenant-colonel of Encampment No. 11, Union Veteran Legion.