

CHARLES T. LEMMON, stenographer of the courts of Indiana county, is a self-made man in the true sense of that term. He was born in Kittanning, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, July 14, 1861, and is a son of John H. and Rosanna (Taylor) Lemmon. His paternal great-grandfather, Thomas Lemmon, was a native of eastern Pennsylvania, and was of Scotch-Irish descent. He served as a soldier in the Revolution. The following romantic story concerning him has been handed down in the family from generation to generation. While on his way to join the Continental army, he was very thirsty one day and asked for a drink of water from a handsome young lady who was present. Seeing his worn-out condition, she hastened to bring him a glass of milk. Touched by her womanly sympathy and thoughtfulness, he told her, half in jest, half in earnest, that when the war closed he would return and marry her; which promise he afterward fulfilled. Their son, Col. Daniel Lemmon (grandfather), in early life moved to Franklin township, Armstrong county, where, for many years, he was engaged in farming and hotel-keeping. He served in the Black Hawk war, with the rank of colonel. He died in 1857, when in the seventy-fifth year of his age. His son, John H. Lemmon (father), was born at Kittanning. He is a blacksmith by trade, and is now in his seventy-third year. During the Rebellion he served in Co. K, 78th reg., Pa. Vols. For one year, and was discharged on account of his eyesight failing. He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal church, and since the late war has been a staunch republican. He has filled the office of coroner of Armstrong county for several terms. He married Rosanna Taylor, who was born in Valley township, in 1819, and died in 1888, ages sixty-nine years. She was a member of the Protestant Episcopal church. She was a daughter of Thomas Taylor, whose father, a Presbyterian minister of the same name, was chaplain in the Continental army and was killed in the battle of Brandywine. Thomas Taylor was a native of eastern Pennsylvania, and removed to Armstrong county when a young man, where he was engaged in farming. He was a soldier in the Mexican war. He died in 1853, aged about eighty-two years.

Charles T. Lemmon was reared at Kittanning. While attending the public schools, he laid out a course of study for himself, which he followed diligently in spite of all obstacles. After becoming proficient in phonography, he assisted the late G. S. Crosby in his law office at Kittanning, as well as in the publication of the "*Union Free Press*," of which Mr. Crosby owned a one-half interest. He remained in Mr. Crosby's employ until June, 1885, when he removed to Indiana borough, having been appointed stenographer of the courts of the county, which position he still holds. He was married, in February, 1889, to Laura E. Shankel, daughter of Samuel S. Shankel, of Kittanning.

In politics, Mr. Lemmon is a republican, and like his forefathers is a communicant in the Protestant Episcopal church. He is one of the solid men of the borough, taking an active part in the business interest of the county as well as in the public welfare of Indiana. He is financially interested in several business enterprises of prominence in Indiana and Armstrong counties.