

DAVID W. SIMPSON, the present favorably known deputy sheriff of Indiana county and a man of considerable business experience, was born in Kittanning township, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, November 24, 1858, and is a son of Thomas and Ann (Gray) Simpson. His grandfather, Rev. John Simpson, came in 1829 from England to Armstrong county, where he purchased a farm and was for many years an active minister of the M.E. church. Thomas Simpson (father) was born in England, and when twelve years of age (1830) came with his brother William (but fourteen years of age) to New York. He soon went to reside with an uncle in the interior of the State. He learned the trade of butchering and in a few years removed to Armstrong county, this State, where he followed farming until 1873. In that year he came to White township where he purchased a farm, which he tilled until 1884, when he retired from active life. He then removed to Indiana, where he has resided ever since. He is a republican, a member of the M. E. church and a man who enjoys the respect and good-will of his neighbors. He was born in 1818, and in 1843 married Ann Gray, who was a daughter of William Gray, of Armstrong county, and died April 12, 1865, when in the fortieth year of her age.

D. W. Simpson was reared on his father's farm in Armstrong county until he was fourteen years of age. He then came with his father to this county. He received his education in the common schools and was continuously engaged in farming until 1880, when he left the farm to accept the position of a clerk in the Indiana county co-operative store. He remained with that company for one year and then embarked in the general mercantile business which he followed with good success for four years. He then disposed of his store and was employed for six months as a clerk in a hardware store at Kittanning, Armstrong county. For the next two years he was engaged in various lines of business. At the end of that time (fall of 1887) he became deputy sheriff of Indiana county under James McGregor, who was then sheriff, and served as such until January 1, 1888, when David C. Mack assumed charge of the sheriff's office. He then qualified as deputy sheriff under Mr. Mack and has continued to serve in that capacity ever since. He is active, attentive and diligent in the discharge of his duties as deputy sheriff and allows nothing at any time to draw his attention from his business. During the past three years his position has been one in which a man would have required prudence, judgment and no small amount of patience to be as successful as Mr. Simpson has been. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, Palladium Lodge, no. 346, Independent Order of Odd fellows, Lodge No. 28, Knights of Honor, and Indiana Council, No. 260, Jr. Order of United American Mechanics. Although an active and energetic republican, yet he is not an obtrusive politician.

November 10, 1882, he united in marriage with Zenia Kingborn, daughter of Alexander Kingborn, of White township. They have two children: Viola H. and Jennet G.