

D. HARRISON TOMB, one of the young and successful members of the Indiana bar, and one of the present auditors of the county, is a son of David and Angeline (Killen) Tomb, and was born in East Wheatfield township, Indiana county, Pa., May 23, 1857. The Tomb family is of Scotch-Irish descent, and the founder of the American branch of the family was David Tomb, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch. He was born and reared in county Antrim, Ireland, which he left in 1792 to settle on Black Lick creek, where he and his brother John patented a track of over two thousand acres of land. He was a farmer and resided near Armagh, the oldest town now in the county, and which was named for Armagh in Ireland. Indians were still plenty at that time, and one of their graveyards was on Mr. Tomb's farm. He was an exemplary member of the United Presbyterian church, and died in 1837, aged seventy-four years. One of his sons was David Tomb (father), who was born in East Wheatfield township, in 1809 and died October 24, 1889. He was an extensive farmer and live-stock dealer, was a staunch democrat, and served as justice of the peace for four terms. He had held various other of his township offices, was an acknowledged leader of his party and stood high in the estimation of all who knew him. He was a good scholar, a man of sound judgment and well informed on the current events of his day. At the time of his death he owned four hundred acres of land, of which two hundred was well-improved and the other half well-timbered and heavily underlaid with coal. He married Angeline Killen, a native of East Wheatfield township, and a daughter of James Killen, of Scotch-Irish descent, and whose parents came, about 1790, from the north of Ireland. Mrs. Tomb was born in 1825, is a member of the Presbyterian church and resides on the home-farm with her son, D.V.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tomb were both three sons and one daughter.

D. H. Tomb was the eldest son and was reared on the home farm. He received his elementary and academic education in the common schools and the State normal school at Indiana, Pa., from which institution he was graduated in the class of 1878. He then entered the sophomore class of Washington and Jefferson college and attended that well-known educational institution for two years. Leaving college, he engaged in teaching, and was principal for some time of the Woodvale public schools, of Johnstown, Pa. In 1885 he commenced reading law with W. L. Stewart, Esq., was admitted to the Indiana county bar in October, 1887, and since then has been actively and successfully engaged in the practice of his chosen profession. In 1898 he was elected, on the democratic ticket, an auditor of Indiana county, which gave a large republican majority at that election. In 1889 he ran for district attorney; but, while leading his ticket, was unable to overcome the increased republican majority of that year.

November 5, 1888, Mr. Tomb united in marriage with Maggie B. Rankin, daughter of William and Nancy Rankin, of Montgomery township. Mr. and Mrs. Tomb have one child, a son—David Rankin.

D. H. Tomb has always labored earnestly and effectively in the interests of the democratic party. He is a member of the Indiana Presbyterian church. Mr. Tomb is a courteous and honorable gentleman, well-read in his profession and active in its practice. He always gives the closest attention to the business of his clients and is meeting with good success.