

HON. GEORGE W. HOOD Among the prominent citizens and public men of Indiana county who are held in high esteem for integrity, good judgment and business and professional ability is Ex-State Senator George W. Hood. He is a son of James and Margaret (Trimble) Hood, and was born in White township, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, December 1, 1846. The historic north of Ireland, which contributed so largely to the worthy pioneer stock of early settlers in Indiana county, was the birth-place of his paternal grandparents, Thomas and Jane (Henderson) Hood. They left the home of their childhood and early associations in life and settled in 1799 in what is now Indiana county, where Thomas Hood died in 1861, aged 83 years. Of the family which they reared in their new found home one son is James Hood (father), who was born in 1810. Upon arriving at manhood he engaged in farming, which he pursued until 1880, when he retired from active business life. He resides at Indiana, is well preserved for his four-score years and is a consistent member of the United Presbyterian Church. He is a republican in politics, has always been active in support of his party and served creditably as treasurer of Indiana county from 1851 to 1853. He married Margaret Trimble, who died January 1, 1888, and reared a family of six sons and three daughters.

George W. Hood was reared on the home farm in White township. He attended Dayton academy in Armstrong county and Tuscarora academy of Juniata county, and then entered Westminster college, Lawrence county, from which well-known institution of learning he was graduated in the class of 1870. After graduating he read law with Hon. A. W. Taylor and was admitted to the Indiana county bar in December, 1872. The summer of the ensuing year he spent in traveling through Europe for the purpose of gaining general information of the habits and customs of its people and the laws and institutions of its leading nations. During the latter part of 1873 he opened a law office at Indiana, where he has been engaged ever since in the active and successful practice of his profession. In 1882 he made a trip to Europe on professional business and spend some time in Ireland, England and France. In 1884, in recognition of his many valuable political services and on account of his fitness for the position, he nominated for State senator by the Republican party of Indiana county. He was elected in November, 1884, and for four years creditably represented the Thirty-seventh Senatorial District of Pennsylvania. He served on the committees on federal relations, judiciary (both general and special) and congressional appointment. His legal ability and professional ability and political experience well fitted him for the efficient service which he rendered on those four important committees. During the session of 1885, Senator Hood with Senator Biddis, of Pike, and Ex-speaker Faunce, of Philadelphia, Robinson of Delaware and Sponsler of Perry, were the committee appointed on the Senate and the House for the purpose of inquiring into the fitness of district Judge Kirkpatrick of Allegheny county. He had refused to resign after a petition had been sent into legislature for his removal on account of his physical disability to fill the office. The committee removed. His entire course in the State senate was such as to gain him many warm friends in the ranks of the opposition as well as among his own colleagues on the republican side of the senate. While ver alive to the interests of his own district, yet he never slighted the actual needs or just requirements of any other section of the State. In 1890 he was appointed and served as supervisor of the Eighth Census District of Pennsylvania. His patriotism as shown in the late war, when, at the age of seventeen years, he entered Co. F, 2d Battalion (six months) Pa. Vols., and yielded most willing service in the armies of the imperiled

Republic in her ever-memorable struggle against dismemberment and dissolution. His interest still continues unabated in his companion in arms of the Great Rebellion, and is manifested by his membership in, and services for Indiana Post, No. 28, Grand Army of the Republic.

In 1878 he married Sarah E. Ehrenfield, daughter of Rev. A. C. Ehrenfield, of Indiana. Mrs. Hood died November 12, 1879 and left one child, a son named Augustus. On December 22, 1888, Mr. Hood united in marriage with Adalene M. Quigg, a handsome and talented lady of Oswego, New York.

Senator Hood is a large and fine looking man of good address and affable manners. He is of Scotch-Irish descent, has a large law practice and is a very pleasing speaker. In 1887 he was largely instrumental in the organization of the Indiana Water company, of which he was and is its president. Their water works are on the artesian well system and carry fifty pounds pressure in their pipes, which can be increased to one hundred and thirty pounds in case of fire. He owns land in Idaho, is interested in the irrigating system of that State and has twice visited the Pacific coast states. Senator Hood devotes his energies to the practice of his profession and to such financial and business duties as naturally come to a man in his position. He is a popular republican leader, has been very successful in the political arena and stands well with the masses, whose true interests he has always advocated and defended.