

HON. JAMES A. LOGAN was president judge of the courts of Indiana county from 1871 to 1875.

“He was a native of Westmoreland county, born in the limits of Burrell township. He received his education at Elder’s Ridge academy, a preparatory school in Indiana county, and studied law with William A. Stokes, Esq., and with the Hon. H. P. Laird, and on motion of W. H. Markle, Esq., was admitted to practice on the 16th of May, 1863. After his admission to the bar he entered into partnership with Mr. Markle, and remained with him until the senior member of the firm was appointed collector of the United States revenue of this congressional district. He was, shortly after his admission, appointed solicitor of the Pennsylvania railroad, and after the Southwest railway was incorporated was selected to manage the legal affairs of the road, of which he was also a director.

“He applied himself with diligence to the study of the law, and soon evidenced legal talents of more than ordinary degree. He acquired a good practice, and was prominent as a rising politician in the Republican party, and was mentioned as a candidate for Congress a year or two prior to his appointment as judge.

“Judge Logan, presiding with satisfaction in each of the three counties of his district under this appointment, was nominated by the Republican party as its candidate for election, and was elected, his party having a majority in the district. He presided after his election over all the courts of the district until Westmoreland was made a separate judicial district by the Constitution of 1874, when he was retained as judge of that county alone. He resigned in 1879 to accept the position of assistant general solicitor of the Pennsylvania railroad, a position in the legal department of that corporation which he was the first to occupy.”