

JAMES MCGREGOR. One who has inherited the careful foresight, the prudent thrift and the strict morality of his Scottish ancestors is James McGregor, the present register and recorder of Indiana county. He was born in Porter township, Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, December 6, 1840, and is a son of Mahlon and Margaret (Chambers) McGregor. During the latter half of the eighteenth century, one of sturdy Scotchmen who left his native county and came to Pennsylvania was Alexander McGrefor. He was a mill-wright by trade and located near Bedford, in Bedford county, where he purchased a farm which he cultivated until his death. His son, Daniel McGrefor (grandfather), was born in Bedford county, learned the trade of carpenter, came to Washington township, this county, where he remained four years and then removed to Porter township, Jefferson county, in which he resided until his death in April, 1880, in the eighty-ninth year of his age. He was a farmer and a member of the Baptist church. Of his sons one was Mahlon McGregor (father), who was born in Bedford county in 1810, and died in Armstrong county, July 12, 1873. in his twenty-first year he removed to Jefferson county, where he located in Porter township. He then followed farming and stock-raising until 1869, when he went to Cowanshannock township, Armstrong county, and continued in the same line of business until his death. He was an active business man, a member of the Presbyterian church and a staunch republican, but was never an aspirant for any office. He married Margaret Chambers, a daughter of James Chambers, an extensive farmer of Jefferson and Indiana counties, as well as being engaged in the general mercantile business. Mrs. Margaret McGregor was a native of Perry township, Jefferson county, a member of the Presbyterian church and died February 4, 1845, in the twenty-sixth year of her age. She was baptized, married and had her funeral sermon preached by the same minister, Rev. John Carothers.

James McGregor was reared on his father's farm and obtained his education in the common schools. At thirteen years of age he went to work in a brick-yard, where he remained one year. Three years later he engaged in teaching, which he followed for one year and then accepted a position as clerk in a store. After seven years' experience as a clerk he engaged in the mercantile and live-stock business for himself at Marion, this county. In 1884 he was elected sheriff of Indiana county and served in that capacity from January 1, 1885, to January 1, 1888. In 1889 he was nominated by the republicans and elected register and recorder. On the first Monday of January, 1890, he took charge of that office and his term of service will expire on the first Monday of January, 1893.

James McGregor was married on September 20, 1860, to Catherine, a daughter of John Pounds, of East Mahoning township, who died March 11, 1880, leaving eight children: Daniel E., William H., James C., Mary O., Clara L., Alice C., Anna D., and Harvey M. On the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 1883 Mr. McGregor married for his second wife, Mrs. Agnes A (Duncan) Sutton. By his last marriage he has three children living, two sons and one daughter: John, Frank and Ola A.

In religious belief he is a Methodist, of which church he has been a member for twenty-one years. He was president of the board of trustees of Marion M. E. church, and member of the building committee which erected the present M. E. church at that place. After removing to Indiana in 1884, he was elected to the same position he had held at Marion and was one of the committee who built the handsome M. E. Parsonage in 1888 at Indiana. In politics he is an ardent and enthusiastic republican. He served for a long period as school director in Marion borough and also as justice of the peace for five

years. As sheriff he gave good satisfaction and has so far filled the office of register and recorder in a manner creditable to himself and acceptable to the public. Mr. McGregor is always firm and decided in doing that which he believes to be right, and allows no influence to swerve him from any duty. In business he is liberal, honest and straightforward and those who have to do with him will find him an affable and courteous gentleman.