

JAMES M. TORRENCE, M.C., a veteran soldier of the 105<sup>th</sup> Pa. Vols. And a physician in active practice at Indiana, was born at Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, December 6, 1845, and is a son of Judge Jame and Mary (Caldwell) Torrence. Hugh Torrence (paternal grandfather) was a native of Ireland and was of Scotch-Irish descent. He came from Ireland to Pennsylvania and was one of the early settlers near Manor Station, Westmoreland county, where he resided until his death. He was a Presbyterian in religious belief. William Caldwell (maternal grandfather) was of Irish descent and resided at Indiana, where he reared a large family and when he died. Judge James Torrence (father) was born in Westmoreland county, learned the trade of tanning in Allegheny city, and followed that business for twenty years. He came to Punxsutawney when a young man, and successfully operated a large tannery in the centre of the town until 1866, when he retired from active business except dealing in real estate. In 1859 he was elected associate judge of that county, on the republican ticket and served for three years. He began life without any capital, and by close attention to business is now worth sixty or seventy thousand dollars, besides owning some real esate in his town. He is an active republican and a member of the Presbyterian church. He married Mary Caldwell, who was a native of Indiana and a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. She died in 1858, aged thirty-nine years.

James M. Torrence was reared principally in his native town until he was twelve years of age, when he entered the *Messenger* printing-office at Indiana and served an apprenticeship of two and one-half years. Before he was sixteen years of age he enlisted in Co. K, 105<sup>th</sup> reg., Pa. Vols., served as a company clerk for eight months and then entered the ranks. In 1863 he re-enlisted and served until the close of the war. He was in all the battles of his regiment, was present at Lee's surrender and was wounded at Chancellorsville in the left hand and in the side of the head (June 17, 1864) in front of Petersburg. After the war he attended the Iron City Business college and fitted for college at Glade Run and Dayton academies. He entered Mt. Union college, which he left (1869), when in the senior class, to read medicine with his brother-in-law, Dr. J. W. Hughes, of Blairsville. Completing his course of reading , he entered Jefferson Medical college, from which he was graduated in the class of 1873. In the same year he located at Indiana, where he has continued in successful practice of his profession ever since.

In 1880 he married Ida, daughter of E. P. Hildebrand, a native of berlin, Pa., and a man of high standing, who was twice prothonotary of the county and died while serving as justice of the peace, July 29, 1889, aged sixty-seven years. Dr. and Mrs. Torrence have three children: Helen, James Monroe and Arthur Hildebrand.

In politics Dr. Torrence is a republican. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and the Indiana County Medical society, and well sustains the reputation which he has earned as a courteous gentleman and skillful physician.