

JAMES M. WATT, the capable cashier of the Indiana county Deposit Bank and the reliable treasurer of the Indiana Normal school, is a son of Judge Isaac M. Watt, and Jane (McxKinnan) Watt and was born at Indiana, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, December 30, 1847. The Watt and McKinnan families are both of ScotchIrish descent and were settled, at an early day respectively in Allegheny and Huntingdon counties. Hon. Isaad M. Watt was born and reared in Allegheny county, where he learned the trade of Saddler. In early life he removed to Indiana, where he was engaged in the saddlery and harness-making business until 1865, when he removed to Homer City and followed the mercantile business till his death, in 1874, when in the sixty-sixth year of his age. Judge Watt was a man of prominence and usefulness in the county and was honored with many offices of honor and trust by his fellow-citizens of Indiana county. He was justice of the peace for many years, served as county treasurer from 1836 to 1838, was register and recorder from 1839 to 1842 and during 1847, and was elected jury commissioner in 1861. in 1851 he was elected associate judge of Indiana county, which position he ably filled for ten years. He was a stanch republican and a member of the Presbyterian church. In 1834 he married Jane Watt, who was born in Huntingdon county in 1815 and is a daughter of John and Mary (McCahan) McKinnan, who both died when she was five years of age. She is now in the seventy-sixth year of her age and resides at Homer City.

James M. Watt was reared at Indiana, where he received his education in the schools of that town. In 1865, to fully qualify himself for some business pursuit in life, he entered Duff's Commercial college of Pittsburgh, from which he graduated during that year. From 1865 to 1867 he was a clerk in the drug house of Nesbit & Lewis, of Indiana. In 1867 he went to Pittsburgh, where he served for three years as a prescription clerk in a wholesale and retail drug house. He then removed to Homer city and was engaged in the drug business for seven years. At the end of that ime he came (1877) to Indiana, was a clerk for the drug firm of Hetrick Bros. for one year and then entered the Indiana County Deposit bank as teller, which position he held until 1883, when he was made assistance cashier. One year later he was elected cashier and has served efficiently as such until the present time. This bank was organized December 4, 1860, with a capital sotck of \$100,000, which was increased in 1873 to \$200.000, and its officers are: W. M. Stewart, President; Judge Harry White, Vice-President; J. M. Watt, cashier and T. E. Hildebrand, assistant cashier. Mr. Watt is a republican, served one year as burgess of Homer City and is a member and treasurer of the board of trade of Indiana. He is a member of Indiana Lodge, No. 313, F. &A.M., and Indiana Post, No. 28, G.A.R. he has been for seven years treasurer of the Indiana Normal school.

April 9, 1874, he married Nettie E. Jamison, a daughter of John A. Jamison, of Indiana. James M. Watt was one of the youthful soldiers of the late war. He enlisted when only fourteen years of age as a musician in Co. I, 135th regiment, Pa. Vols., and served nine months. He re-enlisted February 18, 1864, for three years and served in Co. F, 55th regiment, Pa. Vols, until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged at Fortress Monroe on June 8, 1865. in the many business positions of trust and responsibility which he has held Mr. Watt has always discharged his duties I such an efficient manner as to give entire satisfaction. He is an excellent financier and a man of good judgment and fine business ability.