

JOHN B. CARSON, M.D., a young and rising physician of Blairsville, and great-grandson of Capt. Matthew Jack, a Revolutionary hero and a prominent actor at the burning of Hannastown, is a son of Dr. Thomas and Jennie S. (Jack) Carson, and was born at Elderton, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, April 18, 1866. The Carson family is of Irish descent, and James Carson (great-grandfather) emigrated from Ireland to America in 1817. He married Catherine Allison, who lived to be over ninety years of age. They had four children: John, William, Susan, wife of James Dalzell; and James. The eldest son, John Carson (grandfather), was born in county Fermanagh, Ireland, 1815, and emigrated from Ireland to America, in 1826, with his uncle, William Carson, and located on the Peter Shepler farm in Washington county. In 1846 he removed to Armstrong county, and in 1864 came to White township. He is a Methodist and a democrat. In 1840 he married Hannah Henderson, daughter of William and Margaret (Paul) Henderson, of Westmoreland county. Mr. and Mrs. Carson have seven children, of whom two, John and Thomas, are physicians. Dr. Thomas Carson (father) was born in Deer creek township, Allegheny county, was educated at Elder's Ridge academy, read medicine with Dr. James K. Park, of Cochran's Mill, Pa., and in 1865 was graduated from Jefferson Medical college. He located at Elderton, Armstrong county, in 1865, and remained there until 1874, when he went to Hutton station, Pa. In 1875 he came to Saltsburg, where he has remained ever since and has an extensive practice. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, the A.O.U.W., the Royal Arcanum and the Knights of Honor. He married Jennie S. Jack, daughter of Samuel Jack, of Westmoreland county, whose father, Capt. Matthew Jack, was a son of Samuel Jack, and served as a captain in the Eighth Pennsylvania regiment of the Continental Line, after which he returned to Westmoreland county and distinguished himself by his daring and bravery at the burning of Hannastown, in July, 1782.

John B. Carson was reared at Saltsburg and received his literary education in the public schools, Saltsburg academy and Indiana Normal school. He read medicine with his father for our years and attended Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in the class of 1889. After graduation he practiced for a few months at Niles, Ohio, and then came to Blairsville, where he has remained ever since. He is building up a remarkably good practice for a young physician.