

JOHN H. HILL, one of the Hancock and English democratic presidential electors of Pennsylvania in 1880, a well-known member of the Indiana bar since 1874 and a soldier of the Army of the Potomac during 1864 and 1865, was born at Elderton, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, October 12, 1848, and is a son of Daniel and Eliza A (Trimble) Hill. On both his paternal and maternal side he is of Scotch-Irish descent. His grandfather, Daniel Hill, Sr., was a native and resident of some county in the eastern part of the State until he attained his majority, when he joined the hardy pioneers who were venturing into the forest regions west of the Allegheny mountains at the risk of their lives. He settled in what is now Westmoreland county, where he died. His son, Daniel Hill, was born in 1817, learned the trade of millwright, and removed to Armstrong county, where he remained until 1855. He then came to Indiana county and embarked in the lumber business on the Susquehanna river, which he followed up to 1880, when he removed to White township and has been engaged in farming ever since. He is a Presbyterian in religious belief, a democrat in political faith and has served in various township offices. He married Eliza A Trimble, who was born in 1811 and died in 1866. She was a daughter of Thomas Trimble, a life-long resident and well-to-do farmer of Westmoreland county, who died in 1850.

John H. Hill was reared principally at Cherry Tree, this county. He attended the common schools, Pine Flat academy and Cherry Tree college, a chartered institution which as since gone down. In 1870 he entered Washington and Lee university at Lexington, Va., and became a student in the law department of that institution, from which he was graduated in the law class of 1873. One year later he was admitted to the Indiana county bar, and since that time has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession in the courts of this and adjoining counties. In 1864 he enlisted in Company K, 88<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers (from Philadelphia), participate in all the principal battles of his regiment, and was honorably discharged under general orders at Washington City, in 1865. He is a member of Indiana Post, No. 28, G.A.R. In 1873 he married Mollie L. Kingports, daughter of David R. Kingports. They have one child, named Don James Hill.

John H. Hill is considerably interested in manufacturing, and is the senior member of the firm of J. H. & W. b. Hill, proprietors of the Hill flouring mill and Hill woolen factory, of White township, which are in operation. In addition to his investments with his brother in milling woolen manufacturing, he owns a grain and stock farm of considerable size. He is a staunch democrat, one of the democratic leaders of the county, and has served as school director six years and as a member of Indiana borough council for the same length of time. He was chairman of the Democratic county committee for three years. He was nominated by his party for prothonotary, and again for district attorney, and, although polling the full democratic strength and receiving complimentary votes from the opposition party, yet was bound to be defeated in a county largely republican. Mr. Hill is an active and energetic worker in his profession and enjoys a good practice.