

JOHN L. PAUL. Among the business men of Indiana, none is better known than John Lochry Paul, who is prominent in the fire insurance business of that place. He is well-informed, courteous and obliging. He is a son of Robert A. and Mary (Cochran) Paul, and was born at Apollo, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, June 23, 1865. The Paul family came from county Antrim, Ireland and located in Franklin county about 1750, but soon removed to Westmoreland county. Samuel Paul (great-grandfather) was a native of Westmoreland county, was for many years justice of the peace in Washington township, that county, and lived to a good old age. His son, John Paul (grandfather), was born in 1803. he has been all his life a prosperous farmer of Bell and Washington townships, in Westmoreland county, and has always commanded the respect of his neighbors. He was one of the commissioners appointed to take the vote of the soldiers during the rebellion. He retired from active life some twenty-five years ago and has since resided at Paulton (a town named after him), opposite Apollo. He is now in his eighty-eighth year and quite active. He is a consistent member of the Presbyterian church. His wife, whose maiden name was Thompson, died January, 1890, in the eighty-sixth year of her age. Her mother was a daughter of Col. Archibald Lochry, a famous Indian fighter. In July, 1781, Col. Lochry, then county lieutenant of Westmoreland county, commanded an expedition against the Indians, with a force of one hundred and twenty-five men. He was surprised by the Indians some nine miles below the Muskingum river, Ohio, at the mouth of a small stream which has since borne the name of Lochry's creek. Col. Lochry and forty-two of his men were killed while the remainder of the force was captured and carried to Canada. Robert A. Paul (father) was born in Westmoreland county, and is Postmaster at Saltsburg, of which borough he has been a citizen for twenty-one years. He is engaged in mercantile pursuits and has lived in the Kiskiminetas Valley most of his life. He is one of the trustees of the Presbyterian church, is a prominent republican and has been sent as a delegate several time to the republican State convention. He married Mary Cochran, daughter of Judge M. Cochran, who was born in Armstrong county, in 1831, and is also a member of the Presbyterian church.

John L. Paul removed with his parents to Saltsburg, in 1869, and attended the public schools there, and afterward the Saltsburg academy. From 1880 to 1883 he acted as salesman for his father, who was dealing in farm implements, then opened a fire insurance office at Saltsburg, but removed to Indiana in February, 1884, as the prospects of success there seemed brighter. He and his father have a neat office at the corner of Sixth and Philadelphia streets, doing business under the firm name of R. A. Paul & Son. They have a large patronage, and represent the Fire association, the American Fire and the Franklin Fire insurance companies of Philadelphia; the Liberty of New York; the Artisan of Pittsburgh; the National and Tentonia of Allegheny City and the Commercial, Union and Lancashire fire insurance companies of England.

In 1888 he married Jean Reynolds, daughter of C. C. McLain (deceased), of Indiana. They have one child, a son, Charles Robert.

He is a republican and charter member of Indiana Council, No. 260, Jr. O.U.A.M., and William Penn Council, No. 305, Royal Arcanum. He attends and contributes to the Presbyterian church, and is one of the straightforward reliable men of Indiana.