

JOHN MCGAUGHEY, the oldest real estate agent now doing business at Indiana, and a battle-scarred veteran of one of Pennsylvania's most famous fighting regiments of the late war, is a son of Nicholas and Sarah (Lowry) McGaughey, and was born in Armstrong township, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, April 4, 1842. The McGaughey family is of Scotch-Irish origin, and was early settled in southeastern Pennsylvania. Alexander McGaughey, Sr. (great-grandfather) came from York to Westmoreland county prior to the war of 1812, but soon thereafter removed to Conemaugh township, where he was a farmer. He married Sally Marshall, and one of their sons was Alexander McGaughey (grandfather), who married Jane Coleman, and followed farming in Conemaugh township until his death. His son, Nicholas McGaughey, was born October 6, 1806, and died in June, 1872, aged sixty-six years. He removed in 1834 to Armstrong township, where he purchased two hundred and thirty acres of land, which was in the woods, and cleared it out, and made of it one of the best improved farms of this day. His wife was Sarah Lowry, who died in 1855, at forty-seven years of age. They were members of the United Presbyterian church, and their remains are buried in Crete church Cemetery. Mrs. McGaughey was a daughter of Robert Lowry, who was a native of Ireland and a well-to-do farmer and good millwright of Armstrong township, where he died about 1850, when in the ninety-second year of his age.

John McGaughey was reared on the farm and attended the common schools of his native township until he was nineteen years of age, when he enlisted on September 25, 1861, as a private in Co. K, 105th regiment Pa. Vols. And was promoted to corporal in 1863, and to color-sergeant January 1, 1865. He participated in the Peninsular campaign, fought in all of the hard battles of Burnside, Hooker, Meade and Grant, and was honorably discharged on July 11, 1865. At the battle of Fair Oaks a musket-ball went through his right arm, at Gettysburg, on the 2d of July, a piece of a shell wounded him in his right side and had, and in the Wilderness fight, of May 5th, a rifle-ball struck him in the right leg. After the close of the war he was engaged in farming until 1875, when he removed to Indiana and dealt in farming implements for three years. He then embarked in his present real estate and general agency business. He buys, sells and exchanges real estate. He is a member of Indiana M. E. church, Lodge No. 21, A.O.U.W. Improved Order of Heptasophs, Indiana Post, No. 28, G.A.R., and commander of Encampment No. 11 of the Union Veteran Legion. He is a republican from principle and a member of the borough council, in which he has frequently served within the last ten years. He is prompt and attentive to the interests of his patrons, has secured an extensive business and is active and energetic in all of his various enterprises. He is honorable and fair-dealing in all of his business transactions.

On March 22, 1866, he united in marriage with Susan Lowman, daughter of Michael and Nancy Lowman, of Armstrong township. Mr. and Mrs. McGaughey are the parents of two children, Mary L. and Charles McGaughey.