

JOHN M. CONNER, an industrious and reliable citizen of Blairsville and a member of the well-known contracting firm of Kennedy & Fair, was born on the site of Altoona, Blair county, Pennsylvania, March 8, 1851, and is a son of John and Charity (Myers) Conner. The Conners, as the name would indicate, are of Irish descent. John Conner was born near Cherry Tree, this county, and after leaving school engaged in railroading, which he followed with but little interruption till his death. He married Charity Myers, who was born and reared in Blair county. They reared a family of two sons and one daughter.

John M. Conner lost his parents when he was quite young, and was reared in Bedford county, where he attended the common schools for some time and since then has acquired much information by reading and observation. He learned the trade of carpenter, and came, in 1872, to Black Lick, where he followed carpentering up to 1886, when he came to Blairsville. In April, 1890, he became a member of the present carpentering and contracting firm of Kennedy & Fair, whose members are Capt. J. P. Kennedy, W. A. Fair, D. M. Fair and John M. Conner. They are the successors of the late firm of Fair & Kennedy, and deal in all kinds of rough and worked lumber. Their large planing-mill and lumber-yards are near the depot and their trade is extensive and increasing. (For a more complete account of their business enterprise, see sketch of Capt. J. P. Kennedy.)

On September 27, 1876, John M. Conner married Harriet Fair, daughter of James H. Fair, of Black Lick. To their union have been born four children, one son and three daughters: James, Eva, Cora and Dora.

In politics, Mr. Conner is a republican. He is a member of the Blairsville Presbyterian church; Assembly Lodge, No. 82, Royal Society of Good Fellows, and Blairsville Lodge, No. 9, Order of Solon. Industrious and enterprising, he commenced life without capital, but has worked his way up to a useful position in business and has acquired a competency.