

JONAH B. BAUGHMAN, one of the successful men and a prominent and leading carriage manufacturer of Blairsville, is a son of Seth and Christina (Smith) Baughman, and was born at Youngstown, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, march 14, 1848. Seth Baughman was born and reared in Westmoreland county, where he lived until his death, in 1849. he was a cabinet-maker by trade and was successfully engaged in the cabinet-making business at Youngstown for many years. His chairs, which he manufactured in large quantities, had quite a reputation and sold readily. He was a consistent member of the Reformed church, and died in 1849, when the subject of this sketch was an infant. He married Christina Smith, who was born in Westmoreland county, in 1814, and died in 1854, five years after her husband's death. She was a regular attendant and consistent member of the Reformed church.

Jonah B. Baughman was brought to Blairsville by his mother when he was three years of age and has made his home there ever since. He attended the public schools and afterwards entered a carriage factory to earn the carriage manufacturing business. After serving an apprenticeship of several years, he engaged as a workman with a carriage firm in whose employ he remained until 1873. In that year he engaged in business for himself and established his present carriage manufactory, on Campbell street, at Blairsville. It is a large two-story frame building, carefully fitted up with work and paint shops and storage and salesrooms. He manufactures elegant carriages, fine buggies and neat and serviceable vehicles of all kinds which are to be found in a first-class carriage manufactory. He has complete repairing department attached to his establishment and gives personal supervision to all work which is repaired. Mr. Baughman is a practical carriage-maker, employs constantly three experienced workmen and personally inspects all of his work in its various stages of construction.

In 1872 he married Salome Wonder, daughter of Steven Wonder, of Bedford county. To their union have been born eight children, two sons and six daughters; Clara B., Ida B., Mary K., Sarah J., Maggie M., Jesse C., William and Alice C.

He is a republican and has served several terms as a member of the town council. He is an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church and one of the thrifty and substantial citizens of Blairsville. He owns his factory property. Bereft, at the early age of six years of both father and mother, he has, unaided attained to the possession of a good business and by commendable industry has secured a respectable competency.