

**JOSEPH F. BARNES.**—Every town or borough has its wide-awake and leading business men who seem to have been born to be publicly useful. Of this class of men is Joseph F. Barnes, of Indiana. He is a son of Henry and Mary (Chapman) Barnes, and was born in Burrell township, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, March 1, 1828. The early ancestors of the Barnes family were rigid nonconformists of England. Several of them suffered martyrdom in England for adherence to their faith, and one of that number was Dr. Barnes, who was burned at the stake. Among the "Puritan Fathers" who settled at Plymouth and other points in Massachusetts were several members of this family. One of these, Richard Barnes, settled in the Massachusetts Bay Colony prior to 1636, when he served in the Pequod war in Connecticut. Charmed with the country, he settled on the site of New Haven in 1638. His son, Gilbert Barnes, born in 1636, was an active business man, and reared a family of seven sons and three daughters. His son, Stephen Barnes, born 1677, was the father of four children, one of whom was Timothy Barnes, who was born in 1700. His children were Timothy, Capt. Stephen, Israel, Michael, Prudence, Faith and Hope. Capt. Stephen Barnes, born in 1736, commanded a company during the Revolutionary war, married Ezudia Kellogg, and removed, in 1787, to Northampton county, Pa. His children were Joseph, Stephen, Gilbert, Timothy, Ruth, Margaret, Elizabeth and Clara. The eldest son, Joseph Barnes (grandfather), was born 3 June, 1777, learned the trade of mill-wright, and in 1799 started on foot for the Connecticut reservation in Ohio, but stopped at a ford on the Conemaugh river, two miles below the site of Blairsville. He there, with characteristic Yankee foresight, saw a fortune within the grasp of the man who would start a ferry, and accordingly secured the land on both sides of the river at that point, and opened a ferry, which soon became a source of large income to him. He erected a grist-mill, followed farming and built flat-boats for the Pittsburgh trade. On April 3, 1801, he married Barbara Beck, a daughter of Simon Beck, a native of Switzerland. She was born April 15, 1785, and died in 1839. He married Mrs. Elizabeth Leer in 1840, and after her death married Mrs. Clarissa Griswold. He died at Sharpsburg, Allegheny county, in 1855. His children were Henry, William, Stephen (a missionary to Africa), John B (once attorney-general of the Republic of Texas), Elizabeth (wife of John Davis), Simon P. and David M. The eldest son, Henry Barnes (father), was born in 1802, learned the millwright trade with his father, erected many mills and made over one hundred and fifty inventions and improvements. He married Mary, daughter of Francis Chapman, of Green township, and reared a family of nine children: Joseph F., Sarah (wife of J. Haughton), Barbara E. (dead), Stephen A., George, Mary L. (Indian missionary in Nebraska), John C. (deceased), Phebe A. and Lydia E. (wife of John H. Martin). Mrs. Mary Barnes' mother, Jennie (Drum) Chapman (maternal grandmother), was a daughter of Lord Drum, of England, whose estates she was heir to until she was eight years of age, when a son was born to her father, who had re-married when she was about six years of age. Her mother's maiden name was Henderson. Their remains sleep in the Blairsville cemetery.

Joseph F. Barnes was reared on a farm, and received his education in the rural schools of his native township and Elder's Ridge academy. Leaving school, he went to Blairsville, where he published for two years a paper called the *Appalachian*. He then was engaged for thirteen years in teaching in the common schools of Indiana County and the public schools of Pittsburgh. During this time his vacations were spent as a proof-reader, local reporter and staff correspondent on the papers of Pittsburgh. In 1864 he quit

teaching and went to the oil country, where he remained for two years. He then came to Indiana and engaged in the jobbing, produce and oil business, which he has followed successfully ever since. He handles, some years, as much as \$60,000 worth of produce and from ninety to one hundred car-loads of oil. He handles over fifty different kinds of oil.

In 1858 he united in marriage, at Pittsburgh with Mary, daughter of Robert and Agnes McLaren, both natives of Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes have been the parents of five children: Ida C., wife of W. C. McKnight, of Pittsburgh; Robert M., a practicing lawyer of Pittsburgh; Agnes C., Joseph F., Jr., and Henry T., a stenographer of New York city, who married Flora Weaver, had one child named Edith, and was drowned in 1889, in Hackensack river while trying to rescue his cousin John C. Barnes from drowning.

Joseph F. Barnes owns a farm near Blairsville and valuable property at Indiana. He is a member of the A.O.U.W. and Indiana Lodge, No. 313, F. & A. M., and has a beautiful P. M. jewel which was presented to him by that lodge. He is a democrat and has served as school director for several terms. He is a member and deacon of the Indiana Baptist church and has been for over fifteen years the honored superintendent of its Sunday-school. As clerk of the Indiana Baptist Association Mr. Barnes has rendered valuable service to his church. As a writer he wields a ready pen and writes clearly, forcibly and at times very eloquently. As a man he is respected and honored for integrity and usefulness.