

SUMMERS M. JACK. One of the prominent names which go to make up the strength and give importance to the Indiana county bar is that of Summers M. Jack, the late efficient district attorney and one of the rising lawyers of western Pennsylvania. He was born at Summersville, Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, July 18, 1852, and is a son of Lowry and Cornelia (Baldwin) Jack. As the name would indicate the Jack family is of Scotch origin. Jacob Jack, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born and reared in Scotland, which he left when a young man to come to this State, where he settled in Centre county at an early day in its history. He married Sarah Collin, of that county, and afterwards removed with his family to Clarion county, where he died in 1831. His son, Lowry Jack, was born in Clarion county, Pa., July 18, 1830. He is a carpenter and painter by trade, but is chiefly engaged in the lumber business, and resides at Summersville, Jefferson county, this State. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, is a republican in politics, has served as a school director, and held other township offices. His wife is a native of Summersville, which was named for her uncle, Summers Baldwin. Her father, Alonzo Baldwin, owned at that time the large tract of land which included the site of that town, Alonzo and Eliza (Carrier) Baldwin (maternal grandparents) were natives of Connecticut, and came from that State to Pennsylvania early in life, where they were married. Alonzo Baldwin died in 1858, when in the sixty-second year of his age, and his wife passed away two years later, at the age of sixty years. Summers M. Jack was reared at Summersville, where he received his early education in the public and private schools of that place. He completed his education at the State Normal school at Indiana, then was engaged in teaching for two years in the common schools of Jefferson county, and came to Indiana borough, where he was vice-principal of the high school. He filled this position satisfactorily for four years, when he relinquished teaching, although it offered him some very remunerative positions, and commenced reading law with the Hon. Silas M. Clark. After two years of diligent and assiduous reading, he was admitted in 1879 to the Indiana county bar. The same year he opened an office and entered upon the active practice of his profession, which he has followed successfully ever since at Indiana. In the fall of 1883 he was elected by the Republican party as district attorney of Indiana county, and his course of action during his term was so highly satisfactory that in 1886 he was re-nominated and re-elected as district attorney for a second term, which expired January 1, 1890, when he retired from the office, after six continuous years of hard and faithful services in the interests of the county. Since returning to his individual practice as a lawyer, he had continually increased his influence and extended his practice.

He is well read, thorough and practical, and prosecutes his cases with all possible care and attention. He is a clear thinker, an earnest and effective speaker, and a diligent and persistent worker.

On November 8<sup>th</sup>, 1881, he united in marriage with Margaret F. Mitchell, daughter of W. J. and Sarah E. (Adair) Mitchell, of West Indiana. They have two children, both sons: William J. and James L.

In politics he is a strong republican, and has always worked for the success of the principles of his party. He has held various borough offices, and is a member of the United Presbyterian church. In 1886 Mr. Jack was appointed by Gov. Pattison to represent the State as a member of the board of trustees of the State Normal school at Indiana, and at the expiration of his term of service he was re-appointed by Gov. Beaver

for a second term, which will expire in 1892. Summers M. Jack has won respect, confidence and esteem by his honesty, his ability and his energy. As a lawyer, he is true to his client; as a business man, he is exact, prompt and accurate; as a citizen, he is honorable and just, and as a friend, his kind and faithful.