

ADDISON H. GIBSON, a substantial merchant of Elderton for the last twelve years, and a man of intelligence and education, is a son of Squire Robert M. Gibson, and was born at Elderton, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, November 30, 1860. His paternal grandfather, Gibson, came from Ireland in 1787 and settled in Indiana county, where he followed farming and stock-raising. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and voted the democratic ticket. One of his sons, Squire Robert M. Gibson (father), was born in this county, November 1, 1814. he attended the subscription schools of Plum Creek township and assisted his father on the farm until he was seventeen years of age, when he entered the employ of a mercantile firm at Shelocta, as a clerk. After one year's experience in mercantile business he then returned to Elderton, where he opened a general mercantile store, which he conducted for many years. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church, became a prominent republican, served as justice of the peace for twenty-five years, and was president for several years of the Mahoning bank, at Punxsutawney, Jefferson county. He was one of the most prominent men and influential citizens of Elderton at the time of his death.

In 1842 he married a Miss Lytle, of Elderton, by whom he had two children, who are both dead. After his first wife's death he married a Miss Allison, of Cannonsburg, Washington county, who died and left three children, of whom two are living. He married for this third wife a Miss Montgomery of South Bend. To this third union were born two children: Addison H., and Wilda J., born June 7, 1866. Mrs. Montgomery (maternal grandmother) was of Irish descent, and was born near Mount Royal, in Canada, in 1793, and died in Indiana county in 1837.

Addison H. Gibson attended the public schools of Elderton and at the age of twelve years entered Elderton academy, where for six years he followed a course of English literature and higher mathematics. On leaving the academy, he engaged in the general mercantile business with his father at Elderton. Afterwards he purchased the establishment and stock of goods of his father and since then has given his time principally to building up the extensive patronage which he now enjoys. His establishment is on Main street, and he deals in dry goods, groceries, hardware, queensware and everything which is usually found in a first-class general mercantile store. He has been very successful as a merchant and in all business enterprises in which he has invested. He owns some valuable property at Elderton, and is regarded as a man of good financial ability and a citizen of public spirit and usefulness.