

ALEXANDER RUSSELL, owner and proprietor of the Russell Iron and Engine works, of Parker City, sustains a high reputation as a skilled machinist and a reliable business man. He is a son of Robert and Elizabeth (Gillchrist) Russell, and was born in the city of Glasgow, Scotland, June 9, 1852. Robert Russell was a native of Scotland, where he learned the trade of block-cutter or cutting stamping prints for calicoes. He worked at his trade until 1855, when he came to the United States and four years later located in Pittsburgh, where he followed millwrighting until the commencement of the "Great Rebellion.": he then enlisted in the Union service and served as an engineer in the Mississippi Valley until the Confederacy went down at Appomattox Courthouse. After the close of the war he returned to Pittsburgh, where he has been engaged in engineering ever since. He is a machinist as well as an engineer, and has built many engines. He resides in Allegheny city and is a member of the Presbyterian church, and a republican in politics. He married Elizabeth Gillchrist, who was born in the Highlands of Scotland and is an member of the Presbyterian church.

Alexander Russell was reared principally in Pittsburgh, where he attended the public schools. At seventeen years of age he commenced to learn the trade of machinist, and served an apprenticeship of three years. In 1877 he came to Parker City, where he formed a partnership with O. S. Tinsman, under the firm-name of Tinsman & Russell. This partnership continued until 1885, when Mr. Russell established his present iron and engine works on River avenue. His works are extensive and completely equipped with all late machinery and appliances. Mr. Russell manufactures shafting, pulleys, mill working machinery, engines and fittings. He builds engines from ten to one hundred horsepower, and makes a specialty of oil engine repairing. His office and works are in a large brick building. He is a practical and expert machinist of twelve years' successful experience, and is a thorough master of his art in all of its branches. Work is done in his establishment in the most expeditious and excellent manner, and all orders, whether large or small, are promptly and reliably executed. In politics Mr. Russell is a republican from principle and supports the men and measures of his party. He is a good citizen and a reliable man and has served his borough for one term as a member of the town council.

Alexander Russell was married in 1879 to Margaret Lambing, daughter of Jacob Lambing, of Parker City. To their union have been born six children, four sons and two daughters; Elizabeth S., Alexander C., John J., Robert W., Neal and Margaret L.