

ARCHIBALD FINDLEY, one of Cowanshannock township's most reliable and substantial farmers, is a son of Abel and Mary (Marshall) Findley, and was born in Wayne township, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, October 3, 1819. his grandfather, Archibald Findley, was a farmer of brush Valley, Indiana county, where his son, Abel Findley (father), was born April 18, 1784. he removed to Wayne township Armstrong county, where he purchased land at different times until he had a tract of three hundred and fifty acres. He was a carpenter and cabinet-maker by trade, but after his removal to Wayne township he devoted the most of his time to agricultural pursuits. He died February 5, 1850, when he was in the sixty-seventh year of his age. He was a democrat in politics, an active member of the Presbyterian church and was prominent in the organization of the first Sunday-school connected with his church in that vicinity;. He married Mary Marshall, who was born September 26, 1788. her father William Marshall, a native of Adams county, Pa., came in early life to near the present site of Dayton, where he reared a family of six sons and three daughters. To Abel Findley and his wife were born six children, three sons and three daughters: William M., born June 16, 1817, and died in 1866; Archibald, born October 3, 1819; Mary A., born February 13, 1822, wife of J. K. Orman, of near Elderton: Catherine, born May 9, 1825, married to John Marshall (now deceased); Margaret J., born August 7, 1827, and died in 1830; and Abel A., born December 14, 1831, married Margaret McGaughey, and is a farmer of Wayne township.

Archibald Findley was reared on his father's farm, and received a common business education. He commenced life for himself on the farm of one hundred and sixty acres, on which he now resides, when it was in the woods. He not only cleared out his farm, but has it well improved. He erected all his present building, cultivates his land carefully and raises considerable stock.

On October 3, 1848, he married Lavine E. Brink, who was born March 30, 1830, and died March 31, 1852. To their union were born two daughters: Mary E., born October 4, 1849, and wife of John C. McGaughey, a jeweler and silversmith of Clearfield county, and Rebecca C., born March 32, 1852, wife of Alexander G. Walker, a farmer of Wayne township. After the death of his wife, Mr. Findley married Eliza Jane McComb, who was born July 18, 1822, and died September 7, 1856, leaving no offspring, as her two children died in their infancy. On February 17, 1859, Mr. Findley married for his third wife Mary Kirkpatrick, who was born January 7, 1828, and died August 16, 1890.

Archibald Findley is a republican in politics and has filled the offices of school director and assistant assessor of Cowanshannock township. He has been a member and elder of the Presbyterian church for over a half century and for the last fifty years was leader of the singing and church choir. He has well discharged every duty in life which has devolved upon him. By honorable toil he has won a competency, and by honesty and straightforwardness has secured the respect of his neighbors.