

ARCHIBALD W. MARSHALL, one of the useful citizens and progressive farmers of Valley township, is a son of Archibald and Rebecca (Taylor) Marshall, and was born on the farm on which he now resides in Valley township, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, March 22, 1840. Of the many families who left Ireland over a century ago and made Pennsylvania their home, one was the Marshall family, from which Archibald W. Marshall is descended. His paternal grandfather, Archibald Marshall, Sr., died November 28, 1888. Of his sons who grew to manhood, one was Archibald Marshall (father), who was born in Indiana county in 1800 and passed away in 1878, when in the seventy-eighth year of his age. In early life he came to Valley township, where he followed farming until his death. He was a democrat and a united Presbyterian and was respected and esteemed in the community in which he resided. He was well acquainted with the educational interests of the township, which he had frequently served as school director. Mr. Marshall married Rebecca Taylor. Mrs. Marshall was a member of the United Presbyterian church and passed away in 1883, aged eighty-four years.

Archibald W. Marshall was reared on a farm, and, like the most of farmer's sons, received his education in the common schools. Since attaining his majority he has been engaged in farming except from 1861 to 1864, when he kept the toll-gate at the Kittanning bridge. His farm of one hundred and thirty acres of productive land is three miles from Kittanning and is situated one-half mile back from the Dayton road. A heavy vein of coal underlies the entire farm and is easily accessible. To the permanent improvement and successful cultivation of his farm, Mr. Marshall has given considerable thought, which is evinced in the increased yield of his fields as well as in the higher valuation of his land. Mr. Marshall is a republican politically, has been a member of the school board and is now serving his township as assessor. He is a member of the Kittanning United Presbyterian church, in which he has been an elder for several years.

In 1867 he married Elizabeth Speer, daughter of Robert Speer, of Manor township. To Mr. and Mrs. Marshall have been born four children, three sons and one daughter. Of these children three are: Jennie R., Thomas W. and William S.