

CHAMBERS FRICK, one of the leading business men and public-spirited citizens of Adrian and of East Franklin township, is a blacksmith by trade, as was his father, grandfather and great-grandfather before him. He is a son of Abraham and Delilah (Bowser) Frick, and was born at Adrian, in East Franklin township, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, November 26, 1852. His great-grandfather, Frick, was of German descent, and came about 1840 from Westmoreland into Armstrong county, where he purchased a large tract of land. He was a blacksmith by trade and his son, Michael Frick (grandfather, learned blacksmithing with him. Michael Frick followed farming in connection with his trade int his and Butler county, to which he removed in 1854. he was a republican and died in 1863. he was a class leader in the M.E. church, and while in one section where there was no church he gave his house for religious services, in which he generally led. His son, Abraham Frick (father), was a blacksmith by trade and a very fine workman. He was a resident of this county from 1839 until his death, in 1862, when he was in the thirty-third year of his age. He and his wife were members of the Baptist church, and in politics he affiliated with the Republican party, but was not an ultra partisan. He followed his trade at Adrian during the last eight or ten years of his life. He married Delilah Bowser, daughter of Abraham Bowser, and who died March 15, 1873, aged forty-one years.

Chambers Frick was reared at Adrian, and received his education in the common schools. He learned the trade of blacksmith, and afterwards became mining boss at Monticello furnace, which position he held for three years. In 1878 he opened a blacksmith shop at Adrian, which he operated until 1881, when he removed to Templeton, where he was engaged in the manufacture of carriages for three years. He then became a clerk in the hardware and agricultural implement house of James McCullough, Jr., of Kittanning, and also acted as a traveling salesman during a portion of the two years he remained with Mr. McCullough. In 1887 he returned to Adrian and engaged in his present general mercantile business. In connection with merchandising he operates a large blacksmith shop, in which special attention is given to general repairing. He has a neat and tasteful store which is well stocked with first-class dry goods, groceries and notions, and has the public approval of his business in the large patronage which he enjoys. Mr. Frick was only ten years of age at his father's death, and from that time on had to do for himself. He has made his own way in the world and the success which he has won and the competency which he has acquired are the results of his own unaided efforts.

In 1870 Mr. Frick married Nancy Flinner, daughter of David Flinner, of this county. They have seven children: Mary, Ada, Rose, Lottie, Lillie, James McCullough and Frances.

Chambers Frick is a republican, and a member of the Jr. O.U.A.M. and Montgomeryville Baptist church.