

CHARLES S BOVARD, an active, useful and influential member of the Presbyterian church and a leading merchant of Manorville, is a son of George and Mary Ann (Robinson) Bovard, and was born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, February 23, 1949. His paternal grandfather, Hon. James Bovard, was born in Ireland and came to Pennsylvania at the age of twelve years. His parents settled in Westmoreland county, but soon after removed to Butler county, of which he afterwards became an influential citizen. He served as associate judge of that county for forty-five years, and died in 1853, at seventy-nine years of age. His son, George Bovard, (father), was born in 1816. he was in partnership with Henry Graff, in the general mercantile business, at Maple Furnace, in Butler county, which he built and operated for several years. In 1851 he removed to Manor township, where he was engaged, at Manorville, in the general mercantile business until 1870. In that year he embarked in the oil business, which he followed until 1880, when he retired from active life. He has been a member of the United Presbyterian church of Kittanning since 1851, is an active republican in politics and has filled all of his township's offices. On November 10, 1840, he married Mary Ann Robinson, a member of the United Presbyterian church, who was born near Parker, in 1819, and on November 10, 1890, they celebrated their golden wedding.

Charles S. Bovard was reared in Manor township, and after attending the public schools spent two years at Elderton academy and the same length of time at Westminster college. Since 1870 he has been engaged in the general mercantile business at Manorville, where he has a large and well fitted up establishment which is filled with a carefully selected stock of goods adapted to the various wants of his numerous patrons. He and his brother own one hundred and sixty acres of land in the oil region of Venango county, and their tract is now being developed with very favorable results.

In 1869 he married Alice H. Dice, daughter of George Dice, of Lawrence county. They have five children, two sons and three daughters: Anna M., who was married, on September 9, 1890, to Frank C. Stoeltzing, of Pittsburgh; M. Jeannette, now attending the young ladies' seminary at Washington; Walter G., at school; Kitty R., at school; and John K. G., who was born April 14, 1886

Charles S. Bovard is a staunch republican, and for six years was a member of the school board of Manorville, besides filling the office of auditor and serving as councilman. In 1878 he removed from Manorville to his present residence in the township, and has been a school director of Manor township for nine years since that time. He was for several years an elder in the United Presbyterian church, and was a commissioner to the General Assembly of that church at its session of 1882, in Monmouth, Illinois. He remained in the United Presbyterian church until the organization of the Second Presbyterian church, at Kittanning, in 1884, when he united with that church, of which he is now an elder. Mr. Bovard is a large man of fine personal appearance, and is courteous and accommodating to all whom he meets.