

EDWIN D. ADAMS, the popular proprietor of the well-known Parker House, was born at Martinsburg, Butler county, Pennsylvania, November 27, 1851, and is the third son and fifth child of Rev. Matthew S. and Nancy A. (Scott) Adams. His paternal grandparents were Rev. Alexander and Esther (Armstrong) Adams, who were both natives of Huntingdon county, and of English descent. His father, Rev. Matthew S. Adams, has been for over half a century one of the prominent and honorable business men of Butler and Armstrong counties, and an efficient local minister in the Methodist Episcopal church. His life has been one of usefulness in the different communities in which he has successively resided. (For further ancestral history of E. D. Adams see sketch of Rev. Matthew S. Adams.)

Edwin D. Adams was reared in Butler county, where he attended the district schools, and then spent his last days of school-life at a leading educational institution of Erie county. He was carefully trained in his father's store and mill for business pursuits. In 1869 he came to Parker City, where he was engaged for five years in pumping oil wells. He then accepted a position as mail-agent on the Parker and Karns City R.R. At the end of one year's service as such he became a brakeman, which position he only held one year until he was promoted to a passenger conductor, and served as such for eight years, making in all ten years of continuous service on the P. & K.C.R.R. He next (1885) embarked in the oil producing business at Hooks City, Butler county, which he only followed one year, until he disposed of his territory and wells, and in May, 1886, became proprietor of his present hotel, the favorably known "Parker House." It is a frame structure, on River avenue. While it makes a pleasant summer resort, it is also arranged to be kept warm and cosy in winter, so that whenever a traveler finds shelter beneath its roof he can be comfortable and happy.

In the spring of 1875, Mr. Adams united in marriage with Martha L. Gibson, daughter of John L. Gibson, of Perry township, this county. Their union has been blest with one child, a daughter; Libbie E.: who was born in February, 1876.

In political affairs Edwin D. Adams supports the Republican party. He is a member of Parker Council, No. 179, Royal Arcanum. He and his pleasant and estimable wife well know how to conduct a first-class hotel, and make their guests at home. Mr. Adams, while agreeable and genial, is yet a thorough-going and active business man of experience, perseverance and enterprise.