

FRANK MAXLER, president of the Buffalo Milling, Freeport Planing-mill and Schenley Ferry companies and proprietor at Freeport of one of the leading merchant tailoring establishments of the county, is a son of John and Barbara (Helbling) Maxler, and was born at Freeport, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, November 4, 1844. John Maxler was born and reared in Byron, Germany, where he learned the trade of stone-mason. He came, in 1838, to Venango county, where he settled at Cherry Tree, on Oil creek, and remained one year. He then came to Freeport, which he made his residence until his death, which occurred March 4, 1886, when he was in the seventy-sixth year of his age. He followed stone-masonry during the summer seasons, and worked at coopering during the winters. He was a catholic and a democrat, and was married in Pittsburgh to Barbara Helbling, a native of Bavaria and a member of the Catholic church, who died November 27, 1888, at seventy-eight years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Maxler were an honest industrious and well respected couple.

Frank Maxler was reared at Freeport and attended the public schools. Leaving school, he entered Fullerton's woolen factory and learned the woolen manufacturing business, at which he worked for several years. On February 14, 1865, he enlisted in Co. E, 78<sup>th</sup> regiment, Pa. Vols., for one year and served until September 11, 1865, when he honorably discharged at Harrisburg. After the war he worked in woolen factories until 1872, when he entered J. H. Shoop's merchant tailoring establishment, of Freeport, and served as a clerk for five years. AT the end of that time he went to Europe, where he traveled through England, Belgium, Germany and Switzerland and spent several days in London, besides visiting the birthplace and early home of his parents. After returning from the old world he entered into partnership with his former employer, under the firm-name of Shoop & Maxler. This partnership continued until 1883, when Mr. maxler withdrew and built his present large two-story brick business house on Market street. He then engaged in the gents' furnishing and merchant tailoring business, in which he has continued successfully ever since. His exquisite taste and good judgment in selection of cloths, woolens and furnishing goods, coupled with fashionable tailoring done at reasonable prices, has secured him his large and growing patronage.

In politics, Mr. Maxler is a democrat, has served as assistant burgess and is a member of the present borough council. He is a member of the Catholic church and a popular business man who has ever retained the confidence of the public.