

GEORGE G. BORLAND, of Wayne township, who served in the army of the Cumberland during the late civil war, is a son of William and Margaret (Gartley) Borland, and was born in Wayne township, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, May 24, 1827. Robert Borland (grandfather) was a native of county Donegal, Ireland, and in 1821 settled in Salem township, Westmoreland county. Then years later he removed (1831) to that part of Armstrong county now known as Wayne township, and located one mile from the borough of Dayton, where he took up one hundred and nineteen acres of land, which he farmed successfully up to the time of his death. He was a member of the Protestant Episcopal church. He united in marriage with Jane Borland, of Ireland, and their union was blessed with four sons, all of whom were born in the Emerald Isle, and all of whom came with their parents to America. Each of these sons purchased large tracts of land adjoining their father's in Wayne township and followed farming. One of these sons was William Borland (father), who was born in January, 1801. he died in 1874 on the farm on which the subject of this sketch was born. He was a large land-owner, holding in his own right about four hundred acres. He was in his latter years a wide-awake republican, interested in the cause and anxious for the success of his party, but never aspired to office. In religion he was an Episcopalian. He married Margaret Gartley, daughter of Andrew Gartley, of Westmoreland county. They had four sons and one daughter. Their sons were: John W. (deceased), George G., William P. and Robert J.

George G. Borland was reared on a farm and received a good common-school education in the common schools. Leaving school, he engaged in teaching and at the end of his fourth term, in 1861, he entered the Union army. He enlisted in Co. "G," 78th regt., Pa. Vols., and served three years, the greater part of which time he acted as sergeant. He took part in the battles of La Verne, Tenn., Stone River, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Buzzard's Roost, Pumpkin Vine, and several of the more important battles of the Army of Cumberland. He was wounded at the Battle of Stone River. When the war was over he returned to Armstrong county and engaged in farming and stock-dealing, which he has followed successfully ever since.

He is a staunch republican, and although never seeking office, yet was elected as auditor, which position he held from 1867 to 1870. He also served as justice of the peace in his township two terms, beside having held nearly all the other offices in his township. He is a member of Dayton Lodge, No. 738, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, J. Ed. Turk Post, No. 321, Grand Army of the Republic, the Union Veteran Legion, at Smicksburg, and the Farmers' Alliance. He owns a farm of two hundred acres of well-improved grain and grazing land. Mr. Borland deals largely in stock and by perseverance and industry has accumulated a competency.