

GEORGE W. THOMPSON, the active and efficient passenger and freight agent of the W.P. railway, at Leechburg, was born at Circleville, North Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1854. he is the eldest son of Robert and Jane (Mackrell) Thompson. His grandfather, William Thompson was a farmer, living near Irwin. He was an active member of the Presbyterian church, and in politics was a democrat. He died when in the seventy-eighth year of his age. His wife was Anna Pettigrew, by whom he had three sons, Robert, and Joseph and Alexander (twins), all of whom were soldiers in the civil war. These sons have all left the political faith of their father, and invariably vote the republican ticket. Mrs. Thompson died July 24, 1890, at the age of eighty-three years. Robert Thompson (father) was born at Circleville, North Huntingdon township, in 1823, and was a cabinet-maker and undertaker by trade. He followed this business most of his life. Very soon after moving from Circleville to Blairsville, Indiana county, in 1863, he enlisted in a regiment of Pa. Vols., and served until 1865, when he was honorably discharged. He contracted a chronic disease in the service, for which he draws a pension. He was a member of the old whig party, and after it was broken up joined the republican ranks. He is now serving his second term as justice of the peace, at Blairsville, and is highly respected for his intelligence and good judgment. He is a sincere member of the United Presbyterian church. He married Jane Mackrell, daughter of James Mackrell, of Allegheny county, who was compelled to leave Ireland during the Irish rebellion, narrowly escaping capture on several occasions while trying to get out of the country. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have had eight children, of whom five are living. Of these are: Mary, George W., Jennie, wife of S. J. Robinson, of Saltsburg; Elmer E., in the railway service; and Norval N., Assistant weigh-master at Blairsville, who married has two children.

George W. Thompson received his education in the public schools of Blairsville. Since the age of thirteen he has been in the railway service, most of the time in Pennsylvania, but in 1881 and 1882 he was in the west. For the past twenty-one years he has been in the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad company as station agent at Saltsburg, weighmaster at Blairsville, and since 1886 passenger and freight agent at Leechburg, an important station on the road. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and votes the republican ticket.

On December 11, 1885, he married Cecelia Clark, daughter of George W. Clark, a hotelkeeper of New Florence, Westmoreland county.

By retaining George W. Thompson in their employ so many years, the Pennsylvania Railroad company has thereby shown its appreciate of his faithful and efficient services and has indorsed him as an honest, reliable man.