

HENRY BOLTZ, an intelligent citizen and highly prosperous farmer of East Franklin township, is emphatically a self-made man. He is a son of Henry and Catherine (Able) Boltz, and was born in Prussia, July 18, 1829. His parents were natives of Prussia, and members of the Reformed church. They came to Armstrong county in 1852, where the father, Henry Boltz, was a farmer, but also followed laboring until his death, in 1881. he was born in 1794, in Prussia, where, after arriving at manhood, he was a laborer until he came to this country. He was an honest and industrious man of fair education and good business ability. His wife, Catherine (Able) Boltz, was born in 1794, and passed away in 1851, aged fifty-seven years. They were the parents of four children, of whom Barbara (Schultz) and Henry are living.

Henry Boltz was reared in Prussia, and received a good education in the excellent schools of that country. Leaving school, he was variously employed for several years. On December 23, 1852, he landed with his parents at New York city, and came with them to Brady's Bend, this county, where he was engaged in mining for twenty years. The last two years of that time he served as mining-boss, which position he resigned in order to engage in farming in Sugar Creek township. In 1874 he purchased and moved on his present farm in East Franklin township. This farm is six miles from Kittanning, and contains one hundred and sixty-four acres of good farming land which is well improved, and in a high state of cultivation. Mr. Boltz has erected on this farm a very fine frame dwelling-house and large barn, together with many neat and tasteful out-buildings. His Sugar Creek farm contains two hundred and thirty-five acres of well-improved land with a good new house, roomy barn and all needed out-buildings.

November 27, 1853, Mr. Boltz married Margaret Rohrbach, daughter of John Rohrbach, of Germany. They have eight children: Catherine, wife of George Miller, who is a farmer of West Franklin township; Adam, married Maggie Heidrick, and is a farmer in Sugar Creek township; John, a farmer of the same township, who married Laura M. Simpson; Lizzie, Maggie, Christina, Mary and George.

Henry Boltz is a republican, has served four years as school director, and while firm in his political as well as religious views, yet does not seek to force them on any one. He is a member of the Union Presbyterian church, and Activity Lodge, No. 715, I.O.O.F., and formerly was a member of Alpine Lodge, No. 479, for twenty-seven years. His energy, good judgment and untiring industry have won him a competency which is more remarkable, as well as more complimentary to Mr. Boltz, when the fact is taken into consideration that he landed in this country without a single dollar.