

HON. J. A. MCCULLOUGH , ex-member of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania and an old and prominent member of the Armstrong county bar, was born in Allegheny township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, December 26, 1817, and is a son of Squire James and Margaret (Patterson) McCullough. His paternal grandfather, James McCullough, was born in Scotland and came to what is now Allegheny township, Westmoreland county, when there were but three white families in that section. He took up a large body of land and often had to flee from Indians to the fort below the site of Freeport. He was a member of the Associate Reformed church, had a large library for that day, was a great reader and had quite a fund of religious information. He planted the first apple-orchard that was ever in Allegheny township. Of his four sons, one was Squire James McCullough (father), who was born in 1785. He was a successful farmer and a strong democrat, and served as justice of the peace for twenty years before his death. He was a prominent member of the Associate Reformed church, and married Margaret Patterson, daughter of Thomas Patterson, of Loyalhanna township, that county. The reared a family of nine children.

J. A. McCullough was reared and received his education in his native township. Leaving school, he taught six terms, one of which was at Greensburg, Pa. He then read law one year with Albert Marchand, and then for another year with Nobel Nesbit. Leaving Greensburg in 1848, he came to Freeport, and during the next year was admitted to the Armstrong county bar, of whose members now but two rank him in years of practice. After his admission to the bar he returned to Freeport, where he has been engaged ever since in the active and successful practice of his profession. He is a member of the Freeport United Presbyterian church, in which he has been a trustee for twenty-one years. He is a democrat in politics, was formerly very active in political affairs, and, some years back, frequently stumped the county in the interests of his party. In 1862 he was elected to the legislature of Pennsylvania as a member of the House of Representatives, and served very creditably during the session of 1862-63.

June 17, 1848, he married Caroline E. Hady, who was a daughter of Philip Hady, of Adams county. To their union were born three children: John, who read law at Greensburg, Pa., was admitted to the bar and died at thirty-one years of age; Dr. James T., and William, who died when nineteen years of age.

James T. McCullough, A.M., M.D., the second son, was born at Freeport August 31, 1851. he attended the Freeport public schools and Westminster college, and in 1872 entered Wooster university of Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1874. he then read medicine, entered Jefferson Medical college, from which he was graduated in the class of 877 and located at Parker City. In September, 1881, he came to Freeport, where he has built up a good practice. He is a democrat and a Lutheran, and married Catherine Evans, daughter of Lewis Evans, of Parker City. They have two children: Caroline and Catherine.