

ISAAC GUCKENHEIMER, one of the young, progressive business men of Pittsburgh and the general superintendent at Freeport of A. Guckenheimer & Bros., distilleries, the largest manufacturing liquor plant in the United States, is a son of Asher and Ida (Wise) Guckenheimer, and was born in Allegheny, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, May 4, 1862. Asher Guckenheimer was born in 1825, in Germany, where he was reared to manhood and where he married Ida Wise. In 1853 he came to Allegheny city, this State, where he was engaged for five years in droving. He next embarked in the wholesale grocery business, which he followed but a short time and then became a member of the present firm of A. Guckenheimer & Bros. They engaged in the jobbing liquor business and their trade soon became so extensive that, to fill their orders, they had to purchase and operate a distillery at Freeport. As their trade increased the small five-barrel distillery was replaced by a larger distillery, and to it has been added several more distilleries until to-day A. Guckenheimer & Bros. are the largest distillers of rye whiskies in the United States. They have increased their plant until covers over thirty acres of ground and has a capacity of five thousand gallons of whiskey per day. They employ one hundred and fifty men and use twelve hundred bushels of rye every twenty-four hours. These distilleries consist of a splendid series of buildings, equipped with all the latest apparatus and machinery used in liquor manufacturing, and including five powerful steam engines. The finest of grain is used and a liquor is made that has no superior in the market for purity. In addition to this plant they have, in Butler county and opposite Freeport, one of the handsomest distilleries in the United States. This distillery is operated under the name of the Pennsylvania Distilling company. A. Guckenheimer & Bros. have their offices at Nos. 93 and 95 First avenue, Pittsburgh. Their house has a well-established reputation not only throughout the United States, but also in Europe and South America, to which continents they export vast quantities of their double copper-distilled pure rye whiskey. Asher Guckenheimer is a democrat and resides in Allegheny city. His record as one of the leading and successful liquor business men of the United States is unparalleled in the history of this State.

Isaac Guckenheimer was reared in Allegheny and received his education in the Western university of that city and the New York college of New York city. Leaving college, he engaged in the liquor business with his father and has worked his way up to his present important position of general superintendent of the distilleries at Freeport.

On October 12, 1887, Mr. Guckenheimer united in marriage with Mamie L. Garson, daughter of Leopold Garson, of Rochester, N. Y., who is the senior member of the firm of Garson, Kerngood & Co., one of the largest clothing manufacturing firms of the Empire State.

In politics Mr. Guckenheimer is a democrat and has served twice as a delegate to State democratic conventions. He is a member of Armstrong Lodge No. 239, F. & A. M., and resides in Allegheny city.