

JAMES S. GALLAHER, general agent for the widely-known Barnes Safe and Lock company, is one of Freeport's active and useful business men. He is a son of James J. and Susan (McCoach) Gallaher, and was born near Dayton, in Wayne township, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, December 19, 1855. Of the farming class of county Donegal, Ireland, was James Gallaher, the grandfather of James S. Gallaher. In 1825, James Gallaher came to Wayne township, where he died on his farm in Dec., 1868, aged seventy-two years. He was a member of the Protestant Episcopal church, of which he wife and all of his children were members. His son, James J. Gallaher, was born in county Donegal, in 1821, and died in Wayne township, Dec. 30, 1876. he was an extensive farmer, an active worker in the Protestant Episcopal church, and an ardent supporter of the Democratic party. He was a prominent man in his community and township, and married Susan McCoach, who was born in county Donegal, in 1830, and was brought, when six months old, by her parents, to Wayne township. She is an episcopalian in religious faith, and resided on the home farm.

James S. Gallaher was reared on the farm, and received his education in the common schools and Dayton academy. Leaving school, he was engaged in farming until 1878, when he contracted a spell of sickness from exposure in threshing and hulling clover seed. He was thus unfitted for business for nearly a year. In 1879 he opened a livery stable at Kittanning, which he conducted until 1886, when he engaged as a general agent with the Barnes Safe & Lock company of Pittsburgh, Pa., and has held that position until the present time. In April, 1888, he came to Freeport, where he has resided ever since. He owns two farms in the county, upon which he has tenant farmers. He is also engaged in oil production, and has a number of paying wells besides being interested in several other business enterprises.

He united in marriage, on June 5, 1887, with Sarah A. Jones, daughter of Michael and Sarah Jones, of Kittanning, this county.

James S. Gallaher is vestryman of Freeport Protestant Episcopal church, and a member of Freeport Lodge, No. 379, I.O.O.F. He is a good business man, and has always been popular with the public and all with whom he has had dealings. He is a democrat politically. In 1882, Mr. Gallaher was honored by his party with the nomination for sheriff, and such was his popularity, that he came within one hundred and eighty-five votes of being successful, when Armstrong county was republican by fifteen hundred majority.