

JAMES W. CRAIG, treasurer and general manager of the Buffalo Milling company, and one of the energetic business men of Freeport, was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., January 10, 1844, and is a son of Isaac and Margaret (Wolf) Craig. His paternal grandfather, Alexander Craig, was born and reared in Ireland, from which he emigrated to the United States when he was a young man. He located in Venango county, where he was engaged in farming until his death. His son, Isaac Craig (father), was born in 1807. After he grew up to manhood he removed to Westmoreland county and purchased a packet-boat, which he ran for many years between Hollidaysburg and Pittsburgh, on the old Pennsylvania canal. He was a life-long democrat and died at Blairsville, Indiana county, on May 28, 1866. He married Margaret Wolf, who was born at Blairsville in 1817. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and resides now at Freeport. To Mr. and Mrs. Craig were born ten children, of whom six are living.

From two years of age until manhood James W. Craig was reared on a farm near Chambersburg, in Franklin county. He received his education in the public schools of Chambersburg, and was variously employed until 1878, when he came to Freeport. He secured a position on the telegraph repair line along the West Pennsylvania railroad. At the end of two years' service in that capacity he was given a position in the motive power department, which he held till 1886. He was then employed as an engineer by the Buffalo Milling company, and after one year's faithful service as such he was made treasurer and general manager of the company, which position he still occupies.

On October 1, 1868, he united in marriage with Mary C. Shuman, daughter of Adam Shuman, of Franklin county, Pa. To this union has been born one child, a daughter Emma U.

James W. Craig has always been a democrat and is now serving as treasurer of the school board of South Buffalo township, on whose territory he really resides, although he is one of the unincorporated suburbs of Freeport. He is a member and deacon of the evangelical Lutheran church, and a member of Freeport Lodge, No. 3789, I.O.O.F. He is a stockholder in the Buffalo Milling company, which, under his successful management, has acquired a large and extensive trade.