

J. FULTON WATT. The jewelry establishment of J. Fulton Watt, of Freeport, is one of the most reliable, responsible, substantial and representative in its line in Armstrong county. J. Fulton Watt, who has been prominently identified, for the last seven years, with the jewelry trade in Pittsburg and at Freeport, was born April 26, 1856, and is a son of David and Mary (Thompson) Watt. Of the Scotch-Irish who were early settlers of Westmoreland county was the Watt family. The Christian name of the founder of the family in this part of the State has been lost, but one of his sons was John Watt, grandfather of J. Fulton Watt. John Watt was born in Allegheny township, of that county, where he married and spend his life in farming. His son, David Watt (father), was born in 1819 on the homestead farm, and is one of the active farmers of his township, although verging rapidly on his seventieth year. He is a republican politically, and has been a consistent member of the United Presbyterian church for many years. He married Mary Thompson, who was a native of the county and a member of the same church as himself. She died in 1857.

J. Fulton Watt was reared on the farm and attended the common schools until he was fourteen years of age, when he went to Franklin county to learn wood engraving with a from who was engaged in magazine illustration. In a short time, however, he went to Wheeling, W. Va., where he completed his trade with John H. Zevly, then a contractor for furnishing the post-office department with wood engraving work. Leaving Wheeling he worked at his trade some time and then went to Lancaster, Pa., where he entered the Lancaster watch factory and learned watch-making. He then repaired to Pittsburgh and served a full apprenticeship in the manufacture of jewelry in the large establishment of Terheyden. Having this thoroughly mastered watch-making and the manufacture of jewelry in all of their braches, he was prepared to enter those lines of business for himself with every prospect of success. He engaged in 1884 with T. B. Barrett & Co., the wellknown wholesale jewelers of Pittsburgh, and was employed for five years in artistic engraving and upon the manufacture of the finest lines of jewelry. In April, 1889, Mr. watt came to Freeport, where he established his present large and thoroughly equipped jewelry house.

In 1876 he united in marriage with Eva M. Kenneston, daughter of Mary E. Kenneston, of Freeport. To their union have been born six children, two sons and four daughters: Frank, Maggie M., Mary, Eva, Ruth and Paul.

J. F. Watt is a member of United Presbyterian church, and a republican in politics. He is a member of the Jr. O.U.A.M. and the Knights of Golden chain. With a practical and business experience of nearly twenty years, Mr. Watt is enabled to offer advantages that are only to be obtained at a few jewelry establishments in western Pennsylvania. His stock of goods is from the leading jewelry and watch manufacturers of Europe and American, and is remarkable for delicate beauty and superiority of workmanship. His display of silver-ware is fine, while his gold and silver watches are late in stile and reasonable in price. His trade is large and is extending rapidly over a wide area of territory. His great success has been achieved on the broad basis of merit. Mr. Watt has established his business upon such an extended scale as to be a benefit to Freeport, and his ability, energy and honesty have gained him an enviable reputation both as a business man and a private citizen.