

JOHN ADAMS, a prudent, industrious and comfortably situated farmer of Valley township, was born in the city of Allegheny, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, January 25, 1842, and is a son of Robert and Eliza (May) Adams. Robert Adams was born during the earlier years of the present century, in Ireland, where his family had been settled for many years. He was reared in his native county, and received his education in the public schools of Ireland. Leaving school, he was engaged for several years in various agricultural pursuits, and especially that of gardening. In 1840 he emigrated from Ireland to the United States, and soon after landing at New York, he came westward as far as Allegheny city, where he was engaged in market gardening for three years. At the end of that time he came to Armstrong county, where he followed farming steadily for thirty-four years. He died in October, 1877, when he had reached man's allotted three-score and ten years. He was a republican, and a member of the United Presbyterian church. Before leaving Ireland he married Eliza May, a resident of his native county, who was a member of the U.P. church, and passed away at her home in this county, in 1854.

John Adams was reared in this township where he enjoyed the advantages of the early common schools of Pennsylvania. He has always been engaged in farming, owns a well-improved farm of eighty-two acres, and is well situated to enjoy life and its substantial comforts. In addition to farming, Mr. Adams deals some in stock. He is an elder in the Reformed church, of which he has been a member for many years. In political affairs he has always supported the Republican party and its principles.

In 1871, Mr. Adams married Jane Barker, daughter of Joseph Barker, of this county. To their union have been born three children: Mary, Maud and Eliza.