

JOHN B MCGREGOR. Success in any occupation of live is to be won by energy, determination and steady, continuous effort. One who has thus been successful is John B. McGregor, an enterprising farmer of Valley township. He was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, July 27, 1838, and is a son of Christopher and Martha (Barr) McGregor. The McGregors are of Scotch origin, and are descendants of the McGregor family of Scotland, which was so prominent in the military history of that country during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Christopher McGregor, the father of John B. McGregor, was born and reared in Bedford county, from which he came in 1844 to this county. He worked for many years on public works, and now resides with the subject of this sketch. He is a republican in politics, a member of the Reformed church and is a man who is well preserved for his eighty-three years of age. He married Martha Barr, of Bedford county, who was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and passed away in 1857. They were industrious and honest, and reared a family of several sons and daughters.

John B. McGregor was reared principally in this county, and received his education in the common schools. Leaving school, he sought for employment at the public works, where wages were then far better than what could be obtained for day labor at anything else. He worked steadily at different works until 1862, when he had accumulated sufficient means to purchase his present farm of seventy-five acres of land in Valley township. He immediately moved upon this farm, which he has been successfully engaged in tilling ever since. Mr. McGregor is a republican in politics, and served his township acceptably for eleven years as constable, and two years as a supervisor of roads. His farm is heavily underlaid with a valuable vein of coal which he has opened in one place and from which he obtains a very marketable article.

In 1861 he married Sarah E. Baumgardner, then of Armstrong county, but formerly of Northampton county. To their union have been born six children, four sons and two daughters: Annie J., wife of George Roney, a farmer of Manor township; Harry B., who married Mattie Waugaman, and is engaged in farming in Jefferson county; Ira M., Thomas C., Ollie R. and Samuel P.

John B. McGregor is always ready and ever willing to assist or aid in whatever is for the benefit, or in the interest of this community.