

JOHN H. MATEER, a reliable citizen and the owner of one of the best coal farms of Boggs township, was born in Pine township, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, July 31, 1846, and is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Ambrose) Mateer. His grandfather, John Mateer, was a native of Dauphin county, from whence he removed to franklin township, Armstrong county, which he left in 1855 and went to Wayne county, Illinois, where he died. He was a democrat, and married Margaret Montgomery, by whom he had eight children, five sons and three daughters. One of these sons, Samuel Mateer (father), was born November 16, 1818, in Armstrong county, and has been principally engaged in farming, although in early life he dealt extensively in stock which he drove to the eastern markets. He is a resident of Boggs township, a democrat in politics, and a member of the Presbyterian church. He married Elizabeth Ambrose, a daughter of Benjamin Ambrose, a farmer, whig and Presbyterian of Westmoreland county, who came to Franklin township, where he reared a family of four sons and three daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Mateer are the parents of seven sons and three daughters: James E., married Esther Lowry, and is a farmer of Boggs township. John H., Dr. Robert M., graduated from Jefferson Medical college, married Mary Donnelly, and is practicing at Elderton; Benjamin F., a farmer; Samuel S., living on his father's farm, and married on Nov. 2, 1890, to Mary, daughter of Henry Houser, of Goheenville; Annie J., wife of William C. Calhoun, a farmer; Margaret, married to Finley P. Wolfe, an attorney of Kittanning; Mary E., widow of Joseph Banks; Ambrose M., engaged in the mercantile business, and Alexander M.

John H. Mateer was reared on a farm and received his education in the common schools. Leaving school, he engaged in farming, which he has followed ever since. He owns a farm of one hundred and eighty acres of well-improved land in Boggs township. This farm is well-improved and is underlaid with veins of coal and limestone. He raises considerable stock in addition to farming.

On January 31, 1878, he married Lavina C. Calhoun, daughter of J. R. Calhoun. To their union have been born five children, four sons and one daughter: Robert Calhoun, born January 3, 1874; Samuel Lee, born March 19, 1878; Iva Blanche, born March 7, 1882; Delbert Harvy, born January 29, 1884, and Findley Ambrose, born April 30, 1888.

John H. Mateer is a democrat in politics, and he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Mateer takes great interest in farming, and has always raised good crops on his farm, which is fertile and productive.