

JOHNSON C. CUDDY, a leading merchant, and the present efficient burgess of the flourishing borough of Atwood, is a son of Samuel and Mary (Wilson) Cuddy, and was born in Penn township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, November 4, 1837. Samuel Cuddy (father) was born in 1800, in Ireland, and in 1822 emigrated to America, and settled in Allegheny county. In 1865 he came to Cowanshannock township, and afterward removed to valley township, where he followed farming until his death, which occurred in 1873, when he was in the seventy-fourth year of his age. He was a democrat in politics. During his early life he was a member of the Seceder church, but afterwards became a united Presbyterian. He married Mary Wilson, who was also a member of the U. P. church, and a daughter of James Wilson, a native of Ireland, who settled in Allegheny county, served in the United States army during the war of 1812, then removed to Westmoreland county, and afterwards went to Butler, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death. He was a democrat in politics, a member of the Presbyterian church, and reared a family of seven children, of whom three were sons: Thomas, John and James, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Cuddy were the parents of then children, six sons and four daughters: James, William, Francis, John, Thomas, Johnson C., Margaret, wife of James Hilty, a farmer of Cowanshannock township; Mary A., married to W. A. Morrow, a farmer of Mahoning township; and Esther and Rebecca.

Johnson C. Cuddy was reared on his father's farm, received a common-school education, and engaged in farming in Allegheny county until about 1865, when he came to Cowanshannock township, where he purchased a farm, and also embarked in huckstering. In 1880 he came to Atwood, where he engaged in his present hotel and general mercantile business. He has a first-class store, enjoys a large trade, and is one of the leading business men of the borough. He owns two houses and two lots besides his store and hotel. In 1863 he enlisted in Co. K, 54<sup>th</sup> regiment, Pa. Infantry, and was present at the capture of Gen. Morgan.

On Feb. 18, 1864, he married Catherine H. Lewis, a daughter of Ezra Lewis, a wagon-maker of Westmoreland county. To their union have been born seven children, five sons and two daughters; Samuel L., a carpenter of Pittsburgh, who married Sadie McLain, of Atwood, and has two children—Reed and Arthur R; John W., Mary M., born October 14, 1868, and died February 11, 1876; Amanda E., born June 5, 1870, and died February 23, 1873; David F., born May 13, 1872, and died February 24, 1876; Harvey J., born April 16, 1874, and died February 13, 1876; and William, born February 11, 1878.

Johnson C. Cuddy was always a democrat in politics until of late years. He is now a prohibitionist, and strongly advocates the doctrines of that party. He is the present burgess of Atwood, which was incorporated as a borough in 1884. He is an elder of the United Presbyterian church, of which both he and his wife are members.