

JOHN WIBLE, a comfortably situated farmer of East Franklin, and a Union soldier in the famous old 14<sup>th</sup> Pa. Cavalry, is a son of Isaac and Mary (Daugherty) Wible, and was born in East Franklin township, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, April 6, 1825. His paternal grandfather, John Wible, was a lifelong resident of Westmoreland county, where he followed farming until his death. His parents were of that industrious and sturdy class of early settlers in this State that is known as Pennsylvania German. One of John Wible's sons was Isaac Wible, the father of the subject of this sketch. Isaac Wible was born in the first year of the present century, and in 1818 came from Westmoreland to Armstrong county, where he purchased a farm of three hundred and twenty-five acres of land and became an extensive farmer and stock-raiser. He was a republican politically and a member of the Presbyterian church, whose every-day walk in life corresponded with his religious profession. He died in 1882, aged eighty-two years. He married Mary Daugherty, who was born in 1801 (see G. B. Daugherty's sketch of Kittanning) and whose father, Patrick Daugherty, was a native of Ireland. Her mental faculties are wonderful for one who is verging on her ninetieth year, and is remarkably active for a woman of nearly three hundred pounds weight. Mr. and Mrs. Wible were the parents of nine children, of whom seven are living.

John Wible was born and reared on his father's farm and received his education in the schools of his neighborhood. Leaving school, he engaged in farming, which has been the main business of his life ever since. On November 23, 1862, he enlisted in Co. M, 14<sup>th</sup> Pa. Cavalry (or 159<sup>th</sup> regiment, Pa. Vols.), and served until June 3, 1865, when he was discharged at Washington City. During his term of service he participated in over forty skirmishes and battles of his regiment, which encountered all manner of privations and hardships in the two Virginias.

In 1854 he married Elizabeth Bowser, daughter of Samuel D. Bowser, of this township. They have three children, two sons and one daughter: Rebecca J., Thomas L, a carpenter at Apollo; and John M., who is engaged in well-drilling.

John Wible is a republican in politics and a member of glade Run Presbyterian church. He served his township as road supervisor, when elected as such, but is no aspirant for office. His farm is three miles from Kittanning and contains sixty acres of good farming and grazing land. He is well situated and has the respect of all who know him.