

JOSEPH EGGERT, M.D., resident of Parker City, is one of the oldest and most successful physicians of northern Armstrong county. He was born in Unity township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, Christmas, 1823, and is a son of George and Elizabeth (Fritts) Eggert. His paternal grandfather, John Eggert, was a native of Germany and came, when sixteen years of age, as a cook with some soldiers to Canada. He soon deserted and enlisted in one of the Continental armies, in which he served throughout the Revolutionary war. At its close he settled in Westmoreland county, where he drew a pension until his death, in 1840, at ninety-three years of age. Of the children born to him in his Westmoreland county home was George Eggert (father), who was a large landholder in Salem township of that county. He was a member and an elder of the German reformed church, and died at Massillon, Ohio, in 1859, aged sixty-three years. He was a whig, and, although, a very quiet man, yet was very energetic in whatever enlisted his attention or engaged his efforts. He married Elizabeth Fritts, a native of Northampton county, and a daughter of Coonrod Fitts, who died on his farm in Westmoreland county, in 1834, aged seventy-five years. Mrs. Eggert was a member of the Reformed church and passed away at her home in Stark county, Ohio, in June, 1888, when in the eighty-sixth year of her age.

Joseph Eggert was reared on his father's farm, and received his education in the schools of his neighborhood and Greensburg academy. In 1844 he entered the office of Drs. Ormsby & Fowler, of Greensburg, as a medical student, and in 1847 attended a course of lectures in Cincinnati. He afterwards attended Cleveland Medical college, from which well-known medical institution he was graduated in February, 1853. He commenced the practice of medicine in 1848 at North Washington, in Butler county, which place he left in 1856 to locate at Callensburg, Clarion county. He left the latter place in 1856 to engage, at Oil City, in the drug business, which he followed for only three years. In 1870 he came to Parker City, where he opened an office, and has been engaged ever since in the continuous practice of his profession.

On December 1, 1853, he married Margaret, daughter of John Parker, of Parker City. They are the parents of three children, two sons and one daughter: Rev. John E., a Presbyterian minister at Kansas, Illinois; Dr. George L. G., a practicing physician and druggist of Parker City; and Lizzie A., wife of Dean Fullerton.

Dr. Eggert is a member of the Royal Templars and the Equitable Aid association, and a member and an elder of the Parker City Presbyterian church. He is a republican in politics. While having his office in Parker City, however, he resides just in the edge of Butler county. His practice extends over a portion of both Armstrong and Butler counties. Not desirous of office and not prominent in political matter, Dr. Eggert is never lacking in public spirit. He gives his full time to his profession and its many duties.