

MARGARET CLARK HERRON, an intelligent woman of good financial ability and great energy, and a resident of Plum Creek township, is a daughter of William Todd and Jane (Cummins) Clark, and was born on the old Clark homestead in Plum Creek township, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, May 16, 1826. The Clark family was among the very earliest settled families of Plum Creek township. Joseph Clark (grandfather) and James Clark (great-grandfather) built the first blockhouse in the county (about 1774), and it was used as a refuge for the families in that neighborhood whenever an invasion of Indians was anticipated. His wife was accustomed to accompany him with his gun watching for sudden attacks of Indians. One of their sons, William Todd Clark (father), was born on the home farm April 26, 1799, received his education in the subscription schools of the county, and followed farming all his life. He was a prominent Presbyterian, and was one of the organizers of the Plum Creek Presbyterian church. In 1820 he married Jane Cummins, second daughter of William and Margaret Cummins, of Indiana county. They had four children.

Margaret Clark Herron received a common-school education, and on January 1, 1846, married William Herron, son of David Herron, of Westmoreland county, who was born June 9, 1810. He was a carpenter by trade, and died Jan. 10, 1883. To them were born two children: John C. Herron and Nancy Jane, wife of T. S. Wilson, of Indiana county.

Since her husband's death Mrs. Herron has successfully managed the farm, which contains one hundred and fifty-six acres of well-improved land, and kept it in a high state of productiveness. She resides in a large two-story frame house, and the farm is tilled under her personal supervision, and in addition to grain-raising she keeps a large herd of cattle. She is a member of the Elderton Presbyterian church. Mrs. Herron is prudent, active and energetic, and occupies a prominent position in her community, not only on account of her family history and respectable connections, but also by reason of her business enterprise and tireless energy.

Joseph Clark (grandfather), married Ann Todd, and their family consisted of two sons, Alexander W., who married Jane Armstrong, and had ten children; and Clark; and six daughters: Barbara, Ann, Louisa, Elizabeth, Margaret and Mary, the wife of Jonathan Agey, and the only one of the family now living.