

MILLARD F. TAYLOR, a leading druggist of Leechburg, is a son of John & Julia Ann (Bair) Taylor, and was born at Leechburg, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, December 24, 1856. His grandfather, Matthew Taylor, was born in Lancashire, England, in 1793, came to Westmoreland county in 1819 and ten years later removed to Leechburg, where he followed tailoring for many years, and where he died April 24, 1881. one of his sons, John Taylor (father), was born in Westmoreland county, August 24, 1824, and has been a tanner and harness-maker all his life. He is a conscientious and liberal member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has been Sunday-school superintendent and class leader for many years. He was always a strong anti-slavery man and has served as school director and member of the town council. On February 21, 1850, he married Julia Ann Bair, a daughter of John Bair, of Westmoreland county. To them were born seven children: George B., an employe of the Passaic rolling-mill of Patterson, N. J.; Mary C. wife of J. H. Parks; Millard F.; Harriet C., wife of S. M. McCracken, and Charles G., William L. and John S., who are employed in the rolling-mill at Leechburg. Mrs. Taylor died in 1885, at the age of fifty-two years, and Mr. Taylor married for his second wife, Anna M. Whitlinger, of Butler.

Millard F. Taylor was reared at Leechburg, where he attended the public schools and then learned the trade of tanner. At the age of fifteen years he was employed in the drug store of John P. Kepple as a clerk and served as such until 1874. During the next year he was employed in the rolling-mill as engineer, and from 1875 to 1877 he followed the business of painting. He attended the public schools in the winter until 1877, when he went to the oil region and took charge of a large drug store as manager. This position he held until 1880, when he came back to Leechburg, where he was employed as a clerk in the general mercantile store of Schwalm & Bowers until 1882, when he became a partner with John Schwalm in the general mercantile business. In 1886 he opened a drug store on the corner of First and Market streets, at Leechburg, where he has continued successfully ever since. He carries a full line of drugs, paints, chemicals and druggists' sundries, and has built up a good trade.

On September 20, 1878, he married Anna Marie Schwalm, second daughter of John Schwalm, of Leechburg (whose sketch appears in this volume). Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have three children, two sons and one daughter: Royal and Raymond, born in 1879, and Helen, born April 5, 1885.

He is one of the board of trustees of the Leechburg Methodist Episcopal church, and was chairman of the building committee when the present church edifice was erected. He is a republican and has been a clerk of the borough council for the past two years. He is a member of Leechburg Lodge, No. 651, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Leechburg Council, No. 221, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and Allegheny Council, No. 27, American Legion of Honor.