

NICHOLAS ISEMAN, one of the proprietors of one of Freeport's large flour and feed stores, prospected successfully for gold in California in 1856 and served faithfully as a union soldier in the late war. He is a son of George and Susan Iseman, and was born in South Buffalo township, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, February 15, 1836. Nicholas Iseman (grandfather) was of German origin and came, at an early day, from eastern Pennsylvania into what is now South Buffalo township, where he died on his farm, in 1839, at sixty years of age. George Iseman (Nicholas' father) was a life-long resident and prosperous farmer of South Buffalo township. He was a Lutheran and democrat and married Susan Hollibaugh, a native of South Buffalo township and a member of the Lutheran church, who died April 29, 1864, aged 55 years, 6 months and 20 days. Their family consisted of six sons and five daughters, of whom two daughters and three sons are living.

Nicholas Iseman was reared on the home farm. He attended the common schools and at twenty years of age he went to California, where he was one of the few who were successful in gold-mining. After a stay of two years in the Golden State he returned home, where he was engaged in farming until Feb. 28, 1864, when he enlisted in Co. L, 14th Pa. Cavalry. He was in all the engagements of his regiment from the time he enlisted until the war closed. He was honorably discharged at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, July 31, 1865, returned home and was variously employed until 1879, when he made a second trip to California, but remained only eighteen months. At the end of that time he returned home again, and in 1883 engaged in his present flour and feed business at Freeport.

October 19, 1858, he united in marriage with Eliza Frantz, daughter of Isaac Fantz, of South buffalo township, this county. To this union were born seven children, two sons and five daughters: Annie E., Etta E., Rebecca M. William A., Minnie O., Maurice E. and Hattie B. Mrs. Iseman died December 2, 1878, aged thirty-eight years, two months and twelve days.

Nicholas Iseman is a member of Henry A. Weaver Post, No. 32, G.A.R., at Freeport. He is a straight republican in politics and has been a councilman of his borough since 1888. His flour and feed store is on Market street. He does a good business, has a large and paying patronage and is popular as a business man.