

P. F. MCCLARREN, who is serving his sixth term as a justice of the peace of Manor township, has been for the last thirty-five years one of the lumber dealers of the county. He is a son of Hugh and Mary (Fair) McClarren, and was born in Black Lick township, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, July 11, 1824. His grandfather, Thomas McClarren, was born in, and was for many years a resident of, Allegheny county, but in his old age removed to Westmoreland county, where he resided among his children until his death. He was married and had eleven children, nine sons and two daughters: Robert Kilgore; William, who was killed on the Pennsylvania canal by a blow from a windlass, while attending one of the locks; Thomas, Harrison, who died in Louisville, Ky.; Joseph and John, who operated a steam grist-mill near Pittsburgh, and both died in Allegheny county; David, who died at Birmingham, now Southside, Pittsburgh; James and Hugh, twins, who married sisters; Nancy married James Trunick, the operator of a steam planing-mill near the mouth of Saw-mill run; and Elizabeth, who married Joseph Bell, a farmer near Pittsburg. Of these eleven children, all are dead but James, who resides near Corydon, Indiana, and their descendants are scattered all over the Union. Hugh McClarren (father) was born in 1797 in Allegheny county, Pa., where he learned the trade of cabinet-maker, which he followed as long as he lived. In 1862 he removed to Manor township, where he resided until his death, in 1878, when he had attained the advanced age of eighty years. In politics he upheld the principles of the republican party, and for forty-six years was a consistent member of the Evangelical Lutheran church. On December 6, 1821, he married Mary Fair, who was of German descent, and was born in Black Lick township, Indiana county, in 1800. They had four children, two sons and two daughters: James, who died in 1849, at twenty-seven years of age; P. F., Nancy, who died in the sixth year of her age; and Hannah, who married J. C. Day, formerly of Blairsville, and died at Austin, Minnesota, leaving five children, one son and four daughters, of whom three of the daughters are still living. Mr. Day and two of his daughters reside within fifty miles of San Francisco, California. The eldest daughter, Mary, is married to G. F. Trenwith, of Santa Barbara, California. The second daughter, Adella, was married to Charles Williams, and the third, Laura, was married to G. O. Foster. Mrs. McClarren (mother) was a member of the Lutheran church, and died in 1881, at eighty-two years of age.

P. F. McClarren was reared principally in Centre township, Indiana county. He received his education in the subscription schools, and Indiana and Blairsville academies. In 1851 he came to Manor township, where he has resided in his present house for thirty-five years. Ever since coming to Manor township he has been engaged in sawing a dealing in lumber as well as managing his farm. He has held the office of justice of the peace almost continuously since 1855, and has been so careful in administering justice that there has never been a case appealed from his decision, in which the court decided against his judgment.

In 1850 he married Henrietta C. Reichert, the eldest daughter of Rev. G. A. Reichert, a Lutheran minister of Philadelphia. To their union were born five children: Laura L., wife of Alexander Heilman, of Manor township; Ernest R. and William A, R. both died in 1862; George K., married Mary Mabon, of Cleveland, Ohio, and resides at Manorville; and Warren T., a book-keeper for the firm of W. L. Kahn & Co., of Pittsburgh. On September 30, 1884, Mrs. Henrietta C. McClarren died, and on April 19, 1888, Mr. McClarren united in marriage with Emma E. Harrah, of Lawrence county, PA.

P. F. McClarren is an active republican. Besides acting as justice of the peace, he has served as school director and in other township offices for several terms. He is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church, of which he has been a elder for a number of years.