

SAMUEL S. N. CALHOUN, one of Wayne township's leading citizens, is a son of Judge John and Elizabeth (Anthony) Calhoun, and was born in Wayne township, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, March 23, 1823. James Calhoun (paternal grandfather) was a native of Donegal county, Ireland, and settled in Lancaster county, but soon afterwards removed to Indiana county. He was one of the early school-teachers of that county, where he remained but a few years, and then came to Boggs township, Armstrong county, where he resided the during the remainder of his life. In religious belief he was a seceder. He married a Mrs. Mary Walker, and reared a large family of children. Hon. John Calhoun (father) was in all probability, born in Armstrong county, where he spent nearly of his life in Boggs and Wayne townships. In early manhood he was a carpenter; but in later years he engaged in farming. In politics he endorsed the sentiments of the whig party until late in life, when he became a strong democrat. He was among the first militia captains in the State, and subsequently became a colonel. He served as justice of the peace for thirty years, being first appointed under Gov. Wolfe. He was commissioned twice as associate judge of Armstrong county; first, by Gov Wolfe, and then by Gov. Porter, and served very creditably during both of his terms (1840 to 1849) of office. He took an active and intelligent part in politics, and in all else that concerned the good of the people. He was in early life a member of the Seceder church, but afterwards united with the Presbyterian church, and became one of the founders and ruling elders of the Glade Run and Concord churches of that denomination. He married Elizabeth Anthony, the daughter of Jacob Anthony, of Indiana county. They had six children: Noah, a farmer in Wayne township, who died in 1889; William (deceased, who was a carpenter and farmer in Wayne township; Mary, who married Thomas Kichey, of Wayne township, and is dead; Nancy (deceased), who was married to Samuel H. Porter; James R., who followed farming for several years, but is now a resident of Dayton; Sarah (deceased), who was married to James Calhoun, of Boggs township; Samuel S. N. and John K. (deceased), who was a resident of Kittanning and a prominent member of the Armstrong county bar. Mrs. Calhoun died in September, 1828, and Judge Calhoun afterwards married for his second wife, Catherine Marshall, who bore him one child: Elizabeth, who married Robert Anthony, of Frostburg, Jefferson county, Pa.

Samuel S. N. Calhoun received his education in the common schools of his native township. He has always followed farming and stock-raising with good success, and bears the reputation of being an excellent farmer. He owns a good farm of one hundred acres in Wayne township, which is well improved and conveniently situated in regard to school, church and market.

On October 17, 1849, Samuel S. N. Calhoun united in marriage with Hannah Sheridan, a daughter of John and Mary (Campbell) Sheridan. Mrs. Calhoun's father was a native of Cambria county, Pa., and her mother of Westmoreland county. She was one of six children, and her brother, Dr. Campbell, is a practicing physician of Johnstown, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Calhoun have had ten children, all of whom were sons: Rev. Joseph P., who was born February 15, 1852, received a classical education at Glade Run academy, attended Allegheny Theological seminary, was pastor of Cherry Run Presbyterian church, Kittanning Presbytery, five years, and in September, 1870, installed pastor of Slate Lock Presbyterian Church, and married Madge Stockdell, by whom he has one child,--John R; John S., born February 89, 1854, was admitted to the bar in Clarion county, practiced in

Armstrong county five years, and is now a lawyer of Oklahoma, Indian Territory; Dr. Grier O., born April 26, 1856, studied medicine with his cousin, Dr. N. F. Calhoun, of Dayton, was graduated from the Baltimore Medical college in 1884, after which he practiced in Illinois, Clarion county, and in 1888 located at Fisher; Dr. Chambers D., born August 17, 1858, read medicine, was graduated from Jefferson medical college in 1882, and located at Elburn, Illinois, where he married Sophia Martin; Rev. Harry C., born March 8, 1861, graduated at Chicago Theological Seminary, and pastor of a Congregational church in Iowa, May, 1890; William J., born October 6, 1862, who will be graduated in the spring of 1890 from West. Penn. Medical college; Samuel C., born September 14, 1865, and assisting his father; Asa Parker and Cyrus P., who were born July 4, 1869, and of whom Asa Parker is dead; and Herbert B. S., a farmer, born Oct. 7, 1872.

S.S.N. Calhoun is a democrat and a member of the Presbyterian church of Concord, in which he has frequently held the office of trustee. He is a member of Dayton Lodge, No. 408, Independers Order of Odd Fellows, and Wayne Grange, no. 360, Patrons of Husbandry. He is known as a public-spirited citizen, who is ever interested in the advancement of his township, as well as a well-read man upon all current issues of the day.