

STEPHEN JONES, one of South Bend township's prosperous and comfortably situated farmers, is a son of John and Mary Jones, and was born in Wales in 1808. he was carefully trained to habits of industry, honesty and economy, and received his education in the excellent schools of his native country. From which he emigrated to the United States in 1839. Like many another artisan of the old world, who found all trades there overcrowded, he sought a wider field for work in the new world. For two years he followed his trade in New York city and Pittsburgh. In 1860 he came to Armstrong county, where he purchased his present farm of one hundred and twelve acres, in South bend township, and has been engaged in farming ever since. His industry here as a farmer has been well rewarded with good crops, while his well improved farm has increased largely in value since he purchased it.

In 1856 he married, and his wife died soon after marriage. In 1858 he married a Miss Barrel. To this second union have been born two children: Stephen, Jr., born in 1860; and Mary, born in 1862.

Stephen Jones has been an earnest supporter of the principles of the Republican party since his residence in this country. He has carefully reared his children, trained them to habits of industry and economy, and given them the advantages of a good practical education. His life has been one of continual activity and honest hard labor. Although past his four-score years, he still exercises an active supervision over his farm and all other property which he owns. His rule through life has been to depend upon himself, and his success attests how well he has practiced that role.