

WILLIAM HOOD, one of the trustworthy citizens and substantial farmers of Valley township, is a son of John and Nancy (Hood) Hood, and was born in Hanover township, Washington county, Pennsylvania, September 22, 1822. His paternal grandfather, John Hood, was a native of Ireland, where he learned the trade of miller, and united with the Presbyterian church. He and some of his friends came to Pennsylvania in 1794, ascended the Susquehanna river in canoes, and crossed to the head-waters of the Allegheny river, where they launched their canoes and descended that stream into what is now Warren county. John Hood followed farming and milling for twenty years at Sugar Grove and then removed from Warren to Washington county, where he resided for a few years. He then came to Armstrong county, where he lived with the subject of this sketch until his death, which occurred April 11, 1857, at ninety years of age. He was a Presbyterian, and one of his sons was John Hood (father), who was born in county Antrim, Ireland, March 12, 1794, and was brought by his parents to Warren county, where he was reared to manhood. He then went to Washington county, and after a residence of a few years came to this county, where he was engaged in farming as long as he lived. He was a democrat in politics, a ruling elder in the Presbyterian church, and died May 16, 1862, aged sixty-eight years. He married Nancy Hood, who was born in bucks county, May 15, 1795, was a member of the Presbyterian church and died October 5, 1851, at the age of fifty-six years.

William Hood was reared on his father's Washington county farm, on which he worked until he was twenty-four years of age, when he came to this county with his father and settled on the farm which he now owns. This farm was then in the woods, and he aided his father in clearing and improving it. His farm, which contains eighty-eight acres, and is three miles from Kittanning, on the Clearfield pike, is very productive. Besides farming, in which he has been very successful, Mr. Hood also deals in stock.

On October 16, 1876, he married Esther Patton, daughter of Montgomery Patton, of Boggs township. They have three children: William A., Louis M. and Bessie T.

William Hood has always been closely attentive to his farm and business. He is an old-time democrat and a member of the First Presbyterian church of Kittanning. He has held the various offices of his township. While a man of strong will and great determination, qualities inherited from his worthy ancestors, yet he is kind-hearted and every ready to assist those in distress. Mr. Hood, who is six feet two inches in height, comes of a race distinguished for fine personal appearance, and some of whom were six feet and seven inches in stature. Successful as a farmer, honorable as a man and respected as a citizen, he now resides in a comfortable home and enjoys the fruits of half a century of his honest labor.