

AMARIAH N. BUTERBAUGH, postmaster at Lovejoy, Indiana Co., Pa., was born in Green township, this county, March 20, 1850, a son of John and Elizabeth (Learn) Buterbaugh.

William Buterbaugh, his grandfather, was born in Maryland, from which State he moved to Pennsylvania, settling first in Huntingdon county, and later in Indiana county. He was the father of eight children.

John Buterbaugh, son of William and father of Amariah N., was born in Maryland in 1799, and lived to the age of ninety-six years. He accompanied his father to Pennsylvania and after living in Huntingdon county for several years settled in what is now known as Pleasant Valley, in Green township, Indiana county, the family acquiring 200 acres of land. In October, 1831, John Buterbaugh married Elizabeth Learn, a daughter of John Learn, and to them thirteen children were born, seven daughters and six sons: The eldest born, Mary, was the wife of John Cook, and both are deceased. Elizabeth married A. H. Reed, and both are deceased. Henry L. and Levi are deceased. Simon is a resident of Indiana. Sarah A., is the widow of D. P. Reed. Susan married Franklin Nupp, who served in the Civil war, and they live at Windber, pa. Isaac lives in Cherryhill township, Indiana county. Catherine, who is deceased, was the wife of H. W. Baker. Ella is deceased. Amariah N. was the third youngest in order of birth. Andrew is a resident of Indiana, and the youngest died in infancy. After coming to Indiana county the father of the above family engaged in the milling business, erecting a saw and grist mill. He was a shrewd and successful business man, but was a strict observer of the Sabbath, and no inducement could be brought to bear that would lead him to operate his mills on Sunday. He was fond of hunting and was a fine shot.

Amariah N. Buterbaugh attended the district schools in Green township and lived on the farm settled by his father until he was fifty years of age. In 1900 he moved to Windber and there embarked in the mercantile business and conducted a store for four years. In the fall of 1904 he came to the present site of Lovejoy, although at that time there was no town organization, only the promise of rapid settlement which has been fulfilled. Mr. Buterbaugh conducted a store here for several years and was appointed the first postmaster, an office he has since filled.

On Nov. 2, 1872, Mr. Buterbaugh was married to Sarah Houck, who was born in Green township Oct. 13, 1851, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Myers) Houck. Mr. and Mrs. Buterbaugh have had the following children: Harry R., who lives at Starford, married Minerva Fleming, of Green township, and they have two daughters, Mary and Leona; Elizabeth Ollie is the wife of t. H. Fleming, and they live at Windber and have two children, James Amariah and Beatrice; Agnes is the wife of S. A. Fridley, of Starford; John Henry, who is manager of the Dixon Run Lumber Co., of Lovejoy, married Mary Kimmell, of Bedford county, and they have the following children, Alta Marie, Louis Chalmer, Sarah Margaret, Henry Carl and Elmer Ernest; Louie Bertha is the wife of M. L. McKeown, of Josephine, Pa., and they have three children, Robert Wallace, Louise Ulrica and Sarah Pauline. Mr. Buterbaugh and his family are members of the M. E. Church.

Henry Houck, father of Mrs. Buterbaugh, was born in Germany, and was seven years old when his parents brought him to the United States. They settled in Pennsylvania, securing land first in Rayne township, Indiana county, and moving later to Green township, and there Henry Houck continued to follow farming and stock raising until the close of his life. He died about 1898, near Purchase Line, in Green township. He married Elizabeth Myers, who was born in Pennsylvania, of German ancestry, and they had the following children: David R., who is deceased; William H., who lives at Purchase Line; George F., who also lives at Purchase Line; Joseph, a resident of Green township; Sarah, who became Mrs. Buterbaugh; Hannah, who is the wife of Andrew Buterbaught, a resident of White township; and Henry H., who lives at Purchase Line, Green township.