

ARTHUR M. RIDDELL, has been one of the foremost citizens of the borough of Glen Campbell, Indiana county, a leader in business operations in that section, particularly in the coal industry. Mr. Riddell was born in Philadelphia, Pa., son of John and Mary (Mackey) Riddell, both of whom were natives of County Tyrone, Ireland. The father came to this country in 1862, the mother a little later the same year, and they were married here.

Mr. Riddell obtained his education in the public schools, attending night school after he commenced to work. At the age of thirteen he found a place as office boy, and in time learned telegraphy and became an operator in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. In June, 1889, he came to Glen Campbell, Indiana Co., pa., to become the assistant of Cornelius Campbell in the office of the Glenwood Coal Company, and he was the first telegraph operator for the railroad company in that town. Upon the death of Mr. Campbell he succeeded him as superintendent of the Glenwood Coal company, and in 1902, upon the organization of the Urey Ridge Coal Company, of Urey, this county, he was made general superintendent of both mines—that of the Cymbria Coal Company, of Barnesboro, Pa., and that of the Forge Coal Company, Portage, Pa. Further, he has an interest in the Pioneer Coal Company, of Clearfield, Pa., and is treasurer of the LaSoya Oil Company, of Chelsea, Okla.; treasurer of the Giant Electric Light, Heat & Power Company, of Glen Campbell, which company he helped to organize; and he was one of the organizers of the Glen Water Company of which he is president. His important relations to local undertakings, the high position he occupies in their management, not only serve to show his business ability but also his faith in the future of this region and his earnest desire to aid in the advancement. There are few men doing more for the upbuilding of industrial conditions in this region or for its development along the most modern lines. He resided at Glen Campbell from June, 1899, to April, 1911, since when his home has been at Altoona, Pa. Mr. Riddell is a thirty-second-degree Mason and a Shriner, a Republican in politics, and in religious connection a member of the Presbyterian Church.

On Feb. 18, 1891, Mr. Riddell was married to Mary Highberger, of Greensburg, Pa., daughter of John h. and Mary (Moore) Highberger, and they have had a family of six children: Jean B., Margaret E., Sarah M., Mary Moore, Helen F. and Elizabeth K.