

AZARIAH J. LYDICK, postmaster at Lovejoy, in Green township, Indiana county, is of pioneer stock, his grandfather, John Lydick, having settled in this region at an early day. John Lydick was born in Germany. On coming to Indiana county, Pa., he located in Cherryhill township, where he bought land and engaged in farming the remainder of his life, dying in that township about 1856.

William Lydick, son of John, was born in Indiana county Dec. 22, 1817, and died Feb. 4, 1884, in Green township, at the place where he was born. He began farming at an early age, and followed it all his life. HE married Jane McGuire, also a native of Indiana county, daughter of James McGuire, who was born in Ireland and became an early settler in this county; he was a farmer, and in his younger days taught school in the county. Mrs. Jane (McGuire) Lydick died Jan. 14, 1899. She and her husband had a family of four children: Samantha, who married John Wheeler, of Dixonville, Indiana county; Elliott, of Indiana borough: Azariah J.; and Jane, deceased.

Azariah J. Lydick was born Sept. 22, 1848, in Cherryhill township, and was four years old when his parents moved to Green township, the family settling where the town of Lovejoy now stands. He attended school in Green township, and when a young man became interested in farming there, following agricultural pursuits until he assumed the duties of postmaster at Lovejoy, succeeding Amariah N. Buterbaugh. He received his appointment Oct. 1, 1912. As a farmer Mr. Lydick was successful, and he still owns his farm of eighty acres, which his son, Frank A. Lydick, is operating under his direction. Mr. Lydick is regarded by all who know him as a thoroughly reliable man, his fellow citizens giving proof of their confidence in him by electing him to various local offices of trust. He served three years as auditor of the township and seven years as school director.

On Dec. 29, 1873 Mr. Lydick married Mary Gallaher, who was born May 19, 1842, in Westmoreland county, Pa., daughter of William and Sarah (Stockdale) Gallaher, both of whom are now deceased; they were old settlers in Indiana county. Thirteen children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lydick: William, the eldest, who is deceased; blanche, now the wife of Lawrence Shank, of Green township; Harry, a resident of Dixonville, this county; Jennie, wife of John McCoy, living in Green township; Frank A., who lives in Green township on the farm of his father; Grace, wife of Lloyd Lightner, who is engaged in teaching public school at Lovejoy; Ella, at home; and six who are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Lydick are members of the Baptist Church.