

CHARLES C. PFORDT, until recently superintendent of the Clymer Brick Company, has had a long and active business career. He was born in Allegheny county, Pa., Dec. 29, 1864, son of Charles and Christina Pfordt.

George Pfordt, his paternal grandfather, spent his entire life within the borders of his native country, France. He lived near the city of Nancy.

Charles Pfordt, son of George, and father of Charles C. Pfordt, was born in France and came to the United States in 1859, settling in the city of Pittsburg, Pa., where he established himself in a butchering business. At the outbreak of the Civil war he was one of the first to answer President Lincoln's call for troops, enlisting April 21, 1861, in the 123d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and when his term of three months had expired veteranized and was appointed orderly of his company. Subsequently he became second lieutenant of Company B, 61st Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served one year, three months. On the close of his military service he returned to Pittsburg, where he resumed his business operations, and during the next quarter of a century was a well-known business man of that city. He died there in October, 1901. Mr. Pfordt married Christina Heckel, who was born in Beaver county, Pa., and they had a family of eight children, as follows: Charles C.; Hannah, the wife of James Carnes, of Newcastle, Pa.; Minnie, who is unmarried and engaged as a trained nurse; George, manager for Harmon & Company, of Steubenville, Ohio; Henrietta, wife of Herbert Hoffman, chief bookkeeper for W. & H. Walker, of Pittsburg; Sarah, wife of Frank Moody, manager of the hardware department of the Kaufmann Store, Pittsburg; Henry, who is deceased, and Edward, a member of the 22d Regiment in the United States regular army.

Andrew Heckel, maternal grandfather of Charles C. Pfordt, came from France to the United States in 1827, settling as a pioneer in Beaver county, Pa., and later removing to Butler county, where he spent the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits.

The early education of Charles C. Pfordt was secured in the public schools of Pittsburg and Allegheny City, and he subsequently took a course in Duff's business college. Later he studied art for five years under the noted Professor Leisser, who is now in Europe, but turned his attention to industrial pursuits and became identified with the brick industry. For seven years he was a manufacturer of this single article in Beaver county, then moving to Natrona, Allegheny county, where he spent nine years. His next venture was in the coal and brick business at Seward, Westmoreland Co., Pa., at which place he remained for seven years, at the end of that time coming to Clymer to accept the superintendency of the Clymer Brick Company. Mr. Pfordt is a man of acknowledged business and executive ability, thoroughly trained in his line of work, and under his capable management the firm developed into one of the leaders in its line in the county. This position he held until his removal to Dilltown, near Ebensburg, where he is now engaged in operating a coal mine.

On Aug. 1, 1889, Mr. Pfordt was married in Allegheny county to Nancy E. Eslip, who was born June 3, 1867, at Natrona, Pa., daughter of Frederick and Margaret A. (Potts) Eslip, the former born in Saxony, Germany, near the birthplace of Martin Luther, and the latter in Butler county, Pa. They are now

living in Natrona. Mr. and Mrs. Pfordt have had six children: Frederick, who is deceased; and Eleanor, Margaret, Nancy E., Laura and Charles C., Jr., who are all living at home.

Mr. Pfordt is a member of the Blue Lodge, F. & A.M., of Rochester; Eureka Chapter, No. 257, R.A.M. and Pittsburg Commandery, No. 1, K.T. He and Mrs. Pfordt are consistent members of the Methodist Church.