

CLIFFORD J. OAKES, of Dixonville, manager and bookkeeper for the Dixon Run Lumber Company, is proving himself equal to the demands of that position and worthy of the responsibilities intrusted to him. He was born Nov. 12, 1890, at Conemaugh, Pa., son of William E. Oakes and grandson of John G. Oakes.

Edward Oakes, his great-grandfather, was from Ireland, as was also his wife. They came to Pennsylvania in 1794, first settling near Armagh, Indiana county, and later moving to Burrell township, same county, near Blairsville. Edward Oakes was a soldier in the war of 1812 and also in the Mexican war. After the war he moved to the West, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying in October, 1867, near Iola, Kansas.

John G. Oakes was born in 1832 in Blairsville. He was a farmer in his early days. In 1864 he enlisted in the Union army for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Battery K, 2d Pennsylvania Regiment, and serving until mustered out, in January, 1866. At the battle of the Wilderness he was wounded and captured, being taken to Libby prison, where he was held for nine months. After his discharge he returned to Blairsville. Mr. Oakes married Sarah Kauffman, who was born in 1839 in Johnstown, Pa. Four children were born to this marriage: F. J., the eldest, resides in Fall River, Kans.; Jennie is the wife of J. E. Williams, of Johnstown; William E. is mentioned below; Matthew is deceased.

William E. Oakes attended public school near Blairsville. His first work was on a farm in Kansas, after which he did farm work in Oklahoma. He learned the carpenter's trade in Johnstown, Pa., and followed it there for fifteen years. In 1904 he came to Lovejoy, Indiana county, and thence shortly afterward to Clymer, when the town had just made a start as such. He has been engaged in the lumber trade ever since he settled there, and has built up a lucrative business, being regarded as one of the active and progressive residents of the place. He is very well known in fraternal connections, being a member of Indiana lodge, B.P.O. Elks, and a high Mason, belonging to Cambria Lodge, F. & A.M. , of Johnstown (of which he is a past mater), to the Consistory at Williamsport, and to the Shrine at Altoona.

On Jan. 28, 1890, Mr. Oakes was married, at Johnstown, Pa., to Emma R. Devlin, a native of Johnstown, where her parents were also born. Mrs. Oakes died the mother of ten children, namely: Clifford J., Theodore, Earl, Ruth, Carrie, Carroll, Frank, Bessie, Agnes and Olive.

Clifford J. Oakes obtained his early education at Conemaugh, attending high school there, and later went to the normal school at Indiana, after which he studied bookkeeping. He has since been connected with the Dixon Run Lumber Company, whose employ he entered in 1908 as bookkeeper, and in August, 1911, was also made manager. His work has been creditable and he deserved the appreciation it has received.

On May 13, 1909, Mr. Oakes married Ellen Clawson, who was born at Dixonville, daughter of Andrew B. and Jennie (Bolvin) Clawson, natives of Indiana county, who live at Dixonville. Mr. Clawson is a contractor. Mr. and Mrs. Oakes are members of the Wesleyan Church. They have two children, Clifford C. and Harold Ney.