

DANIEL ENDREWS RISINGER, farmer of Center township, Indiana county, is secretary of the school board of that township and one of the most respected residents of his district. He was born there Feb. 26, 1856, on the home farm of his parents, John and Mary (Hess) Risinger, and is a grandson of Daniel Risinger, whose father, John Henrich Risinger, founded the family in Indiana county. He is descended from Hans Nicklaus Risinger, the emigrant, through John Peter Risinger, John Henrich Risinger, Daniel Risinger and John Risinger. A full account of the earlier generations will be found elsewhere in this work.

Daniel Risinger was born in York county, Pa., and coming west with his family to Indiana county settled in Brushvalley township, where he acquired land and followed farming. He was among the first settlers in his section, and spent the remainder of his life there, dying in the early fifties. He is buried in the Fry cemetery at Mechanicsburg. In religious connection he was a member of the Evangelical Association. He married Susanna Andrews, by whom he had four children: John; George, who settled in West Virginia; Jacob, a veteran of the Civil war, who dies in Brushvalley; and a child that died young.

John Risinger, son of Daniel, was born on the family farm in Brushvalley township, and there attended public school. He worked at home until he reached manhood, when he settled in Center township, on a tract of 136 acres which he improved notably, making a permanent home there. He followed general farming. He associated with the Republican party in politics, and though he did not aspire to office served as school director, displaying a public-spirited interest in the general welfare which proclaimed him a good citizen. In his religious views he was liberal. His wife, Mary (Hess), was born in York county, Pa., daughter of Michael Hess, and died on the farm Jan. 5, 1907, aged eighty-four years. Mr. Risinger was a member of the M. E. Church. They were the parents of children as follows: Susanna, who married Edward Chesley and (second) Archibald Smitten, and is now a widow, residing in Indiana, Pa.; Elizabeth, who is married to Samuel Stewart, of Center township; Catherine, wife of Joseph C. Long, of Indiana, Pa.; Michael Hess; Daniel Endreus; Mary, wife of Thomas S. Phillips, of North Homer; and Nancy, married to James B. Grover, of Homer City, Pennsylvania.

Daniel Endreus Risinger, son of John, grew up on the home farm in Center township and received his education in the local public schools. General farming has been his life work. From early boyhood he worked on the farm for his parents, and for a number of years he has been operating the homestead place on his own account, at present, however, having only the seventy-acre part lying east of the Twolick creek. The balance of the property has been sold to the Rochester Pittsburg Coal & Coke Company. Mr. Risinger is a thrifty and enterprising agriculturist, but though he takes the deepest interest in his home and family has also found time for public service, having been first elected school director of Center township in 1903, since when he has served continuously as a member of the school board, of which he is now secretary. He has never sought office, and though a sincere Republican has not been active in the work of the

party beyond casting his ballot. He is a member and trustee of the M. E. Church, and a strong advocate of temperance.

Mr. Risinger was married Feb. 9, 188, to Hannah E. Robinson, who was born near London, England, daughter of John and Mary (Cunningham) Robinson. They have had six children, born as follows: myrtle, June 25, 1888; Olive May, Oct. 4, 1890; Florence Estella, Jan. 5, 1893; Bertha Virginia, May 3, 1896; John Anthony, April 12, 1900; and Daniel Ernest, May 30, 1905.