

DAVID A. FLEMING, chief engineer for the normal school buildings at Indiana, Pa., during the last twenty-two years, was born April 4, 1863, on the home farm in Rayne township, Indiana Co., Pa., and is a son of Martin J and Martha (Maguire) Fleming.

James Fleming, his great-grandfather, lived and died in Huntingdon county, Pa. He married Rachel Campbell and had a large family, two sons, Samuel and Thomas, coming to Indiana county, Pennsylvania.

Samuel Fleming, one of the sons of James, who settled in Indiana county, lived first in Armstrong county upon coming to this section, thence moving to Indiana county and buying a farm in what is now Washington township. Here he lived and died, passing away in 1861, aged seventy-six years. He married Elizabeth Fleming, daughter of William Fleming, and they had children as follows: James, Thomas, Jane, Annie, Nancy, William B., Martin (father of David A.), Eliza L., Margaret, Sarah and Martha J.

David A. Fleming attended the district schools and worked on his father's farm until he was eighteen years of age, at which time he left home to make his won way in the world. After spending several years at farm work he secured a position with the Hughes & Guthrie Lumber Company, of Twolicks, with which concern he was connected three years, the greater part of his work being the care of engines and boilers. Mr. Fleming then came to Indiana, where in 1891 he accepted his present position, being engineer at the normal school building—there being only one at that time; now there are five separate structures, in which he takes care of the machinery, lights and power. The principal of the school when he first became associated with the institution was Rev. W. S. Owens, a resident at this time of California, who was succeeded by Charles W. Dean, now superintendent of public schools of Bridgeport, Conn. Mr. Fleming was reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church, and his political proclivities are those of the Republican party.

On Oct. 31, 1885, Mr. Fleming was married to Sarah A. Rairigh, of Grant township, daughter of George and Mattie (Spicher) Rairigh. Mrs. Fleming is a sister of Rev. G. S. Rairigh, a German Baptist preacher, who is now in charge of the pastorate of Denton, Md., and has traveled extensively in foreign countries. Mr. and Mrs. Fleming have had the following children: Edith May, Harry Clair, Albert Clyde, Kenneth C. and Lillian Beatrice.