

D. DONALD PATTERSON, former principal of the school at Clymer, Indiana Co., Pa., was born in Green township, Indiana county, Jan. 21, 1886, son of William E. and Jane M. (Griffith) Patterson, and a grandson of Thomas and Magdalena Patterson and of Thomas and Margaret Griffith. Thomas Patterson was born in Cherryhill township, Indiana county, July 7, 1814, and his wife Magdalena (Dunkel) was born in Brushvalley township, this county, June 1, 1820. They were married May 9, 1844, and located near the Salem Church in Green township, where they resided until his death, May 11, 1888. She still survives, being in her ninety-fourth year. Thomas Griffith and his wife Margaret (Williams) were both born in Wales, on Oct. 8, 1812, and Dec. 18, 1820, respectively. They were married Jan. 7, 1847, and came to this country in 1851, locating near the site of Salem Church.

William E. Patterson was born in Indiana county Jan. 2, 1850, and has spent his life here, still carrying on agricultural operations on his farm in Green township. On July 4, 1878, he married Jane M. Griffith, born Jan. 7, 1859, also a native and resident of Indiana county, and they have three children, namely: Leona Adeline, born June 11, 1879, who is the wife of H. W. Cameron, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Edna Evelyn, born Oct. 31, 1881, who is the wife of E. F. Parry, residing near Pineflats, Indiana county; and Dwight Donald.

D. Donald Patterson attended the country schools in Green township and as a youth worked on his father's farm. Later he was a student in the Rural normal summer school and prepared himself for teaching, entering the educational field in 1903, and since then has continued in what he has found to be congenial work. He taught two terms in the Griffith school in Pine township, later taught the East Branch school in Barr township, Cambria county, and the Gardner school in Susquehanna township, also in Cambria county, and afterward was principal of the Cherrytree schools, in Indiana county. In 1910 he was called to Clymer to become principal of the Clymer school, and this position he filled very acceptably until he went to pursue higher studies in Juniata College, at Huntingdon, Pa. He is an active member of the Presbyterian Church and is well known in the pleasant social life of Clymer. He is a constant student, and keeps well informed concerning all public affairs, taking special interest in all movements that appear contributive to educational advancement.