

ELLIOTT M. LYDICK, a veteran of the Civil war, now a resident of Indiana, Indiana Co., Pa., was born Dec. 2, 1844, in Cherryhill township, this county, a son of William Lydick.

William Lydick was born on what was known as the old blockhouse farm in Cherryhill township, Indiana county, Sept. 27, 1816, and passed his youth there. With the patriotic spirit of the times he joined the State militia, and was a well-known man in every way. He married Jane McGuire, who was born in 1826 in Cherryhill township, a daughter of James and Mary (Kunkle) McGuire. After marriage he bought a farm in Cherryhill township, and lived there for several years, when he moved to green township. Originally a Whig, he later became a Republican, and held a number of the township offices, including that of supervisor for years. His death occurred Feb. 4, 1884, his widow surviving until 1898. They were Baptists in religious faith. The children born to this excellent couple were: Samantha, who married John Wheeler, and resides at Dixonville, this county; Elliott M.; Azariah J., who resides in Green township, married to Mary Gallagher; and Anna Jane, who died young.

Elliott M. Lydick was a small boy when his father returned to green township, and there he grew to manhood. On Feb. 22, 1864, he enlisted in the United States Signal Service, Army of the Potomac, and participated in the activities attending the surrender of General Lee, being discharged from the service Aug. 16, 1865, at Washington, D. C.

On Nov. 28, 1867, Mr. Lydick was untied in marriage with Lucinda Buterbaugh, who was born in Montgomery township, this county, July 17, 1849, a daughter of David and Anna (Langham) Buterbaugh. After his marriage Mr. Lydick bought 100 acres of land in Green township, where he remained until 1903, at which time he removed to his present residence on Oak street, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Lydick became the parents of children as follows: George B., who resides at Dayton, Armstrong Co., Pa., married Sadie George; Annie Jane married Adam Hawk, and resides at Punxsutawney, Pa.; Rosa May, who married Charles Burrus, resides in Punxsutawney, Pa.; Mary S. married George Straitiff, and resides in Punxsutawney; Clara B. married Fred Jones, and resides in Punxsutawney; Gertrude married John W. Smith; John R. died when two years old; Elmer D., who married Cecelia Morgan and (second) Louise Scheffer, resides in Detroit, Mich.; Esty M. married Bessie Palmer; Luella M. married Charles Adams, and resides in Johnstown, Pa.; Mabel V. is at home.

Mr. Lydick is a deacon in the Baptist Church of Cookport and has held that office for thirty years. He is now a teacher in the Sunday school connected with the Baptist Church of Indiana. For forty years he was leader of the church choir, and is still a member of the Baptist Church choir of Indiana. Originally a Republican in politics, he has become a Progressive, and ranks himself with the Bull Moose element of the country. For several years he has served Indiana Post No. 28, G.A.R., as commander, and is very well known not only among his old comrades, but also to many others who recognize and appreciate his value as a citizen and his worth as a man. He served as justice of the peace of Green township, for a period of seven years, and for several years as auditor, and for about twenty years was clerk of the election board.