

EMERSON R. CARNEY, a farmer of Pine township, was born in what is now Buffington (then a portion of Pine) township, Indiana Co., Pa., March 20, 1853, son of Samuel Carney, and grandson of James Carney.

James Carney lived in Pine and Buffington townships, dying in the latter when he was sixty years of age. He was a farmer all of his active life. His wife was born in White township, Indiana county, and died aged eighty-eight years. Their children were; James, Hamilton, Thompson, Samuel and Julia Ann.

Samuel Carney was born in Pine township. Early in life he worked in the mines, but later on became a farmer in Buffington and Pine townships, owning a property of 103 acres in the former township. During the Civil war he served as a soldier, enlisting in Company G, 206th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was in the army for a year, or until the close of the war. His death occurred in Buffington township when he was seventy years old, and he is buried in the cemetery in that township. Samuel Carney married Ellen Moke, who was born in Germany and was brought to the United States when five years old. Her death occurred in Buffington township when she was seventy-five years old. She is buried in the new cemetery at Strongstown. Her mother, a native of Germany, died in Westmoreland county, when ninety-four years old. Children as follows were born to Samuel Carney and his wife: Sarah Jane, born March 2, 1847; William A., born April 15, 1849; Alexander, born April 8, 1851; Emerson R.; and two who are deceased, Charles W. and Samuel E.

Emerson R. Carney was sent to the public schools of his township, and at the same time was taught to make himself useful on the homestead. He also learned to make shingles and was engaged at this line of work, in conjunction with farming in Buffington township, until he came to his present property in the fall of 1875, settling on it on Nov. 9th. This farm is in Pine township, near Strongstown, and comprises forty-eight acres. In addition Mr. Carney owns the homestead in Buffington of 103 acres, and forty-two additional acres in Pine township. He continues his farming operations and is one of the successful men of his district. A Democrat, he has served as township clerk for one year, constable for six years and overseer of the poor for three years.

On March 12, 1874, Mr. Carney married Nancy M. Strong, a daughter of Moses Strong, of Strongstown, born Feb. 23, 1857. the town was named for the Strong family. Mr. and Mrs. Carney have had the following children: Frank A., born Dec. 25, 1875, married Linie Rhoads, of Strongstown, Pa.; Emma B., born Sept. 25, 1878, married Bert Adams; Bertha K., born Oct. 29, 1884, married Victor Graham; and Merritt B., born Feb. 17, 1894, at home.