

HARRY CALVIN WATT PATTERSON, president and treasurer of the Patterson Milling Company, of Saltsburg, Indiana county, present burgess of that borough, is one of the leading citizens of that section, where in business and official connections he has been able to advance local interest in various ways. He was born at Murrysville, Westmoreland Co., Pa., Oct. 29, 1878, son of the late Martin V. Patterson and grandson of Martin Patterson.

Martin Patterson, the grandfather, was a native of Ireland, born in County Down, and married in that country Ann Kidd, of the same county. On coming to America they settled near Murrysville, in Westmoreland county, Pa., where Mr. Patterson became extensively interested in farming, owning a tract of three hundred acres. He died in 1865, at the age of sixty-nine years, his wife passing away in 1874, at the age of seventy-seven. In politics he was a Democrat, and both were members of the Presbyterian Church. They had the following children: James, David, Samuel, Joseph, Jane, Martin V., Sadie, Rebecca and Bell.

Martin V. Patterson, son of Martin, was born Dec. 12, 1839, at Murrysville, in Franklin township, Westmoreland county, and received a common school education. When a young man he entered the employ of the Pittsburg Street Railway Company, and in 1861 went to Oil City, Pa., being interested in the oil business for a number of years following, first as a well driller, but soon becoming a contractor, operating in different fields in western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and northern West Virginia. In 1875 he became engaged in the sawmill business in Indiana and Westmoreland counties, Pa., carrying it on until 1881, when he established a waterpower flour mill on the Conemaugh river at Saltsburg. In 1885 he formed a partnership with John Hershey and they purchased the Saltsburg Flouring Mill, which they conducted under the firm name of the Saltsburg Flouring Mill Company until 1900. The waterpower of this mill was destroyed by the Johnstown flood in 1889. In 1890 Mr. Patterson remodeled his mill, putting in steam and the roller process and continued to manufacture high and fancy grades of roller flour, most of which went to supply the local demand, though some was shipped to other markets. In 1903 Mr. Patterson admitted his son Harry to partnership, and the elder man retained his interest and connection with the business until his death, which occurred July 14, 1909. He is buried in the Saltsburg cemetery.

Mr. Patterson was one of the foremost men in the administration of public affairs in Saltsburg in his day. He served fifteen years as a school director, ten years as member of the town council, and two terms as burgess, and was once a candidate for sheriff of Indiana county. He was prominent in all matters affecting the welfare of his town and county, was a Democrat in political association, and in his religious connection was a Presbyterian and active in church work, holding the office of trustee. He was particularly well known in the fraternal bodies, holding membership in Williamson Lodge, No. 431, F. & A.M., Local Branch no. 141, Order of the Iron Hall; Kiskiminetas Castle, No. 223, Knights of the Golden Eagle; Saltsburg Commandery, No. 22, K. G. E.; Saltsburg Council, No. 381, Royal Arcanum; Loyal Lodge, No. 165, Knights of Honor; and Diamond Council, No. 248, Jr. O.U.A.M.

On June 15, 1876, Mr. Patterson married Anna L. Watt, daughter of Judge Isaac Watt, of Homer City, this county, who served one term as associate judge of the courts of Indiana county. Mrs. Patterson now makes her home with her son Harry at Saltsburg. Two children were born to her and her husband: Harry C. W. and Grace Rella, the latter the wife of Dr. J. K. Beatty, of Ford City, Pennsylvania.

Harry C. W. Patterson obtained his early education in the common schools of Saltsburg and Saltsburg high school, graduating from the latter, and then attended the Kiskiminetas Springs School, from which he was graduated. Then he took a course at the Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., from which he was graduated in 1896, and also attended the State normal school at Indiana, Pa. During the Spanish-American war Mr. Patterson was in the service nine months, as a member of Company D, 5<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was stationed at Chickamauga. After that experience he went to the University of Pennsylvania, where he studied dentistry for two years, but he did not finish his preparation for the profession. For a time he was in the employ of the United States Steel Company, at Vandergrift, Pa., as paymaster, and then became his father's partner in the flour milling business, in which he has ever since been interested. On Sept. 13, 1911, the mill was destroyed by fire, and he is now erecting a new plant, 40 by 60 feet in dimensions, five stories high, to be equipped with the most approved up-to-date machinery, and operated throughout by electricity. It will be the model establishment of its kind in this region. The business was incorporated in 1911 as the Patterson Milling Company, of which Mr. Patterson is president and treasurer. He also has extensive real estate interests in and around Saltsburg, and has had some important dealings in that line.

Mr. Patterson has been actively associated with the local government, has served as borough auditor for six years, and in 1909 was elected burgess, in which office he still is serving. He is one of the most popular officials of Saltsburg, his wideawake disposition and progressive spirit doing much to encourage and promote local enterprises. In politics he is a Republican. Fraternally he belongs to several orders, the Elks, Odd Fellows and Masons, and has been prominent in such circles, being a past grand in the Odd Fellows and a past mater of Williamson Lodge, No. 431, of Saltsburg. He is a member of Kedron Commandery, No. 18, Knights Templars, of Greensburg, and of Syria Temple, Mystic Shrine, of Pittsburg. Mr. Patterson has the Masonic papers his grandfather brought to this country from Ireland, introducing him to the fraternity, dated 1829. His religious connection is with the Presbyterian Church, to which his wife and mother also belong.

On June 10, 1906, Mr. Patterson married Marion Dougherty, daughter of James R. and Ellen (Welsh) Dougherty, of Newcastle, Pa., and they have one child, Martin, born Sept. 7, 1907.