

HARRY E. LYDICK, who was engaged in the drug business in the borough of Clymer, Indiana county, for several years, was born April 17, 1873, in Cherryhill township, and belongs to one of the oldest families of this region.

John Lydick, his great-grandfather, the founder of the family in this country, was a native of Holland. On coming to America he first settled at Hannastown, Westmoreland Co., Pa., where he engaged in farming. In the year 1760 he brought his family to Indiana county, settling in what is now Cherryhill township, where they built a fort, part of which is still standing. The following year the hostility of the Indians drove them back into Westmoreland county, where they remained for seven years before again venturing to live at their new home. When they returned they settled permanently in Cherryhill township, on the farm which is still in the family, and here John Lydick died at an advanced age. He served in Revolutionary war. One of his descendants is Harry S. Lydick, of Pittsburg, deputy United States district attorney, who is a second cousin of Harry E. Lydick.

Jacob Lydick, son of John, grew to manhood in Cherryhill township, where he lived and died. He reached the ripe old age of ninety-four years.

Patrick Lydick, son of Jacob, also passed his entire life in Cherryhill township. Like his father and grandfather he lived to be very old. His family consisted of three children, all now deceased.

Russell Lydick, son of Patrick, was born March 20, 1834, in Cherryhill township, on the farm where his great-grandfather had settled, and farmed there all his life, dying on that place Jan. 18, 1900. He married Nannie Martin, who was born in Cherryhill township March 12, 1851, and to them were born five children, three sons and two daughters, namely: William, the oldest, resides on the old family homestead in Cherryhill township; Elizabeth is the wife of Levi Houck, of Onberg, Indiana county; Harry E. is mentioned below; John P. also resides on the old home place, he and his brother William cultivating the property; Ella M. is the wife of Earl Long, and resides in the borough of Indiana. Mrs. Lydick died May 20, 1882.

William Martin, father of Mrs. Nannie (Martin) Lydick, was born in February, 1819, in Cherryhill township, son of John Martin, a native of Ireland, who on coming from that country to the United States settled in that township and engaged in farming there. His son William also followed that occupation, and both died in Cherryhill township. William Martin married Martha MacCauley, who was born in County Donegal, Ireland, and was only three years old when her parents came to America. The family lived first on Long Island, and then came to Armstrong county, Pa., where they made a permanent settlement. William and Martha (MacCauley) Martin had a family of nine children, two of whom survive: John, who lives at Tyrone, Pa.; and George, living at Indiana, Pennsylvania.

Harry E. Lydick obtained his schooling in Cherryhill township. Meantime he began farming but when eighteen he began to teach school there, being thus engaged in his home township for seven years and later in Rayne township, this county, for one year. Taking up the study of pharmacy, first under Dr. Stevens, he engaged in the drug business after the completion of his course, establishing his store at Clymer in 1906. That was in the early days of the borough, and he

assisted in organizing the town. His business expanded steadily with its growth, and he built up a prosperous trade, which continued on the increase until he disposed of his store recently. Mr. Lydick is a member of Indiana Lodge, No. 346, I.O.O.F.

On Aug. 24, 1909, Mr. Lydick married Esther Delmer, the ceremony taking place at Niagara Falls, N.Y. She is a native of Houtzdale, Clearfield Co., Pa., born April 20, 1889, daughter of Enoch and Mary (McCabe) Delmer, natives of England, the father born in London, the mother in the County of Durham. They settled early at Houtzdale, and Mr. Delmer engaged in mining. He and his wife now live in Cambria county, Pa. They have had the following children: Priscilla, wife of Clarence Getty, of Houtzdale, Pa.; Maggie, deceased, wife of David Davis, of Scranton, Pa.; Mary, wife of Frank Kittleberger, of Clearfield, Pa.; John, living at home: Esther, Mrs. Lydick; and James, Nan, George, Nellie and William, all at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lydick have had one child, Russell, who was born Jan. 28, 1911.