

HARRY E. MAHAN, though scarcely in his prime at the time of his death, Nov. 20, 1900, was one of the most esteemed residents of his district. As a progressive farmer and stock raiser, a man active in public affairs and interested in advancing the welfare of the community, he had made an enviable reputation, and he left an honored name. Mr. Mahan was born May 22, 1862, in Washington township, Indiana county, on the farm now managed by his two sons.

This Mahan family came originally from Ireland, where Patrick Mahan: grandfather of Harry E. Mahan, was born. He came to America with his father, John Mahan, and settled on a tract of 225 acres in Washington township, Indiana Co., Pa., building a log cabin within a few rods of the site of the handsome modern residence now on that place. He cleared the land and improved it greatly during his long life, dying June 30, 1871, at the age of eighty-seven years. He was a Seceder, and joined the Presbyterian Church in his neighborhood. In politics he was an abolitionist and Republican. We have the following record of his children: Rebecca died Sept. 16, 1876, aged sixty-three years; Mary, born April 23, 1816, married George Trimble, and died Sept. 3, 1893; Margaret died Dec. 21, 1847, aged twenty-nine years; Martha, born Sept. 28, 1829, married William Rong, and died Feb. 9, 1912; Jennie, born Feb. 21, 1831, died April 7, 1906; Elizabeth, born March 23, 1833, married James Dickson, who died Aug. 1, 191, aged sixty-seven years, two days, and Mrs. Dickson now makes her home on the Mahan farm in Washington township which William H. and James C. Mahan, sons of Harry E. Mahan, conduct (she had no children by Mr. Dickson, but he had two by a previous marriage to Eliza Jane Robinson, John, now deceased, and Elizabeth, Mrs. Warner, of Saltsburg); Nancy Ann, born in 1835, is Mrs. Andrew Duncan; David B., born Feb. 2, 1837, was a well-known school teacher, having taught for forty terms; Ebenezer, born Dec. 8, 1838, entered the Union army during the Civil war and was killed May 27, 1864, while taking part in Sherman's march to the sea.

Harry E. Mahan was educated in the common schools and at the Indiana State normal school. During his young manhood he taught four or five terms of school in Washington township, and was married just before the beginning of his last term. Then he settled on the farm where he resided the rest of his life and which is now owned by his heirs. It consists of 125 acres in Washington township, upon which he made extensive improvements, bringing the property into most profitable shape. In addition to general farming he made a specialty of stock raising, breeding registered Percheron horses, Jersey cattle, Shropshire sheep and Berkshire hogs.

Mr. Mahan was a most enterprising man, and took a public-spirited interest in the good of the community, encouraging the various movements for the general welfare which seemed to him to promise good results. Originally a Republican in politics, he later became a prominent member of the Prohibition party, of which he was county chairman. He served his township as auditor. In church connection he was a United Presbyterian, and he was a teacher in the Sunday school.

'On Feb. 11, 1886, Mr. Mahan married Ida B. Lydic, who was born Oct. 29, 1862, in Washington township, daughter of William H. Lydic, and they had two sons: William H. born Sept. 19, 1887, and James C., born Jan. 16, 1890.

WILLIAM H. MAHAN obtained his early education in the common schools and later attended the State Normal school at Indiana, Grove City College and Muskingum College. He taught four terms of school in Indiana, meantime, in partnership with his brother, also engaging in the farm work on the place lately owned by their father. The brothers continue to work along the lines laid down by their father, looking after their agricultural work in the most approved modern fashion and raising registered stock which has quite a reputation in the neighborhood.

JAMES C. MAHAN received his literary education in the local common schools, Indiana State normal school and Grove City College, and is now preparing for the medical profession, having only one more year of study before him to complete his course. Meantime he has also engaged in teaching in Indiana county and W. H. Mahan, his brother, is looking after the fine family estate.