

HARRY FLICKINGER is one of the most progressive business men of Homer City and his section of Indiana county, Pa., and as his father's successor as merchant and undertaker is upholding a name which has long stood for solid worth in that vicinity. He was born in Homer City Nov. 8, 1869, and is a member of a family which has been settled in Pennsylvania from Provincial days.

The Flickinger family is of Dutch extraction. Peter Flickinger, the founder of this line in America, was born in Rotterdam, Holland, Sept. 14, 1753, and there grew to manhood. At the age of twenty-three years he left his native land for America, and made a location in Dauphin county, Pa. His wife's maiden name was Decker, and they had five sons: Christian, Peter, Henry, George and John.

George Flickinger, son of Peter, settled in the Cumberland valley, in what is now Perry county, Pa. He lived to the age of ninety-three years.

Abraham Flickinger, son of George, was born Feb. 6, 1804, in Perry county, Pa., where he grew to manhood. On April 25, 1826, he was married there to Anna Postelwait, who was born Feb. 4, 1804, daughter of Samuel Postelwait, of England, and in 1836 they moved out to Indiana county, Pa., locating on a tract of 160 acres in Center township. Mr. Flickinger erected a log house upon that property and settled down to farming, continuing to devote himself to the cultivation of his land for over twenty-five years. In 1858 he moved to Homer City, making his home there on a tract of nineteen acres which he bought and on which he passed the remainder of his life. He died March 20, 1885, and was buried in Greenwood cemetery, at Indiana. Mr. Flickinger was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Mechanicsburg, in Brushvalley township, and in politics he was originally a Whig, later a Republican. Mrs. Flickinger passed away Feb. 1, 1884, and is also buried in Greenwood cemetery. They had a large family, as follows: Barbara, born March 6, 1828, married Jesse Mickel and resides in Hancock county, Ill.; George W., born June 5, 1830, married Sarah A. Kurtz; Samuel, born Feb. 18, 1832, married Eliza Z. Fee, of Brushvalley; Elizabeth, born April 3, 1834, married Robert Loughry; Margaret Susan, born March 31, 1837, married Joseph Mickel; Christianna, born May 25, 1839, married Henry Miller; John A., born May 5, 1841, a Lutheran minister now located at Washington, D. C., married Wilmina Hendrickson; James Simpson was born Dec. 24, 1844; David J., born Nov. 3, 1846, died in Rock Island, Ill.; Lewis P., born May 29, 1849, married Jennie Lucas and lives in Charleroi, Pennsylvania.

James Simpson Flickinger, son of Abraham, born Dec. 24, 1844, attended public school in Center township and was reared on his father's farm. In March, 1865, he enlisted for service in the Union army, becoming a member of Company G, 103d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. Joseph Daugherty and Col. R. Lyman. He served four months, being on duty at Roanoke Island and Camp Palmer, N. C., where he continued until after the close of the war. Upon his return home he went to work driving team, and later became engaged in carpenter work and contracting. In 1872 he embarked in business as an undertaker and he continued to follow that line for a period of thirty-three years, until his retirement in 1906, when he sold out to his son Harry. Meantime he was also employed in

the mercantile and livery business for fifteen years. MR. Flickinger acquired various interests during his active career, erected his own fine dwelling and store room, and put up a number of houses which he rents. Thus he has done his share toward the material upbuilding of the borough, while he has also been interested in his government and general welfare, having served as a member of the borough council and as a member of the school board. He is a Republican in politics. Mr. Flickinger has long been a member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he is a leading worker, having served as elder and Sunday school teacher. He was married Feb. 20, 1866 to Amanda J. Peddicord, a native of Blairsville, Indiana county, daughter of Richard and Hannah G. (Allison) Peddicord, and they have had a family of four children: Maud, deceased, wife of Charles Wage; Harry; Edith, married to Joseph Clark, of Homer City; and James Albert, who married Nell Roberts.

Harry Flickinger, son of James S. Flickinger, obtained his education in the public schools of Homer City. For fifteen years he worked along with his father, learning the mercantile business, and then for some time he was in the employ of Joseph Wharton Coal & Coke Company of Coral, Pa., of which he became assistant superintendent. He was with that concern until he bought out his father in 1906, and during his service with them, and under his supervision, the company expanded nearly one million dollars in improvements and building up the property. He resigned when his father retired and purchased the general mercantile business the latter had established, as well as the undertaking business. Mr. Flickinger was thoroughly qualified himself to conduct the latter branch, having taken a special course in embalming, and he has been notably successful, being the leading undertaker in Indiana county outside of the borough of Indiana. He is a man of enterprise and wide-awake ideas, is noted for his genial disposition and friendly manners, as well as his business-like methods, and he has done well in the mercantile line, increasing his trade steadily. He is a director in the Homer City national Bank, and has served one term as burgess of the borough. Mr. Flicking is independent in political matters, though a Republican in principle and a stanch admirer of Roosevelt and his policies. He is well and favorably known in local fraternal circles, belonging to the Masons, the Odd Fellows, Woodmen of the World and Knights of the Golden Eagle. He is a member of the Homer City M. E. Church and has served as one of its trustees for twenty years. In 1890 Mr. Flickinger married Lottie Sickenberger, daughter of Henry Sickenberger, of Homer City, and they have three children, Lisle Stanley, Harry Carlton and Virginia. Mrs. Flickinger is a member of the M. E. Church, and for a number of years served as organist. She is fond of music and of artistic temperament, and though devoted to her home and family enjoy social life. She is a faithful member of the Fortnight Club of Homer City, of which she was one of the organizers.