

HARRY M. ELLIOTT, postmaster and leading general merchant at Armagh, East Wheatfield township, Indiana Co., Pa., was born at Armagh June 22, 1862, son of Alexander Elliott, and grandson of James Elliott.

James Elliott was a merchant and tavern-keeper at Armagh, his hotel and store being in a log building on Philadelphia street. He spent his life in the village and died there in 1825. His wife, Sarah, died Jan. 26, 1839.

Alexander Elliott, son of James Elliott, was born in 1799, and followed mercantile pursuits at Armagh, where the family has been represented for over a century. For a period he had a partner in his general store, his brother-in-law, Stephen A. Johnston. The business has descended to Harry M. Elliott, and is located in the building put up by Alexander Elliott. In addition to his mercantile interests Mr. Elliott was extensively engaged in farming and stock raising, and also dealt in cattle and horses, specializing on the latter, of which he was a very good judge. Another branch of his business was teaming to Blairsville during the time the Graff brothers were engaged in business. Successful in all his undertakings, he developed into one of the leading men of his day and locality, and influenced local history materially. His death occurred June 20, 1869, when he was seventy years old, and his remains were laid to rest in the cemetery belonging to the Armagh Presbyterian Church.

Alexander Elliott was twice married, his first wife being Elizabeth Wakefield, whom he married April 28, 1829. She was born April 29, 1809, daughter of Robert Wakefield, and is buried in the Armagh Presbyterian Church cemetery. The children of this marriage were: Mary Elizabeth, born May 15, 1830, married Stephen Alexander Johnston, of Armagh; James, born July 10, 1835, died in 1840; and Sarah Jane, born May 6, 1841, married Samuel Evans. On July 11, 1842, Alexander Elliott was married (second) to Mrs. Margaret (Bell) Scott, and daughter of John and Rebecca Bell. By her first marriage Mrs. Elliott had one daughter, Mrs. William Lintner, of Burrell township. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott became the parents of the following children: Martha Ellen, born June 2, 1844, married John Cunningham; Rebecca Jane, born March 25, 1845, died young; Emma Eliza married John Thompson, of East Wheatfield township; Hattie Bell married Samuel Cunningham, an attorney of Indiana, and died in 1910; Alexander Hanson, born April 3, 1852, died May 15, 1855; Roselia, born Nov. 20, 1854, married Isaac Wilson, of Wilkinsburg, Pa.; Margaret, born July 15, 1857, died Sept. 19, 1857; John, born Nov. 4, 1858, died in infancy; Harry M. was born June 22, 1862.

Harry M. Elliott was but seven years old when he had the misfortune to lose his father, but he was brought up by a careful Christian mother, and sent to school in Armagh, and to the Indiana (Pa.) State normal school. In 1882 he entered the store his father had conducted for so many years, buying an interest in the business from James W. Mack and Christopher E. Campbell, the firm name being changed to Mack, Campbell & Co. Eventually he bought out his partners and since then has conducted the business alone, carrying a general mercantile line. For many years he has been postmaster, having been appointed successively under Presidents Harrison, McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft, and has been loyal in his adherence to the Republican party. In addition to serving as

postmaster, Mr. Elliott has been a good school director, and is ever ready to aid in advancing the general good of his community. The Methodist Church of Armagh holds his membership and he is a trustee of same and superintendent of the Sunday school.

On Nov. 5, 1884, Mr. Elliott was married to Emma Holmes, born at Blairsville, Pa., daughter of Abraham Holmes. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott are the parents of four children: Raymond Holmes, Alexander Scott, Harry Lloyd and Lillian, the latter dying when five months old.