

HARRY P. RHOADS, cashier of the Blairsville National Bank, of Blairsville, Indiana county, entered that institution as clerk in may, 1903, and has been connected with the bank continuously since. His grandfather, Jeremiah Rhoads, came to this part of Pennsylvania from Berks county, his father, John W. Rhoads, living here from 1858 until his death.

John W. Rhoads was born in berk's county June 24, 1840. he was engaged in the mercantile business for some time at Indiana, Indiana county, and Livermore, Westmoreland county, and then became station agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Blairsville Intersection, Westmoreland county, holding that position the rest of his life –a period of twenty-eight years. His death, which was accidental, occurred in 1899. He married Amanda Bell, and they had children: Maggie N. (died in childhood), Harry P. and Charles B.

Harry P. Rhoads was born at Indiana Oct. 4, 1867, and there received his education. For several years during his early manhood he was engaged as a music teacher. He then became a telegraph operator, and upon his father's death succeeded him as agent at Blairsville Intersection. In May, 1903, he took a position as clerk in the Blairsville National Bank, and in 1905 was made cashier, which position he still holds. Mr. Rhoads has won deserved recognition among his fellow citizens of Blairsville as a responsible and thoroughly reliable man, and the position he has gained by his efficiency and integrity is the best part of his success. He is a Mason (Blue Lodge) and a member of the M. E. Church, in the work of which he has been quite prominent, at present serving as steward and treasurer.

On Sept. 25, 1890, Mr. Rhoads married Elizabeth Hill, daughter of Christopher and Jemima Hill, and they had three children: Ina Bell, now Mrs. George Skinner, whose husband is a machinist of Blairsville: Stella Celia, a graduate of the Indiana State normal school and Mabel Edna, a graduate of Blairsville high school. The mother of these died May 16, 1899, at Blairsville Intersection, and on June 5, 1901, Mr. Rhoads married (second) Elizabeth Allison, daughter of Robert O. and Catherine Allison, of Center township. To this union also have been born three children: Eva Gladys, Myra Elizabeth and John Robert.