

HARRY R. BUTERBAUGH, for several years a contractor in the town of Lovejoy, Indiana county, was born Oct. 21, 1872, in Green township, and is a son of Amariah N. and Sarah (Houck) Buterbaugh.

William Buterbaugh, great-grandfather of Harry R. Buterbaugh, was born in Maryland, from which State he moved to Pennsylvania and settled first in Huntingdon county, later moving to Indiana county. He was the father of eight children.

John Buterbaugh, son of William, and grandfather of Harry R. Buterbaugh, was born in Maryland in 1799 and lived to the age of ninety-six years. He accompanied his father to Pennsylvania and lived for several years in Huntingdon county, later settling in what is now known as Pleasant Valley, Green township, Indiana county, the family acquiring 300 acres of land. In October, 1831, John Buterbaugh married Elizabeth Learn, a daughter of John Learn, and to them thirteen children were born, seven daughters and six sons, as follows: Mary, who was the wife of John Cook, both now deceased; Elizabeth, who married A. K. Reed, both now deceased; Henry L. and Levi, deceased; Simon, a resident of Indiana, Pa.; Sarah A., the widow of D. P. Reed; Susan, who married Franklin Nupp, a veteran of the Civil war, residing at Windber, Pa.; Isaac, living in Cherryhill township, Indiana county; Catherine, deceased, who was the wife of N. W. Baker; Ella, deceased; Amariah N.; Andrew, a resident of Indiana; and one who died in infancy. After coming to Indiana the father of the above family engaged in the milling business, erecting a saw and grist mill. He was a shrewd and successful business man, but was a strict observer of the Sabbath, and no inducement could be brought to bear that would lead him to operate his mills on Sunday. He was fond of hunting and was a fine shot.

Amariah N. Buterbaugh, son of John, and father of Harry R. Buterbaugh, attended the schools of Green township and lived on the farm settled by his father until he was fifty years of age. In 1900 he moved to Windber and there embarked in the mercantile business, conducting a store for four years. In the fall of 1903 he came to the present site of Lovejoy, although, at that time, there was no town organization. Mr. Buterbaugh conducted a store here for several years and was appointed the first postmaster, an office, which he has since held. On Nov. 2, 1871, he was married to Sarah Houck, who was born in Green township Oct. 13, 1851, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Myers) Houck. Mr. and Mrs. Buterbaugh have had the following children; Harry R.; Elizabeth Ollie, who is the wife of T. H. Fleming, has two children, James Amariah and Beatrice, and lives at Windber; Agnes, who is the wife of S. A. Fridler, of Starford; John Henry, who married Mary Kimmel, of Bedford county, and has five children, Alta M., Chalmer L., Sarah M., Henry C. and Elmer E. (Mr. Buterbaugh is manager of the Dixon Run Lumber Company); and Louie Bertha, the youngest member of the family, who is now the wife of M. L. McKeown, of Josephine, Pa., and has three children, Robert Wallace, Louise Ulrica and Sarah Pauline.

Henry Houck, the maternal grandfather of Harry R. Buterbaugh, was born in Germany, and was seven years of age when he was brought by his parents to the United States. They settled in Pennsylvania, securing land first in Rayne township, this county, and moving later to Green township, and there Henry

Houck continued to follow farming and stock raising until the close of his life. He died about 1898, near Purchase Line, in Green township. He married Elizabeth Myers, who was born in Pennsylvania, of German ancestry, and they had the following children: David R., William H., George F., Joseph, Sarah, Hannah and Henry H.

Harry R. Buterbaugh was educated in the schools of Green township, and as a young man learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed for several years, subsequently engaging in the flour and feed business and conducting a mill in Lovejoy, as a member of the firm known as the Buterbaugh & Krider Co. Later he sold his interest to S. A. Krider, and with his brother, John H., engaged in contracting and carpenter work, building up a successful business. He has come to be regarded as one of his community's progressive and enterprising citizens. He is now located at Starford.

On Jan. 21, 1897, Mr. Buterbaugh was married to Minerva Fleming, who was born in Green township, daughter of James and Sarah (Lutman) Fleming, natives of Green township, the former of whom is deceased, while the latter resides at Mitchells Mills. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Buterbaugh, Mary and Leona. Mr. and Mrs. Buterbaugh attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is active in Masonry, belonging to the minor branches at Ebensburg, to the Consistory at Williamsport and to the Mystic Shrine at Altoona.