

HARRY ROYER DILL, son of James Coulter Dill, was born March 13, 1853, on the old Dill homestead at Dilltown, and began his education in the common schools of Buffington township. Later he attended select school at Armagh and the Johnstown public school. His first employment was with the Pacific & Atlantic Telegraph Company at Johnstown, as telegrapher, and after a year in that employ he changed to the service of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, in the same capacity, at Connellsville, Fayette Co., Pa., for a period of twelve years. At the end of that time he went out to Iowa, where he was employed by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company for a few years. Returning East he was successively at Hinton, W. Va., Richmond, Va., and Paris, Ky., where he was employed by the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad Company for seven years. His next position was with the Central Railroad Company of Georgia, for whom he was located at Macon, Ga., for two and a half years, following which he was with the Illinois Central Railroad Company for thirteen years, his work taking him all over the system of the Illinois Central railroad. During all these years he was engaged as operator, train dispatcher, train master, and the last nineteen years of his services, as superintendent on the different roads mentioned above. Returning to the town of his birth in 1905, he engaged in the lumber business and opened the large general business there which he has since conducted, and which is widely known all over the adjacent territory as the Dill Supply Company. He put up the large building in which the business is carried on. Mr. Dill is one of the most substantial and respected residents of his part of Indiana county. He is at present serving as justice of the peace and is school director and member of the local election board. In politics he is a Republican. He is a Mason, belonging to the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Commandery and Shrine, and a member of the Royal Arcanum.

Mr. Dill was united in marriage Nov. 27, 1879, with Eva Elizabeth Newcomer, daughter of Jonathan and Eliza (Keepers) Newcomer, of Connellsville, Fayette Co., Pa., and they have five children: Joseph Royer, now employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Evansville, Ind., who married May Burtis and has one child, Burtis Royer; Lula Kate; Hallie Ryder; Eliza Belle, a graduate of the Allegheny General Hospital and now head nurse at the Conemaugh Valley Memorial Hospital, of Johnstown; and James Newcomer, who on Dec. 25, 1912, married Edith Flo Mack, daughter of Robert and Ida Mack, of west Wheatfield township.

George Dill, second son of Matthew Dill IV and his wife Mary (McCartney), was born in 1819 in Buffington township, and reared on the home farm there. When a young man he moved to Strongstown, in Pine township, this county, where he kept a general store for a number of years. He also acquired extensive agricultural interests, having five different farms, and in official as well as business associations was one of the most prominent men of the locality in his day. He was a Democrat in political connection, held many township offices, and during the Civil war was with the army as wagonmaster, being an expert driver; he never enlisted, however. Eventually he moved out to Kansas, settling in Clay Center township, Clay county, where he lived and died. His death occurred in 1905, when he was eighty-six years, five months old.

On Jan. 16, 1840, Mr. Dill married Elizabeth Conrad, daughter of Samuel and _____(Mattern) Conrad, who came from Huntingdon county, Pa. Children as follows were born to this union: Mary Ann married Frank Ruttinger, and they live in Johnson county, Kans., where he follows farming; Amanda married Archibald Tomb and resides at New Florence, Pa.; George Sanford, now engaged in farming in Johnson county, Kans., married Catherine Dunwoodie; Benson Stewart is mentioned below; Anson Jasper married Mary Hays; Samuel Asgood, a retired contractor, is a resident of Clay county, Kans.; Alma Jane married Albert Alquist, a farmer in Clay county, Kans.; Elizabeth Catherine married Arnold Bookman, a jeweler, of Clay Center township, Clay Co., Kansas.