

HARVEY C. EMERICK, assessor of Canoe township, was born June 7, 1867, on the old Emerick homestead in that township, a son of John Emerick, and grandson of John and Eva (Graff) Emerick.

John Emerick, a native of Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, came to America, and for eight years worked as a merchant tailor in Baltimore, Md. He then went to Franklin county, Pa., where he farmed from 1832 to 1840, in the latter year coming to Indiana county and continuing his agricultural operations in canoe township. There he died in 1878, aged ninety-four years. Both were Methodists. Their children were: John; Henry, who married Mary Hoover and lived in Canoe township, where he and his wife both died; Elizabeth, who married John Hefflick and lived in Canoe township, where both died; and Mary, who married Michael Winshimer and lived in Indiana county and Maryland (both are deceased).

John Emerick, son of John Emerick, Sr., and father of Harvey C. Emerick, was brought by his parents to Indiana county and helped his father to clear a farm in Canoe township. He secured fifty acres of the homestead and lived on it until his death, in 1894, at the age of seventy-eight years. His wife died in 1892, ages sixty-seven years. Both worked hard to make their farm a good one. Mr. Emerick was also a tailor, and worked at his trade occasionally. A Republican in politics, he confined his public activities to casting his vote for the candidates of his party. The Lutheran Church of Trade City held his membership, and he was a most excellent man in every respect.

John Emerick married Barbara Wortman, who was born in North Mahoning township, this county, a daughter of Casper Wortman. They had the following children: John, who owned a farm in Canoe township, married Margaret Lowry, and died in 1892 (his children were Robert L., who is a teacher and farmer of Canoe township; Orrin, who is on his father's homestead in Canoe township; Anna B., who married Jacob McFarland, of Canoe township, and Cecil B., who married Harry Dunmire of Canoe township; Kate married James Colkitt, of Punxsutawney, and has four children, Charles, Alfred, Mary and Ralph; George, who is living with his brother Harvey C., is a huckster and farmer; Harvey C. completes the family.

Harvey C. Emerick and his brother received very limited educational advantages, but they are intelligent men and are making a success of their work. They own 160 acres of land, of which 120 are in a good state of cultivation, and they carry on general farming, raising horses, cattle and hogs. Harvey C. Emerick is a member of the Odd Fellow; belong to Alert Lodge, No. 936, of Richmond, Pa., and to Silva Rebekah Lodge, No. 349, of Richmond.

George Emerick is a republican of some local note, having served on the election board, and as auditor for twelve years. His brother, also a Republican, has served on the election board, and is at present assessor of Canoe township. These young men take a good deal of interest in politics, and are very highly respected. The family is an old and honored one in Indiana county, and they are fully sustaining the high reputation borne by those of their name who have gone before them.