

ISAAC NORMAN KING, of Center township, is one of the progressive farmers who are keeping that part of Indiana county up to the high standard set by modern agriculturists. He is a citizen of worth and belongs to an old family of German origin which has been settled in this section of Pennsylvania for almost one hundred and fifty years.

The name was originally spelled Koenig, and John Koenig, the founder of the family in America, came from Germany about 1769, making a home in Westmoreland county, Pa., where he had a farm.

Joseph Koenig, son of John, was the first of the family to write the name King. According to tradition, while he was attending an English school in Westmoreland county, the schoolmaster used the English version, which the family has since adopted. He located in Brady's Bend township, Armstrong county, followed farming, and became a land owner. He was twice married, and had sons: David, who married and had seven sons; John, who married Catherine Fife, and settled in Ohio; and Isaac.

Isaac King, son of Joseph by his second marriage, made his home near Kittanning, Armstrong Co., PA., and died there. Farming was his life occupation. His children were: Gideon, Elias, Robert, Isaac, and Sarah (married Joseph Stuyvesant of Kittanning, PA.).

Isaac King, son of Isaac, was born on a farm near Kittanning and there grew to manhood. He was early familiarized with farm work, which he always followed. Moving to Indiana county in middle life, he settled in Armstrong township, where he continued to farm throughout his active years. He died when past seventy years of age, at Twolick, Pa., and is buried in Oakland cemetery, at Indiana. In politics he was a Democrat. Mr. King married Eva Dunmore, of South Bend, Armstrong county, who died in Armstrong township, Indiana county, and is buried in Oakland cemetery. Eleven children were born to this union: Jennie, who married David Ortz, of Indiana; Philip; Lucy, who married Thomas Ewing and settled in Nebraska; Elizabeth, who married William Garland, and resides at Kiskiminetas Junction, Pa.; Isaac Norman; Nannie, who married Levi Gilbert, of Johnstown, Pa.; Robert, living in Allegheny county, Pa.; Thomas, of Bellwood, Pa.; May, married to Samuel Crusan, of Derry, Westmoreland Co., Pa.; Latetia, who married Samuel Jenkins; and Margaret, who resides at Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Isaac Norman King was born March 23, 1853, in Young township, Indiana county, and was reared there, attending the local schools. When a youth he became employed at farm work in South bend township, Armstrong county, and also in Young township, Indiana county, and at the age of twenty-one began farming on his own account, settling in Center township. At the time of marriage he came to reside on the W. H. Kerr farm in that township, where he has since had his home and follows farming and stock raising. He has made numerous improvements on the place since it came into his hands, putting up buildings and making many changes which have enhanced its value, and he has shown intelligence and enterprise in his able management of the property. It occupies the highest elevation in the township, being over seventeen hundred feet above sea level. Mr. King has served as member and secretary of the school board of

his township, and takes a public-spirited interest in movements which he feels will benefit the community. He is a staunch advocate of temperance and supports the Prohibition party. In religious connection he is a prominent member of the Crete United Presbyterian Church, which he served as elder for fifteen years, also filling all the other church offices. Fraternally he belongs to the Jr. O.U.A.M.

On Oct. 19, 1876, Mr. King married Annie E. Hoffman, daughter of John D. and Deborah (Eckels) Hoffman, and they have had four children: Nettie Myrtle, who is the wife of Milton M. Bowman, of Armstrong township, Indiana county; Laura D., at home; Sadie C., who died Feb. 16, 1911; and Ruth, who died in infancy. Miss Sadie C. King, the third daughter, received her education in the public schools of center township and fitted herself for the teacher's profession, becoming one of the most successful public school instructors in Indiana county. She taught at the Risinger school in North Homer, Center township; Myers school in Center township; Bridenbaugh school, Center township; Lytle's school, two terms; New Alexandria (Westmoreland county) public school; Vandergrift Heights public school; Smith's station public school in Burrell township; Iselin public school in Young township; and Graceton public school in Center township. Miss King made hosts of friends while following her profession. While teaching at Graceton she contracted the fever which caused her death, at her home, in February, 1911, leaving many to mourn the loss of one who in her busy, useful career had left a gracious influence on the lives of those whose good fortune it was to be associated with her, either as pupils or fellow workers. She was buried in Oakland cemetery at Indiana.