

JAMES DEVLIN DeVINNEY has a large farm in Conemaugh township, Indiana county, where he is engaged in general agricultural pursuits and stock raising; he makes and sells large quantities of butter. Mr. DeVinney was born in Armstrong township, Indiana Co., Pa., Oct. 26, 1862, son of James DeVinney.

Daniel DeVinney, his paternal grandfather, was born at Connor, County Antrim, Ireland, Jan. 1, 1803, son of Walter and Margaret (Cawfield) DeVinney. He was a Mason and an Orangeman, holding fast to his faith until the time of his death, Oct. 27, 1883. Mary Montgomery, who became his wife March 2, 1823, was born at Connor, Jan. 8, 1803. On Oct. 28, 1890, she peacefully passed away on the old homestead, and her remains were laid to rest in St. John's Lutheran cemetery, in Armstrong county, midway between Atwood and Plumville. She was a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Kid) Montgomery, and niece of Gen. John Montgomery, who was born in County Antrim, Ireland, in 1759, coming to America in 1774, and enlisting in the American army in 1776, at which time he was appointed on Washington's staff, with which he served until the close of the great war for independence. He died at Lewisville, Indiana Co., pa., Nov. 11, 1840, where his remains repose. Daniel and Mary DeVinney, with three children, came to America in 1832, coming on to Conemaugh in 1833, and later settling on a 400-acres tract of land near Atwood, Armstrong Co., Pa., a part of which is still the old homestead. Besides James, the eldest child, there were born to them in Ireland, two children: Mary, born April 21, 1830, married July 11, 1850, William McLaughlin, who was killed in one of the early battles of the Civil war, and his widow still resides in their old home near Atwood, Pa.; Ann S., born Aug. 18, 1832, died at the home of her brother, William C. DeVinney (with whom she had resided from the time her parents died), corner of Rosedale and Susquehanna Streets, Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 5, 1912, and was laid to rest in Woodlawn cemetery, Wilkinsburg, Pa. The following children were born to Daniel and Mary DeVinney in this country: (1) John, born March 22, 1835, at Atwood, Armstrong Co., pa., died unmarried Oct. 13, 1866, and was buried in St. John's Lutheran cemetery. (2) William C., born Aug. 12, 1837, at Atwood, Pa., enlisted from Indiana, Pa., in Company #, 148th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, Aug. 16, 1862, and served with the Army of the Potomac in General Hancock's Corps (the 2d), under Col. James A. Beaver, staying with that great army until it was mustered out at the close of the war. He was promoted to quartermaster sergeant. He taught in the public schools of the State thirty-five years. On Aug. 29, 1866, he married Miss Bell, youngest daughter of John and Maria Kelly, of Willet, Indiana Co., Pa. To this union were born: April 13, 1867, John K. DeVinney; Oct. 3, 1876, Daniel B. DeVinney; Dec. 7, 1877, James S. DeVinney. On Feb. 9, 1876, John K. died, and was buried in St. John's Lutheran cemetery. Daniel and James attended the public schools, and later entered the Indiana (Pa.) high school, from which they graduated in 1896, James entering the Pennsylvania State normal school at Indiana, Pa., where he graduated in the commercial course in 1897. Coming to Pittsburg he entered upon his professional career with the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company. The following year Daniel and his parents located in Pittsburg, Daniel taking up machinist work and mechanical engineering. But these two brilliantly opening

careers were cut short by the death of James S., Feb. 14, 1899, and Daniel B., Sept. 6, 1902. Both were removed from their home in Pittsburg and buried in ST. John's Lutheran cemetery, near their old home, Atwood, Pa. During their stay in Indiana at school, their Aunt Ann kept house for them, she coming with Daniel and his parents to Pittsburg and making her home with them until the time of her death, Nov. 5, 1912. (3) Martha, born Sept. 21, 1839, on March 3, 1864, became the wife of Joseph Lukehart, of Plumville, Indiana Co., pa. Mr. Lukehart was born Feb. 3, 1827, and died April 16, 1907, and was buried in St. John's Lutheran cemetery. His widow lives at Smicksburg, Indiana Co., pa. (4) Elizabeth, born at Atwood, Pa., Oct. 3, 1842, married in October, 1871, John P. Lukehart, of Plumville, Indiana Co., pa. For some years they made their home at Vandergrift, Pa., where she died in February, 1905. She was buried in St. John's Lutheran cemetery.

James DeVinney, father of James D. DeVinney, was the eldest child of Daniel and Mary DeVinney, and was born at Connor, County Antrim, Ireland, Sept. 1, 1827. Coming to America with his parents at the age of five years, he assisted them on the farm as he grew from boyhood into young manhood, until Feb. 27, 1855, when he married Rebecca McCausland, of Atwood. Soon afterward he bought a farm near by and engaged in farming for himself. To this union was born, Feb. 23, 1857, William M. DeVinney, who was left an orphan by the death of his mother March 15th of the same year. His grandparents, Daniel and Mary DeVinney, took charge of him and nurtured him through to boyhood and young manhood, and their home was his home until they died. From that time until his marriage he lived with his uncle, William C. DeVinney, and his aunt Bell, and his aunt Ann. He was sent to the public schools, and later to Glade Run Academy, after which he entered the profession of teaching. Later he studied at the Pennsylvania State normal school at Indiana. Pa., from which he graduated in the famous class of "89," his aunt Ann keeping house for him during his three years' stay in Indiana. In 1890 he married Jennie E. Winters, of Edinboro, Erie Co., Pa., a graduate of the Northwestern Conservatory of Music. Through his further school work she ably assisted him in superintending the musical departments of the special summer normal institutes he conducted the following seasons. After having spent fifteen years in the profession of teaching he abandoned his work as teacher and principal and they moved to Pittsburg, where he became assistant to County Superintendent Samuel Hamilton, of the Allegheny county public schools, which position he finally resigned to enter business which he has since pursued. Mr. William M. DeVinney was brought up in the Presbyterian Church, and as to his political affiliations he is an untiring worker in the cause of Prohibition, and is ever active in the councils of his party. He is a member of the Allegheny County Prohibition executive committee, and was elected a delegate to the Prohibition State convention which met at Philadelphia July 9, 1912, and also to the Prohibition National convention which convened at Atlantic City, July 10-13, 1912. His wife is a strong advocate of this great cause and a faithful W.C.T.U. worker, and is ready, when woman are given their rights in this great Keystone State, to place her ballot squarely against the great blighting evil, intemperance. They live at No. 5618 Broad street, Pittsburg.

In 1859 James DeVinney married as his second wife Margaret Devlin, who was born in 1826 in Armstrong township, Indiana county, daughter of James and Ann (Ramsey) Devlin, of that township, and died Aug. 22, 1907, at the home of her son James; she was buried in the West Union cemetery. She was the mother of six children: Harvey, born march 17, 1860, married Rose Halstead and now resides in Haskell county, Kans.; John, born July 29, 1861, died when twelve years old; James Devlin is mentioned below; Harriet, born April 1, 1864, unmarried, lives at Fort Collins, Colo.; Taylor, born Dec. 1, 1866, married Ella McDowell, and lives at Reno, Kans., where he is engaged in the threshing business and is a lumber dealer; George Calvin married Martha J. George, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Hamilton) George, and resides on the homestead in Armstrong township.

In 1862 James DeVinney enlisted in Company #, 148th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, from Atwood, Armstrong Co., Pa., being mustered into the service from Indiana, Pa. After the close of the war he moved to Armstrong township, Indiana county, where he remained until the time of his death, Aug. 19, 1904. He bought a tract of 117 acres there from the Samuel Wiggins heirs, all of which was in timber at the time of purchase, and he spent the remainder of his life there, clearing his land, selling timber and following farming. He is buried in the West Union cemetery.

James Devlin DeVinney attended common school in Armstrong township and began work as his father's assistant, continuing to help his parents until 1888, when he married. He was then engaged on Samuel Robinson's farm in Armstrong township for a year, "cropping," and for the next few years "cropped" the Sampson Pershing farm in Armstrong township. That place, which contained 106 acres, was willed him by his father, and he lived there and cultivated the land until 1905, in which year he sold it to the Saxton Coal Company and moved to Conemaugh township, where he purchased the Daniel hawks farm of 217 acres, on which he has since had his home. In addition to general farming and stock raising he is interested in dairying, producing butter only, and shipping it to Livermore. In 1907 he built a fine large barn, and he is constantly making changes on his place to improve the property or facilitate the work, which he conducts along up-to-date lines. His farm is under excellent cultivation, and everything about the property indicates intelligent care.

On May 10, 1888, Mr. DeVinney married Margaret Robinson, daughter of Samuel and Isabelle (Cunningham) Robinson, of Armstrong township, Indiana county, and they have had a family of six children, born as follows: Elsie May, May 9, 1889; Nettie Bell, March 6, 1891; Elder Paul, Nov. 13, 1892; Mary Margaret, Aug. 26, 1895; Bertha Viola, Sept. 23, 1898; Edna Blanch, Dec. 26, 1901. All of the family belong to the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, and take an active part in the church and Sabbath school work. Mrs. DeVinney is superintendent of the Home department, and their oldest three daughters have been secretary and treasurer of the Sabbath school. The other two have been present at every session the last year.