

JAMES IRVINE NOWRY, a progressive farmer and public-spirited citizen of Conemaugh township, Indiana county, is a native of that township and has passed all his life there. The family has been settled in that section for many years.

Robert Nowry, father of James Irvine Nowry and William Marshall Nowry, was born in 1830 along the Blacklegs creek, in Conemaugh township, on the site now owned by Martha Nowry

Sheirs, and there he received his education in the common schools. Later he taught school for more than thirteen years, being engaged in both Indiana and Armstrong counties, after which he engaged in the mercantile business at what is now Grangers' Hall, on the Clarksburg and Saltsburg road. He conducted the general store for a period of eight years, at the end of which time he sold out and bought the Thomas Elder farm of 150 acres in Conemaugh township, upon which place he spent the remainder of his life, carrying on farming. He also dealt in live stock, going over the country buying stock, which he shipped to Philadelphia. In politics he was a Democrat, and he took considerable interest in the activities of the party and in local public matters, served his township as supervisor, tax collector and auditor, and was once the Democratic candidate for county treasurer. In his early life he was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, but later joined the Presbyterian Church at Saltsburg, to which his family also belonged. Mr. Nowry married Margaret Catherine Cline, daughter of Philip and Mary (Irvine) Cline, and they had two children, James Irvine and William Marshall. Mr. Nowry died Oct. 1, 1909, Mrs. Nowry passing away Aug. 13, 1911. They are buried in Edgewood cemetery at Saltsburg, this county.

James Irvine Nowry was born June 15, 1868, in Conemaugh township, at the place on Blacklegs creek now owned by Dr. Earhart. He began his education in the neighborhood, at common school, later attending the academies at Eldersridge and Saltsburg, and the State normal school at Indiana. For two years he taught school in Conemaugh township, and then for a year was engaged in carrying the mail over the rural free delivery route No. 2, out of Saltsburg. He has since been farming at his present place, a tract of 150 acres, upon which extensive improvements have been made during his residence there, being up-to-date and enterprising in every branch of his work. He and his brother own this place. In addition to general agricultural pursuits he has carried on stock raising and lumbering to some extent, having cleared considerable timberland. Under his land are rich deposits of coal.

Like his father Mr. Nowry is a Democrat and actively interested in the political affairs of the locality, and he has been honored with election to various township offices, in all of which he has given faithful service, having been general township assessor, tax collector, member of the school board for the last six years, and member of the election board several times since he reached his majority.

On Feb. 1, 1898, Mr. Nowry was married to Margaret Frances Gordon, daughter of John and Frances (McCrary) Gordon, and they have two children, Mabel Frances and James Cline. Mr. and Mrs. Nowry are members of the Presbyterian Church at Saltsburg.

WILLIAM MARSHALL NOWRY, a progressive farmer and public-spirited citizen of Conemaugh township, Indiana county, is a native of that township and has passed all of his life there. Mr. Nowry was born Oct. 23, 1873, in Conemaugh township, on the site now owned by Dr. Earhart. He received his education in the common schools and at Eldersridge academy. He is a Democrat, and has been honored with election to various township offices.