

JAMES M. RISINGER was born on the Risinger farm July 30, 1869. He was educated principally in the public schools, attending in the Risinger district, and in 1889 entered the Pennsylvania State Agricultural College, taking courses in dairying and agriculture. He grew up on the farm, assisting his father, and was associated with him to the end of his life, giving particular attention to the breeding and raising of registered Jersey cattle and to dairy farming and buttermaking. In company with his brother he was engaged for a period in the manufacture of ice cream. After the death of his father he continued in the Jersey cattle business until 1911, when he disposed of most of his stock, keeping several, however, for his own use. In 1910 he built a new home on the site of his father's dwelling house, constructed of buff brick. In the winter of 1912-13 he became associated with Mr. Elder J. Miller in the erection of a modern theater in Homer City, of which Mr. Risinger acts as manager. After the death of his father Mr. Risinger succeeded him as a member of the board of directors of the Homer City National Bank, and in 1910 he was elected vice president of that institution, which office he filled for two years. In 1913 he was elected president of the Homer City National Bank. Mr. Risinger is a well-read man, liberal-minded and with thoroughly progressive ideas, and keeps well informed on all the current events of the day.

On Dec. 27, 1899, Mr. Risinger married Jennie Blakley, who was born in Young township, daughter of Joseph A. Blakley, of that township, a full history of whose family will be found elsewhere in this work. They have had two children: William and Joseph Blakley, twins, born April 21, 1902, who are now in school.