

JAMES S. KIRKWOOD is a most respected citizen of Arcadia, in Montgomery township, Indiana county, where he has held the position of foreman at Pardee Mine, No. 41, for the Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Company, some years. He is interested in various local matters, being a man of progressive disposition and possessing the executive ability which make him a valuable friend of any cause he advocates. Mr. Kirkwood is a native of Scotland, born at Carfin, Lanarkshire, April 3, 1855, son of John and Agnes (Selvage) Kirkwood. The father came to America in the year 1863, but after remaining the United States six months returned to Scotland. In 1871 he again came to this country, settling at Arnot, Tioga Co., Pa., where he engaged in mining for twelve years, at the end of that time removing to Clearfield county, this State, where he also followed mining. He was a highly respected and intelligent man, and served twelve years as justice of the peace in Clearfield county. He died at the age of seventy, long surviving his wife, who passed away at the age of forty-four. They had the following children: James S.; John, residing at Pottersdale, Pa.; Robert, of Cleveland, Ohio; William, of Springfield, Ill.; Jean, of Auburn, N. Y.; and Agnes, of New York City.

James S. Kirkwood obtained his education principally through his own efforts, attending night school, and making the most of similar opportunities. With the exception of three years during which he was employed in a general store, he has been engaged in mining, in Tioga, Clearfield and Indiana counties, in 1905 coming to Arcadia, Indiana county, where he was made foreman of Mine No. 41, owned and operated by the Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Company. He has 150 men under his charge, and has proved himself a fit man for this responsible position. He has become closely associated with matters of general interest to the district, being a member and clerk of the school board, and a prominent member and worker of the Presbyterian Church, serving as presiding elder and secretary of Sunday school. In politics he is a Prohibitionist, and fraternally he holds membership in the Mason, I. O. O. F., Knights of Pythias and Good Templars.

In 1879 Mr. Kirkwood married Hannah M. Cook, of Blossburg, Tioga Co., Pa., daughter of John and Mary Cook, the former a stone and brick mason; Mr. Cook was also a Methodist local preacher for upwards of thirty years. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kirkwood: Emma B., wife of Matthew M. Van-Der Meide, a truck farm of Livonia, N. Y.; Adda M., wife of Louis Meacham, of Rochester, N. Y., bookkeeper and paymaster for a wholesale manufacturing company; Raymond S., a student at the Indiana State normal school; Ethel Agnes, in school; and Cameron S.