

JESSE W. BURKHART has a well-established hardware and general merchandise business at Penn Run, where he has been settled ever since he began on his own account. He was born Aug. 28, 1885, in Pine township, Indiana county, where his grandfather, Samuel Burkhart, settled at an early day, farming there until his death.

Henry A. Burkhart, father of Jesse W. Burkhart, was born in Blair county, Pa., and came with his father to Pine township, Indiana county. He was a farmer in his earlier life, and later followed the trade of carpenter in connection with his agricultural pursuits. During the Civil war he enlisted from Indiana county in Company E, 177th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served till the close of the war. After the close of the war he returned to pine township, where he lived until his removal to Cherryhill township, in 1901. He settled at Penn Run, where he made his home until his death, which occurred March 11, 1907. He married Sarah A. Rhodes, who was born in Indiana county, whose parents, William and Margaret Rhodes, were early residents of Pine township and lived and died there. Mrs. Burkhart died Sept. 29, 1909.

Jesse W. Burkhart, only child of Henry A. and Sarah A. (Rhodes) Burkhart, spent his early life in Pine township and attended school there and at Penn Run. His school days over he embarked in the mercantile business at Penn Run, in Cherryhill township, also selling hardware, and he has a very profitable trade, which is growing steadily. Though one of the youngest business men at that place he has been highly successful, and his extensive business has been built up as a result of hard work and good management. He has been honored with election to the office of school director of Cherryhill township, in which position he is now serving.

On June 12, 1907, Mr. Burkhart married Ruth O. Fyock, who was born Aug. 26, 1891, in Penn Run, daughter of James M. and Christina (Holsopple) Fyock, natives of Indiana county, who live at Penn Run, where Mr. Fyock has a general merchandise and undertaking business. Mr. and Mrs. Burkhart have had one child, Eva V., born Jan. 3, 1908. Mr. Burkhart is a member of the Lutheran Church, his wife belonging to the Brethren (German Baptist) Church. He is a member of Lodge No. 1168, I.O.O.F., at Pine Flats.