

J. NELSON LIGGETT, now engaged in farming and stock raising in Brushvalley township, where he has resided since 1904, is a native son of Indiana county, born in West Wheatfield township July 29, 1857.

The Liggett family is of Scotch origin, and the first of the name in Indiana county was Robert Liggett, who was a native of Glasgow, Scotland, where he grew to manhood. There he married a Miss Carr, and they came to America. They settled in Pennsylvania, in Wheatfield township, Indiana county, where Mr. Liggett became a farmer, owning a tract of 200 acres. He was among the first settlers of that section of the county, and was one of the most respected men of his day. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, to which his wife also belonged. Their children were: John; William; Margaret, who married John Mabon; and Jane, who married Hugh Best.

William Liggett, son of Robert, was born Jan. 24, 1818, in what is now West Wheatfield township, and there grew to manhood. He followed farming all his life, owning a tract of 125 acres near Centerville, upon which he built a brick home and made other improvements. He spent the remainder of his life there, dying on the farm Jan. 24, 1878, and is buried in the Bethel Church cemetery. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, in politics a Whig and Republican in turn, and took sufficient interest in the welfare of his township to fill the position of school director. On Oct. 20, 1820, Mr. Liggett married Mary Wallace, who was born in Wheatfield township, daughter of Samuel Wallace, and died Nov. 7, 1882, aged seventy-four years, seven months. She, too, is buried in Bethel Church cemetery. Fourteen children were born to this couple: Agnes, who died in June, 1871; Juliann, who died Dec. 9, 1865; Samuel, who died June 2, 1860; Mary, who died Oct. 22, 1880; Josephine, who died Feb. 28, 1879; Emma, who married Aiken Stibender, and died at Leesburg, Fla., May 28, 1891; Elizabeth, wife of Seymore Hollingsworth; Sarah Ellen, who died young; Robert Carr, who resided at Centerville, in West Wheatfield township; Margaret, married to William Alexander, of West Wheatfield township; Lucinda, who married Lawson McKelvey, and resides in Youngstown, Ohio; William, a farmer of east Wheatfield township; John, who resides on the homestead; and J. Nelson.

J. Nelson Liggett attended public school in his home township, and worked with his father until the latter's death. Subsequently he worked the homestead in partnership with his brother John, continuing there for several years, but on account of his health he sold out his interests and moved to Florida, where he spent three winter seasons. After that he settled in Homer city and followed farming for several years. In 1904 he bought his present farm, a tract of 109 acres in Brushvalley township, from David Snyder, of Homer City. In this property he has since been engaged in general farming and stock-raising, and by his well-directed labors is winning success. He is hard-working and thrifty, unassuming, and has a character of solid worth which has gained him a high place in the esteem of all who know him.

On March 22, 1893, Mr. Liggett was married to Anne Lucas, daughter of William Lucas, of Homer City, and they have had six children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are: Ralph, who is at home; Martha; Paul' Herbert; and Esther, who died young. Mr. Liggett is a member of the United Presbyterian

Church of Homer City. He is a Republican, but though he takes a good citizen's interest in public affairs is not active in party matters.