

JOE J. CAMPBELL was born in West Wheatfield township, Indiana county, Sept. 15, 1865, son of Robert M. and Margaret (Mack) Campbell, and grandson of David Campbell, the first American ancestor of this branch of the family.

Toward the end of the eighteenth century Wheatfield township embraced all the territory south of the Purchase Line. Sixteen township have since been formed within her original boundaries. The first settlers in this district were emigrants from Ireland, from the Counties of Antrim and Armagh, they landing in America July 21, 1792. Stories of the New World soon attracted others left behind, and David Campbell came some time later to join this colony in Wheatfield. Leaving his native home he took passage on a sailing vessel to America, and after a stormy voyage of more than six weeks found himself on the shores of the New World. He proceeded westward over the Allegheny mountains to the Conemaugh valley and finally located on Blacklick creek, near the present site of the village of Heshbon. About the year 1800 he purchased by patent 219 acres of land on Blacklick and here he spent the remainder of his life. Assisted by his sons he cleared the land and erected buildings, and his farm became one of the most productive tracts in the locality. Mr. Campbell was laid to rest in the Campbell graveyard on the homestead place.

Mr. Campbell was married to Margaret Mahan, and their children were: John, Christopher, Robert M., David, Porter M., Alexander (who died young) and Jane (who married William Palmer).

Robert M. Campbell, the third son of David, born Aug. 7, 1819, received his education at the subscription school of the neighborhood. For a time he worked as boatman on the Pennsylvania canal and later helped in the construction of part of the stone pike from Pittsburg to Philadelphia. In about 1840 he bought a farm of 127 acres in West Wheatfield township, on which he resided until his death, which occurred Oct. 30, 1883. He was a man of upright character and temperate in all his habits, and held the respect of all who knew him. He was an earnest member of the United Presbyterian Church, and for a number of years served as superintendent of the Sunday school. He was a Democrat in his political views and a leading party worker in his day, and held a number of township offices, serving as school director, supervisor, overseer of the poor and auditor.

On Aug. 3, 1843, Mr. Campbell married Margaret Mack, who was born Oct. 27, 1820, eldest daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (McDonald) Mack, of West Wheatfield township, where he engaged in farming; Mr. Mack was a native of Indiana county. Mrs. Campbell died Feb. 21, 1889. Nine children were born to this union: (1) Margaret Jane, born July 31, 1844, was married Sept. 16, 1860, to Samuel M. Palmer, of Josephine, Pa., and died Feb. 12, 1872. (2) Amanda E., born Oct. 31, 1845, was married Sept. 2, 1869, to John Sidman Lamoreaux, and for her second husband married Jesse Fee. (3) James McCluer, born June 1, 1840, married Martha A. Mack April 16, 1872. He lives at Garfield, Pa. (4) John Gilbert is mentioned below. (5) Alexander Hail, born Oct. 27, 1854, died Nov. 28, 1855. (6) William Platt, of Latrobe, born Nov. 16, 1856, was married Nov. 25, 1880, to Violet C. Mack. (7) David Albert, born Jan. 28, 1860, died Oct. 9, 1865.

(8) Martha Emma, born April 29, 1862, was married May 1, 1884, to Christopher C. Fisher, of Garfield. (9) Joe Johnston, born Sept. 15, 1865, is mentioned below.

JOHN GILBERT CAMPBELL, M.D., late of Homer City, Indiana county, was born March 1, 1852, near Armagh, East Wheatfield township, this county. He attended public school in his native township and later studied at Eldersridge Academy. For eleven years he taught school in Pennsylvania. In 1876 he commenced the study of medicine with Dr. R. J. Tomb, of Armagh, later attended medical college at Cleveland, Ohio, for a short time, and then entered the Baltimore School of Medicine, from which he was graduated March 1, 1879. Immediately afterward he opened an office of his own at Clyde, Pa., and some time later removed to Homer City, where he built up a large practice, following his profession until his death, which occurred in that borough Oct. 10, 1907. He was a prominent member of the United Presbyterian Church, which he served as elder and trustee, and he also took an interest in public matters, holding various borough offices. In his political views he was a democrat. But his practice received the greater part of his time and attention, and he had a high reputation as a conscientious, faithful physician, one who never neglected his duty to his patients even under the most trying circumstances. He erected a beautiful home on Main street, one of the finest in the borough.

In February, 1885, Dr. Campbell married Belle Boyd, daughter of David and Mary (McCarty) Boyd, of Homer City, and they had three children: Frank Boyd, now the wife of Milton Brandon, of Homer City, Pa.; Margaret, a graduate of the Homer City high school; and John G.

Joe J. Campbell remained on the old homestead, working with his father, until he reached the age of nineteen years, when he went to Benton county, Iowa, and worked on a farm there for nine months. He then went to Ashland, Wis., to work at deck building, railroading and bridge construction for the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railroad Company, following this for a period of two years, after which, in 1887, he came to Homer City, Pa., and engaged in the lumber business with the Two Licks Lumber Company. He was with this company for four years, and since that time has been employed as mine superintendent of the Fearing Run Mines, near Homer City, now owned by the Townsend Coal Company, where he holds a position of trust and responsibility.

Mr. Campbell married Aug. 5, 1890, Mary I. Kier, daughter of Squire Martin Kier, of Homer City. They have had a family of nine children, eight of whom are living, as follows: Hugh Kier, who died in infancy; Robert Martin; Paul G.; Helen M., a student in the Indiana State normal school; Mary E.; Margaret I.; Joe H.; Murray Glenn, and Bessie M. Mr. Campbell is an elder of the Homer City United Presbyterian Church. He is a supporter of the Democratic party and a firm believer in its principles. He served the borough of Homer City as burgess for one term and as school director for four years. He has been road supervisor of Center township for eight years, and for five years has been school director of the township. Mr. Campbell was one of the organizers and is now a director of the Homer City National Bank. He is well known and highly respected, a citizen whose worth is well appreciated by his community.