

JOHN T. KINNAN, a resident of Green township, Indiana county, was born April 16, 1856, in Grant township, on the farm where his grandfather settled many years ago. The grandfather, William Kinnan, was a native of Westmoreland county, Pa., whence he first moved to Armstrong county, remaining there some years. In 1845 he moved to Indiana county, settling near Decker's Point in Grant (then Montgomery) township, where he bought the farm on which his grandson, John T. Kinnan, was born. By trade he was a carpenter. He remained on that place until his death, which occurred in 1880. He married Nancy Gibson, a native of Indiana county.

Joseph W. Kinnan, son of William, was born in Armstrong county, Pa. He carried on farming and lumbering all his life, living on his father's home place until his latter years, when he moved to Decker's Point. There he died June 7, 1905. He married Agnes Gailey, who was born in Montgomery township, Indiana county, near Cherrytree, daughter of Cornelius Gailey, who followed farming and tailoring all his life. Mr. Gailey came to Indiana county in an early day, and settled near Cherrytree, remained there some years, thence moving to Clarksburg, this county, where he remained until the death of his wife. Later he went to live with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Kinnan, dying at their home. Mrs. Kinnan died in 1909, at the home of her son John. She and her husband had a family of eight children, of whom John T. is the eldest, the others being: William, now deceased; George, who lives in Indiana county; Sarah, wife of Anderson Vanhorn, of Punxsutawney; Ella, deceased, who was the wife of Walter Bell; Harvey; grant, of Indiana borough; and Laura, wife of David Buterbaugh, of Decker's Point, this county.

John T. Kinnan passed his boyhood days in his native township and attended school there. He also went to the Purchase Line academy, being one of the first students at that institution, and made good use of his opportunities, fitting himself for the teacher's profession which he followed for fifteen terms. He was engaged in Rayne, Grant and Green townships, and at Purchase Line. Remaining at home until he reached the age of twenty four years, he married and began work on his own account, farming and lumbering, which he has carried on successfully ever since. He lived in grant and Cherryhill townships until 1889, when he moved to his present home in Green township, which he bought and he also owns property at Starford. He continues to engage in farming. Mr. Kinnan has found time to take part in the local government, and has served his township ably and faithfully as auditor and road supervisor, proving his worth in every capacity.

On Nov. 22, 1879, Mr. Kinnan was united in marriage with Parmelia Langham, a sister of Congressman J. N. Langham, of Indiana county, daughter of Jonathan and Eliza (Barr) Langham, and six children have been born to them: Merrill W., the eldest, is at home; Vernie is deceased; grace is the wife of George Barringer, of Lovejoy, this county, and has four children, Orvil, Lee, Jeannette and Elwain; Lela is married to Robert Henry, of Blue Island, Ill, and has two children, Florence and William; Albert and Gussie are at home. Mrs. Kinnan is a member of the Baptist Church of East Mahoning.