

JOHN W. MORROW, M.D., of Marchand, is not only one of the most highly esteemed physicians in that section of Indiana county, but also one of its most popular citizens personally. He has been closely associated with local interests throughout his long period of residence there, and has done his full share in starting and supporting movements for the general welfare and advancement. He was born in that part of the county, in South Mahoning township, son of David and Margaret (Lytle) Morrow, and grandson of John Morrow.

John Morrow was a native of County Down, Ireland. In 1812 he came to Indiana county, Pa., where he settled at West Lebanon, in Young township, later in life removing to Armstrong county, where he died. He was an ardent Presbyterian. He married Margaret Gillespie, and their children were: Andrew, who married Mary Cochrane and after her death Isabella Rankin; James, who married Mary Meaner; William who married Martha Hutchinson; Martha, who married John Marshall and survived him; Elizabeth, wife of Abel Stewart; John, who married Margaret Gibson; Margaret, who married Thomas Ormand; Nancy, who married Samuel Lytle; Wilson, who married Margaret Stuchel; and David. Martha and Elizabeth were the last two survivors of the family.

Dr. Morrow's maternal grandfather, Robert Lytle, was born at Chambersburg, PA., April 9, 1799, and died in West Mahoning township, Indiana county, May 4, 1867. His wife died April 9, 1864. He came to West Mahoning township, where he became a large land holder. He was an elder in the United Presbyterian Church. He was connected with the "underground railroad" and helped many slaves to reach Canada. He married a Miss Lytle (no relation) and their children were: William, who married Sarah Reed; Elizabeth; Robert, who married Eliza Smith (one of Robert's sons became a missionary in India); Alexander, who married Mary Smith; John, who married Levina Reed; Samuel, who married Nancy Morrow; Thomas, who married Rachel Miller; Sarah, deceased, who was the wife of John S. Marshall; Mary who died in her second year; Margaret, Mrs. David Morrow; Keturah, who married Thomas Watt; and Jane.

David Morrow was born in 1807 and died Jan. 6, 1852, in South Mahoning township. He lived for several years with rev. John Hyndman, who gave him a good education, and he taught school for several terms. Purchasing a farm he resided there until his death. Politically he was a Whig and abolitionist, and took an active part in political affairs, serving a term of five years as justice of the peace, to which office he was reelected. He was a United Presbyterian in religion. He married Margaret Lytle, and their children were: Jane; Catherine, wife of Jesse Williamson; Robert, deceased; Thomas, who married Nancy Stewart; Dr. John W.; and David, now field manager of the middle division for the South Penn Oil Company, embracing the counties of Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, and Venango, who married Clara Cochrane. After her husband's death Mrs. Margaret Morrow married John D. Laney, whom she survived over twenty years, returning to the home farm and living for a number of years with her son Thomas. From July 3, 1906, she made her home with her daughter Jane and her younger sister on the farm of her son Dr. John W. Morrow, dying Jan. 5, 1909, at the age

of eighty-seven years, the last survivor of her father's family of twelve children. She was buried at Plumville, in the Beracha cemetery, beside her first husband, her funeral services being conducted by Rev. R. McGill, of Homer City. Five of the children of her union with Mr. Morrow survive, as well as six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

John W. Morrow obtained his early education in the public schools. He worked as an oil well driller and taught school for several terms to secure the means to attend Dayton Academy, one at Perrysville, Jefferson county, one in South Mahoning township, Indiana county, and two in Armstrong township, this county. For two years he read medicine with Dr. Christopher McEwen, of Plumville, and in 1871 entered Jefferson Medical College, from which he was graduated March 11, 1874. He had returned to Indiana county after his first term there and practiced for eighteen months at Marchand, going back to school Sept. 8, 1873. After graduation he returned to Marchand, where he has since practiced with exception of his periods of service in the Pennsylvania Legislature.

He is a Republican and in 1890 was nominated and elected as the candidate of his party, for the Legislature, by a majority of nine hundred over his closed competitor. He served in the session of 1891, and again in 1897, having been reelected in 1896. During his last term, in 1897, he was elected chairman of the committee on Public Health and Sanitation. He made the last speech in the legislative chamber of the old State capitol at Harrisburg while the roof was burning, and shortly after he had finished the roll was called and the Legislature was dismissed; the building was destroyed.

Dr. Morrow has acquired various interests in his home locality. He owns much valuable real estate in the village, which he bought from the late Hon. T. B. Allison, and has about three hundred acres of farm land adjoining Marchand, underlaid with coking coal and situated in a productive gas belt. From 1886 to 1890 he was engaged in a general mercantile and drug business in partnership with Dr. W. C. Brown. He has been particularly zealous in helping forward the cause of public education in his section, and was one of the organizers of the Marchand Normal Academy, giving his time and efforts without stint to its promotion and maintenance. When Marchand held its Home Coming celebration, on Aug. 23, 24, 25, 26, 1905, he was president of the executive committee, and made the opening address. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and has held the office of elder.