

JOHN W. PATTERSON, of Green township, Indiana county, has been engaged in farming all his life and has also followed lumbering. He lives on what was formerly known as the Trimmell farm. Mr. Patterson was born in Green township Dec. 10, 1846, son of Thomas and Martha (Dunkle) Patterson and grandson of Samuel Patterson, who came to Indiana county in pioneer days. This section was a wilderness when he settled here. He followed farming from early life, and lived and died upon the place where he located upon his arrival. His children were: William, John C., Thomas, Robert, Elizabeth and Margaret.

Thomas Patterson, father of John W. Patterson, was born in Cherryhill township, this county, learned shoemaking, and followed that trade all his life. He was a well-known citizen in his day, having served several terms as justice of the peace in Green township. He died May 9, 1888. His wife, Martha (Dunkle), who is still living, now (1912) ninety-two years old, was born in Brushvalley township, this county, daughter of John Dunkle, a native of New York, of Dutch ancestry, who settled in Indiana county in the early days. He was a farmer by occupation. Of the family born to him and his wife, Keziah, the eldest, is deceased; Martha became Mrs. Patterson; Mary is deceased; Catherine, Lucinda and Elizabeth are deceased.

Nine children were born to Thomas and Martha (Dunkle) Patterson: Samuel D., who is now deceased, was a soldier in the Civil war, serving in Company I, 67th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and taking part in many battles; he was captured, and confined at Andersonville, Libby prison and Belle Isle; he lived in Cambria county, and represented same in the State Legislature for one term. John W. is mentioned below. Keziah is the wife of Robert F. Templeton, of Green township. William E. is living on the old homestead in Green township. Martin L. is a resident of Montgomery township, this county. Robert lives in Green township. Callie is the wife of John I. Evans, of Ebensburg, Pa. Ella M. is the wife of Evan G. Davis and lives in Green township. Emma is the wife of W. B. Douglas, of Green township.

John W. Patterson obtained his education in the common schools of Green township. He lived on the farm where he was born until he reached manhood, and subsequently spent two years at Ebensburg, Pa. he has followed lumbering as well as general farming, and since 1884 has lived at his present home in Green township, occupying what was at one time the Trimmell farm, where the famous Trimmell triplets were born. He owns a fine property, in excellent condition, giving every evidence of the intelligent care and management of the owner. Mr. Patterson has served two terms as a member of the board of school directors of his township.

On May 15, 1872, Mr. Patterson was united in marriage to Mary Virginia Moorhead, who was born in Cherryhill township, this county, daughter of David and Lydia (Hahn) Moorhead, the former a native of Lancaster county, P., and the latter a native of Maryland; they settled in this county at an early day, Mr. Moorhead engaging in farming in Cherryhill township. Mr. and Mrs. Moorhead are now deceased. They were the parents of four children.

Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Patterson: Mabel, the eldest, is now the widow of Robert Dawson, and lives in Pittsburg, Pa.; she has had

three children, Harold (deceased), Raymond and Virginia. Jessie E. lives in Pittsburg. Albert is also a resident of Pittsburg. Harold, who lives in Pittsburg, married Olive Luther, and they have one child, Norman. Thomas, who lives in Cambria county, married Elizabeth Coleman, and they have one child. Oden is living at home. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson are members of the Methodist Church, in which he has been an active worker, being at present a trustee, class leader and superintendent of the Sunday school