

JOSEPH CHARLES NIPPES, of Blacklick township, is one of the younger farmers of his section of Indiana county who have been notably successful. He is extensively interested in truck gardening, in which line he was a pioneer in his township, and at present commands the largest business of the kind in Indiana county.

The Nippes family is of German extraction, William Nippes, its founder in America, having been born in Germany, whence he came to this country in a sailing vessel. He was a sea captain, following the water all his life. He settled in Philadelphia, where he married Catherine Heinckles, also a native of Germany, and engaged in the grocery business. Their children were all born in Philadelphia, viz.: John Carlos; William, who engaged in the bakery business; Abraham, who was a cabinetmaker; Samuel, also a cabinetmaker (married); Henry, a merchant (married); Mortimer, a grocer; Christianna, wife of Louis Thorn, a baker; Mary Ann, wife of Thomas Heinckles, a cabinetmaker; and Louisa, who also married. All of this family lived in Philadelphia.

John Charles Nippes, son of William and Catherine (Heinckles) Nippes, was born in 1830 in Philadelphia, where he attended common school, afterward learning the trade of cabinetmaker. In 1861 he enlisted for service in the Union army, joining Company A, 26th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under captain Moffatt and Colonel Small, being in Hooker's command in the Army of the Potomac. He was wounded at Gettysburg and died there one month later, in 1863, and was laid to rest in Monument cemetery in Philadelphia, with military honors. Mr. Nippes had married Esther L. Wright, who was born Feb. 28, 1831, in Philadelphia, daughter of William and Rachel (Lukens) Wright, of Philadelphia, and to them were born four children, three of whom died in infancy, Jennie, E., Ira and Willimina; the only survivor, Chester Walker Chipman, was born Jan. 2, 1852. the mother proved herself to be a woman of remarkable strength of character and purpose. She had received her early education in the public schools of Philadelphia, and after her husband's death took up the study of medicine, taking the course in the Women's Medical College in that city, from which she was graduated with the degree of M.D., in 1870. She was actively engaged in practice for over thirty-nine years, settling in Johnstown, where she is now living retired, in her eighty-second year. She remarried, becoming the wife of Dr. H. W. Marbough with whom she was associated in practice, and who lost his life May 31, 1889, in the Johnstown flood. Mrs. Marbough escaped with a horse and buggy, and she, too, would have been lost had not the horse been a strong swimmer, she gives the animal the credit for saving her life. Beloved and esteemed by all who have known her, she is spending her days quietly in the place where so many years of her active and useful career as a physician were passed. She is a member of the First M. E. Church of Johnstown.

CHESTER WALKER CHIPMAN NIPPES, son of John Charles and Esther L. (Wright) Nippes, was born Jan. 2, 1852, in Philadelphia, and there received his education in the public schools. In 1894 he settled in East Wheatfield township, Indiana Co., pa., where his father-in-law bought a farm which Mr. Nippes worked, making a home for his mother-in-law, after which he took charge of the place for himself, engaging in market gardening, which he was one of the first in that

section to undertake. In 1905 he moved with his family to Blacklick township, where he has since lived and worked, he and his son having purchased the property there, and now working in partnership as C.W.C. Nippes & Son. They have been highly successful, being the recognized leaders in their line in Indiana county, a distinction which they have won by the most untiring efforts and intelligent devotion to their work. Mr. Nippes has been prominent in public affairs and church work, having served as school director two terms and election inspector in East Wheatfield township, and as register and assessor in Blacklick township, still holding the latter position, which he has been filling two years. In political connection he is a Republican. He is a prominent member of the M. E. Church of Blacklick, which he has served faithfully in various capacities, having been steward, trustee (president of the board) and Sunday school teacher. On Dec. 26, 1877, he married Jennie Elizabeth Kissinger, who was born in 1857 in East Wheatfield township, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Shott) Kissinger, the latter, now (1912) eighty-nine years of age, residing with Mr. and Mrs. Nippes in Blacklick township. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Nippes: Joseph Charles; Ira Stanford, born July 26, 1886, in Johnstown, Pa., who is studying electrical engineering at Pennsylvania State College, class of 1913; William, born July 12, 1889, in Johnstown, who married Martha Ellen Eppley, of that place, and lives with his parents in Blacklick township; Arthur, born Nov. 24, 1891, who lives with his parents; Elizabeth, living at home; and Loretta, who died when two years old.

Joseph Charles Nippes was born Dec. 2, 1880, in Johnstown, Pa., where he attended public school; he attended a private school for two terms during the summer. At the age of fourteen, in 1894, he moved with his parents to east Wheatfield township, this county, where his father bought the farm of 160 acres from the Kissinger heirs, and commenced market gardening. Mr. Nippes working for his father for the next five years. In 1899 he went west to Pueblo, Colo., where he engaged in railroad work, working as foreman on the Denver & Rio Grande road for three years. Returning home he married shortly afterward, Dec. 10, 1903, in Indiana, Pa., Jessie M. Milliken, daughter of Edward and Elizabeth (Gamble) Milliken of New Florence, Westmoreland Co., pa. In 1905 Mr. Nippes and his father moved to Blacklick township, purchasing in partnership the Stoneback farm of 106 acres which they have since operated, both families living there, having built two large dwelling houses on the place, besides barns and other building. They carry on general farming and stock raising, but make a specialty of garden truck, raising on an average from 125, 000 to 150, 000 plants of celery each season, and large quantities of other vegetables. They ship as far east as Altoona and west to new Kensington, and find a ready sale for all they send to market, their products being well known to dealers. Joseph C. Nippes now looks after the entire management of the business, the steady growth of which show him to be thoroughly capable, and familiar with the commercial side, the demands of the market, etc., as well as with the practical work of raising vegetables.

Mr. Nippes was at one time a member of the Locomotive Firemen's Society. He is a Republican in politics, has been a member of the school board

of Blacklick township for five years, and is thoroughly interested in all that concerns the general welfare. He belongs to the Burrell Presbyterian Church, and has been trustee of same.

Mr. and Mrs. Nippes have had two children: Virginia Maud, born Feb. 20, 1905, in new Florence, Pa.; and Charles Kenneth, born Jan. 19, 1909, in Blacklick township