

JOSEPH F. LIGHTNER, who conducts a thriving general mercantile store at Dixonville, Indiana county, has been doing business there since 1905. he is a native of Armstrong county, Pa., born March 2, 1870, at Belknap, where his father, Daniel Lightner, was one of the first settlers. Daniel Lightner was a blacksmith and followed that calling at Belknap for many years, dying in 1890. He married Lovina Ellenberger, who survived him number of years, dying in 1908. They were the parents of three children: John, who is a resident of Armstrong county; Joseph F.; and Anna, wife of James a Reesman, of Kittanning Armstrong county.

Joseph F. Lightner received a public school education at Belknap, where he passed his early life. When a youth he was employed at farm work, at which he continued for a number of years, and was also engaged in the woods, lumbering. In 1905 he came to Dixonville, where he has since remained, and at one established the store he now conducts, which has enjoyed a profitable patronage from the start. He owns the building in which his business is located, and has become one of the substantial citizens of the community in which he is settled, and where his honorable career has won him good standing.

Mr. Lightner's marriage to Salvada Rummel took place in 1891. She was born in Armstrong county, daughter of Emanuel and Nancy (Rearich) Rummel, both also natives of that county, the latter now deceased: Mr. Rummel is at present a resident of Dixonville. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lightner: William married Irene Motter, of DuBois, Pa.; Floyd married grace Lydic, of Lovejoy, Pa.; Melvin is at home.