

JOSEPH LYDICK, late of South Mahoning township, was a veteran of the Civil war, and one of the oldest residents of his locality. He was born in West Mahoning township Oct. 13, 1829.

John Lydick, founder of the family in Indiana county, was a native of Ireland, and came to America at an early day. He was among the pioneer settlers of Indiana county, locating on the McGaughey tract, in what is now Cherryhill township, and owing to the wild conditions prevailing was driven out several times by Indians. The last time he remained away seven years before risking his life again. Eventually, however, he found he could live peaceably, and followed arming and hunting with profit. His children were: John, Jacob, Patrick, James, Elizabeth, Barbara, Margaret and Catherine.

Patrick Lydick, son of John Lydick, was a farmer all of his useful life, and made his home on the new State road, in Rayne (what was then Green) township. During the war of 1812 he gave his country patriotic service as a soldier. The death of this excellent man occurred on his property, and his remains were interred in Washington Church cemetery. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian. Patrick Lydick married Mary McHenry, who also died on the farm, and is buried beside her husband. Their children were: John, married Elizabeth Chapman; Isaac is mentioned below; James, married Sarah Chapman and (second) Rebecca Johnson; William, married Mary Neff; Patrick, married Jane A. Hamilton; Samuel, married Ellen Harrison and (second) Sarah Miller; Joseph, married Nancy Mabon; Mary, married Archibald Jamison; Nancy, married Edward Turner; Hannah, married Samuel K. Lockhart; Margaret, married James Mabon.

Isaac Lydick, son of Patrick Lydick, was born in 1800, in what was then Green (now Rayne) township, and was educated in the schools of his period, conducted upon the subscription plan, as there were no public schools in those early days. He worked on the farm from early boyhood until he reached his majority, when he located in South Mahoning township on 150 acres, which land he developed into a valuable property. In addition to farming he built and operated the first gristmill in that section, now known as the Rossmoyne, and kept a country store. His remaining years were spent there, and he died in 1838, when still in the prime of life. His remains were interred in Gilgal cemetery. He was a Baptist in religious belief, and a Whig politically.

The first wife of Isaac Lydick was Ann Turner, and his second marriage was to Eliza Sutor. The latter was born in Washington county, Pa., daughter of John Sutor, and died in East Mahoning township in 1884, aged seventy-six years; she is buried in Marion Center cemetery. The children born to Isaac Lydick were: George T., who is deceased; Joseph; Mary, who married Hugh Lawson (both are deceased); Margaret, who married Dr. Young; Beal, who died young; Agnes, who married Enoch Hastings, of Armstrong county; Adoniram Judson, who is deceased; Enoch, who died in Arkansas; Emma, who married Albert Ponches and lives in Ohio; and John S., who lives at Vandergrift, Pennsylvania.

Joseph Lydick received a good common school training during the winter seasons, attending school in Green township and at Dayton and Brookville,

working on his mother's farm in summer. He was only nine years old when he had the misfortune to lose his father, and he helped his mother at home and worked as farm assistant to others for small wages. When he was seventeen years old he began learning cabinetmaking at Brookville, and followed the trade for several years, establishing himself in business at Brookville. Continuing same for five years, he sold out in 1855 and returned to the homestead, and devoted his 150 acres to general farming and stock raising for many years. At last he sold sixty acres, and still retaining ninety acres, which his son operated after the father's retirement. Mr. Lydick made many valuable improvements upon his property, taking a pride in having it well managed. The Buffalo & Susquehanna railroad runs through one end of the farm, and its value was very materially increased by this. There is gas on the land, and two wells are now in operation. Always a strong character, and his habits of industry and thrift made him universally respected.

On February 14, 1864, Mr. Lydick was entered as a member of Company H, 78th Pennsylvania Infantry, under Colonel Bonneton, and Capt. Paul Crawford, and was mustered out in October, 1865, after having been a brave and efficient soldier. Always a strong Republican, he gave his hearty and enthusiastic support to President Taft during the campaign of 1912. For many years he was a valued member of the Mahoning Baptist Church, taught in the Sunday school, and served as Sunday school superintendent.

In March, 1853, Mr. Lydick was married to Helen A. Silvis, who was born in Clinton county, Pa., daughter of Henry Silvis. They had the following children: George T., who is operating the homestead; Virginia B., who is a home; Harry S., who is of Pittsburg, as is Ernest B.

Mr. and Mrs. Lydick were married nearly sixty years. Mr. Lydick was well preserved and in good health, and had remarkable eyesight, being able to read without glasses; his other faculties were also in excellent condition, with the exception of his hearing. His death occurred February 9, 1913. Mrs. Lydick has been an invalid for several years.