

MAX CRAWFROD, postmaster at Cookport, Indiana county, where he also carried on the blacksmithing business, was born in that vicinity, in Green township, Feb. 20, 1867, son of Abraham and Clarissa (Bash) Crawford.

Abraham Crawford, the father, was a native of Armstrong county, Pa., and came to Indiana county in his early life, buying land in Green township which he cultivated. Later he also operated a sawmill for several years and subsequently bought a farm in Cambria county, Pa., upon which he settled, remaining there until his death, which occurred in October, 1902. He married Clarissa Bash, who was born in Indiana county, and survives him, being now (1912) seventy-nine years old. She lives at the home of her two sons in Cambria county. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Crawford, namely: Walter, who lives in Cambria county; Viola, the wife of Porter Laney, of Cambria county; Cordelia, wife of Joseph Grumbling, of Somerset county, Pa.; Thomas, a resident of Cambria county; Sarah, wife of William Wentzel, of Westmoreland county; Matilda, wife of Gilbert Davidson, of Montana; Max; William, a resident of Cambria county; three who died in infancy; and Harvey, the youngest, a resident of Cambria County.

Max Crawford obtained his education in the public schools of Green township. During his boyhood he began to work on the farm, where he remained until he was past thirty years of age, working with his father until twenty-three years old. Later he went to Ebensburg to learn the trade of blacksmith, at which he continued to work in Cambria county after completing his apprenticeship, conducting a shop there for some time. Returning to Indiana county in 1910, he settled at Cookport, opening a shop there which he still carries on, having built up a good business even in that short period. In 1910 he was appointed postmaster at that place, his wife and daughter assisting him with the work in the office, which is in the fourth class. He is a trustworthy and respected citizen, and is ranked among the substantial residents of his section.

In 1889 Mr. Crawford married Lillian Cook, who was born in Green township, daughter of Andrew J. and Belle (Repine) Cook, both also natives of that township; Mr. Cook died in Green township, his wife, who still survives, living at Cookport. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford have become the parents of fifteen children, twelve of whom are living, namely: Grace; Gay; Esther, wife of Ford Gregg, of Cookport; Edna; Benjamin; Belle; Rose; Ruth; Minerva; Nellie; Olive, deceased; Ora and Dorothy; and twins who died in infancy.