

MICHAEL L. CARNAHAN, contractor and builder, for over thirty years a resident of Creekside, was born in Washington township, Indiana Co., Pa., March 9, 1855, son of Adam and Elizabeth (Kunkle) Carnahan.

Matthew Carnahan, paternal grandfather of Michael L., was originally a farmer of Westmoreland county, removed with his family to Indiana county at a very early date, and settled in Washington township, where he continued for farm throughout his life, also engaging in rafting on the Susquehanna river. He was buried in Center Church cemetery, as is also his wife, who born the maiden name of Lillie Laughland and was a native of Ireland.

Adam Carnahan, father of Michael L. Carnahan, was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., and accompanied his parents to Washington township, where the rest of his life was spent in tilling the soil, and where his death occurred; he is buried in the family plot in the Center Church cemetery. His widow still scurvies, and is now eighty-four years old. They had a family of eight sons and four daughters, as follows: J. C., who passed away in August, 1911, for several years a prominent resident of Creekside, and one of the first justices of the peace elected after the place was incorporated as a borough; Michael L; Matthew, deceased , who was the first of the brothers to die; Inez, wife of Scott Cochran, of Turtle Creek; a child who died in infancy; George B., traveling salesman, a resident of Creekside; John, engaged in the general hardware business at Marion Center; Addis, wife of Anthony Stutchel, of Washington township; Madison, also a resident of Washington township, engaged in farming; Dudley, living near Saltsburg, in Westmoreland county, where he is engaged in selling farming machinery; Frank, operating the old homestead, and also engaged in the farm implement business; and Lottie, residing at home with her mother.

Michael L. Carnahan was educated in the district schools of Washington township, at first attending on old log schoolhouse. He worked on the home farm until he was sixteen years of age, at which time he started to learn the carpenter's trade, with his uncle David Carnahan. In addition to mastering that trade he also learned that of stonemason, which he has followed ever since, and has worked at contracting and building schools, residences, churches and business structures, and at all times enjoying an enviable reputation for integrity and fair dealing. He has been a resident of Creekside for more than thirty years, and long before the incorporation of that place as a borough served in the capacity of councilman of the town. He helped to draft its by-laws, and in 1906 was elected constable, subsequently being reelected to the position on two different occasions. He has been the incumbent of the office for more than six years, and has given the greatest satisfaction in his official capacity. In 1873 Mr. Carnahan joined the National Guard of the state of Pennsylvania, serving with that organization until 1877. During the great Pittsburg strike he was under the command of Gen. Harry White and Capt. T. C. Laugherty.

On June 16, 1877, Mr. Carnahan was united in marriage with Nannie J. Stutchel, who was born in the town of Plumville, in East Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Pa., June 13, 1860, daughter of Christopher and Nancy (Mahon) Stutchel. Her grandfather, Christopher Stutchel, founded the family in America,

coming to the Stutchel settlement in Indiana county from Germany, at a very early day. His son Christopher, was born in South Mahoning township, whence he enlisted in a regiment of Pennsylvania volunteers for service in the Union army during the Civil war, and died in battle. He married Nancy Mahon, a member of a family which originated in Ireland, and nine children were born to them: Rebecca, who is deceased; William, a veteran of the Civil war, now residing in Texas; Angeline, wife of Joseph Pierce, of Indiana; Matthias, deceased; Calvin, of Pittsburg; Henry, deceased; Mrs. Carnahan; and two who died in infancy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Carnahan have been born eight children: J. L., a fireman, living at Creekside; Lorna E., wife of Torrance Greer, of Latrobe, Pa.; Vernie Mabel, wife of Ernest Myers, of Dixonville, Pa.; Addie B., wife of William Nofsker, a locomotive fireman, of DuBois, Pa.; Jesse McCrea, living in Creekside; Benjamin R., engaged in railroad work at Creekside; Sophia M., at home; and Thelma Charlotte.

Mr. Carnahan is a member of the Royal Arcanum at Creekside, and with his wife and family attends the Presbyterian Church