

MILTON CARNEY has made his home in Cherryhill township, Indiana county, for almost forty-five years, engaged in farming throughout that period, and is one of the most highly esteemed residents of his locality. He is a native of the county, born in White township July 12, 1835. His grandfather, John Carney, was born in Pennsylvania, of Scotch ancestry, and coming to Indiana county in the early days of the opening up of this region settled in the southern portion and engaged in farming. He lived to an advanced age, dying near what is now Blacklick, Indiana county.

Finley Carney, father of Milton Carney, was born in Indiana county, and like his father became a farmer, following that occupation all of his active years. He died near Indiana borough, in 1899, at the remarkable age of ninety-five years. His wife, Jane (Craig), was also born in Indiana county where her father, Jacob Craig, settled many years ago and followed farming; he came from Ireland. Mrs. Carney died in 1883, aged seventy-six years. To Mr. and Mrs. Carney were born nine children, namely: Martha, deceased, who was the wife of Samuel Donahey; Anna, deceased; Milton; Finley, a veteran of the Civil war, who now lives in White township; Craig, a veteran of the Civil war, deceased; Matilda, deceased; Emily, wife of John Stumpf, of Indiana; Stewart, deceased; and Walter, deceased.

Milton Carney passed his early life in White township, attending public school there. He was trained to farm work by his father, whom he assisted during his boyhood and early youth, later working also for other farmers. In 1868 he moved to the farm in Cherryhill township upon which he has since resided, owning a fine property, which he has cultivated profitably for many years. He is one of the substantial citizens of his township, thoroughly respected by all who know him, a man whose worth is recognized throughout the community.

On March 15, 1860, Mr. Carney married Phoebe Cameron, who was born Nov. 14, 1842, in Indiana county, daughter of Hugh and Elizabeth (Pershine) Cameron. Her paternal grandfather, John Cameron, came from Scotland, and he settled in Indiana county, Pa., at an early day, following farming. Mrs. Elizabeth (Pershine) Cameron was born in Indiana county, daughter of Frederick Pershine, also a native of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Cameron died in Cherryhill township. They had the following children: Hugh, Eliza, Frederick, Daniel and Jacob, all deceased; Nancy, wife of George Rink, of Indiana; Joseph, who lives in Mahaffey, Clearfield Co., Pa., and Phoebe, Mrs. Carney.

Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Carney: Knox, who lives at Indiana; Emerson, now of Morgantown, W. Va.; Bert, living at Johnstown, Pa.; Blanche, living at home; Etta, wife of Zena Decker, of Cherryhill township; Clara, wife of James Gibson, of Cherryhill township; Ira H., deceased; Elizabeth J., who was the wife of Asbury Carney and the mother of three sons; and Jessie, the youngest, who is at home. The parents are members of the M. E. Church, and Mr. Carney is particularly active in religious work, having acted as class-leader for the last forty years.