

NAUM COOPER, proprietor of the only merchant tailoring and men's furnishing goods establishment in the borough of Clymer, was born in Russia Nov. 20, 1879, son of Aaron and Vera Cooper, the former deceased and the latter still living in Russia, neither having ever come to the United States.

Naum Cooper received a public school education in his native land, and on completing his schooling was apprenticed to the trade of tailor. For some time he worked at his trade in Russia, and from 1892 to 1895 served in the Russian army. From that country he went to Austria, where he remained three months, and then proceeded to Berlin, Germany, and later to Bremen, working at his trade all the time. At Bremen he took a steamer for the United States, and from Baltimore, Md., where he landed, came direct to Pittsburg, Pa. After remaining in the latter city for a short time Mr. Cooper moved on to McKeesport, Pa., but after ten months went to Johnstown, and remained there one year. He then went to Bolivar, Pa., where he engaged in the merchant tailoring business, and after a residence there of three years came to Clymer. During all this time Mr. had been seeking a locality in which to settle permanently, and after spending a short time in Clymer recognized the general desirability of the borough as a business center and the opportunity offered for a live and alert merchant to engage in tailoring. Accordingly he established himself in business here, and later added men's furnishings to his stock, now having the only store of its kind in Clymer.

On Jan. 27, 1912, Mr. Cooper was united in marriage with Bertha McCaskey, who was born in Butler county, Pa.; her parents are now residents of Bolivar, Westmoreland county.

Mr. Cooper is a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Clymer and is also a popular member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle.