

PETER PAYTASH, business man of Clymer, Indiana county, has one of the leading general stores in that borough, where he was one of the first settlers, having come there in 1905. He is a native of Austria-Hungary, born in 1872, son of Joseph and Hannah Paytash, both of whom died in Austria.

They had six children: Michael, now deceased; Mary, a widow, living in Austria; Anna, who married Mike Kokosh and (second) James Losock, and lives in Wolf Run, Ohio (she has four children); Susie, who died in Austria; Peter; Michael (2), a farmer in Virginia.

Mr. Paytash came to America in 1887, land at New York. Thence he proceeded to Luzerne county, Pa., where he remained for a short time, going next to Bellefonte, Center county, for a brief period. His next move was to Cresson, Cambria county, and from there to Philipsburg, Center county, whence he returned to Cresson after a short stay. In 1905 he removed from that place to Clymer, where he has since lived and carried on business, having a thriving general store which has a large share of the local patronage. Mr. Paytash did his share in the organization of the borough and has always shown himself to be a public-spirited citizen. He has supported every enterprise for the advancement and general welfare of his adopted town, and is one of the stockholders and directors of the Clymer National Bank. He has made his way in spite of all obstacles and deserves high credit for the substantial position he has attained. Though well educated in his native tongue, when he settled in America he had to struggle against the disadvantages of a strange language and customs, yet he has overcome every drawback and made his success the more worthy.

In May, 1895, Mr. Paytash married Susie Cramer, like himself a native of Austria, and they have had six children, namely: Anna, Michael, Susie, Andrew and Helen (twins) and Peter.