

REV. JOHN W. FYOCK, pastor of the Church of the Brethren in Green township, Indiana county, and also engaged in farming there, is a well-known resident of that section, doing good work in his ministerial capacity and highly esteemed as a man of honorable character and good qualities which make for useful citizenship. He was born in Green township Jan. 22, 1861, son of David and Catherine (Wise) Fyock, grandson of John Fyock and great-grandson of David Fyock. David Fyock and his son, John moved into this region at an early day, from Somerset county, Pa. They are buried in the cemetery at Taylorsville, in Green township. John Fyock bought land in that township, which he farmed until his death; he and his father were blacksmiths as well as farmers, and followed that trade in connection with agricultural work.

David Fyock, father of Rev. John W. Fyock, was born in Somerset county, and came with his father to Green township when quite young. He passed the rest of his life there, farming until his death, which occurred in 1893. He married Catherine Wise, daughter of Solomon Wise, an early settler in this part of Indiana county, who followed farming in Green township. Mrs. Fyock died in 1865. She was the mother of five children, the eldest being Tillie M., wife of Edward Donahey, a resident of Grant township, this county; Benjamin lives in Johnstown, Pa.; John W. is mentioned below; Catherine and Moses are deceased.

John W. Fyock obtained his early education in the common schools of Green township. He began farming in boyhood, and followed it for several years before he entered upon his regular preparation for the ministry, in 1892. His first pastorate was the Manor congregation in Green township, and he is now pastor of the Church of the Brethren in that township, where his work has been very successful

On April 2, 1885, Mr. Fyock was married to Elvira Minser, a native of Lawrence county, Pa., daughter of Mark and Elizabeth (Stanley) Minser, who came to Indiana county and lived in Green township for thirty years. Mr. Minser is deceased, and Mrs. Minser, now (1912) eighty-four years old, makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Fyock. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Fyock; Earl, the eldest, was accidentally killed when seven years old, having been run over by a wagon; Bessie E., is the wife of Bert Fyock, a resident of Grant township; Ray L., is engaged in teaching public school in Green township; Mark G., Anna Mary and Ira J. are at home.