

ROBERT ALVIN EWING, a farmer of Conemaugh township, this county, was born in that township July 18, 1870, on the homestead of his father, John Ewing. Robert Ewing, his grandfather, married Elizabeth Walker, and was a successful farmer of Conemaugh township.

John Ewing, son of Robert Ewing, and father of Robert Alvin Ewing, was born in Conemaugh township, where he attended the schools of his district, and was brought up to hard work on the farm. He remained with his father until 1860, when he moved to Young township, to the property now owned by Sylvester Kennedy. Here he lived until 1865, when he moved to the property now owned by his heirs, which is a portion of the old John Matthews farm. The property was patented in that name and Mr. Ewing has the original deed in his possession, covering 166 acres. On this place John Ewing carried on farming and stock raising, the remainder of his life, dying Feb. 3, 1905, aged seventy-three years. He became one of the leading men of his locality. A man of broad-minded ideas, he was often called upon for advice and action in township matters, at one time holding the office of bounty collector of Young township. Politically he was a life-long Republican. In boyhood he joined the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church at Lewisville, and not only was a trustee for years, but served on the building committee that had charge of the erection of a new edifice.

John Ewing married Margaret Wilson, a daughter of John and Margaret (Campbell) Wilson. She died Sept. 13, 1887, the mother of children as follows: Elizabeth is living with Robert A. Ewing; Wilson F., who married Elizabeth J. Young, lives at New Kensington, Pa.; Frank died at the age of twenty-seven years; Sarah Jane resides with Robert A. Ewing; Robert A. is mentioned below; Edward Chambers is deceased; Angie Myrta is deceased; all of those who are deceased are buried in the cemetery connected with Ebenezer Church, in Conemaugh township.

Robert Alvin Ewing attended the district schools and grew up on the farm. Later he went to the academy at Eldersridge, and upon his return home resumed his agricultural occupations, learning farming in all its details. Since coming into possession of the farm he has improved the property, and now carries on general farming and stock raising. A man of progressive ideas, he is conducting his business intelligently and ably and has earned the right to a leading place among the successful agriculturists of Indiana county.

Mr. Ewing married Laura Catherine Pierce, a daughter of John M. and Sarah (McPhearson) Pierce, of South Mahoning township, this county. For the last five years Mr. Ewing has been a trustee of the Presbyterian Church, of which he is a consistent member, and he is honored in that body as he is in all the relations of life.