

ROBERT GRANT CRAMER, junior member of the mercantile firm of Cramer Brothers, of Cramer, Indiana Co., Pa., and a son of the late Joseph Cramer, is the present postmaster of his village. He was born in East Wheatfield township, this county, Jan. 17, 1864, and has spent practically all his life in this locality. He attended the local public schools, and was a schoolmate of Prof. J. T. Stewart, the celebrated educator and historian of Indiana county, while attending a summer school taught by D. H. Tomb, and taking a course extending over two terms at the State normal school at Indiana. During his boyhood he worked for his father, manufacturing charcoal, and later in 1886 became a partner of his father in the store, the firm being known as Joseph Cramer & Son, and after 1889, when his brother, T. W., was admitted to the firm, as Joseph Cramer & Sons. His industry and faithfulness were thus rewarded, and when the father retired, in February, 1905, Bruce D. Cramer became a partner, but his health failing, necessitating a western trip and residence, he withdrew, and the other brothers, Thomas W., and Robert Grant Cramer, continued the business as Cramer Brothers, which style they still retain.

When Joseph Cramer was made postmaster at the new village of Cramer, Robert Grant Cramer was made his assistant, and as he was fully conversant with the duties of the office he was appointed succeed his father, in May, 1906, so that gives him a period of service in postoffice of twenty-three years, seven years of which he has been in charge. He has always been a strong Republican, and has served his party as auditor of the township of east Wheatfield, and as school director, being president of the school board at present. The Methodist Church of Cramer owes much to the Cramer family, for they all have been active in it, and Robert G. Cramer is no exception to this rule, for he is a member, trustee, Sunday school teacher and superintendent, and takes a deep interest in all braches of church and Sunday school work. In his everyday life he carries out his creed and is temperate in all things. Fraternally he belongs to Camp Vestal, Woodmen of the World, at Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

On Oct. 18, 1890, Mr. Cramer was married, in East Wheatfield township, to Ida Catherine step hers, born in that township, daughter of Sampson and Elvira Stephens. Like her husband Mrs. Cramer is very much interested in the Methodist Church, of which she is a consistent member. They have had five children: Joseph F., Robert Alson, Paul Sampson, Theodore and Helen Elvira; Theodore died at the age of nine months.