

ROBERT L. EMERICK, of Canoe township, Indiana county, teacher and farmer, has lived in that section all his life, having been born Sept. 14, 1884, at Rochester Mills, son of John J. Emerick, and grandson of John B. Emerick.

John Emerick, his great-grandfather, was born in Hessen, Darmstadt, Germany, and came to America many years ago. For eight years he worked as a merchant tailor in Baltimore, Md., and then moved to Franklin county, Pa., where he farmed from 1832 to 1840, in the latter year coming to Indiana county. He obtained 150 acres of wild land, continuing his agricultural operations in Canoe township, where he died in 1878, aged ninety-four years, while his wife died in 1874, aged eighty-five years. They were members of the M. E. Church. Their children were: John B.; Henry, who married Mary Hoover, and lived in Canoe township (both are deceased); Elizabeth, who married John Hefflick, and lived in Canoe township (both are deceased); and Mary, who married Michael Winsheimer, and lived in Indiana county and Maryland (both are deceased).

John B. Emerick, son of John, came with his parents to Indiana county and helped them to clear a farm in Canoe township, both working hard for their success. He secured fifty acres of the homestead and lived on it until his death, in 1894, at the age of seventy-eight years. Mr. Emerick was also a tailor and worked at his trade occasionally. Re Republican in politics, he confined his public activities to casting his vote for the candidate of his party. The Lutheran Church of Trade City held his membership, and he was a most excellent man in every respect.

John B. Emerick married Barbara Wortman, who was born in West Mahoning township, this county, daughter of Casper Wortman. They had the following children: John J.; Kate, who married James Colkitt, of Punxsutawney, and has four children, Charles, Alfred, miry and Fred; George, who is living with his brother Harvey C., on the Emerick homestead, a huckster and farmer; and Harvey C.

John J. Emerick, son of John B. and Barbara (Wortman) Emerick, was born Aug. 7, 1849, on the Emerick homestead in Canoe township, now occupied by his brother Harvey, and received his education in the public schools there. He himself became the owner of a tract of sixty acres in that township, following general farming and trucking, and for many years engaging as a huckster, making two trips a week to Horatio, where he not only disposed of his own produce, but that of other farmers which he gathered. His death occurred in 1892. Politically he was a Republican, but took no part in party affairs, and never held any office. On Jan. 7, 1880, he married Margaret E. Lowry, who was born Dec. 29, 1858, daughter of Lewis and Isabella (Hanna) Lowry, and died Dec. 2, 1908, aged forty-nine years, ten months. Mr. and Mrs. Emerick are buried in the Pine Grove cemetery at Richmond, in Canoe township. They had children as follows: Robert L.; Oren B., who is on his father's homestead near Rochester Mills, in Canoe township, married to Mayme C. Colgan; Anna B., wife of Jacob McFarland, of Rossiter, canoe township; and cecil B., who married Harry Dunmire of Juneau, Canoe township. The family are of Presbyterian faith.

Robert L. Emerick obtained his preparatory education in the public schools of his native township, and attended the summer normals held at Marchand,

Marion Center and Smicksburg. For one term he was a student in the preparatory school of Grove City College, in Mercer county, Pa. he holds a State permanent certificate. He has taught school for eleven years in canoe and Banks townships and Smicksburg borough, and was thus engaged for three summer terms, two at Smicksburg and one at Juneau. In 1912 he bought a farm of eighty acres in Canoe township, a few miles from Richmond, where he intends to engage in truck farming, following in his father's footsteps.

On Aug. 3, 1910 Mr. Emerick married Vesta Butler, daughter of John H. and Margaret C. (Aul) Butler, of Georgeville, this county, and they have one child, John Lowry, born June 1, 1911.

Mr. Emerick has not only been associated with educational work in his locality, but with religious enterprises and general moral advancement. He is a staunch Prohibitionist in political connection, and is one of the most efficient working members of the Salem evangelical Church, which he is serving as trustee and Sunday school superintendent; he is also secretary and treasurer of the Young People's Alliance. By reason of his attainments and high standards he is well fitted for such responsibilities and conscientious official.

JOHN HENRY BUTLER, father of Mrs. Emerick, is a merchant at Georgeville, in East Mahoning township. He is a native of New Jersey, born Sept. 3, 1849, near Roxbury, Warren county, and the family has been established in that State from an early day. Robert Butler, grandfather of John Henry, was a cooper; followed his trade in Warren county and died there.

Holloway Butler, son of Robert and Elizabeth (or Betty), was born in Warren county, learned coopering with his father, and worked at the trade for some time, but later became interested in fruit culture, raising small fruits and vegetables. He was thus engaged until his death. He married Margaret Kimple, also a native of Warren county, and they had children: Mary Elizabeth, Thomas, John Henry, George, Bernard, James, William, Anna, Lena, Samuel, Sarah and Oscar.

John Henry Butler came to Indiana county in 1871, his maternal grandfather, John Kimple, and uncle, Capt. William Kimple, living here. He settled with the former and worked for him a year, in 1872 going to Butler county, where he remained a year. He has since been a resident of East Mahoning township, where he farmed until 1882, the year he entered the general mercantile business at Georgeville. He now has a flourishing trade, being the leading businessman of the place. He is still interested in farming, and continued to look after the operation of his homestead place until he turned it over to his son George in 1909. He is a Republican in politics and has held public office; socially he is a member of the I.O.O.F. and Jr. O.U.A.M.

On March 24, 1873, Mr. Butler married Margaret Aul, and they have had children as follows: George h., Margaret (deceased), Rebecca (deceased), Annie, Frank (deceased), Ross (deceased), Urbie Clair (deceased), Edward Gale (deceased), Bessie (deceased), Bertha, Vesta, and Miles Putney (deceased). A full sketch of the Butler family appears elsewhere in this work.