

ROBERT PATTISON, now living retired in the borough of Indiana, Pa., where for a number of years he was engaged in plumbing and steam fitting, was born in a little old log house on his father's farm in White township, Indiana Co., Pa., July 8, 1846, son of William and Eliza (Smith) Pattison. His paternal grandfather, a native of Ireland, spent his whole life in that country, dying there.

William Pattison, father of Robert, was born in county Derry, Ireland, and came to the United States at the age of twenty-one years, with his mother, two sisters and a brother-in-law, Hugh Thompson, while another sister, Mrs. Block, was left in the old country. Settling in White township, Indiana Co., Pa., William Pattison engaged in farming with such success that at the time of his death, at the age of sixty-two years, he was the owner of three farms, of 160, 110 and 220 acres, respectively. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and a Republican in his political views. He and his wife, who also died in White township, were the parents of the following children: Jane, who died at the age of eighteen years; Nancy, who married John Barr, of Washington county, Pa.; Robert; William S., of white township, who married Augusta Johnston; Mary, who married Samuel Fergy, of Washington county; Margaret, who died at the age of twenty-two years; and Martha Jen, who married Joseph McNeary, of Washington county.

Robert Pattison was reared on the home farm, and attended the old Pike school, where his first teacher was Miss Baysburo. He continued to work with his father until he was twenty-five years of age, and in 1872 removed to Indiana and engaged in the stock business, also conducting a dairy. He owned a dairy farm of 200 acres located two miles west of Indiana, but after two years sold out and moved to the oil fields near Franklin, Venango county, where he continued two years more. Subsequently he located at Braddock, Pa., and after one year spent in the feed business, went to Johnstown and became a steam fitter in the employ of the Cambria Steel Company. In 1906 he retired from active life, and since then has resided in Indiana. He is a member of the First United Presbyterian Church of Indiana, and a Republican in politics.

In 1872 Mr. Pattison was married to Maggie McCurdy, of Jacksonville, Indiana county, daughter of John J. and Mary (Walkenshaw) McCurdy. Mr. and Mrs. Pattison reside at No. 1328 Philadelphia street.