

SAMUEL F. BROWN, farmer, carpenter and general contractor of Cherryhill township, has resided there all his life, having been born in that township Aug. 31, 1854, a son of John and Margaret (Potts) Brown.

David Brown, grandfather of Samuel F. Brown, was born in Blair county, Pa., and became an early settler of Indiana county, locating on land in Cherryhill township, a part of which is now owned by his grandson. He was a substantial farmer of his day and locality, and his whole career was spent in agricultural pursuits.

John Brown, son of David, and father of Samuel F. Brown, was born at Williamsburg, Blair Co., Pa., and like his father followed the occupation of a farmer throughout his life. His death occurred Sept. 16, 1899, in Cherryhill township, while his wife, who was born Aug. 21, 1839, still survives and makes her home with her son, Samuel F., having been a resident of Indiana county for the last sixty-one years. She and Mr. Brown had a family of six sons and three daughters, as follows: Mary Ellen; Samuel F.; Isaiah R., a resident of Ebensburg, Pa.; Jane, wife of William Learn, of Green township; Annie, who is deceased; David, a resident of Cherryhill; John, who is deceased; Marion G., a resident of Indiana county; and one child who died in infancy.

Samuel Potts, the maternal grandfather of Samuel F. Brown, was a native of Ireland, and on first coming to the United States settled in Pittsburg, and subsequently in Allegheny, following the trade of brickmason. Later he became a farmer in Bedford county, Pa., and there his death occurred at an advanced age. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Susanna Soyster, was born at Martinsburg, Pennsylvania.

Samuel F. Brown was educated in Cherryhill township, and as a young man learned the trade of carpenter with his brother Isaiah, a trade which he has followed in connection with his farming operations for the last quarter of a century, devoting a great deal of attention also to general contracting. Mr. Brown was married in Green township, Dec. 25, 1879, to Elizabeth Gasten, who was born in Green township Aug. 22, 1860, daughter of Frederick and Mary (Learn) Gasten. Frederick Gasten was born near Johnstown, Pa., and followed the trade of blacksmith after locating in Green township, where his death occurred in September, 1878. His widow still resides in her native township. They had a family of six daughters and two sons: Elizabeth, who married Mr. Brown; Jane, wife of Uriah Learn; Carrie, wife of Jacob Bart, of Green township; Laura, wife of Ellsworth Henry, a resident of Marion Center, Grant township; one who died in infancy; Jesse, of Green township; Ellen, wife of David Brown, living in Cherryhill township; and Lucy, wife of Maurice Lockhart, of Homer City, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown have become the parents of eleven children: Ira, who married Cora Bowes, a native of Indiana county; Bertha, wife of George Short, of Cherryhill township, who has one child, Clarence; Uriah, who married Elsie Putt, of Clymer, and has four children, Marie, Orvin, Franklin and Wayne; Howard, who married Mary Carney, a native of Cherryhill township; Linnie, wife of James Mackin, of Cherryhill township, who has three children, Elizabeth, Viola and Alverda; Mabon, residing at home; Lethea, wife of Marion putt, of Cherryhill

township, who has one child, Velma; Ethel, who is deceased; and Verdie, Waldo and Gertrude, who are living at home.

The family is connected with the Rich Hill Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Brown is an advocate of all things that make for good citizenship and the promotion of education and for several years has served in the capacity of school director of Cherryhill township.