

SAMUEL T. KING, who may be named as one of the pioneer settlers of Clymer, assisting as he did in the organization of the borough, is serving in the office of constable, having been elected to the same in 1910. Mr. King was born in Bedford county, Pa., March 2, 1849, a son of John h. and Harriet (Thomas) King.

George King, his grandfather, was a very early settler in Bedford county, Pa., locating in the wilderness before all the hostile Indians had been driven away. On one occasion they made him a captive and kept him with the tribe for two years before he effected his escape.

John H. King, son of George, and father of Samuel T. King, was born and reared in Bedford county and by trade was a tailor. He passed the last twenty-five years of his life at Altoona, Pa., his death occurring when he was ninety-four years old. He married Harriet Thomas, who also lived to old age, and died at Altoona. They were the parents of six sons and three daughters, viz: Erastus and Dorsey, both deceased; Hezekiah, a resident of Altoona; Emma J., Harry and John, All deceased; Samuel T.; and Charlotte and Anna, both deceased. All the sons were soldiers in the Federal army during the Civil war, their loyalty and patriotism entailing many hardships and much suffering on several of them.

Samuel T. King attended school in Bedford county. During the Civil war he enlisted in company H, 55th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for three years, being honorably discharged and mustered out at Petersburg, Va., Aug. 31, 1865. During eight long months Mr. King was a prisoner of war in the hands of the enemy, being confined at Andersonville, Georgia.

After the war closed Mr. King returned to Bedford county and remained in the old home neighborhood for six months, and then moved to Johnstown, Pa., for several years, afterward living for a time at Altoona. Having become identified with the John Robinson Circus Company, in the capacity of driver, Mr. King traveled over a wide extent of country, and still farther when he accepted a similar position with the Adam Forepaugh Circus Company. Mr. King also knows something of the old stage coach days, having for some years driven a stage over the mountains from Hollidaysburg to Bedford, from Bedford to Cumberland, from Johnstown to Somerset, and from there to Berlin, and from Clearfield to Brookville. For thirty-five years afterward he was a railroad man, but not since he came to Clymer, some seven years ago, which was before the borough was incorporated. He was one of the organizers and has continued to be one of the leading men of the place. In 1910 Mr. King was elected constable and continues in that office.

In 1876 Mr. King was married to Mary L. Levy, who was born in Clearfield county, Pa., and they have had five children: Dorsey, residing at Clymer; Nellie, wife of Robert Houk, of Clymer; June, a clerk in the A. F. Kelly store, at Clymer, and May I. and Ruth residing at home