

SARAH ELIZABETH KUNKLE, widow of John C. Kunkle, residing in Washington township, Indiana co., Pa., was born in that township Jan. 24, 1858, daughter of John G. Dickson, and granddaughter of Thomas Dickson.

Thomas Dickson was born in the North of Ireland, but immigrated to the United States, first settling in Adams county, Pa., near Gettysburg. His farm was near the famous peach orchard which will go down in history as the scene of part of the battle of Gettysburg. Thomas Dickson left Adams county prior to the Civil war and so was saved the harrows which resulted from that bloody engagement. He located in Westmoreland county, leaving it later to come to Washington township, Indiana county, where he passed away. He was first married in Ireland, and had the following children: Mrs. Ruth Patterson, Mrs. Jane Getty, Mrs. Mary Ann Wilson and Mrs. Eliza Wilson, all now deceased.

John G. Dickson was born in Adams county, Pa., in July 1827, and came with his parents to Indiana county, where he attended school. He learned the blacksmith's trade in young manhood and followed it during the latter part of his life, earlier farming on ninety-six acres of his father's property of 176 acres, the balance falling to the share of his brother, James E. The death of John G. Dickson occurred June 8, 1864, when he was not quite thirty-seven years old. He married Mary Jane Campbell, of Loyalhanna township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., daughter of George and Sarah (Carnahan) Campbell. George Campbell and his brother left Ireland for this country together, but the brother died during the voyage and was buried at sea. George Campbell settled on the farm in Loyalhanna township now owned and occupied by his grandson, Archy Campbell, now one of finest places in the neighborhood. There he raised his family of six children and lived to a good old age.

Sarah Elizabeth (Dickson) Kunkle received her educational training in the public schools of her native township, and at the Saltsburg academy, which she attended for one term. She remained home until her marriage, on March 25, 1875, to John C. Kunkle, and they had children as follows: Jesse M. married Stella Brown, of Washington township; Charles L., married Dolly McFeaters, of Creekside; Mary Elizabeth married George Nesbit, in Indiana, Pa.; John I, married Elsie Rupert, of Armstrong county, Pa.; Stacey E. married Luna Trusal, of Five Points; Clarence S. married Dora Gibson, of Washington township; Sarah E. married bert Lytle, of Chambersville, Washington township, Indiana county.

JOHN C. KUNKLE, was born Feb. 27, 1848, in Washington township, Indiana Co., Pa., son of Michael and Elizabeth (Anderson) Kunkle, of Armstrong county, the former born in March, 1810, the latter in October, 1808. In 1825 the parents moved to Washington township, Indiana Co., Pa. The Kunkle family is of German extraction.

John C. Kunkle went to the local public schools and was engaged in assisting his father in the farm work until 1875, when he purchased his father's homestead. On this property he carried on general farming and stock raising, and was a man of considerable means when he died. His farm comprised 284 acres, underlaid with coal, which was sold to D. F. Run, of Indiana, by his heirs, in 1912. The vein is an excellent one and promises to mine well.

Politically Mr. Kunkle was a democrat, and served as a school director for one term. A conscientious member of the Presbyterian Church, he was an elder for years, being connected with the congregation at Creekside. For six years he served as superintendent of the Sunday school, and took a deep interest in the work of that body. The present church edifice is built on a portion of the original Kunkle farm, he paternal grandfather having at one time owned a large tract that was cut into several farms in this locality.

Both the Dickson and Kunkle families are well and favorably known in this part of the State, and their representatives have every reason to be proud of the stock from which they spring. Mrs. Kunkle is one of the most highly esteemed ladies of Washington township, and is surrounded by every comfort the love of her children can suggest. Mr. Kunkle died July 2, 1895, and is buried in Greenwood cemetery, at Indiana.