

SPENCER HICKCOX RHOADS, postmaster at Iselin, Young township, and bookkeeper for the Ridge Supply Company's store at that point, was born at Tunkhannock, Wyoming Co., Pa., July 12, 1862, son of Dr. John W. and Mary Jennie (Hickcox) Rhoads.

John W. Rhoads, M.D., belonged to an old and honored Virginia family, while his wife descended from Connecticut stock. Dr. Rhoads practiced medicine for many years at Tunkhannock and later at Houtzdale, Pa., where he died in 1889. His widow survived until 1891, and passed away in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania.

Spencer Hickcox Rhoads was educated in the public schools of Northumberland county and in Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, Pa. After leaving school he became assistant agent and operator at Houtzdale, Pa., and later engaged as bookkeeper and clerk for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at different points in Pennsylvania. In 1899 he accepted the position of bookkeeper in the office of Platt, Barber & Co., at Dubois, Pa., holding it for seven years. In 1906 he left this firm to accept the same position with the Pittsburg Gas Coal Company at their Iselin plant in Young township, Indiana county, and he holds the same office with the Ridge Supply Company. Mr. Rhoads was assistant postmaster under Joseph H. Burgess, and in April, 1911, when the office was made a third-class one, he received the appointment as postmaster under President Taft, still retaining it.

On April 19, 1899, Mr. Rhoads was united in marriage with Margaret Munson, the ceremony taking place at Philipsburg, Center Co., Pa. Mrs. Rhoads is a daughter of Levi Munson, and comes of an old Connecticut family. One daughter, Margaret Valentine, has been born of this marriage. Mr. Rhoads is very much interested in the Union Church, which he and his wife attend, and he was on the building committee that had charge of the erection of the present church edifice. He is one of the energetic men of the township, and is a very efficient public official, administering the affairs of his office in a manner that gives satisfaction to all parties concerned.