

TAYLOR WINFIELD FOUTS, farmer of Armstrong township, Indiana county, belongs to an old and respected family of this part of Pennsylvania, and the name, originally spelled Pfoutz or Pfouts, is perpetuated in Pfouts Valley, Peery county.

John Fouts, father of Taylor Winfield Fouts, was born in Pfouts Valley, on the old homestead, and in Perry county married Susann Frank, a native of Dauphin county, Pa. They moved from Perry county to Indiana borough, and thence to Susquehanna township, Cambria county, and from there in 1871-72 to Venango county, this State, where Mr. Fouts followed his trade, that of carpenter. He next lived at Bradford, Pa., and his death occurred at Tarkwood, in 1886. He was a Republican in his political views, and in religious connection a member of the M. E. Church. His wife died in 1884. They were the parents of the following children: St. Clair, now of North Baltimore, Ohio, who married Sarah Adams; Missouri, who married George Tate, of McKean county, Pa.; Taylor Winfield; Alabam, who married Charles L. Avery and lives in Noblestown, Pa.; Buena Vista, who married Henry Croks, of Venango county; Miller, of McKean county, who married Lucinda Tarr; Clifford, an oil driller, who is unmarried; and Curtin, a resident of Apollo, Pa., married to Minnie Walker.

Taylor Winfield Fouts was born Nov. 8, 1850, in Susquehanna township, Cambria Co., Pa., and passed his early life in Cambria, Clearfield and Venango counties, this State. He learned the trade of carpenter, was in the oil fields for a time, engaged in various occupations, and saw much of the development and opening up of the oil regions. After his marriage he came to his present home, in Armstrong township, Indiana county, where he is engaged in farming.

On Oct. 6, 1873, Mr. Fouts was married, in Butler county, Pa., to Sarah Elizabeth Craig, a native of Butler county, born Sept. 27, 1856, daughter of James A. and Mary (Campbell) Craig, and received her education in the public schools. Mr. Craig was born July 2, 1825, in Butler county, Pa., son of George and Margaret (Hunter) Craig, and died in 1896 in Armstrong county, Pa.; his wife died in 1894. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Fouts: James Harry, of Armstrong county, who married Minnie Moore; Charles, who is deceased; Wilbert Ellsworth, of Indiana, who married Rhoda Williams; Ralph of Armstrong township, Indiana county, married to Elizabeth Campbell; Homer, of Youngstown, Ohio; Frank C., of Armstrong township, who married Daisy Sealer; Mary Jane, wife of Clair Edmundson, living in Indiana borough, and Ervin Earl, at home.