

THOMAS BURNS GLASS, farmer, residing in Center township, Indiana Co., Pa., was born in that township April 5, 1865, son of William and Catherine (Burns) Glass, a full record of the Glass ancestry being found in another part of this work.

Thomas Burns, maternal ancestor of Thomas Burns Glass, was born at Dublin, Ireland, in 1750, and according to family annals served in the British army at the beginning of the Revolutionary war, but later served for four years under Capt. John Paul Jones and other American commanders. In 1790 he came to Indiana county, Pa., locating in Center township. As a pioneer he made a somewhat precarious living for some years by chopping wood and burning charcoal, but subsequently acquired land on which he carried on farming. He died here Oct. 2, 1833, at the age of eighty-three years, and was buried in Bethel cemetery. In 1800 he was married (first) to Mary Hored, who died in 1816, aged sixty-four years. In 1817 he was married (second) to Sarah Boyle, daughter of Robert and Mary (Johnson) Boyle, who died Aug. 15, 1845, aged fifty-five years. They had the following children: William, born Sept. 17, 1818, was a soldier in the Civil war and died March 17, 1900; Thomas, born March 17, 1820, married Margaret Henry, and died Oct. 10, 1893; Catherine, born July 27, 1821, married William Glass, and died Oct. 17, 1886; James M., born March 4, 1824, died Oct. 10, 1855. Mrs. Charles E. Boyle, the only daughter of Thomas Burns, Jr., now resides on the homestead in Center township.

Thomas Burns Glass was reared on the Burns farm and attended the Myers school in Center township. He lived with his uncles, Thomas and William Burns, and followed farming in Center township until 1893, when he removed to Armstrong township and located on a 113-acre tract belonging to Hugh Miller. There Mr. Glass remained eleven years, following farming and general industrial activities, and when he sold that property he located in Rayne township on a farm of fifty-two acres, which was known as the James McKendree farm. Four years later Mr. Glass disposed of his interests there to J. W. Helmen and bought fifty-seven acres in the same township, from Prof. Samuel Wolf. This farm he cultivated for four years and then exchanged farms with Harry Weimer. This transaction took place in 1910 and he has continued general farming stock raising here ever since.

On March 23, 1892, Mr. Glass was married to Lizzie Kunkle, a daughter of Michael Kunkle and sister of L. C. Kunkle, extended mention of which family will be found in another part of this volume. One daughter born to this married died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Glass belong to the Presbyterian Church, attending at Bethel. He is independent in his political attitude.