

WILLIAM ALLEN EVANS, M. D., of Clymer, Indiana county, has been engaged in practice at that point throughout his medical career, and has been one of the leaders in developing local interests and resources. He has not only attended faithfully to his professional duties, but has become associated with public affairs and business enterprises designed to advance the general welfare of the borough, where he is justly classed among the most influential citizens.

Dr. Evans was born April 12, 1874, in Raleigh, N. C., son of John E. and Ellen M. (Allen) Evans, and in the paternal line is of Welsh extraction. His grandfather, Eleazer Evans, was an early settler in Montour county, Pa., where he was associated in business with the iron industries, continuing to follow this line until his death, which occurred Nov. 18. 1879.

John E. Evans, father of Dr. Evans, was born Sept. 5, 1844, at Danville, Montour Co., Pa. he became engaged in the mercantile business and coal mining, acquiring extensive interests in the latter line. He acted as superintendent of mines and developed mining property, being an able business man. In 1872 he moved South with his father-in-law, to Raleigh, N. C., living there for a period of five years, engaged in carrying on a large cotton plantation. Returning North to Pennsylvania, he settled in Clearfield county, where he continued to reside for fourteen years, thence moving to Cambria county, where he was engaged in the mercantile and mining business at Patton, for others. He died Nov. 16, 1906. Mr. Evans married Ellen m. Allen, who is of Scotch origin and was born June 4, 1846, at Bellshill, near Glasgow, in Lanark, Scotland. She survives him, now making her home with her son Dr. Evans at Clymer. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Evans belonged to the Baptist Church and was an active worker, serving as presiding elder of the First Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Evans had a large family, several of their children dying in early infancy. The eight of whom we have record were: Jennie M., who has a millinery store at Clymer; Mary J., who died in infancy; William Allen; Ellen M., wife of Joseph W. Rankin, of Clymer; Annie B., wife of Frank C. Little, of Clymer; John E., druggist, of Clymer; Sadie, deceased; and Leora, deceased.

William Allen Evans began his education in a school for boys in Philadelphia, and took his college preparatory course at the Susquehanna University, at Selinsgrove, Pa. He pursued his medical studies at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in 1906, in the summer of which year he settled at Clymer. This thriving little borough at that time had but forty houses and a population of three hundred; it now has twenty-five hundred. Dr. Evans and four other citizens organized the borough, and he has continued his interest in its growth, showing his public spirit, in various ways. He has served twice as member of the council, is one of the stockholders of the Citizen's Water Company and was one of the organizers of the Clymer National Bank, which he serves as director. He has gained an extensive practice by his intelligent and conscientious devotion to his patrons, and has the confidence and esteem of all his fellow citizens. He is a member of the Indiana lodge of the B.P.O. Elks.

In Jun. 1907, Dr. Evans was married in Philadelphia to Rose M. McNellis, a native of Vermont, only child of Edward and Mary McNellis, both of whom died

when she was young. Mrs. Evans spent her early years with a cousin, later going to New York and then to Philadelphia, where she was in the employ of John Wanamaker and Strawbridge & Clothier as demonstrator. Dr. and Mrs. Evans have had two children, the daughter dying in infancy; Allen C., born Feb. 11, 1911, survives. The Doctor owns one of the most beautiful homes in Clymer.