

WILLIAM CLARK RICHEY, a business man and jobber of Blairsville, Indiana county, was born July 10, 1885, at Sharpsburg, Pa., son of William E. and Anna M. (Ayers) Richey, natives of Blairsville and Sharpsburg, respectively.

The ancestral history of the Richey family shows that members of it resided in Virginia at a very early day, later removing to Lancaster, Pa., all then being of the Quaker faith.

Washington C. Richey, grandfather of William Clark Richey, was born in Ohio, while his wife, Mary (Pitcairn), was born in Scotland, and was two years old when her parents came to America, settling first at Cambridge, Mass. From there they went to Lancaster, pa., but after the family had lived there for a time they went by way of the old canal to Pittsburg, then to Ohio. Washington C. Richey and Mary Pitcairn were married in Ohio, moved later to Pittsburg, and when the West Pennsylvania railroad, was built went to Blairsville. In was in this latter place that Washington C. Richey had full charge of the building of the local section of that road. Mrs. Richey, now in her eighty-fifth year, survives, making her home in Blairsville. She has a clear memory, and takes delight in relating incidents of those early days. She is also interested in family history, and is proud of the fact that she can trace her ancestral record back to 1400. her ancestor have been Scotch as far back as known.

Alexander P. Richey, son of Washington C. Richey, was sergeant-major of the 16<sup>th</sup> Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, during the Spanish-American war, and participated in the Porto Rico campaign. For many years he had resided at Oil City and Farmtown, Pa., engaged in clerical work. Prominent in Masonic circles, he was a Knight Templar and Shriner, and had attained the Thirty-third degree. He died in 1910.

William E. Richey, father of William Clark Richey, was born in Pittsburg, the family later moving to Blairsville. He early became associated with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in the employ of which concern he continued for a great many years. In 1882 he was married Annie M. Ayres, and three children were born to this union, one son and two daughters, the son, William Clark, being the only surviving member of the family. Mrs. Richey died when her son was only two years old. Mr. Richey died in 1904, aged forty-nine years. He was a Mason and a member of the old Telegraphers' Association.

William Clark Richey was reared in Blairsville, and was graduated from the high school of that city in the class of 1904; then he took a course at the Pennsylvania State College, class of 1909. Since that time he has been connected with the Blairsville Enamelware Company, and in 1912 branched out as a jobber, with an office in the First national Bank building of Blairsville.

On June 20, 1912 Mr. Richey was married to Mary M. Jackson, daughter of W. H. and Emma (White) Jackson, of Blairsville. Mr. Richey is Scout master of the Boy Scouts of America, Blairsville, having thirty boys under his charge. He also belongs to the Delta Tau Delta college fraternity. A man of action, he has steadily progressed, and is rightly accounted one of the leading young business men of the city that has been his home for so many years.