

WILLIAM E. CRAMER, junior member of the firm of Kneedler & Cramer, blacksmiths and wagonmakers of Cherrytree, was born in Curwensville, pa., Sept. 14, 1871, a son of Eli V. and Mary J. (Stansberry) Cramer, and grandson of Isaac and Sarah Cramer. The Cramer family is of Dutch ancestry, but the exact date of its founding in America is not known.

Eli V. Cramer was born at Trenton, N.J., and later moved to Philadelphia, where he resided for a time, hence going to Spruce Creek, Huntingdon Co., Pa., where he married (first) Susanna Wait. They had four children: Howard, Wilson, and Mary and Martha, twins. After the death of his first wife Mr. Cramer married (second) Mary J. Stansberry, who was born in Huntingdon county, Pa., daughter of Richard and Jane (Simpson) Stansberry, natives of Huntingdon county, and granddaughter of John Stansberry, who came of English ancestry. The latter married Maria Cobert, a native of eastern part of Pennsylvania. Robert Simpson, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Cramer, was of Irish ancestry. The marriage of Eli V. Cramer and his second wife took place at Spruce Creek Aug. 1, 1865, and following that event they went to Curwensville, Clearfield county, where they remained about eight years, thence moving to Jefferson county, and then to Cherrytree, where they arrived in 1881. Mr. Cramer died here in 1908, but his widow survives and makes her home with a daughter in Cherrytree. He served in the army during the Mexican war, and was a brave soldier. By trade he was a mechanic. He and his wife had the following family: Harry O., who lives in Clearfield county; R. H., who is a physician and surgeon of Cambridge, Ohio; J. H., who is the proprietor of the Cramer Printing Company, of Crafton, pa.; William E.; Victor E., who is a farmer of Montgomery township; Blanche, who is the wife of Andrew Jackson, of Butler, Pa.; Walter G., who is in a printing business at Burgettstown, Washington Co., Pa.; Annie, who lives at Altoona, Pa.; Zoe, who is the wife of William Hoffman, of Crafton, Pa.; Edwin O., clerk and bookkeeper for the Hastings Coal & Coke Company, of Cherrytree; Paul, deceased; and Lela, who is with her mother.

(III) William E. Cramer was educated at Cherrytree, where he attended the local schools. AT an early age he embarked in the lumbering business at Cherrytree, and operated also in the northern part of the State for some years. In 1902 he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and still continues with that concern in addition to managing the details of his own business. In September, 1911, the firm of Kneedler & Cramer was started for the purpose manufacturing and repairing wagons and doing all kinds of blacksmithing, Mr. Cramer being the junior member. The quality of the work turned out is such as to gain and hold patronage, and the firm is well recommended over a wide territory. Both partners are practical men, and their policy is to give everyone a fair deal at reasonable prices.

In 1907 Mr. Cramer was united in marriage to Bertha Wassam, who was born in Montgomery township, this county, daughter of Peter W. Wassam, whose history appears elsewhere in this volume. Mr. and Mrs Cramer have become the parents of two children, Paul W. and Beatrice Wilda.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Cramer are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, and is auditor of his lodge.

