

WILLIAM EDWARD ROBINSON, the leading merchant of Nowrytown, in Conemaugh township, Indiana county, was born in that township Oct. 26, 1857, a son of S. S. Robinson. His grandfather, Robert Robinson, was born in 1739, in Ireland, and married in 1769 to Rachel Wier. They had eight children.

S. S. Robinson, the father of William Edward Robinson, was born on the farm adjoining Nowrytown where he died in 1871. He married bell M. McLanahan, who was born in 1829, near Indiana, Pa., a daughter of Robert and Nancy (Moorhead) McLanahan.

William Edward Robinson attended school in the Robinson District, No. 1, and worked on the farm of 230 acres until he attained his majority. Following this he was engaged in teaming and lumbering for a few years, and worked at the carpenter's trade for one year, and then began clerking for Mr. benter, in the general store at Edri, in Conemaugh township, thus continuing a year, during which time he learned the details of the business, so that when he went back to Nowrytown he was able to embark in the same line himself, and operate his store successfully and intelligently. This was in 1887. He has conducted his general store since, and it is known as W. E. Robinson's Nowrytown Store. He carries a full stock of goods necessary for use on the farm and in the home, as well as a complete line of wearing apparel, and for the last twenty-three years has also filled the office of postmaster at Nowrytown. In addition to the interests centered in his store, Mr. Robinson is extensively engaged in the poultry business, and is a recognized authority in that line. A man of action, he has carried out his plans regarding his business ventures in an enterprising manner, and is justly recognized as one of the leading men of his township. In 1909 he became owner of an automobile, the first to be owned and operated in his locality, and made use of it to attend the Presbyterian Church at Saltsburg. In politics he has always been a Republican, and he has served as school director for three years. The Presbyterian Church holds his membership.

On Aug. 7, 1890, Mr. Robinson married Bessie L. Piper, daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Larmer) Piper, and they are the parents of four children: Lloyd E., Harry Rexford, Alice Ruth and Joseph Samuel. All have been given excellent educational advantages, beginning their training the local country schools, after which Lloyd attended the Eldersridge academy two terms, Rexford attended there one term and also one term at Kiskiminetas, and Alice went to the Eldersridge academy two terms. Joseph is still in school. Mrs. Robinson was born at Saltsburg, Indiana county; her father came from Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania.