

WILLIAM H. BUTERBAUGH, of Green township, has become well known in his part of Indiana county as farmer, business man, and public official, and he has proved himself able and efficient in every position in which he has been placed. The family has been settled in Green township for about a century.

William Buterbaugh, great-grandfather of William H. Buterbaugh, came from the East and settled in Green township, Indiana county, buying land which came by inheritance to Jonathan Buterbaugh, father of William H. Buterbaugh. Jonathan Buterbaugh was born July 5, 1840, in Green township, son of William, and remained on the home place, engaged in farming, until his death, which occurred Oct. 8, 1902. He enlisted for service in the Civil war in march, 1865, being a member of Company F, 74th Regiment, and was mustered out in September, 1865. He married Lucinda Shankle, who was born June 13, 1840, in Cherryhill township, daughter of David Shankle, a farmer, who settled in Indiana county in pioneer days. Mrs. Buterbaugh died Oct. 21, 1906. She was the mother of thirteen children, namely: Andrew, who died Oct. 30, 1910; Mary, wife of John Rolley, of Hillsdale, Pa.; Maggie, wife of George Baker, of Cambria county, Pa.; William H.; David, a resident of Grant township, Indiana county; Susan, who died when thirteen years old; George W., a resident of Green township; John H., who lives in Grant township; Samuel, who died in infancy; Emanuel, who died in infancy; James H., an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, living at Altoona, Pa.; Laura, wife of Walter Loring, of Rayne township, Indiana county; and J. Edward, a resident of Green township.

William H. Buterbaugh was born Sept. 23, 1866, in Green township, and there received his education in the public schools. He has been engaged in farming all his life, has carried on lumbering in connection therewith and also buys and sells stock. He has built up a good business in these various lines. He has owned the place where he lives, part of the old homestead, for the last fifteen years, and also owns the old homestead itself, cultivating both places. He is a general farmer, and has been very successful in his agricultural operations. Though busy with his own numerous affairs Mr. Buterbaugh has found time for public service, filling the offices of school director and supervisor in his township. He is particularly interested in the cause of education, and is at present serving as trustee of the Purchase Line Academy. He is a wide-awake, intelligent man, alive to the needs of the community, and exercises considerable influence in his home township.

Mr. Buterbaugh was married May 7, 1891, to India Mae Hankinson, a native of Rayne township, this county, daughter of Solomon and Caroline (Wynkoop) Hankinson, both of whom are deceased. Mr. Hankinson was a blacksmith by occupation. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Buterbaugh, namely: Jonathan Theodore, Lewis Banks, and William Dean, all at home; and Viola and Elmer, deceased. The parents are Baptists in religious connection, holding membership in the church at East Mahoning.