

WILLIAM H. PAUL, a farmer and stock raiser of South Mahoning township, Indiana county, was born Nov. 1, 1835, in Jackson township, Cambria Co., Pa., son of Samuel Paul and grandson of Abraham Paul.

Abraham Paul was born near Philadelphia, Pa., where he married Elizabeth Fluke, a native of Chester, Pa., and with her came to Blair county, this State, settling in Croyl township, where he was a pioneer and developed large farming properties. His death occurred in 1814, while he was still in the prime of life. His remains were interred on the farm. His wife was killed by a falling tree blown down by the wind, when she was eighty-eight years old. She, too, was buried on the farm, and both she and her husband were consistent members of the Lutheran Church. Their children were: Hannah married Abraham Teter, of Morrisons Cove, Blair Co., Pa.; John settled in Richland township, Cambria county; Jacob settled in that township; Barbara married Jacob Mortimer and lives at Friends Cove, Blair county; Lewis settled in Croyl township; David settled in Jackson township, Cambria county; Catherine married George Pringle; Elizabeth married Jacob Staule, of Richland township, Cambria county; Samuel is mentioned below; Polly was murdered, by some men from Pittsburg; Isaac settled on a farm in Croyl township.

Samuel Paul, son of Abraham Paul, was born in 1805 in Blair county, and was brought to Cambria county by his parents when nine years old. Remaining with them until he attained his majority, he then settled on 255 acres of land in Jackson township, that county, at which time it was covered with dense forest. He built a log house and barn, later replacing them with buildings of frame, and made many improvements upon his land, operating it until 1865, when he sold and moved to Indiana county with his family, locating in South Mahoning township on Aug. 31, 1865. He bought the Samuel Cochran farm of 106 acres, and spent the remainder of his life here, engaged in farming, dying Jan. 14, 1882, aged seventy-six years, eight months, twenty-three days. He is buried in St. John's Lutheran Church cemetery. For years he was a consistent member of the German Reformed Church. Politically he was a Whig, and later a Republican, and always one who believed in upholding the principles of his party.

In 1833 Mr. Paul married Susannah Eyler, a native of Maryland, a daughter of Henry Eyler. She died March 23, 1874, aged sixty-four years, three months, eight days, and was buried in St. John's Lutheran Church cemetery. She was a member of that denomination. Children as follows were born to Samuel Paul and his wife: Elias is living retired at Altoona, Pa.; William H. is mentioned below; Elizabeth married Samuel Dillon, of Missouri; Maria died in childhood; John also died in childhood; Emanuel lives in Steubenville, Ohio.

William H. Paul, like the majority of farmer's sons, attended school in the winter and worked with his father upon the farm in the summer until old enough to engage in lumbering in the woods in Cambria county. He continued to work at lumbering and farming until 1865, when he came to South Mahoning township, accompanying his father, and remained with him, proving of great assistance and comfort, until the latter's death. He then obtained the homestead, and has since operated it, devoting his land to general farming and stock raising. He has been specially interested in raising of large horses, his stock being well known on

account of its quality; naturally fond of horses, he has been very successful in this line, and is a recognized authority upon agricultural matters.

From the time that he cast his first presidential vote, for John C. Fremont, Mr. Paul has been a staunch republican, and is proud of following in the footsteps of Lincoln, McKinley and Taft. According to his belief the country's greatness has been conserved those great leaders, and if it is to be continued the principles they advocated must be adhered to and upheld. Mr. Paul has served as school director and judge of elections, and is looked upon as a man of worth in his community. St. John's Lutheran Church holds his membership and received his loyal and generous support, and he is now serving as deacon. His wife is one of the efficient and popular Sunday school teachers.

On Feb. 17, 1885, Mr. Paul was married to Sarah Elizabeth Olinger, who was born in Armstrong county, daughter of John and Maria (Hartman) Olinger, both of whom are deceased. No children have been born to this marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Paul are very charitable, and are to be found in the front ranks of those who are working for moral uplift and the betterment of social conditions.