

WILLIAM KISSINGER, truck farmer of Indiana, Indiana county, where he has a small but valuable property particularly well adapted to the needs of his business, was born on his father's farm in East Wheatfield township, this county, Jan. 19, 1863. His grandfather, who was a farmer in that township, died in 1825. Joseph Kissinger, father of William, was his only child. His widow remarried, becoming the wife of a Mr. Kline, by whom she had two children: John, now a resident of West Wheatfield township, Indiana county; and Samuel, who died in west Wheatfield township.

Joseph Kissinger was reared in East Wheatfield township, and attended the country schools. After his marriage he bought the old homestead, a tract of 166 acres which he farmed for thirty-five years, and died there in 1891, at the age of sixty-nine years. In religion he was a Lutheran and a zealous church worker, serving for years in the capacity of elder; he was one of the founders of the New Florence Lutheran Church. In politics he was a Republican. He married Elizabeth Shott, who was born in Germany, and when twelve years old came to the United States with her parents, John Shott and wife, who were accompanied by several children. Mr. Shott settled on a farm in east Wheatfield township, Indiana Co., Pa., where he died. Mrs. Kissinger, now (1913) ninety-one years of age, lives with her daughter Jennie, Mrs. Nipper, in Blacklick township, this county. She is a devout member of the Lutheran Church. Mr. and Mrs. Kissinger had the following children: John H., of Blairsville, was a music teacher for twenty five years, and is now engaged in the milk business; he married Elizabeth Wakefield. Joseph, a farmer of East Wheatfield township, married Lucinda Van Horn. Samuel, a market gardener, of Homer City, married Mary Mangus. Jennie is the wife of Chester Nipper of Blacklick township. Catherine is Mrs. Moses Lehr, of Pitcairn, Pa. William is mentioned below.

William Kissinger grew to manhood on the home farm in East Wheatfield township. He attended the Culbert public school near his home until he reached the age of sixteen, and worked at home on the farm, receiving a thorough training for agricultural pursuits under his father. After his marriage he bought a farm of 130 acres in east Wheatfield township, upon which place he lived for fourteen years. Selling that place he bought 130 acres in Blacklick township, where he resided eleven years, at the end of that period selling it and buying his present property, a tract of five and a half acres at Indiana borough. It is at No. 310 Locust street. Mr. Kissinger put up new buildings here and made numerous other improvements, having a beautiful home, which is a credit to his industry and taste, and the land under his skillful cultivation yields profitable returns.

On Jan. 13, 1885, Mr. Kissinger married Emma Clarke, of Johnstown, Pa., daughter of Samuel and Eva Clarke. She died in 1895, the mother of four children, namely: Walter Irving, who has a hardware store at New Florence, Pa., where he resides, married Fanny Campbell; Vincent, of Pittsburg, Pa., a railway mail clerk, married Laura Rising; Merle Clyde, now of Pitcairn, Pa., employed in the drafting department of the Westinghouse Company, was for two years a student at the Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio (he married Mary Wise); Charles Frank, now a market gardener at Derry, Westmoreland Co., Pa., was formerly engaged in teaching (he is unmarried). In 1897 Mr. Kissinger married

(second) Annie Dick, of Brushvalley township, Indiana county, daughter of Alexander and Mary (Kelley) Dick, and they have had two children. Joseph Alexander and William Hood. Mr. and Mrs. Kissinger are members of the Presbyterian Church. In his political views he is a Republican.