

WILLIAM P. RIGISNGER, assistant cashier of the Homer City national Bank, was born on the Risinger homestead in Center township, March 29, 1879. He attended the district public school near his birthplace. On completing the county course of study of the public schools he began preparation for the teacher's profession by attending the summer normal school conducted by H. V. Rowan in Homer City. In 1897 he taught his first term of school in the Lytle district of Center township. The next year he was placed in charge of the Upper Homer school, a position he held for two years. Under Mr. Rowan, as a private tutor, he continued his studies during the evenings, and in the fall of 1899 he was admitted into the freshman class of Washington and Jefferson College, at Washington, Pa. The two years following were spent in that institution. During the summer of 1901 he secured a State teacher's certificate and in the fall of that year he again entered the teaching profession as assistant principal, in the Homer City public schools. Forming a partnership with Prof. E. J. Welsh, the principal of the Homer City schools, they conducted a summer normal school in that place for three years; this school was a successful one and had a large attendance of teachers from all parts of the county. In the fall of 1904 he was elected principal of the Penn public schools in Westmoreland county, where he continued in that capacity for two years.

Mr. Risinger devoted eight years to teaching, averaging ten months out of the year. In January, 1908, he was appointed assistant cashier of the Homer City National Bank, a position he has filled for the last five years. He was a member of the first board of directors of this bank, and was succeeded by his father following his appointment as assistant cashier. In 1908 he built the home where he now resides, adjoining that of his brother James. His library, of which he is justly proud, contains over two thousand of the world's best books, including many rare and costly editions. He is well known in the Independent Order of Odd Fellow, being a charter member of Homer City Lodge, No. 41, and also a member of the grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, of Blairsville Encampment, No. 168, and Penelope Rebekah Lodge, No. 431, of Homer City, of which his wife was the first secretary.

Mr. July 7, 1907, Mr. Risinger was married to Sara E. Wineman, daughter of B. F. Wineman and Catherine (Ellis) Wineman, of Homer City. She was a successful teacher before her marriage, and a woman of literary attainment. She died Sept. 27, 1909, leaving one child, a son two weeks old, that died in infancy. Following the death of his wife Mr. Riisnger's mother took charge of his home, living with him until September, 1911.

On July 5, 1911, Mr. Risinger was married (second) to Martha E. Elden, a native of Hastings, Pa., daughter of Henry and Emma (Riley) Elden, the former now deceased, the latter living with her son Henry, in Homer City. The Elden family emigrated from Warwickshire, England, in 1883 and settled in Cambria county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Risinger have one child, Emma Elizabeth, born Jan. 17, 1913.