



BIOGRAPHICAL.

MAJ. ROBERT KLOTZ, formerly a Member of Congress, is a well known resident of Mauch Chunk. His great-grandfather, Jacob Klotz, came to America from Wurttemberg, Germany, in 1749, and settled in Lowhill Township, Northampton County (now in Lehigh County), where in 1767 he located land. A few years later, his son, John Klotz, married Fronia Krous, and also located land in the same township, where he resided throughout his remaining days. Christian Klotz, the father of our subject, was born in 1789, and about 1814 left his native township, settling soon afterward in Mahoning Township, Carbon County. There in 1816 he married Elizabeth, the daughter of Robert MacDaniel, whose wife was Elizabeth Kicks, a Quakeress.

Robert Klotz, their second son, is the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. He was born in that part of Northampton now Carbon County, October 27, 1819, and acquired only such education as the winter school afforded, with the exception of six months at a private school in Easton after his twenty-third year. At the age of twenty-four, in 1843, he was elected the first Register and Recorder of Carbon County. In 1846 he was chosen Lieutenant of Company K, Second Pennsylvania Infantry, for service in the Mexican War, and afterward became Adjutant of the same regiment under command of John W. Geary. He was with General Scott on his triumphant march toward the city of Mexico, and took part in the battles of Vera Cruz and Cerro Gordo. At the latter he had charge of the men who delivered at General Scott's headquarters twenty thousand silver dollars in

bags, which were in a wagon captured from the Mexicans. From the city of Jalapa, he came home on a short furlough on important business, and on returning took part in the memorable fight at Puente Nacional, and a second affray at Cerro Gordo, Huamantla (where Walker fell), Pueblo, etc., finally reaching the city of Mexico under Gen. Joseph Lane, on the 9th of December, 1847.

Major Klotz then joined his old command, with which he served until the close of the war. For his courage and bravery at the second battle of Cerro Gordo he received honorable mention in the reports of his superior officer to the War Department, and to his gallantry was largely due the success of the engagement at Puente Nacional in August, 1847. Here he was temporarily placed under arrest for refusing to obey orders to spike a cannon and retreat, the cannon being manned by himself and another officer. The curt and emphatic reply of Lieutenant Klotz was that he did not come to Mexico to spike cannon. The next morning he was relieved from arrest, as he was the only man under Major Lally's command that had ever been on the hills of Cerro Gordo, and in command of Company C, of the Regular Army, under Henderson's command, he successfully dislodged the enemy.

After his return to his home at Mauch Chunk, Major Klotz served two terms as a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature, and in 1854 removed to Kansas in response to an invitation from Governor Reeder of that territory. He was a prominent and active participant in the stirring scenes and events during the period immediately preced-

ing the admission of Kansas as a state. He located in the town of Pawnee, and there built the first hotel in western Kansas. This house became a noted stopping place for persons representing both parties engaged in the free-state and anti-free-state discussions. The first session of the Legislature was moved from Shawnee Mission to Pawnee. Major Klotz was a member of the historic Topeka Constitutional Convention, was the first to sign the constitution, and after its adoption became the first Secretary of State under Governor Robinson's administration. In 1856, he was a member of the celebrated Committee of Safety to protect the state from invasion, and was appointed Brigadier-General of the state troops at Lawrence, where he was associated with Dietzler, Gaines, Jenkins, Robinson and others. He exerted a strong influence in securing Topeka as the capital of Kansas.

Again returning to his native state, Major Klotz served as Treasurer of Carbon County for one term, and at the opening of the Civil War entered the Federal army for three months' service under General Patterson. In 1862 he was chosen Colonel of the Nineteenth Pennsylvania Regiment of Emergency Troops at the time of Lee's first invasion of Pennsylvania. Since the war he has been successful in conducting a number of business enterprises, and is one of the Board of Managers of the Lafin & Rand Powder Company of New York. For a number of years he was a Trustee and is now an honorary Trustee of the Lehigh University. In 1878 he was elected to Congress on the Democratic ticket from the Eleventh Pennsylvania District, receiving eighty-two hundred and eleven votes against eighty-one hundred and sixteen for the Republican, fifty-one hundred and seventy-three for the Greenback, and forty-one hundred and forty-five for the independent Democratic candidate. Two years later, when re-elected, his majority was eighty-three hundred and forty-seven votes. He served on the Committee of Mines and Mining, and on the District of Columbia. In Congress he obtained influence among the members on account of his practical views and his business-like force. During the extra session of that Congress, he prepared and introduced a bill

for pensioning soldiers and the families of deceased soldiers of the Mexican War. The provisions of this bill eventually passed both houses and became a law. General Klotz is one of the Vice-Presidents of the National Association of Mexican Veterans, and takes a deep interest in looking after the comforts and welfare of his surviving comrades of the war with Mexico.

In 1849 Major Klotz was married to Sallie, daughter of Col. John Lentz; and to them was born one son, Lentz Edmund, who was married in April, 1879, to Emma E. Laubach, daughter of Joseph Laubach, of Bethlehem, Pa. The General's wife and son are both now deceased, and he was left with his four grandchildren, Sallie L., Robert L., Mabel E. and Lentz Edmund, and their mother to cheer him in his declining years at his beautiful home in the picturesque town of Mauch Chunk.



EDWIN SENSINGER is one of the School Directors of Franklin Township, Carbon County, and is the owner of a good farm within the limits of the same township. He has also acted in the capacities of Road Supervisor and Township Overseer of the Poor. Politically he votes for Democratic nominees, and is a man who lends his influence to all improvements which will benefit the community in which he dwells.

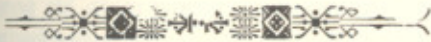
A native of Lehigh County, Mr. Sensinger was born December 6, 1830, his parents being Daniel and Salome (Kraus) Sensinger, who were likewise born in that county. The former, it is supposed, was a soldier in the War of 1812, though the information on that subject is not entirely satisfactory. He came from a family who were early settlers of the Lehigh Valley and who were prominent in its development. The early years of our subject were passed on his father's farm, and his time was devoted to assisting in its cultivation.

When seventeen years of age Mr. Sensinger began learning the carpenter's trade, which he followed for the next seven years of his life. After-

ward he was for a short time employed in running a saw and grist mill. Since that time he has been engaged in farming, and in the spring of 1857 removed to this county, settling on the farm which he still cultivates and owns. This place comprises seventy-six acres of fertile and valuable land which is adapted to the raising of all kinds of grain and contains a good orchard, with many varieties of fruit. The owner has succeeded well as an agriculturist and has made a good living for himself and family, besides laying away a sufficient sum with which to pass in comfort his declining years.

In 1855 Mr. Sensinger was married in Lehigh County to Caroline, daughter of Henry Guyer, who is now deceased. To our subject and his wife has been born a daughter, Laura A. Two years after their marriage they removed to this township, where they have made their home and where they number hosts of friends, who hold them in high esteem.

The early education of Mr. Sensinger was limited to that obtainable in the district schools of that early period. Not content with the knowledge there gained, however, by reading and observation and by years of study he has become well informed on general topics. Besides serving in the public capacities to which we have already referred, he was for three years one of the Commissioners of Carbon County and has been very influential in local affairs. Religiously he is a member of the Lutheran Church, to which denomination his wife also belongs.



FREDERICK LEUCKEL, a retired butcher of Lehigh, and one of the wealthy and respected citizens, claims Germany as the land of his birth, which occurred in Hessen, on the 15th of November, 1807. His parents were John and Eliza Leuckel. In accordance with the laws of his native land, he attended the public schools until fourteen years of age. At the age of

sixteen he began learning the trade of a butcher in Amsterdam, Holland, where he remained for a period of seven years. In his twenty-third year, he boarded a sailing-vessel bound for America, and after a voyage of one hundred and thirty days landed at New York City.

For a short time Mr. Leuckel was employed in a sugar factory in New York, after which he removed to Easton, Northampton County, where he opened a meat market, and engaged in business for himself. He was there married to Miss Lucetta Lenzler, who was born in Germany, but who came to the United States during her early girlhood. In 1834 they removed to Lehigh, where Mr. Leuckel again established a meat market. His business increased, and he sold to the retail trade from eighteen to twenty beeves per week. In that line of business he continued until April, 1875, when he retired to private life. He began business with a cash capital of only \$40, and from a humble position, steadily worked his way upward to one of affluence. As his financial resources increased, he not only enlarged his market, but also made judicious investments in other enterprises, becoming connected with various interests. He owns considerable property and is a stockholder in the Lehigh Bank, the First National Bank, the Second National Bank of Mauch Chunk, and the First National Bank of Catasauqua.

Mr. and Mrs. Leuckel became the parents of six children, three sons and three daughters: John, who is engaged in the sanitary business in Trenton, N. J.; Emma, wife of Samuel Morris, a resident of Aspen, Colo.; Fred, who makes his home in the same place; Tillie C., a widow living at home; Alfred K., who is also located in Trenton, N. J., and Louisa, now Mrs. Bowman, of Trenton, N. J. The mother of this family was called to her final rest in March, 1884. She was an active and consistent member of the Evangelical Society, and was a most estimable lady, whose loss is deeply mourned throughout the community.

Mr. Leuckel has been a member of the same church for half a century. In his political views he is a Democrat, and supports the men and measures of that party, but has never sought or desired political preferment for himself. His life has

been an honorable and upright one. He is straightforward in all business dealings, and through well directed efforts, industry and good management he has won a handsome property, becoming one of the wealthy citizens of Lehigh. It was a fortunate day for him when he decided to emigrate to America, for he has found a pleasant home, gained many friends and secured a handsome competency, which now enables him to live retired, resting in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil.



JOHN SEABOLDT is a worthy representative of the business interests of Lehigh, and carries on operations as a real-estate and insurance agent. He has the honor of being a native of the Keystone State, for his birth occurred in Chester County, on the 23d of October, 1845. His father, John Seiboldt, was also born in Pennsylvania, and the grandfather, Henry Seiboldt, was one of the pioneers of Chester County. The family is of Scotch and English descent. The father was a farmer during his early life, but afterward engaged in business as a merchant tailor, his energies being devoted to that work for many years. His last days were spent in Lehigh, where his death occurred in 1891. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary A. Sherren, died in Lehigh in the year 1889. This worthy couple were the parents of nine children, four of whom are yet living.

John Seiboldt was the eighth in order of birth in this family. No event of special importance occurred during his early boyhood days, which were passed amidst play and work and in attendance at the public schools of his native county. He afterward pursued his studies in the schools of Philadelphia, and then entered upon his business career in the mercantile establishment of D. J. Lincoln & Co., in Birdsboro, Berks County, Pa. He served as salesman and superintendent of that

store for the long period of eleven years, and his faithfulness and efficiency made him one of its most trusted employes. He was absent from the store for only one year, during which time he was numbered among the boys in blue. Feeling that his country needed his services, he followed the promptings of his patriotic spirit and enlisted as a member of Company I, Forty-second Pennsylvania Infantry. He took part in the battle of Antietam and several lesser engagements, and when his term had expired, was honorably discharged.

Mr. Seiboldt then returned to his old position with the firm of D. J. Lincoln & Co. On severing his connection with that concern, he became bookkeeper for the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company at Packerton, where he remained for three years. On the expiration of that period he came to Allentown, Pa., where he embarked in the manufacture of boots and shoes, being a member of the firm of John E. Lentz & Co. On the death of his father-in-law, Thomas Kemerer, he came to Lehigh to settle up the Kemerer estate and take charge of the business at this place. Mr. Kemerer was President of the National Bank, and was engaged in the insurance business, to which Mr. Seiboldt succeeded. He has since carried on operations along that line, and has also dealt in real estate. As an insurance agent he represents various companies in the east, and also foreign companies.

Mr. Seiboldt was married in 1872, Miss Emma Kemerer becoming his wife. She is a most estimable lady, of cultured manner, and her friends throughout the community are many. Both our subject and his wife are members of the Episcopal Church, and in politics Mr. Seiboldt is an active and staunch Republican, doing all in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of his party. He has frequently served as a delegate to state conventions, and was elector of the National Convention at the time of the nomination of James G. Blaine, in 1884.

In connection with his other business interests, Mr. Seiboldt is now a stockholder in the Lehigh National Bank, and has been President of the Lehigh Land Company since its organization in 1890. He is also Secretary of the Lehigh Cemetery. Prominent in business circles, he has