

located. In this and other ways he has endeavored to promote the material welfare of the township, and to him as much as to any other citizen is due the growth of the community.

For some years actively engaged as an agriculturist, Mr. Odenwelder now lives to a large extent retired from active work, his home being near the city limits of Easton. He has been successful financially, and is the owner of one hundred and forty acres of farm land in Warren County, N. J., as well as about seventy acres in Lower Nazareth Township, Northampton County. His success represents the results of a great deal of hard work, and is justly merited by his energy, perseverance and business capability.



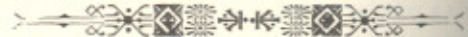
**J**OHN EDELMAN, a representative citizen of Palmer Township, and one of its oldest surviving residents, is a native of Northampton County, born on the 11th of March, 1817. His parents, Peter and Elizabeth Edelman, were also born in this county, to which place his paternal grandfather emigrated from Germany, becoming the founder of the Edelman family in the United States. The father of our subject was a lifelong resident of Palmer Township, a man of industry and enterprise, whose life was one of busy toil. In the township where for so many years he had been a resident he passed away in November of 1826. Of his children, there now survive Joseph, John and David.

The subject of this sketch was reared to a sturdy manhood in Palmer Township, and was thoroughly trained to farm work, which he has conducted successfully throughout life. It was never his privilege to attend public schools, but he was a short time a student in the subscription schools of early days, though his broad knowledge of history and current topics has been gained through self-study. It has been his aim to keep posted upon what is going on in the world about him, and this habit he has never abandoned. During his long and useful career, his residence in this township cover-

ing a period of nearly eighty years, he has witnessed the wonderful improvement of this section, and has contributed his quota to the development of its material resources.

The marriage of Mr. Edelman, solemnized many years ago, united him with Mary Yeager, daughter of the late Jacob Yeager, of Palmer Township. There were born of this union five children, named as follows: Samuel, John H., Andrew C., Mary R. and Sarah J. The faithful wife and devoted mother was called from earth July 13, 1858.

The political belief of Mr. Edelman brings him into active co-operation with the Democratic party, to which he has always given his warm support. For several terms he officiated as School Director in Palmer Township, and, appreciating his own lack of early advantages, he has done all in his power to give to the children of this generation the best educational advantages possible. In religion a Lutheran, he holds membership in the Church at Easton. He is well-to-do in this world's goods, owning seventy-three acres of land in his home farm, and also the well known Fountain House in Palmer Township. Through his labors in life's prime he accumulated a competence, whereby he is enabled to spend the twilight of his useful existence in the enjoyments of the comforts so well deserved. He has retained through his entire life the confidence of the community where he has been a lifelong resident, and has the regard of all his associates.



**W**ILLIAM H. HUNSICKER is a member of the firm of M. C. Ebbecke & Co., dealers in hardware, guns and sporting goods in Allentown. His entire life has been passed in the Keystone State, and he is one of the well known residents of the community in which he now makes his home. He was born in Northampton County, on the 25th of November, 1841, and is a son of John and Sarah (Heinbach) Hunsicker. The father was a wheelwright by trade, and carried on business along that line during his active

life. His last days were spent in Catasauqua, Pa., where his death occurred in 1874. His father, Jacob Hunsicker, was of German lineage, and the family was probably founded in America during early Colonial days.

The boyhood days of our subject were spent in Allentown and in Cherryville, Northampton County, and until eighteen years of age he attended the common schools. He then learned the wheelwright's trade with his father, and followed that business until 1861. At that time he laid aside all business cares and responded to the country's call for troops to aid in crushing out the Rebellion. He enrolled his name among the boys in blue of Company I, Eighty-first Pennsylvania Infantry, under Col. Charles Miller, and with his regiment was sent to Virginia, where they were attached to the command of General McClellan. Mr. Hunsicker took part in the seven-days Battle of the Wilderness, and on the sixth day was shot through the shoulder and sent to the hospital in Washington, D. C., where he remained for two months. He was then transferred to Philadelphia, where he was confined in the hospital for seven months, but his wound unfitted him for further duty, and on the surgeon's certificate of disability he was honorably discharged and returned home.

When he had sufficiently recovered his health, Mr. Hunsicker went to Philadelphia, where he joined the firm of Seltzer & Miller, and engaged in the wholesale liquor business, which he successfully carried on until 1893. In that year he sold out, and soon after came to Allentown, where he purchased the interest of Samuel Moyer, of the well known firm of M. C. Ebbecke & Co. The firm style continued the same after Mr. Hunsicker was admitted to partnership. They carry a large and well assorted stock of hardware, guns and sporting goods of every description, and occupy a store 20x130 feet, utilizing all three floors of the building. Their business has assumed extensive proportions.

In 1865 Mr. Hunsicker was united in marriage to Miss Sabina S. Mohry, of Whitehall, daughter of Benjamin Mohry. They have three children, Irwin J., Harry H. and Howard P., all of whom are still at home. In his political affiliations, Mr.

Hunsicker is a Republican, and socially is connected with E. B. Young Post No. 87, G. A. R. He belongs to St. Michael's Lutheran Church, and is a worthy and valued citizen of the community. He possesses excellent business and executive ability, and enterprise and industry have been the important factors in his success.



WILLIAM C. SHERRER, chief clerk and one of the stockholders of the Old Bangor Slate Company, was born in Bloomsbury, Hunterdon County, N. J., October 18, 1844, being a son of Joseph and Margaret (Smith) Sherrer, also natives of New Jersey. The original representatives of the Sherrer family in America came hither from Germany, and made settlement in New Jersey early in the history of that state. William C. was early orphaned by the death of his father, which event, throwing him upon his own resources, developed in his character the traits of self-reliance and persevering industry which have been important factors in his success.

In the public schools of Easton Mr. Sherrer received the rudiments of his education, and afterward fitted for Lafayette College, which, however, he did not enter. His first situation was with the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, in which, after having held various positions, he was promoted to conductor in 1865, remaining thus engaged for six months. Then going to Philadelphia, he embarked in the commission business, which he conducted for a year. Yielding to the urgent request of his grandfather, he returned to New Jersey to take charge of the estate and financial interests of the latter, and continued to reside there for two years.

Coming to Bangor in 1871 or 1872, Mr. Sherrer became Superintendent of the Elmira Slate Company, with which he remained three years. At the expiration of that time he entered the employ of the Old Bangor Slate Company, of which he is now the chief clerk, and in which he is a stockholder. He is also a Director and stockholder in the Mer-