

gerald, Speer & Buzzard, and the business is at present conducted under that name.

February 20, 1870, Mr. Fitzgerald was united in marriage with Miss Emma, a daughter of Charles Hayden, of Scranton, Pa. This union has been blessed by the birth of two children: Bertha, the wife of Clifford Palmer, of Pen Argyl; and Orella, who is attending school. In politics our subject is a Democrat, and takes an active interest in the success of his party. He has served as Burgess of Pen Argyl, and also as Committeeman from his district. While in Lackawanna County he was a member of the School Board for nine years. Socially he is identified with Pen Argyl Lodge No. 554, F. & A. M., and was formerly a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Improved Order of Red Men.



**J**OHAN A. FENSTERMACHER, Chief of Police of South Bethlehem, is the oldest police officer in the place, and is well liked by every one. He has always satisfactorily performed his duties and has made a most efficient officer. May 19, 1894, he went on a tour of inspection with the Street Commissioners, and met with a severe accident on account of the overturning of a wagon. His injuries kept him confined to the house for over three months. He was born in Lower Nazareth, Northampton County, February 1, 1851, being a son of Jacob Fenstermacher, a native of Moore Township. His grandfather, whose Christian name was John, was also a native of this county, where he engaged in farming, though later he made a business of carpet-weaving in Lower Nazareth. His death resulted from injuries received when over seventy-nine years of age from falling down some steps in the darkness. His father was a native of Germany, who settled in this county in a very early day.

Our subject's father was a butcher and carpenter by trade, and when he located in South Bethlehem in 1858 there were scarcely any houses in the place. He made a settlement on what was then

called the Philadelphia road, now known as Wyandotte Street. He is still living, making his home with his son John A., and is now nearly seventy years old. His wife died in February, 1892. Her maiden name was Elizabeth Rohn, and her birth occurred in Lower Nazareth, of which place her father, David Rohn, was also a native. He was a farmer and also a carpenter, engaging in those vocations until his death in 1857, at the age of sixty-nine years.

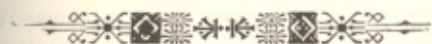
John A., of this sketch, is the eldest of three sons and four daughters who are living. His boyhood was mainly passed in South Bethlehem, and for a year he attended school in Seidersville, later Bethlehem South, and now called South Bethlehem. He continued his studies in the common school until twelve years old, when for a year he was bound out to a farmer. Afterward he served an apprenticeship to a painter, with whom he remained for three years, and in 1870 went to Philadelphia, there working at his trade until the following year, when he returned to this place and engaged in contract painting, building up a large business and having over forty men in his employ. He took contracts in all the neighboring country and the Lehigh Valley, but he was caught financially in the panic of 1874, though two years later he started in his trade again, and became finally an employe of the Revolution Paint Company, with whom he continued for nearly a year.

It was in 1879 that Mr. Fenstermacher entered the public service as a policeman, serving faithfully until 1884, when he was appointed by the City Council to the position of Chief of Police, to which post he has been reappointed every spring since. From October, 1878, until the present time he has been a constable, having been re-elected every three years. Under his charge there are five policemen, and the new quarters are in the Market-house, which is fire-proof; in the basement are the steel cages for prisoners. Our subject holds a commission from the court as a society officer to protect children from neglect and cruelty. He was Health Officer until the new act went into force in the spring of 1894.

In October, 1874, occurred the marriage of our subject to Miss Catherine Doebele, who was born

in New York City, and reared in South Bethlehem, though her parents were natives of Wurtemberg, Germany. This worthy couple have five children: Carrie, who is a clerk with Hoffman & Co.; Frank, employed by the Lehigh Valley Railroad; William, with the Bethlehem Silk Company; and John, Katie and Warren, at home. The residence of the family is at No. 28 West Third Street, in the heart of the town.

In 1882 Mr. Fenstermacher had charge of the small-pox hospital in South Bethlehem, being steward during this, the third, epidemic. He took an active part in stamping out the dread disease, which was worse that year than it had ever been in this locality. Fraternally he is a member of the Royal Arcanum, being one of the founders of the lodge in South Bethlehem, which started with nineteen members, July 12, 1884, and now has enrolled over two hundred persons. He has also affiliated with the Heptasophs. In politics he supports the Democratic party, and religiously holds to the tenets of the Reformed Church.



**O**WEN F. FATZINGER is senior member of the firm of F. W. Wint & Co., who have a planing-mill, and are dealers in lumber and coal. The gentleman whose name heads this article is a leading business man, and is thoroughly acquainted with the lumber trade; he also takes an active part in a number of local industries, and in promoting many works of public improvement.

The paternal grandfather, George Fatzinger, was an early settler in Hanover Township, Lehigh County, where he was engaged in carrying on the old homestead, which is still in possession of the family, who have owned it for over one hundred and fifty years, it being only two miles distant from Catasauqua. He was a weaver by trade, and lived to attain a good old age, both he and his wife being buried at Shanesville. He was nearly eighty years of age at the time of his death, and was a devoted Lutheran. Our subject's father, whose Christian name was Adam, was born in

Hanover Township, on the old farm, in 1790, and early learned agricultural pursuits. For a time he managed the homestead of one hundred and twenty-seven acres, and also became the owner of two other good farms. Beginning at the bottom, he steadily progressed, becoming very well-to-do, and using every effort to acquire a fortune. He cleared his land and built a limekiln, where he burned lime for fertilizing his farm, which increased its production fifty-fold. He was a farmer of the most practical kind, and was active until shortly before his death in 1880. His wife, formerly Polly Adams, was born in the same locality, and was of Scotch descent. Her death occurred in 1881, when about eighty-seven years of age, and of their fourteen children who grew to maturity only seven are now living. They were faithful members of the Lutheran Church, and sturdy, industrious people, whose object in life was to promote the welfare of their fellow-citizens, and to rear their children to good and useful lives.

Born March 29, 1840, in Hanover Township, Owen F., of this sketch, is the youngest of his parents' large family. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, and attended the common schools. In 1862 he was a member of a regiment of Pennsylvania militia, being once called into service in Maryland. In 1868 he took charge of the home farm, operating about eighty acres of it, and then turned his attention to the dairy and milk business, supplying many of the inhabitants of Allentown.

In 1873 Mr. Fatzinger bought an interest in the lumber district, and the following year located in Catasauqua, since which time he has been a resident of this city, and active in its commercial enterprises. In 1891, on the death of John Williams, he was elected his successor as Vice-President of the National Bank of Catasauqua. He is also interested and a Director in the Catasauqua Land Company and the Bryden Horseshoe Company. As one of the original members, he helped to found the Unicorn Silk Mills. Being greatly in favor of getting this industry started in Catasauqua, he volunteered to go to New York to secure it, the result being that the property was leased for ten years, and after that, owing to his influence with

sons are engaged in business, Nevin Daniel being located in Philadelphia. The parents are members of the German Reformed Church. In politics the Doctor is an active supporter of the Republican party, and is a member of Samuel Cress Post No. 731, G. A. R.

**H**ON. RICHARD CHAPMAN, the well known ex-Member of the House of Assembly of Pennsylvania, is Superintendent of the Chapman Slate Quarries of Northampton County, one of the largest enterprises and paying industries of Moore Township. Mr. Chapman is a self-made man, and through his own able qualities has risen to his present condition of wealth and influence in the community. He is active in politics, and has acceptably served his constituents for two terms as their representative in the State Legislature.

The birth of our subject occurred in the County of Cornwall, England, April 21, 1840. His parents, William and Jane (Camps) Chapman, were also natives of England. The boyhood of our subject was passed in his native country, where he received a fair education in the common schools. He was confirmed in the Church of England, and adhered to that faith for a number of years during his early life. When sixteen years of age he left home and worked in the Harvey Foundry, in Cornwall, England, for some fifteen months. The succeeding five years of his life were passed on the high seas in the British merchant marine service, and during that time he visited Quebec twice.

It was in 1862 that Richard Chapman left his native land for America, sailing from Liverpool to New York. He proceeded direct to Northampton County, and became Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Slate Quarry, located at Wind Gap. In that neighborhood he continued to make his home for about three years, when he resigned that position to become Superintendent of the Chapman Quarries. Previous to taking this position he went to England, and was the means of securing about three hundred slate-workers, who on their arrival were assigned to different operators for working various quarries. Thirty years have

elapsed since Mr. Chapman became Superintendent of the Chapman Quarries, and he has given the best of satisfaction in this difficult office. On the pay-roll of this concern there are now two hundred and twenty-five employes, and in former years many more were employed. The quarries supply roofing slate; flagging for steps, platforms and sidewalks; hearths, lintels, window-sills, copings, and building stone for general purposes. The slate manufactured by the company is of superior quality, and warranted to keep color.

The marriage of Mr. Chapman was celebrated in 1870, with Jane Edwards, of London, England. In 1881 he spent about four months traveling in Great Britain and other European countries, and visiting many points of interest and the historic cities of Europe. He is a man of general information and an interesting conversationalist.

For three terms our subject served as Justice of the Peace for the borough of Chapman Quarries, and is now serving as Burgess. Since 1867 he has been identified with the Masonic order and is a charter member of Monocacy Lodge No. 413, F. & A. M., at Bath, Pa., in which he held various official positions, and for twelve years has served as Treasurer of the lodge. He also belongs to Hugh DePayne Commandery No. 19, K. T., of Easton; the Knights of the Golden Eagle at Chapman Quarries; and Loppawinzoe Tribe No. 154, I. O. of R. M., at Bethlehem. From the year 1869 until the present time he has been the Treasurer of the Chapman Beneficial Society. Religiously he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; serving the same for a number of years as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees. In political and public measures he has been much interested, and has done all in his power for the welfare and the advancement of the county. Upright and honorable in his dealings, kind and courteous to all, he merits and receives in an eminent degree the respect of his fellows.

**L**EVI P. FENSTERMACHER is now retired and makes his home in the city of Allentown. He is a native of this county, having been born within its limits March 22, 1833.

His father, Elias Fenstermacher, was also born here, and departed this life in 1875, at the age of sixty-eight years. The first representative of this family in the United States came from Germany in 1755 and located in Lehigh County, where the succeeding generations have since made their home. Elias Fenstermacher was married to Miss Esther Kuntz, whose birth also occurred in this section.

Levi, of this sketch, spent his boyhood days in attendance at the common schools of Allentown, and for one winter was a student in the academy at Lexington. When a lad of sixteen years he moved into the city, where his father was engaged as a grain merchant, and aided him in whatever way he could. Soon thereafter they added a stock of general merchandise, of which our subject assumed full control in 1870. He dealt very extensively in produce and fruits, and during the Franco-German War shipped grain in large quantities to New York City, from which port it was sent to the Old World.

In 1857 Levi Fenstermacher was married to Miss Fianah Metzger, a native of this county, and the daughter of Jacob Metzger, who was a hotel-keeper in Lehigh County. Our subject and his wife have a family of three daughters and two sons, named respectively William Jacob, Edward, Laura, Hattie and Ella. The parents are devoted members of St. John's Reformed Church. In politics Mr. Fenstermacher is a Democrat, and, being a law-abiding citizen, possessed of good social qualities and excellent character, he is held in good repute by his neighbors and friends.



**S**IMON MESSINGER, who is a retired farmer of Washington Township, Northampton County, was born in Warren County, N. J., July 21, 1833, being a son of George and Susanna (Simons) Messinger, natives of Northampton County. His father was during the most of his life a resident of Lower Mt. Bethel Township,\*but at the age of sixty years he moved to Stephenson County, Ill., and there remained until his death.

Of his children the following survive: Peter, living in Illinois; Miles, whose home is in Washington Township; Zachariah, of Warren County, N. J.; Theodore, residing in Iowa; Simon, of this sketch; and Lucinda, Mrs. Adam Young, who lives in Plainfield Township.

At the age of about sixteen our subject began to learn the carpenter's trade, which he followed for ten years. Subsequently he began farm work in Washington Township, and as the years passed by he met with the reward which his painstaking efforts deserved. He remained an agriculturist until 1890, when, having accumulated a competence, he retired from active cares. In youth his advantages were meagre, his attendance at school being limited to three months each year between the ages of eight and fifteen. The schools were poor in those days, and the quality of instruction afforded crude and meagre, but he availed himself to the utmost of every opportunity, and through self culture gained a broad knowledge of men and things.

In December, 1856, occurred the marriage of Simon Messinger and Lovina Wilhelm, who was born in Northampton County, April 20, 1833. Her parents, John and Susan (Gum) Wilhelm, were natives of Northampton County; the former deceased, and the latter, now eighty-four years of age, one of the oldest surviving residents of Washington Township. Grandfather Wilhelm resided for many years in Upper Mt. Bethel Township, whither he had removed from Nazareth, Pa. Mrs. Messinger was one of eight children, of whom five are now living, namely: Jacob, who lives in Washington Township; Lovina; Henry, a resident of Upper Mt. Bethel Township; Sabilla, the widow of Charles Rutt; and Theobald, of Upper Mt. Bethel Township.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Messinger has been blessed by the birth of eight children, named as follows: John, Isaiah, George; Flora A., wife of Gilmer Spangenberg; Susan, Mrs. Herbert H. Slamp; William; Lucinda, who married William Spangenberg; and Herbert. In religious connections Mr. and Mrs. Messinger are members of the Evangelical Association at Bangor. He is a Democrat in politics, public spirited and enterprising,