

and they have two children, Ruth and George W.; and Jacob Stewart, a telegraph operator at Elizabeth, N. J., who wedded Alice Sumpstone. Politically, Mr. Sassaman is an unwavering Democrat; fraternally, he is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle; and religiously he is a member of the Reformed Church.

ELIJAH S. TORBERT is a descendant of one of the oldest and most highly respected families of Bucks County, Pa., that has been connected with its growth and prosperity since colonial days. This well-to-do and prosperous gentleman is engaged in tilling the soil in Newtown township, this county. He was born in that township, February 22, 1847, and is a son of William S. and Rosanna K. (Slack) Torbert, grandson of James M. and Mary W. (Simpson) Torbert, and great-grandson of James Torbert.

James Torbert was a son of James Torbert, Sr., and was one of the pioneer settlers of Upper Makefield township, this county; he was educated to agricultural pursuits and followed that vocation throughout his entire life. He was joined in marriage with Margaret McNair, by whom he reared a family of eleven children, namely: Martha; Absalom; Hannah; Ann; Alice; James M.; Elizabeth; Samuel; John K.; Charles; and Margaret. James M. Torbert, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Upper Makefield township, December 25, 1795, and resided in his native township all his active days, en-

gaged in agricultural pursuits. His wife was Mary W. Simpson, a daughter of William Simpson of Upper Makefield township, and this union was blessed by the birth of seven children, namely: William S., the father of our subject; Isabella M., the wife of John Keith; Caroline, the wife of James Robinson; Mary A., was wedded to Joseph M. Scott; James L.; John W.; and Anthony T.

William S. Torbert was a native of Newtown township, this county, and his vocation was also that of a farmer, in which occupation he was very successful. He was an intelligent and enterprising citizen, always ready to support any measure that in his opinion tended to promote the interests of his community, and was held in esteem by a host of friends. He passed from this earth in 1891. He was twice married; his first wife was Rosanna K. Slack, and upon her death he wedded Kate B. Craven; he was the progenitor of five children, who were named as follows: Elijah S., the subject of this brief memoir; Fremont, who died young; Mary also died young; Francis, deceased; and Sidney K., who resides with his mother in Newtown, Pa. The mother of our subject, Mrs. Rosanna K. (Slack) Torbert, entered the world of rest in 1881. Religiously, Mr. Torbert was active in church work, and was a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he held many offices.

Our subject received a common school education, and remained under the parental roof until his marriage, assisting his father in the labors about the homestead; after his marriage, he took charge of the homestead,

and carried on general farming until 1890, when he purchased his present farm of E. White; this farm consists of 70 acres of well-improved land, and general farming is our subject's principal occupation. Mr. Torbert is very industrious and carries on his farming in a successful manner; he is well known throughout the township, and enjoys the respect and good-will of his fellow-citizens.

Politically, Mr. Torbert is a staunch Republican; fraternally, he is a member of the A. O. U. W., Lodge No. 205, of Newtown; religiously, he is a member of the Presbyterian Church. On February 24, 1876, our subject and Mary A. Wynkoop, a daughter of Gerardus and Matilda Wynkoop, were united in marriage, and three children have blessed the home of this union, as follows: William S., who is at home; Samuel S., who is in the employ of the Baldwin Locomotive Works; and George W., who is also at home.

ROBERT SHOEMAKER DANA, M. D., a practicing physician of Morrisville, Bucks County, has attained much distinction at his profession, and also served long and faithfully in the Civil War as a surgeon, at the time of his discharge bearing the rank of major-surgeon. He is a man of noble character, sympathetic and charitable, and is ever ready to aid those in all walks of life who unlike himself have not received the smile of Dame Fortune. Acting as friend and personal adviser to his many patients, and not merely in the capacity of physician, they recognize his good

intent and the true sympathetic nature back of it, and as a result he occupies a high place in their esteem. He is a son of Sylvester and Elizabeth (Brown) Dana, and was born in Circleville, Ohio, November 10, 1833.

The family is descended from French-Huguenot stock, and traces its ancestry to Richard Dana, who was born in France about 1612 and fled to England in 1629, bearing with him a French silver cup, which is a family heirloom and is now in the possession of Hon. Judas Dana of Fryeburgh, Me. In 1640 he emigrated from England to this country, at first locating in the Plymouth Colony, but subsequently in West Cambridge, Mass., near Boston. His death occurred in that place on April 2, 1690. He was the father of Jacob, whose son Jacob was the father of Anderson Dana, Sr., who was a very prominent man of his day. He was born in 1733, and migrated to Wyoming Valley, then in Westmoreland, now in Luzerne County, Pa. He was a representative in the Connecticut Legislature from the Westmoreland District, and was serving as such when he met his death in the Massacre of Wilkes-Barre, July 3, 1778, his body never being recovered after his death.

Anderson Dana, Jr., the grandfather of our subject, was born August 11, 1765, at Ashford, Conn., and went to Wyoming Valley with his father. He was but twelve years of age when the massacre took place, and in company with many others, of whom he was the oldest male, he made his way back to Connecticut. Many of the party were unable to withstand the hardships of the journey and died on the way. A few years later,