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ful, influential and an honorable citizen of the county.

Thomas C. Gummert was married in 1858 to Miss Amanda A. Clemmer, of Smithfield. They had three children: Thomas N., C. Lewis and John S. Mrs. Gummert was born in 1828, and died in 1879. Her father, Lewis Clemmer, was a native of Germany and a saddler by trade. His wife, Esther C. Clemmer, was a niece of the Hon. Benjamin Butler.

Dr. C. Lewis Gummert was educated in the public schools of Brownsville, and on leaving school engaged as a clerk in a store for four years.

He quit the store to read medicine with his uncle, the late Dr. U. L. Clemmer, attended lectures at the college of physicians and surgeons, Baltimore, Maryland. From this school he was graduated March 2, 1882, ranking eighth in a class of one hundred and eighty-four. In addition to his regular graduation, he received an honorary diploma for operative surgery.

In May, 1882, he came to Brownsville and began the practice of his profession, where he has practiced with great success ever since. He was appointed United States examining surgeon, August 4, 1885, and medical inspector to the State Board of Health in April, 1888. He is a member of the Fayette county Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the International Medical Congress. He is medical examiner for eight or ten secret order associations.

Dr. Gummert was married September 11, 1880, to Miss Mary Hastings of Brownsville. She was born in 1859 and died May 5, 1881.

He is a member of the I. O. O. F., I. O. R. M. and K. of L.

He is a solid democrat, a prominent citizen and an intelligent, skilled and careful physician.

**J**OHN HERBERTSON, of Bridgeport was born in Glasgow, Scotland, September 16, 1805, attended the common schools and listened to the scientific lectures of the famous Ure, until he was seventeen years of age. Leaving Scotland he arrived in New York City in July, 1823. He soon went to Marietta, Ohio, engaged in farm work until April, 1824, when he removed to Pittsburgh, and learned the trade of steam-engine building.

In 1829 he located at Brownsville as foreman of John Snowden's engine shop. Mr. Snowden took the contract for the erection of the Dunlap's creek iron bridge, which is believed to be the first iron bridge ever built in the world. Mr. Herbertson designed the bridge and supervised its construction.

From 1837 to 1842 he was engaged in the business of engine-building with Thomas Faull. Their works were known as the Fayette Foundry. In 1842 Thomas Faull withdrew and Mr. Herbertson continued the business until 1880, when he took his sons, George S. and William H. and two other parties into partnership under the name of J. Herbertson & Co. In a short time the firm became J. Herbertson & Sons, manufacturers of steam engines, and general supplies for coal mines.

In 1830 Mr. Herbertson was married to Miss Eliza, daughter of Peter and Sarah (Potts) Nimon of Pittsburgh. Twelve children were born to them, three of whom are living: John P., George S. and William H. Herbertson.

George S. Herbertson was born June 22, 1847, took a course at the Iron City business college and was married in 1874 to Miss Sarah, daughter of Jackson Bar of Fairmont, W. Va. She was raised by E. H. Bar, proprietor of the Bar house, and has two children: James and Edgar. G. S. Herbertson is a blacksmith by trade, has passed the chairs in the Odd Fellows, in Knights of Pythias, be-

longs to the Encampment, the Royal Arcanum and the United States Brotherhood of Firemen.

William H. Herbertson was born June 24, 1850, attended the common school, took a commercial course in the Iron City business college at Pittsburgh, and learned the trade of a pattern-maker. He was a member of the city council and is past chancellor in the Knights of Pythias.

John P. Herbertson was born July 1, 1839, and was married to Frances C. Marquis, March 9, 1862. He learned the trade of a machinist, and is at present a river engineer.

John Herbertson has filled orders for steamboat and mill engines from all parts of the United States and Mexico, but has taken no part in the foundry work for the last five years. His sons, who are skilled mechanics, are successfully running the machine shop and foundry, and are doing a large business.

John Herbertson was eighty-four years of age in September, 1889, and his excellent wife in years has spanned three-fourths of a century. He is a republican, but has never engaged in politics.



**URIAH F. HIGINBOTHAM**, one of the progressive young business men of Fayette county, was born in Redstone township, Fayette county, Pa., November 30, 1858. He is a son of Uriah and Tabitha (Edington) Higinbotham.

Samuel Higinbotham (paternal grandfather) was a merchant for many years at Mapletown, Greene county. He moved to Masontown, and continued merchandising there until 1860. He was a Methodist, and died in 1862.

Uriah Higinbotham (father) was born in Greene county, and was a well known farmer and stock-raiser of Redstone township. He married Miss Tabitha Edington. Uriah

Higinbotham was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and was an elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian church. He died in 1888, aged fifty-eight years. His wife was born in 1821, is living, and very active for her age. She is a daughter of James Edington, who for many years was a merchant at Masontown, afterward a farmer, and died in 1872.

Uriah F. Higinbotham was reared on a farm, attended the common schools until the age of sixteen, when he entered the Southwestern Pennsylvania Normal School, and took a three years' course. Leaving school, he engaged in farming until 1884; the farm did not afford enough of business to keep him employed in a manner that he desired.

In 1884 he formed a partnership with A. G. Miller. They purchased 1,200 acres of land in Ottawa county, Kansas, and placed thereon 500 head of cattle; and after three years' residence on Western prairies, he returned to Bridgeport, and traded his interest in the Kansas cattle investment to W. H. Miller for the "Prospect Flouring Mills," of Bridgeport, and some adjoining land. He has operated these mills very successfully for the past year, and has secured a large trade.

He was married, in 1880, to Miss Emma V., daughter of Oliver Miller, a merchant of Bridgeport. They have two children: Ethel and Margaret. Mr. Higinbotham is a republican, and was elected by that party, in the spring of 1889, a member of the town council of Bridgeport. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, and is an influential member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

He belongs to an old and highly respected family of Fayette county, and his own life, so far, has well sustained the record of honest industry left by his forefathers. He is active, intelligent and progressive, and is