

JAMES M. MEAD was born in Conewango Township, Warren County, Pa., in 1839. He was the son of David and Martha Tuttle Mead. His father, David Mead, was a brother of Mrs. David Beaty and Boone Mead. They were children of Joseph Mead. There were four brothers: Darius, who settled at Youngsville; John settled at Pittsfield, and David at Meadville, the city of Meadville being named after him. Joseph purchased what is known as Mead Island, west of Warren in the Allegheny River, of Cornplanter, the noted Indian chief, and his granddaughter still has the deed, which is written on parchment. David Mead was a General in the War of 1812 and his statue is now standing in the public square at Meadville. He came to Meadville in 1788. James received his education in the common schools of the Township and of Warren Borough. He was engaged in farming and at the time of the first oil production he was engaged in carrying oil in boats from Oil City to Pittsburgh. The boats were made for this purpose and would carry about one hundred barrels of oil. This was before pipe lines were used for the conveyance of oil. Later he engaged in the lumbering business in addition to his farming, and supplied milk and early vegetables to the people of Warren. He married

AURELIA J. DUNHAM in 1863. She was the daughter of Richard Dunham and Laura Allen. They resided on a farm two miles west of Warren for a number of years. Later he resided with his son Edward at Parkersburg, W. Va., where he died in 1909. He was buried at Parkersburg. Mrs. Mead is residing at the present time, 1916, in Sheffield, Warren County, Pa.