

History of Columbia and Montour Counties, Pennsylvania, Containing A History of Each County; Their Townships, Towns, Villages, Schools, Churches, Industries, Etc.; Portraits of Representative Men; Biographies; History of Pennsylvania, Statistical and Miscellaneous Matter, Etc. Edited By J. H. Battle. Illustrated. Chicago: A. Warner & Co. 1887.

George W. Askins, merchant, Danville, was born in Landisburg, Perry County, Penn., April 14, 1829, to **Samuel** (a shoemaker) and **Susannah (Fitzcharles) Askins**, natives also of Pennsylvania, and of Scotch-Irish descent, the former of whom died in Union County, Penn. Their family consisted of nine children, four of whom grew to adult age. Our subject, the eldest child, was reared and educated in his native county until sixteen years of age. He then went to Harrisburg where he learned the tinner's trade, serving a regular apprenticeship, and after completing his apprenticeship he obtained a situation at Selin's Grove, Snyder Co., Penn. There he worked at his trade and subsequently clerked in a general store until 1877, when he came to Danville and superintended a stove and tinware store for the firm of Waterman & Beaver, where he was employed for seven years. At the expiration of that time he bought out the firm, and has since continued the business with marked success. He is now the owner of the store and business room, and also of a neat and substantial residence. He married in 1853, **Elizabeth Monbeck**, a lady of German origin, daughter of **David Monbeck**, a farmer of Union County, Penn. **Mrs. Askins** is the mother of seven children: **Mary**, wife of **R. Pierce**; **William**, in business with his father; **Emma**, at home; **Charles**; **Harry**, a tinner; **Florence** and **Jessie**.

Mr. Askins is one of the commissioners of Montour County. He enlisted in the Eighty fourth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, served one year and was discharged at the close of the war. He is a member of the G. A. R. of Danville; in politics a Republican. **Mrs. Askins** is a member of the Lutheran Church.

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