

History of Venango County, Pennsylvania Its Past and Present, Including Its Aboriginal History; The French and British Occupation of the Country; Its Early Settlement and Subsequent Growth: A Description of Its Historic and Interesting Localities; Its Rich Oil Deposits and Their Development; Sketches of Its Cities, Boroughs, Townships, and Villages; Neighborhood and Family History; Portraits and Biographies of Pioneers and Representative Citizens; Statistics, Etc., Etc. Illustrated. Chicago, Ill.: Brown, Runk & Co., Publishers. 1890.

George B. Lord, county superintendent of public schools, was born February 14, 1845, in Summer Hill Township, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, son of **Freedom** and **Elizabeth (Beatty) Lord**, of English and Scotch origin, respectively. **Freedom Lord**, grandfather of the subject of this sketch and son of **Nathan Lord**, a captain in the Continental army, was born at Hadley, Connecticut, July 4, 1776, and received his surname, which has since been retained in the family, in honor of the great event of the day of his birth. It was his son, **Freedom**, second, who came to Crawford County and still resides in Summer Hill Township, at the advanced age of seventy three.

Elizabeth (Beatty) Lord, daughter of **James** and **Elizabeth Beatty**, who came to that township in 1828 from Perry County, died August 8, 1889, at the age of seventy-three. Our subject was reared in his native township, and attended the public schools. At an early age he became a teacher, joining the ranks for the first time in the winter of 1862-63. At the age of nineteen he graduated from the Conneautville Academy, then a flourishing institution and embracing in its curriculum Latin and the higher mathematics. From that time he has been continuously engaged in public-school work. Leaving Crawford County in 1869, he went to the state of Missouri and was the first principal of public schools at Bellingville, Cooper County, retaining that position eighteen months. He came to Venango County in 1871, and during the following ten years was connected successively with the schools of Tarr Farm, Rynd Farm, Petroleum Center, and Rouseville in Cornplanter Township. In 1881 he accepted the principalship of the Pleasantville schools, and in June, 1884, was elected county superintendent, a position for which he is well qualified by natural endowments and a long experience in public school work. **Professor** and **Mrs. Adelia Lord** (nee **McDowell**) are the parents of five children: **H. Merrill**; **Bessie Mabel**; **George Clyde**; **Harold Owen**, and **Delia Estelle**. The family is Presbyterian in faith. In politics **Professor Lord** is a Democrat. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum and A. O. U. W.

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