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**John W. Milligan**, clerk, Swissvale, is a native of Allegheny County, born May 15, 1838. **David Milligan**, a son of **Samuel** and **Susan Milligan**, and a native of Pennsylvania, came from Perry County to this county, and in 1813 purchased 150 acres of land near the Monongahela River, moving thereon with his family in 1814, where he remained till his death, in 1820. He married, in 1794, **Sarah Wallace**, who bore him five sons and four daughters, and of these **Robert**, the third child and second son, was born Oct. 29, 1800 in Perry County, Pa. He (**Robert**) married, in 1839, **Mary**, daughter of **Alexander** and **Margaret (Owen) Shortess**, of Perry County, and four sons and two daughters were born to them: **Alexander Shortess**, **Thomas A.**, **Emeline Ellen**, **John Wesley** (our subject), **Mary Margaretta** and **Joseph Robert**, of whom the youngest four are now living. **Robert**, the father of these children, a farmer by occupation, owned the property purchased by his father, **David**, up to his death; he died in 1887, aged eighty eight years; his widow is now living at the age of eighty-eight years. **John Wesley Milligan** was born and reared on the farm purchased by his grandfather, and which he now owns.

He was educated at the public schools and Wilkinsburg Academy, graduating from Dartmouth College, in New Hampshire, in 1862. He then commenced the study of law, was admitted to the bar at Pittsburgh in 1860, and followed his profession ten years. He then entered the employ of the Edgar Thomson Steelworks, at Bessemer, as a clerk, which position he now holds. He also superintends the work on his farm of 130 acres. **Mr. Milligan** was married, in 1867, to **Mary E.**, daughter of **Smith** and **Mary Agnew**, of Cumberland County, Pa., and seven children have been born to them, live now living: **Robert**, **Joseph F.**, **Mary Graham**, **Matilda C.** and **James Carothers**. **Mr. Milligan** is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is a republican.