

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.

**Elias Widle**, deceased, was born in Lebanon, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, September 25, 1809, the son of **George** and **Sarah (Lasher) Widle**. He resided in his native place until he reached his nineteenth year, when he removed to Williamsville, near Buffalo, New York. Prior to his removal from Lebanon and subsequently at Williamsville, he obtained a common school education, and likewise learned the plasterer's trade which he subsequently followed. On the 25th of January, 1838, he married Miss **Louisa M.**, daughter of **Robert** and **Margaret (Minor) Burts**, of Williamsville. From this union sprang the following children: **William E.**, baker and confectioner, Emlenton; **Henry Jerome**, who died in the army; **Eugene E.**, contractor and driller, Emlenton; **John W.**, engineer in the Emlenton flouring mills; **Benjamin J.**; **George W.**, and **Mary Louisa**, both deceased; **Loren Burt**, miller, Emlenton flouring mills, and **Emanuel O.**, deceased. A few months subsequent to his marriage **Mr. Widle** removed to Perry County, Pennsylvania, where he resided about eight years. He then lived successively in Lancaster, Juniata, Union, and Venango Counties; in the last named he dwelt for a time at Mariasville, and finally established himself in Emlenton, in 1854, where he resided to his death, November 26, 1866. It ought to be said that **Mr. Widle**, about 1841, learned the foundry business and prosecuted it until the oil excitement began, after which he was an oil producer and speculator. He was first an old line Whig, with strong anti-slavery sentiments, and subsequently entered the Republican Party. During the last thirty years of his life he was a member of the Presbyterian Church. **Mr. Widle** was a liberal, public-spirited, and useful citizen of the community. His widow still survives him and is a resident of Emlenton.

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