

JESSE M. BARNETT, president and manager of the Wilkinsburg Stair Company, and a resident of the borough of Wilkinsburg, was born February 17, 1870, at Trout Creek Valley, Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, son of David Barnett, a native of the same county.

David Barnett served as a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting in 1862 and bearing arms thenceforth throughout the conflict with the exception of some time on sick leave. He participated in the great battle of Gettysburg, and also in many others battles as well as in important engagements. He married Mary McClain, and their children were: Annie, wife of Frank Benson, of Trout Creek Valley, son of Harris Benson, associate judge of that place, one daughter, Pearl; Jacob; Jesse M., of whom later; John, of Kansas City, married and has one son; Belle, wife of Frank Keith, of Altoona, one son, Kenneth; Minnie, wife of Charles Reed, of Huntingdon county; and Isaac, married and has one daughter, Gladys.

Jesse M. Barnett, son of David and Mary (McClain) Barnett, was reared in his birthplace, and received his education in the local schools. In 1892 he went to Wilkinsburg, where he was employed by W. F. Youngk in his planing mill, here gaining a thorough knowledge of general machine and mill work. After three years he was made foreman of the mill, remaining ten years in all. Then, in company with William F. Youngk and Harvey Kiser he organized the Wilkinsburg Stair Company, their first place of business being situated on Ross avenue. A year later, in 1904, the company was reorganized, still retaining the original title, and Mr. Barnett was made president and general manager, positions which he has since continuously held. The company is now doing a very large and profitable business in general hardwood work.

In politics Mr. Barnett affiliates with the Republican party. He is a member of Trinity Reformed church and an active worker for its interests.

Mr. Barnett married, in 1893, Hannah Catharine Allshouse. They have no children. Mrs. Barnett belongs to a family which traces its origin from two brothers who came to this country from Germany, probably in the eighteenth century, and settled, one in New Jersey, and the other in the western part of Pennsylvania. The old German name is Althouse.

Jacob Allshouse, grandfather of Mrs. Barnett, was a man of note in his day, representing Armstrong county in the state legislature, and serving as speaker in the house of representatives. He married Fanny Frantz, of an old Armstrong county family, and their children were: Susan, Samuel, Hannah, William, Jacob, of whom later; Ann, Henry and Priscilla.

Jacob Allshouse, son of Jacob and Fanny (Frantz) Allshouse, was born in 1826, near South Bend, Armstrong county, and lived as a farmer on the old homestead. He held several local offices, such as school director, director of the poor and justice of the peace.

He married Caroline, daughter of Henry and ——— (Shomp) Saltsgiver, and the following children were born to them: Jennie, wife of Newton Bricker; George, deceased; Simon B., married Ollie Ringer; Fannie; John, married Jeannette McCreight; Hannah Catharine, wife of Jesse M. Barnett; and Sarah. Jacob Allshouse, the father, died in 1898.

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