

JOHN S. DOUGLASS, M. D.

John S. Douglass, who is successfully engaged in the general practice of medicine in Tuckahoe, was born at Dias Creek, Cape May county, New Jersey, December 29, 1867, his parents being Samuel E. and Mary A. (Kernan) Douglass. His paternal grandfather, Thomas Douglass, was born in Cape May county, New Jersey, at Dias Creek, and for many years engaged in agricultural pursuits in Dias Creek township. He held a number of local offices, was township clerk and for many years served as a freeholder. At one time he was a candidate for sheriff, but met defeat. His political support was given to the Republican party and he kept well informed on the issues of the day. He is a consistent and zealous member of the Baptist church, in which he served as deacon and took an active part in the work and upbuilding of the cause. He wedded Elizabeth, a daughter of Samuel Eldridge, and to them were born the following children: Francis, Howard Reeves, Freeman H. F., and Mary, the wife of Burton Howell. The grandfather died at the ripe old age of eighty years.

Samuel E. Douglass was born at Dias Creek and pursued his education in the district schools of the neighborhood. For a number of years he engaged in farming and for fourteen years was connected with the life-saving station No. 35, making his home in Cape May Court House. Subsequently he engaged in the oyster business. He is now living in Cape May Court House and is one of the prominent residents of the community. His political support is given to the Republican party and he has held the office of township committeeman for fourteen years. He belongs to the Baptist church and is active and earnest in advancing the welfare and growth of this denomination. He was twice married and by the first union he had two children,—John Smith, and Mary, who died in infancy. The mother died at the age of forty-three years. She, too, was a consistent member of the Baptist church and enjoyed the esteem of all who knew her. The father afterward married Miss Jane Walker and they are now occupying a comfortable home in Cape May Court House.

John Smith Douglass, whose name introduces this review, acquired his preliminary education in Cape May Court House, being graduated from the high school there. Determining to make the practice of medicine his life work, he attended the College of Physicians & Surgeons in Baltimore and in 1896 was graduated in the Medical & Chirurgical College. He then located in Tuckahoe, where he has since built up a good general practice. He is a member of the Cape May County Medical Society, the La Place Surgical Society and the Hamilton Obstetric Society. He keeps

well informed concerning the progress that is continually being made by the profession and his knowledge of the science of medicine is comprehensive and accurate. He also conducts a drug store and both branches of his business receive a liberal patronage.

The Doctor is a valued member of Tuckahoe Lodge, No. 67, I. O. O. F., and of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. In politics he is a Republican, deeply interested in the growth and success of the party. He was the coroner of Cape May county from 1886 until 1889, and proved an efficient official. His ability in the line of his chosen profession has gained him prestige in the medical fraternity, while his sterling worth has made him one of the valued citizens of his native county.

ISAAC MOFFETT.

Isaac Moffett, who is now serving as the collector of internal revenue of the first district of New Jersey for the second time, is well worthy of the honor thus conferred upon him. He was born in Barnsboro, Mantua township, Gloucester county, this state, October 10, 1841, and now maintains his residence in Glassboro. His great-grandfather, Patrick Moffett, came from the north of Ireland and was the founder of the family in the new world. His son, Archibald Moffett, established the old homestead near Barnsboro, where occurred the birth of Isaac Moffett, Sr., the father of our subject. The latter was a blacksmith by trade and a man of high moral character, who took a prominent part in the work of the Methodist church in which he held his religious membership and died in 1853. He married Miss Mary Ann, daughter of Valentine and Sophia Focer, natives of Germany.

Isaac Moffett, whose name begins this sketch, the youngest of the seven children, spent his early life in working on the farm through the summer months, while in the winter season he pursued his studies in the public schools. At the age of sixteen he entered upon his business career by securing a clerkship in a store. Subsequently he was a traveling salesman and later engaged in general merchandising in Glassboro, in connection with his brother. In the fall of 1870 he embarked in a wholesale provision business in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in connection with Eben Whitney, under the firm name of Whitney & Moffett. He remained in the firm for three years and for nine years traveled throughout the west and south as the representative of leading firms of Philadelphia. In 1883 he took charge of the Whitney Glass Works' store and filled that position for ten years. He was elected a delegate to the Republican national convention in Chicago in 1888,