

Biography of Jacob Louis Kendall

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JACOB LOUIS KENDALL

Pittsburgh is Mr. Kendall's headquarters for coal and lumber operations that extend widely throughout Pennsylvania, his native State, and into the rich mineral fields of Mexico. Many of his associations, social and civic, as well as along business lines, are centered in this city, and he is universally known as a citizen of enterprise and public spirit, the possessor of a well-deserved success, a man willing to bear a full share of effort for the general good.

The Kendall family is of ancient English origin, and possessed estates in Devon, Cornwall, and other counties of England in the time of Henry VI. The family was early represented in America, when two brothers of the name came to Virginia with Capt. John Smith. One of these brothers died soon after settling in Virginia, and from the other are descended the Kendalls of Maryland and Pennsylvania. John Christian Kendall, grandfather of Jacob L. Kendall, was a farmer of Maryland's "Eastern Shore," and moved to Somerset county, Pa., where he reared a family of eight sons and four daughters. John Christian Kendall married Mary Leydig.

John C. Kendall, son of John Christian and Mary (Leydig) Kendall, and father of Jacob Louis Kendall, was born in Somerset county, Pa., June 5, 1817. He was a carpenter in early life, later a farmer, and for twenty-five years was a justice of the peace in Greenville township, Somerset county, also serving several terms as school director. He married, Dec. 12, 1850, Elizabeth Miller. They were the parents of nine children: John C., Jr., of Oakland, Md.; Mrs. J. E. Baker, of Sand Patch, Pa.; Mrs. J. W. Baker, of Meyersdale, Pa., has two children; Samuel A., of Meyersdale, Pa.; Jacob Louis, of whom further; Mrs. John Rembold, of Somerset county, Pa., has five children; Ulysses S., an attorney of Detroit, Mich.; Mattie, of Homestead, Pa.; David, died in boyhood. John C. Kendall died Jan. 30, 1888, his widow surviving him until Oct. 30, 1905.

Jacob Louis Kendall, son of John C. and Elizabeth (Miller) Kendall, was born in Greenville township, Somerset county, Pa., Dec. 29, 1861. While living on the home farm, he attended the public and normal schools, working on his father's farm in the summer seasons, and devoting the winter months to scholastic pursuits. In 1881 he made his initial venture into the business world, in lumbering, and his progress was unusually rapid for a youth of his age. Coal operations later attracted him, and in 1902 he joined dealings in this field with his lumber interests. In 1903 he organized the Kendall Lumber Company, and is at the present time president of this enterprise, whose main offices are in Pittsburgh. He has made many associations in the world of affairs, and is president of the H. C. Huston Lumber Company, the Stauffer Quemahoning Coal Company, the Kendall Supply Company, and is a director of the First National Bank of Connellsville, Pa., and the National Mines and Smelters Company, of Mexico. Mr. Kendall has also had holdings in Oregon, and has constantly enlarged his interests in Pennsylvania. He has gained his present position of influence and responsibility through tireless application to practical affairs, and is an able master of the industries in which he has operated.

Mr. Kendall has found time from his executive obligations for the public service, and has served by appointment of the governor, as trustee of State College, serving as such for many years. His clubs are the Duquesne, Pittsburgh Country, Oakmont Country, Pike Run Country, and Pittsburgh Automobile, of Pittsburgh; the Pittsburgh Athletic Association, the Manufacturers' Club of Philadelphia, and the Union League of Philadelphia. He is an earnest advocate of the reform movements fostered by the Pittsburgh Automobile Club, and is intensely interested in the construction of good roads, a cause that he has fostered by every means within his power. His political affiliations are Republican, but he has never entered public life.

Mr. Kendall married, Jan. 12, 1892, Kathryn G., daughter of Andrew and Jane (Wallace) Guiler, of Connellsville, Pa. Her mother is of Scotch ancestry, a member of the Wallace family of renowned place in Scottish history. Mr. and Mrs. Kendall are the parents of: Mary Willa, Kathryn Guiler; Jacob Louis, Jr., born June 27, 1898; and Eugene Wallace, born April 16, 1902. Mrs. Kendall is a member of the Tuesday Musical Club, the Twentieth Century Club, and other social and philanthropic organizations. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kendall are members of the East End Christian Church. The Kendall home is at Fifth avenue and Beechwood boulevard, Pittsburgh, and their summer residence is "Kendallwood," Somerset county, where he finds his recreation in golf and motoring.

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