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He was reared a Methodist, his wife a Baptist, but both later joined the Presbyterian church. In political faith he was Republican.

He married in 1856 at Jersey Shore, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, Matilda Stewart Farnsworth, of Scotch-Irish descent, her forbears coming to Pennsylvania from New Jersey. She was born in Lycoming county March 17, 1834, and she survives her husband, a resident of Chicago, Illinois. She is the daughter of Henry Farnsworth, born in Columbia county, Pennsylvania, in June, 1807, died in Butler, Pennsylvania, in August, 1865. He was a farmer of Lycoming county until a few years prior to his death, when he moved to Butler. He was a member of the Baptist church and a Republican. He married in 1831 Catherine Andrews, born in New Jersey, May, 1808, died April, 1878. Children: 1. Isaac, a dentist, married Sarah Moore. 2. Martin, a farmer, married Caroline Mace. 3. William, a farmer, married Rachel Gold. 4. Samuel, an architect, married Mary Bunyan. 5. Matilda Stewart, of previous mention, now widow of Charles Dieffenbacher.

Children of Charles and Matilda S. Dieffenbacher: 1. William Henry, died in infancy. 2. Catherine Cecelia, died in infancy. 3. Inez Hebe, married Edward Fox, a grocer of Clarion. 4. Otis Gillam, died in infancy. 5. Orion Fullmer, of whom further. 6. Lloyd Elmo, now a bookkeeper in Titusville, Pennsylvania, married Mildred Johnson. 7. Mazie McClure, married Ralph Langley, a mechanical draughtsman, residing in Chicago.

(IV) Orion Fullmer, son of Charles and Matilda Stewart (Farnsworth) Dieffenbacher, was born in Butler, Pennsylvania, August 31, 1867. When he was eight years of age his parents moved to Clarion, Pennsylvania, where he attended the public school and Carrier's Academy. After leaving school he became a clerk in the grocery store of B. H. Frampton, also with E. L. Fox, a grocer.

After two years as clerk in Clarion he moved to Pittsburgh, where he was employed in the Kaufman department store. In 1890 he returned to Clarion and purchased the store of Colonel E. E. Thompson, and still continues its proprietor, dealing in confectionery, stationery and novelties. He has largely increased his stock and added newspapers, magazines and tobacco departments. His business is a successful, profitable one and well managed. He is Republican in politics, a member

of the Maccabees and president of the Tsuga Club, a social organization. In religious faith he affiliates with the Baptist church.

He married, August 31, 1887, Nancy Pennsylvania Clough, born near Nashville, Tennessee, June 19, 1868, daughter of Thomas and Ann (Potter) Clough. They were later residents of Reidsburg, Clarion county, where Thomas Clough died, August 10, 1902. He was a farmer and a veteran of the civil war, serving in the Sixty-second Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Children of Orion F. and Nancy P. Dieffenbacher: 1. Charles, born April 22, 1890, a chauffeur, now residing in Pittsburgh. 2. Paul, born September 28, 1891. 3. Margaret Ann, March 23, 1894, died February 21, 1898. The family home is at No. 903 Main street, Clarion, where Mr. Dieffenbacher built a residence in 1904.

The Rugh family is one of old RUGH Pennsylvania stock, the early generations of the name having been farmers, while representatives of the present generation have won distinction in the learned professions.

(I) Michael Rugh, first known member of this family, was born in Holland. He came to America, between the years 1733 and 1737, and settled in Lehigh county, Pennsylvania. Soon after his marriage he moved to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and settled on the site of the present city of Greensburg, Pennsylvania. He built the first house there, and was a prominent man. He married Anna Frances, daughter of Christopher and Anna Jemima (Wertz) Markle. They were the parents of several children: 1. Michael Jr., married Mary Hankins, and had two sons and a daughter. The latter, with her mother and father, was captured by the Indians. The father escaped and later succeeded in securing the release of his wife and daughter by paying the Indians a ransom. Michael Jr. in after years became a member of the Pennsylvania state legislature. Children i. Mary, married John Haymaker. ii. A son, of name unknown. iii. Peter, married Barbara Soxman, and had children: a. Jacob, married Margaret Brinker, and their daughter, Hannah, born 1793, married ——— Rowe. b. Michael, married Hannah Dull. c. Solomon, married Catherine Baker. d. Christina, married Henry Iseman. e. Margaret, married Henry Best. f. Mary, married Denalt Mechling. g. Hannah, married

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