



PETER ANDROVETTE.

CAPT. PETER ANDROVETTE, the second son of the late Peter Androvette, was born at what is now Kreischerville, in 1834. In 1859, he was married to Anna M., daughter of the late Thomas Marshall, of Woodbridge, N. J. He has two sons, Murray and Alfred, and three daughters, Susie, wife of Alfred Killmeyer, of Kreischerville, Clara, wife of Wm. Toland, of Tottenville, and Lizzie, wife of Henry Scott, of Kreischerville.

Mr. Androvette has always followed the water, having in early life joined the firm of Kreischer & Maurer in the transportation business, and on the dissolution of the firm, he took the general management of the large freighting business of B. Kreischer & Sons.

Among the vessels of which he was master and part owner were the Caroline Kreischer, 90 tons; Magic, 85 tons; Wm. P. Boggs, 70 tons; Mary Robb, 50 tons; John I. Maurer, 75 tons; Mary Heitman, 90 tons.

In 1872, Mr. Androvette saw that steam was coming to the front as the power for rapid transportation and he set to work to build a fleet of steam tugs and lighters. In 1873, he built the steam lighter Clara, 100 tons; in 1878, the steam lighter Flora, 150 tons; in 1882, the steam lighter Harry, 100 tons; and in 1887, he purchased the steam lighter Lizzie M. Conklin, 150 tons, beside the steam tugs Allie and Evie, the Sadie Ellis, Little Nellie and Mabel, and a large number of barges of from 200 to 250 tons capacity.

In 1891, he formed the company known as the Androvette Towing and Transportation Company, incorporated under the laws of the state of New Jersey, of which he has been the president from the time of its organization, capital stock \$20,000. The fleet of tugs consists of Allie and Evie, the Mabel and the Geo. B. Roe.

Among the other large enterprises in which Mr. Androvette has been interested was the organization of the Perth Amboy Dry Dock Company, of which he was for a time president.

By shrewd management, untiring industry and strict attention to business, Mr. Androvette has accumulated a comfortable fortune.

He has been a prominent member of Bethel Church for over thirty years, and has been almost constantly in the official board, and since the death of the late Hon. Ephraim J. Totten, has been president of the board of trustees.