



WILLIAM MACBROOM, a retired business man of Homestead, is a native of Ayrshire, Scotland, where he was born Dec. 29, 1840. He is a son of Archibald and Ellen (Robertson) MacBroom. He was educated in the common schools of Ayrshire, and then served an apprenticeship of four years at the boiler-makers' trade in the city of Glasgow. On New Year's day, in 1864, he was married to Margaret, daughter of John and Mary (Barr) Chalmers, of Glasgow, and in the following spring came

with his young wife to America, locating at Pittsburg. For three years he worked as a miner at Saw Mill Run. He then went to Mansfield (now Carnegie), and worked several years in the mines there. His father died in Scotland, and in 1866 his mother came to America and joined her son at Carnegie, where she lived until her death, which occurred in 1879. In 1873 William MacBroom was elected constable of Mansfield and held the office until April, 1882, when he removed to Homestead, where he found employment at his trade in the Carnegie mill until 1884, when he was elected constable and chief of police, holding both offices until 1888. He resigned at that time to become the chief of the coal and iron police of the Carnegie steel company, and held that position until he resigned, in 1892. Mr. MacBroom then entered the hotel business as the proprietor of the Garfield house, where he continued until 1899, when he sold out to his son with the intention of retiring from active business. The following year he erected the

Liberty hotel, at the corner of Eighth avenue and McClure street, which has since been conducted by his son, Gilbert, and which is one of the leading hotels of Homestead. He still owns this hotel building, as well as valuable residence property on Fourth avenue. William MacBroom and his wife are the parents of eight children, viz.: John; Mary B., wife of Andrew Helles; Margaret, wife of Daniel W. Williams; Ellen, wife of Harry H. Layman; William, Gilbert, Walter (now deceased), and Jane G., wife of August Meister. Both Mr. MacBroom and his wife are members of the United Presbyterian church. He has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for thirty-nine years, and a member of the Knights of Pythias for twenty years. He is also a member of the B. P. O. Elks, which order he joined in 1902, and of the Heptasopha. In politics he affiliates with the republican party, and, like all canny Scots, is never backward in standing up for his convictions.