

HISTORY
OF
CLERMONT AND BROWN
COUNTIES, OHIO

From the Earliest Historical Times Down
to the Present

IN TWO VOLUMES

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“A people that take no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote generations.”—MACAULAY.

*"The history of a nation is best told in the lives of
its people."*—MACAULAY

PREFACE.

THE present age is happily awake to the duty of writing its own records, setting down what is best worth remembering in the lives of the busy toilers of today, noting, not in vainglory, but with an honest pride and sense of fitness, things worthy of emulation, that thus the good men do may live after them. The accounts here rendered are not of buried talents, but of used ability and opportunity. The conquests recited are of mind over matter, of cheerful labor directed by thought, of honest, earnest endeavor which subdues the earth in the divinely appointed way. "The great lesson of biography," it is said, "is to show what man can be and do at his best." A noble life put fairly on record acts like an inspiration, and no more interesting or instructive matter could be presented to an intelligent public.

In this volume will be found a record of many whose lives are worthy the imitation of coming generations. It tells how some, commencing life in poverty, by industry and economy have accumulated wealth. It tells how others, with limited advantages for securing an education, have become learned men and women, with an influence extending throughout the length and breadth of the land. It tells of men who have risen from the lower walks of life to eminence as statesmen, and whose names have become famous. It tells of those in every walk of life who have striven to succeed, and records how that success has usually crowned their efforts. It tells also of those who, not seeking the applause of the world, have pursued the "even tenor of their way," content to have it said of them, as Christ said of a woman performing a deed of mercy, 'They have done what they could.' It tells how many, in the pride and strength of young manhood, left all, and at their country's call went forth valiantly "to do or die," and how through their efforts the Union was restored and peace once more reigned in the land.

Coming generations will appreciate this volume, and preserve

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it as a sacred treasure, from the fact that it contains so much that would never find its way into public record, and which would otherwise be inaccessible. Great care has been taken in the compilation of the work, and every opportunity possible given to those represented to insure correctness in what has been written; and the publishers flatter themselves that they give to their readers a work with few errors of consequence.

Yours respectfully,

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Paul A. Patten

BIOGRAPHICAL

PAUL A. PATHE.

Mr. Paul A. Pathe is pre-eminently a business man, and one who has wielded a wide influence in the business circles of Clermont county, Ohio. His methods are intensely practical and his life of activity has been rewarded with a measure of prosperity that classes him among the foremost of substantial men of the community. His success is undoubtedly due to his wide experience and strict attention to business.

The Pathe family was originally from Germany where Adolph, the father of Paul A., of this mention, was born in 1815, and reared to young manhood with a university education at Berlin. His parents were people of quality. He took a prominent part in the insurrection of Palatinate and Baden in 1848, the failure of which gave to this country Carl Schurz and many other distinguished German-Americans, and which also obliged Adolph Pathe to immigrate to America. All the property he owned that he could not convert into cash was confiscated.

Sometime after arriving in this country he associated himself with the then famous Doctor Munde, who conducted what was known as a cold water cure establishment or sanitarium at Northampton, Mass., and which was patronized by the well-to-do people of that time. Mr. Pathe was the active manager of the establishment and succeeded in this position a man who a few years later became a National character—Henry Wirtz, superintendent of Andersonville prison during the Civil war.

Adolph Pathe was a scholarly man, his knowledge being very diversified. Music, language and chemistry were his special branches, but he was more or less familiar with other branches of science and art. In his spare time he made many musical compositions, principally for the piano, many of which he was induced to have copyrighted and published. He settled in Haverhill, Mass., in 1855, and was there united in marriage to Miss Ellen M. Smith, a native of Vermont, whose family was of Staffordshire, England, descent.

Paul A. Pathe, the first born of this marriage, pursued his education in the common schools of Haverhill, Mass., following which he attended the Franklin Academy, of Dover, N. H. After his schooling was completed Mr. Pathe began his business career in the shoe business in Newburyport, Mass., in 1879, remaining with the same firm for nearly fourteen years. During this period he served several terms of office in the different branches of the Newburyport city government, and was also prominent in political and fraternal circles. He then moved to New York City, where he was manager of a shoe factory for several years.

Mr. Pathe came to Clermont county, Ohio, in 1896, where he purchased a large interest in a shoe manufacturing plant at Bethel, and became secretary and superintendent of the company. The plant employed about eighty persons in the beginning, which number has since been increased to more than two hundred employes under his management, and paying a high rate of wages, many of the employes owning their own homes. The company is known as the Cincinnati Shoe Company. Mr. Pathe became president in 1908, and his son, Paul A., Jr., is now secretary and superintendent.

Besides the plant at Bethel, the company has a plant at Georgetown, Brown county, Ohio, which employs at present nearly one hundred people, having been in operation less than two years at this writing. The buildings of both plants are substantially made of brick and are splendidly equipped. They send shoes all over the country, and their worth is proven by the large demand for the output of these factories.

The great event in the life of Mr. Paul A. Pathe occurred in 1878, when he was united in marriage to Miss Harriet Elizabeth Rogers, a daughter of Tristram Gould Rogers, of Byfield, Mass., and Nancy Towle (Dow) Rogers, of Seabrook, N. H. Mrs. Pathe's mother was a first cousin to the American statesman, Hon. Caleb Cushing, of Massachusetts, attorney-general in the cabinet of President Pierce, and also the first United States minister and plenipotentiary to the courts of China and Spain. Mrs. Rogers's father, Capt. Daniel Dow, and Mr. Cushing's mother, Lydia Dow, were brother and sister. Charles Nelson Rogers, a brother of Mrs. Pathe, was a Civil war veteran, who died at Fortress Monroe.

One son and one daughter have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Pathe. The daughter, Bertha M., died when a few years old. The son, Paul A., Jr., was born in Newburyport,

Mass., in 1884, and came with his parents to Clermont county some seventeen years since. He married Miss Jennie Scott Cook, a graduate of Wooster University. They are parents of one son, Laurence Weissmann, who was born at Bethel in 1912. Paul A. Pathe, Jr., is an independent Republican, and has satisfactorily filled the office of mayor of the town in which he resides; he is also a member of the Masonic order.

Mr. Paul A. Pathe is an independent Democrat, and has served in several local public offices, but it not an office seeker. He is a member of the fraternal order of the Knights of Pythias, and is a past chancellor of the organization; and was also for several years a director in the First National Bank of Bethel. He is also a member of the Business Men's Club of Cincinnati. He is broad-minded and liberal in his views on all questions, and numbers his friends among all classes. There is perhaps no other man in the town who has been a greater benefit, commercially and socially, than has our subject.

The home and home life of Mr. and Mrs. Pathe is ideal, having rich simplicity and charming hospitality. Mrs. Pathe is a lady of high intelligence and one whom to know is a pleasure and privilege. She is thoroughly domestic in her tastes and her home is the best evidence of this pre-eminent virtue.

HON. EARL E. ERTEL.

One of the leading young business men of Clermont county, Ohio, who has attained more than local prominence in both commercial and political circles, is Mr. Earl E. Ertel, a man of versatile talent, whose business activity and energy combined with great intellectual ability, have been the salient features of his successful career. Mr. Ertel is a member of the mercantile firm of Flinn & Ertel, of Loveland, this association having existed for the past ten years. He is also connected with the Reading Iron Company, of Reading, Pa., as salesman, with offices in the Pickering Building, at Cincinnati. Mr. Ertel has, in addition to his many other business interests, done some journalistic work for the local papers and for the "Commercial Tribune." Mr. Ertel is a native of Clermont county, his birth having occurred at Loveland, June 13, 1883, and is a son of Benjamin F. and Emma (Prather) Ertel.

Mr. Earl E. Ertel is a descendant of German ancestors, his paternal great-great-grandfather, who was a noted physician, was born in Germany, and came to America when a young man, locating in Pennsylvania, where, after a useful and successful professional career, passed to his eternal reward, some years before the beginning of the Nineteenth century.

Daniel Ertel, a son of the founder of the family in America, was born in Pennsylvania, and there grew to young manhood, and after reaching man's estate, married Catherine Myers, who came with him to Ohio, June 25, 1795, settling at Columbia, near Cincinnati. Daniel Ertel was a farmer by occupation and became the owner of the first farm on record in what is now Warren county, Ohio, purchasing this land from Colonel Paxton, who secured it by a land warrant for services in the War of the Revolution. The first orchard established in Warren county was probably planted by Mr. Daniel Ertel, from seed, and is remembered by the older residents of that locality.

Jacob Ertel, a son of Daniel and Catherine (Myers) Ertel, was born in Warren county, August 29, 1810, and was a progressive farmer, making a specialty of sweet potatoes and plants, being extensively engaged in this line of work. He was also an expert stone mason, which occupation he followed in connection with his farming interests. He was united in marriage with Miss Malinda Borum.

Benjamin F. Ertel, a son of Jacob and Malinda (Borum) Ertel, was born in Warren county, Ohio, October 4, 1846, and from his father learned the trade of stone mason. For a period of thirty-six years Mr. Ertel followed this trade and worked in twenty-seven states. In 1868, Mr. Ertel traveled through the states of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado, finally returning to Illinois, where he located at Lincoln for four and one-half years, engaging in the grocery business. Mr. Ertel returned to Ohio in 1874, and in Newport, Ky., August 29, 1876, was united in marriage to Miss Emma G. Prather, who was born in Covington, Ky., June 23, 1856, her parents being Joshua Pigman Prather, born at Chilo, Clermont county, Ohio, and Mary Frances Crupper, born at Maysville, Ky.

By this union three children were born:

One child died in infancy.

Earl E., the subject of this mention.

Elma M., who is Mrs. O. D. Walker, of Loveland, Ohio, has one child, Maxine.

For a few years, Mr. Benjamin F. Ertel made a specialty of raising sweet potatoes and plants, after which he engaged in the contracting business. Benjamin F. Ertel cast his first presidential ballot for S. J. Tilden, in 1876, and has always been a Democrat. He has served his party, satisfactorily, in the capacity of justice of the peace and clerk of the council of Loveland.

Mr. Earl E. Ertel acquired his education in Loveland, graduating from the high school, at the head of the class of 1901, and the following year entered upon his business career in the employ of the Reading Iron Company, of Reading, Pa., and the next year became a member of the firm of Flinn & Ertel.

On June 21, 1911, Mr. Earl E. Ertel was united in marriage to Miss Mabel N. Blair, of Madisonville, Ohio, a daughter of William H. Blair, formerly county commissioner of Hamilton county, Ohio.

Mr. Ertel, as an intelligent citizen, has always taken an active interest in politics, giving his support to the Democratic party. It is almost impossible for a man of the character and ability of Mr. Ertel to avoid prominence in politics, and in 1913 he was elected by his party to the office of State representative in the Ohio General Assembly.

Fraternally, Mr. Ertel has membership with the Masonic order, of Loveland, and the Modern Woodmen of America, of Loveland. He is also a member of the Loveland Board of Education, and takes an active interest in school affairs.

Mr. Ertel is a regular attendant of the Methodist church, and gives liberally to the support of that denomination and to all worthy enterprises.

Mr. Ertel has made steady progress toward his objective point, his career being characterized by unremitting industry, laudable ambition and successful accomplishment. Moreover, the principles of his manhood have been such as to command the respect and confidence and Loveland numbers him among the representative citizens who are worthy of the trust and good will of their fellow men.

EDWIN C. ELY.

Edwin C. Ely, one of the most prominent attorneys of Clermont county, Ohio, whose intense and well directed efforts have brought him into connection with many lines of activity

of so far-reaching effect that it is almost impossible to determine the most important chapter of his life history, was born at Savannah, Mo., October 1, 1864, a son of Rev. William R. and Lavina (Weaver) Ely.

Rev. William R. Ely was born at Batavia, Ohio, May 9, 1827, and died September 13, 1903, at the home of his birth. He was a minister of the Methodist church and for over twenty years was active in the conference. He lived at Batavia until 1852, when he removed to Acton, Ind., remaining there until 1863. At this place, Rev. Ely buried four of his children in three days, of a malignant epidemic of flux. Mrs. Ely was also taken with the same affliction and it was thought best to change climate, which they did, returning to Batavia until she should have recovered her health. While they were away from their home, it and all the contents were burned. This was a great loss to them and they remained at Batavia for a time, and then went to Savannah, Mo., in 1864, where he was in active service in the Methodist Episcopal conference until 1884, when he was retired, returning again to Batavia, where he spent the remainder of his life.

Rev. William R. Ely was known all over the states of Missouri and Ohio as a horticulturist, knowing every tree, flower, grass and bird, their habits and nature. He was a great lover of Nature, and taught his son the love of all things beautiful. He did much to beautify his home and city.

Mrs. Lavina (Weaver) Ely was also a native of Clermont county, Ohio, being born in 1827, and died in 1907. She was buried by the side of her husband in the Batavia cemetery. They had five children born to them, all of whom, with the exception of our subject, Edwin C., died in childhood.

William Mount Ely, the father of the Rev. William, and the grandfather of Edwin C., was born in New Jersey, in 1802, and came with his parents to Clermont county in 1804. He was a son of George Ely, who was a native of New Jersey, and two years after he came to the county, 1806, purchased a tract of land under the James Johnson Survey, number 1,776. He had other lands also, and in 1814 he, with D. C. Bryan, laid out the town of Batavia, which comprised sixty-two and one-half acres. He was probably the first sheriff in the county, and was a Democrat. He had four children: Matilda, Rebecca, William Mount and George.

William Mount Ely, who was a farmer and stock raiser, also kept a hotel in Batavia, where he acquired the name of

"Laughing Bill," on account of his hearty, whole-souled laugh. He was a big man, with great broad shoulders and fine physique. He was a great lover of horses and dogs, and it was considered a treat to ride one of his fine horses. He was generous to a fault and although, at one time he was the owner of six hundred and forty acres of land, he owned but forty acres at the time of his death, by reason of his liberality. He was the father of seven children, all of whom were born in Clermont county:

Harriet, married D. C. Everhart, of Batavia and Newtown. She died in 1852.

William, the father of our subject.

George, who lives in Chicago, is past eighty years of age.

Mary, who was the wife of William H. Hardin, died near Savannah, Mo., in 1871.

John, died in Chicago in 1899.

Daniel J., whose death occurred at Savannah, Mo., in 1890.

Achsah, married William T. Eddy, a grandnephew of the husband of the noted Christian Science leader, Mrs. Baker Grover Eddy. Their home is at Templeton, Cal.

All four of these sons were in the Civil war, enlisting from Indiana. William Mount Ely passed from this life in 1881, at Maitland, Mo. His wife's death occurred in 1870, and she is buried in Savannah.

Mr. Edwin C. Ely received his education in the public schools of Batavia, and graduated from the high school of Chillicothe, Mo., then studied law under C. H. Mansur, of Chillicothe, who was then general counsel for the Wabash & Pacific Railway Company, also second comptroller of currency, under President Cleveland.

At the age of nineteen years, Edwin Ely passed the competitive examinations at West Point, ranking first in them. He also passed examinations for admission to the bar the following year, but on account of his age was compelled to wait until his majority.

In 1887, Mr. E. C. Ely returned to Batavia, where he taught school for nine years, still reading law under E. Q. Crane and Mr. J. R. Woodlief. He was admitted to the bar at Columbus, Ohio, in 1896, and ranked third in a class of fifty-two students. He began the practice of law at Batavia at once, where for nearly seventeen years he has carried on a general law business, with offices in the Clermont Hotel Building.

From 1900 to 1909, Mr. Ely served the community in which

he lives as mayor, demonstrating with characteristic energy a spirit of devotion to the public good. With the co-operation of such gentlemen as Mr. Nichols, Mr. Speidel, Mr. Parrot and others, he was enabled to make many improvements in the town, such as the putting down of good cement walks all over the town, the installation of electricity, city water, and telephone, in fact advocating any and all measures that were for the good of the people and the beautifying of the town in which they live. Although not now in office, Mr. Ely still displays an interest in the welfare of his towns-people.

Mr. Edwin C. Ely was married, November 6, 1887, to Miss Patience Brown, also a native of Batavia, and was a daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Brown) Brown, farmers of the county. She was one of a large family, but all have passed from this life but Mr. Frank Brown, of Batavia. To this union one child was born:

Miss Daisy, who was born at Batavia, July 17, 1894. She is in the senior class of the Batavia High School. Mrs. Ely died in 1898, and was buried in the Batavia cemetery. She was a devoted member of the Methodist church.

Mr. Ely's second marriage took place in 1899, to Miss Lou Medaris, who was born in Owensville, Ohio, in 1872, and is a daughter of Charles and Phoebe (Hill) Medaris, both of whom were natives of Ohio. Mr. Medaris was a prosperous farmer and stock raiser. There are two children: C. E. Medaris, who lives at Harveyville, Kan., and the wife of Mr. E. C. Ely. Mr. Ely is the father of two children by his second marriage:

Forrest Edwin, born at Batavia, April 1, 1901. He is an extremely bright boy and has made a fine record in school for one of his years. He does all of his father's banking business, and drafts mortgages, being an all round help to his parents. He won a pony, cart and harness as a prize for selling the largest number of Saturday Evening Posts in ten weeks, for the Curtis Publishing Company, of Philadelphia. He also owns the agency of the White Star Laundry, and has a bank account of over two hundred dollars.

Louise, who was born June 20, 1907.

Mr. and Mrs. Ely are members of the Methodist church, of which they are active workers, the former being on the official board and a teacher in the Sunday school, teaching the men's class of thirty-five members. Mr. Ely started this class some years ago, with a few members, and has devoted much thought and time to the enlarging of the class roll. He has

been connected with the Sunday school for years as superintendent and teacher.

Fraternally, Mr. Ely is a Mason, and has filled all of the offices of the Blue lodge. Mrs. Ely is a member of the Eastern Star, and both are very popular both fraternally and socially.

Mr. Edwin C. Ely has been local counsel for the Bell Telephone Company for nine years, and is a Republican in politics. He still owns the farm of one hundred and four acres that belonged to his mother, and is what is considered a self-made man. Mr. Ely is a great reader of history and fiction, and is in possession of several poems of which his father, William R. Ely, was the author. Among them are "The Land of Somewhere," "The Reveries of Spring," which have been printed.

Mr. Ely is a man of deep feeling and sympathy, a man of pleasing address, who always has a good word for every one, and stands for all that is good, noble and true. He usually delivers the annual address at the Weaver Reunion, which is most interesting and entertaining.

NICHOLS FAMILY.

The name of Nichols has been identified with the history and progress of Clermont county from its very earliest settlement.

Nathan Nichols, the progenitor of the Clermont county Nichols, who had followed the sea for many years, was the first inhabitant of this county of that name now so widely known. He came from his Virginia home with the members of his family, making the long journey on horseback late in the Eighteenth century. Nathan Nichols seems to have been a man of some substance, and on his arrival in Ohio he bought 1,000 acres of land in Hamilton county, near what was then Fort Washington, now Cincinnati. After a short residence there, finding the location unhealthy he exchanged this land for a tract of equal extent in Monroe township, upon which he established his home and lived for the remainder of his life. The house which he erected on this land, of stone quarried with his own hands from the earth, was long a landmark in that locality.

Nathan Nichols was the father of thirteen children: Philip,

the ancestor of Judge Perry J. Nichols, William S. Nichols, John C. Nichols, grandfather of C. B. Nichols, of Batavia, and of John Nichols, and George W. Nichols, of Mt. Washington, Ohio, and Abner, Catherine, David C., Elijah G., Nathan, Robert, Elizabeth, Thomas J., and Jonathan C. Nichols. Among the descendants of the children of Nathan Nichols, above named, still residing in this county are David H. Nichols, now over eighty years of age, living near the old home in Monroe township, and Thomas J. Nichols, of New Richmond. Philip Nichols, the grandfather of Judge Perry J. Nichols, was born July 12, 1785, and among the children was Thomas L. Nichols, the father of the subject of this sketch, who died at an advanced age at his home near New Richmond within recent years. Thomas L. Nichols intermarried with Evaline Donham, daughter of Col. Jonathan S. Donham, a large land holder and a man for many years prominent in the public affairs of Clermont county. Among the children were the late Perry J. Donham, long a prominent lawyer in Cincinnati; E. J. Donham, for two terms treasurer of Clermont county, from 1880 to 1884, and R. W. Donham, still a resident of New Richmond.

Judge Perry Jackson Nichols was the eldest child of the marriage of Thomas L. Nichols and Evaline Donham, and was born at the family home, on a farm near New Richmond, March 30, 1839. His boyhood was passed on the farm and his life was that of most farm boys, giving assistance in the work of the farm and enjoying such scant advantages for education as the country schools afforded. When thirteen years of age his father secured the contract for the carrying of the mail from New Richmond in this country to Blanchester, Clinton county, and Deerfield, Warren county, and the boy, who was in the future to hold so prominent a place in the community of his birth, took charge of this work and for several months, without regard to weather conditions, performed the long journey involved on horseback twice a week. In after life in referring to this episode in his career, he spoke of it with gratification, ignoring the hardships involved and dwelling only on the pleasure it gave him to reflect that he had been able thus to assist and make easier the labors of his father.

In 1856-7-8, he was employed under the direction of his father, who was a steam engineer, in that business, and acquired a working knowledge of the engineering trade. In

1859 he attended school at Parker's Academy, and later for a brief season at the Farmer's College, near Cincinnati. He then secured a certificate and taught school for two years, and during his spare time prosecuted the study of law under the direction of his uncle, Perry J. Donham, then engaged in the practice of law in New Richmond. At the September term of the district court, held at Batavia, in 1861, Judge Nichols was admitted to the practice of the law and shortly thereafter formed a partnership with Mr. Donham, which continued until the removal of the latter from New Richmond to Portsmouth. From about 1863 to 1867 he continued in the practice of the law at New Richmond alone, and in the last named year entered into a partnership with Judge Frank Davis, which continued until Judge Nichols was elected probate judge and removed to Batavia, in 1879. His success as a lawyer was a marked one from the beginning of his professional career, and this was due to his native ability, thorough grasp of the principles of the law and unflagging industry in the prosecution of his business. In 1865 he was elected mayor of New Richmond, and served in that office up to 1870. The period of his service as mayor of New Richmond is marked in the annals of that town as being the most satisfactory in improvements accomplished during the life of the village. The public spirit which was a marked feature of his character found scope in forwarding improvements of streets, sidewalks, and in the creation of the beautiful park, in which the citizens there still take a just pride. Elected probate judge in 1878, he moved to Batavia, and since then has been a resident of that town, retiring at the end of his term to resume the practice of law, and for a few years was associated in business with Judge Frank Davis and Thomas A. Griffith. This firm was dissolved by the death of Mr. Griffith, in 1885.

In 1886 his son, Hon. Hugh L. Nichols, now lieutenant-governor of Ohio, became his father's partner and this connection continued up to the death of Judge Nichols. In 1900 Allen B. Nichols, another son, was admitted to the partnership.

Judge Nichols was married August 21, 1862, to Jeannette Gilmore, a daughter of Hugh Gilmore, a leading merchant of New Richmond, and Jean Hayes Gilmore. Hugh Gilmore was a native of County Down, Ireland, and his wife of County Antrim. Hugh Gilmore was for thirty years a leading business man and respected citizen of New Richmond. There were born to the marriage of Judge Perry J. Nichols and Jeannette Gilmore, children as follows:

Annie M., who intermarried with J. C. F. Tatman, now deceased, whose home is in Batavia.

Hugh L. Nichols, the above named now lieutenant-governor of Ohio.

Carrie B., who intermarried with E. W. Buvinger, and who passed away within a few years after her marriage.

Nellie M., the wife of Dr. Linn Moore, both of whom died young.

Florence E., who died unmarried.

Allen B., now a leading attorney of the Clermont bar.

All the years of Judge Nichols's professional practice were fruitful in accomplishment from a professional standpoint. Almost from the beginning of his career, he, as a lawyer, was recognized as a safe counselor and especially strong in the trial of contested cases. Trustworthy in the fullest extent of the term, those who confided their business to him soon came to recognize in him not only a professional advisor, but also a personal friend. There is perhaps no man who ever practiced his profession in Clermont county who possessed the complete confidence of those whose affairs he managed to a greater degree than did Judge Nichols. While his energies were largely devoted to the business of his profession he loved literature, and in his reading displayed a rare discrimination and taste. In books, he loved and appreciated the best. His love of order was made manifest in his methodical arrangement, in all business affairs, and his love of the beautiful was shown in his taste, amounting to almost a passion for improvements of every kind. This was especially manifest in his constant effort to make more beautiful the surroundings with which he daily came in contact, both in and about his home and throughout the village where he dwelt.

Judge Nichols continued in his usual good health up to less than a year before his death, when signs of physical failing made themselves manifest, and it became apparent to family and friends that he was the victim of some insidious disease. Notwithstanding this, his buoyancy of spirit asserted itself triumphant over physical ails, and he continued up to a few weeks before his death to give his attention to the office, of which he was the head, and it was only then by the urgings of those who loved him most that he consented to lay aside the cares of business and retire to the repose of his home, and here in the midst of his family he passed away, closing a long and useful life, full of good deeds and rich in material achievement, on the 18th day of November, 1907.

E. A. LOCKWOOD.

In no other business in life is there a greater demand for intellectual ability, strong characteristics and sound judgment than in the management of a modern newspaper. In no other vocation is there greater need for diplomacy and fearlessness in advancing ideas and policies. In the eighty-five years the "Clermont Sun" has been in existence there has been associated with the editing and managing of the paper none but competent and capable men.

The "Clermont Sun" was established at Bethel, in July, 1828, by Samuel Medary, who was Territorial Governor of Kansas during President Buchanan's administration, and who was a great uncle of the present business manager, E. A. Lockwood. The paper is operated under the firm name of Lockwood & Breeding, proprietors and publishers.

The "Sun" has been the Democratic organ of the county since it was first established, although the county was controlled by the Republican party from 1878 to 1885. From 1885 to 1902, Mr. E. A. Lockwood held the editorship of the paper and since then has been the business manager. From 1902 to the present time Mr. John W. Lennin has attended to the editorial work.

Mr. E. A. Lockwood was born in Madison, Ind., January 19, 1855, which place was his home until in 1862, when the family removed to Clermont county, Ohio. He is a son of Elder J. H. Lockwood, more extensively mentioned elsewhere in these volumes.

Mr. Lockwood attended the public schools of the county until he was seventeen years of age, at which time he entered Parker's Academy, graduating in the class of 1875. He then spent two years at Butler University, at Irvington, Ind., near Indianapolis. From 1879 until 1882, Mr. Lockwood taught in the high school at Moscow, this county, and from then until 1885, he was superintendent of the schools at Bethel.

In 1879, Mr. Lockwood married Miss Susan J. Porter, who was born and reared near Nicholasville, a daughter of William and Asenath (Lane) Porter, early residents of Monroe township. They were of Scotch descent, and have been deceased for some years.

Mrs. Lockwood died in June, 1895, at the age of forty years, leaving three sons:

Howard T., who is a civil engineer, is at present asso-

ciated with the Wood-Harmon Company, of New York City, as chief engineer. He married Miss Emma Zimmer, of Williamsburg, Clermont county, Ohio. They have two daughters, Mary Elizabeth and Helen Porter.

Allen P. is manager of the office of the Kelley Island Lime and Transport Company, of Buffalo, New York. He married Miss Pearl Cox, of Walnut Hills, Cincinnati. She is a granddaughter of the late Joseph Cox, ex-circuit judge. They have one daughter, Virginia Sue.

Henry A., of New York City, is connected with the Wood-Harmon, Real Estate Company. He married Miss Blanch MacDonald, of New Rochelle, New York.

Mr. Lockwood married a second time, in August, 1902, Miss Josephine Zimmer, a sister of his son's wife. Mrs. Lockwood was born and reared near Point Isabel, Clermont county, and later resided near Williamsburg, until her marriage. She is a daughter of Joseph and Mary Zimmer, who were early settlers of Clermont county.

Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood attend the Presbyterian church of Batavia, where Mr. Lockwood placed his letter when he removed from Bethel to that place. He united with the Christian church at Bethel years ago, changing only for the reason that there was no church of that denomination in Batavia.

In political views, Mr. Lockwood is always a Democrat.

DR. ISAAC REDROW.

Dr. Isaac Redrow is known throughout Clermont county, Ohio, as an able professional man of experience, ripened by years of practice in his profession, and the result of this experience gives ample proof of the esteem and confidence in which he is held in the community where he has practiced for forty-four years. His birth occurred in Cincinnati, March 1, 1840. The parents of Dr. Redrow were Enoch and Mary Jane (Snowhill) Redrow, the former of whom was a native of New Jersey, but who came to Ohio when quite young. While still in New Jersey, he learned the shipbuilder's trade, which he followed in Fulton, and later in Cincinnati. He lived an active life and died in 1861, at the age of fifty-five years. He was of the Methodist Episcopal faith. Mary Jane (Snowhill) Redrow was born at Lebanon, Ohio, and died in Cincinnati, in 1840.

Dr. Redrow was reared at Fayetteville, Brown county,

Ohio, attending the public schools of that place, taking up the study of medicine with Dr. W. C. Hall, 1865 to 1869.

September 11, 1861, Isaac Redrow enlisted, in Cincinnati, in Company B, Fifth Ohio cavalry, as a soldier and corporal, serving three years and three months. He was in twenty-three important engagements, including Shiloh, Hatchie, Holly Springs, Coldwater; Lexington, Corinth, Pittsburg Landing, Davis Mills, Lebanon, Missionary Ridge and others.

A remarkable fact is that in all these battles Dr. Redrow was never once wounded.

Returning from the war, Dr. Redrow again took up the study of medicine, and began to practice in Fayetteville in 1868, continuing for one year, coming to Williamsburg in 1869, at which place he has resided until the present time.

The marriage of Dr. Redrow to Miss Katie Leffingwell was solemnized in 1875. Mrs. Redrow is a daughter of Sidney S. and Melissa (Byron) Leffingwell, who owned and operated the grist and saw mills at Williamsburg from 1848 to 1861. He also turned out chair material, probably the first ever made here. His father, Capt. Samuel Leffingwell, was in the government service and received as his remuneration some 1,100 acres of land within three miles of Williamsburg, which includes the farms owned by Mr. McKeever, Mr. Reed and others. He was a merchant in Williamsburg, coming here in 1832, from Norfolk, Va., where his wife's decease occurred in 1810. The Leffingwell family was founded in America by Thomas Leffingwell about 1636. Mrs. Redrow is one of nine children who grew to maturity, and is the only one who remained in Clermont county. The others are:

Mrs. Harriet C. Richards, of Lawrence, Kan.

Mrs. Olive B. Warden, of Choctaw City, Okla.

Charles H. Leffingwell, of California, who was a soldier in the Civil war.

Mrs. Judith P. Wageman, of Texas.

Horace Leffingwell, of San Marcus, Texas.

Dr. Redrow had one sister, Mrs. Matilda Lake, who died in 1873; one half brother, William Redrow, of Company B. Fifth Ohio cavalry, who was wounded at Shiloh, from the effects of which he died later.

To the union of Dr. and Mrs. Redrow have been born two children:

Walter L. Redrow was graduated from the Ohio State University, class of 1900. He received the degree of Bachelor of

Laws from Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., 1903, and the degree of Master of Patent Law from George Washington University in 1904. He is now in the patent office at Washington, D. C. He married Eleanor, daughter of George Daugherty, of Washington, D. C., and they have two children—Eileen and Allen.

Clara Redrow was graduated from the Ohio State University in the class of 1903. She married William Ireton, who is in the mail service. They have two children—Carl and Eleanor.

In political views, Dr. Redrow is a Republican, but does not care to hold office, believing that his first duty is to his profession. He is a member of the Clermont County Medical Association, and was formerly a member of the Ohio State and American Medical associations, and is also a Mason. Dr. Redrow is a member of the J. H. Jenkins Post, No. 242, Grand Army of the Republic, in which he has filled all the offices. He has given his life to a profession which is of eminent service to his fellow men, and his zeal and enthusiasm in his chosen calling have won for him the kind regard from all. He lived during the Nation's peril and offered himself with courage and energy in her defense. His life has been one of usefulness to others.

JOSEPH R. SMITH.

One of the best known men in Clermont county is Joseph R. Smith, an extensive farmer and stock raiser, and a prominent member of the local organization of the Democratic party. He has held many township offices and has otherwise been active in political circles. He has a fine farm of two hundred acres, about three miles east of Milford, on the Milford and Woodville pike, his postoffice address being Milford, Rural Route No. 1. He is a native of Cincinnati, born March 2, 1850, son of William F. and Eliza (Paylor) Smith. He was educated in his native city, living there until he was sixteen years of age, when his parents bought land in Miami township, but about thirty-five or forty years later his father retired from active life and returned to Cincinnati, where he spent the remainder of his life. He and his wife are buried in Greenland Cemetery, the latter having passed away a few years before his death. The father was a Democrat, but did not care for



JOSEPH D. SMITH



MARY (CARRI ANN) SMITH

public office. He and his wife were devout members of the Methodist church.

Mr. Smith attended the public schools and took up farming upon leaving school. After attaining his majority he began farming on his own account, and about four years later was united in marriage with Miss Mary Garland, who was born in Wilmington, Ohio, in 1849, daughter of Rev. B. F. and Maria (Rybolt) Garland. Four children have blessed this union: Torston G., Tauszky, Oscar J. and Otta. Tauszky received a good common school education and is a merchant at Madisonville. He married Carrie Gatch, and they have two children, Florence E. and Mary Elizabeth. Oscar J. married Mrs. Florence (Batten) Garland, and now owns and operates his father's farm. He has one son, Carl Garland. Otta married Dr. Frank Batten, of Clarksville, Ohio.

Mr. Smith is a Democrat in political affairs, and since the age of maturity has been active in public affairs. He has served several times as delegate to various conventions, has held township offices. In 1900 he was appointed land appraiser by Auditor John Davis, but refused to accept the office on account of poor health. He is now county commissioner, having been elected in 1909, and re-elected in 1911, and during the term of his incumbency of this office new pikes have been constructed, also a large bridge with concrete floor at Edenton, the first in the county. There is another concrete bridge at Loveland. He has progressive ideas and is broad-minded in his application of intelligence and foresight to the questions which come up in connection with his office. He realizes that it is the cheapest and best way for the county to construct its bridges in a manner that will last a long time, even though the first cost seems high, and that the safety and welfare of the citizens of the county are best served by a careful study of present and future conditions.

Mr. Smith is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Pleasant hill, of which he is a trustee, and was one of the building committee when the new church edifice was erected. He enjoys to a large extent the confidence and esteem of his fellows and is recognized as a man of careful judgment and integrity. He is fraternally connected with the Knights of Pythias of Milford. Mrs. Smith died in January, 1908, at the age of fifty-seven years, sadly mourned by her family and many friends. She is buried in Greenlawn Cemetery, at Milford.

FRANCIS E. BETTLE.

Francis E. Bettle, one of the most prosperous and enterprising farmers and stock raisers of Clermont county, owns and operates the beautiful farm of one hundred acres located in Ohio township, formerly the home of Mrs. Bettle's father, Mr. John Shaw. Mr. Bettle is well known throughout the county, having been born in Monroe township, November 1, 1836, a son of Samuel and Julia Ann (Simmons) Bettle, both of whom were of early Clermont county families.

Samuel Bettle, father of the subject of this review, was born September 1, 1800, in Philadelphia, Pa., whose parents were Everard and Mary (Trump) Bettle, also of Philadelphia. Mr. Everard Bettle, grandfather of Francis, came to Newtown, near Cincinnati, about 1808 or 1809, and shortly after bought a large tract of land, extending from the Franklin neighborhood to the river, settling in Monroe township. In the McGraw Survey, Mr. Bettle secured seven or eight hundred acres of wild land not far from New Richmond, making of himself a large land owner. He was of Quaker stock, but later joined the Methodist Episcopal church, where he took great pleasure in active Christian work. It may be said of both Mr. and Mrs. Everard Bettle that they were living examples of the faith which they possessed. Mr. Bettle passed from this life in 1835, and Mrs. Bettle's decease occurred in 1840. They were the parents of six children: Josiah, John, Evard, Jr., Elizabeth married Mr. Gleason, Mary married Mr. McDonald.

Samuel was reared from childhood in Monroe township. He was a successful farmer, possessing two hundred and fifty acres of fine land at the time of his death, July 21, 1865. He served well and faithfully in several township offices. Both Mr. Bettle and his good wife were members of the Methodist church and helped to build the Franklin church. Mr. Bettle was a Whig in the early days. Mrs. Bettle, whose birth occurred September 20, 1806, died October 25, 1870. She was a daughter of Leonard Simmons, of an early family of Clermont county. They had eleven children born to them, eight of whom grew to maturity:

Eliza, Nancy, and Elizabeth, all deceased.

Francis E., the subject of this sketch.

DeWitt, died at five years of age.

Milton, deceased.

John, died in the Civil war, in 1862, near Shiloh, being a member of a Kentucky regiment.

Julia, widow of Thomas Willis.

George, of Monroe township.

Francis E. Bettle received his education at a select school and at the Farmer's College, on College Hill, Cincinnati. After finishing the agricultural course, Mr. Bettle taught school for two years, then resumed farming for a time. Later, he studied surveying, which profession he has followed, successfully, for fifty years, doing a large amount of professional work for the county.

The marriage of Mr. Bettle to Miss Nancy Shaw was celebrated May 29, 1861, in the present home, then the John Shaw homestead. The young couple resided in Monroe township until 1882, when they removed to their comfortable home, where they have lived for thirty years. Mrs. Bettle, a daughter of John Shaw, was born, February 7, 1839. To this union were born six children:

Jessie C., who married Elmer E. Hunt, of Olive Branch, this county. They have two children: Francis Wayland and Elizabeth.

John S., of Texas, is farming near Crystal City. He married Miss Etta McCoy and they have two sons: Everard and Ossie Allen.

Ida H., at home.

Julia Viola, is the wife of John Carnes, a farmer of Monroe township. They are the parents of three children: Mary M., John F., and Mildred B.

Francis W., of St. Louis, Mo., a civil engineer, married Miss Grace Seagrist, and to this union have been born three children: Albert F., Catherine, and Margaret.

Elizabeth, the wife of Harry Layfield, a steamboat engineer in the government service, now on the rivers. Two sons have blessed this couple: William D. and Milton B.

Mr. Bettle's political views are Democratic, and he has served in the various township offices, offering to those with whom he has been associated, an example of one not only having opinions, but also having the courage to express them. He is well and favorably known in the community where he has spent his entire life, and that many of his staunchest friends have known him from his boyhood days to the present is an indication that his life has ever been straightforward and honorable.

WILLIAM M. FRIDMAN.

The career of the business man has few of those spectacular phases which make the life record of the military or political leader of wide-spread interest, yet thinkers throughout all the ages have regarded the profession of law as that which most greatly conserves public stability and progress. It is to the work of the courts that William M. Fridman has given his time and attention since 1887, coming to the bar with good equipment and since that time making the most of his opportunities for advancement in the difficult and arduous profession of the law. He has practiced in Cincinnati since April, 1891, and the court records show his connection with various cases of importance. He was born in Clermontville, Clermont county, Ohio, February 26, 1863, son of Franklin and Milly A. (Bushman) Fridman, the former a native of Stolhoven, Baden, Germany, and came to America in 1830. Franklin Fridman was the pioneer merchant of Clermontville and more extended mention of his remarkable activities are to be found on other pages of this work.

William M. Fridman attended the public schools, continued his studies in the Clermont Academy, at Clermontville, Ohio, until his sixteenth year; next entered the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, graduating in 1884 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. His literary knowledge served as an excellent basis upon which to build the superstructure of his professional knowledge. Mr. Fridman's law study began under the preceptorship of Frank Davis, the present judge of the common pleas court of Clermont and Brown counties, Ohio. He came to the Cincinnati Law School in 1886, and the following year won the degree of Bachelor of Laws upon his graduation in May, 1887. Mr. Fridman at once began practice at New Richmond, Ohio, where he remained until April, 1891, and then came to Cincinnati and formed a partnership with Marshall Moreton; one year later engaged in practice in association with George G. Bright, under the firm name of Bright & Fridman, which firm was dissolved January 1, 1894. He was then associated with Edward J. Dempsey, until May, 1898, at which time Mr. Dempsey was elected judge of the superior court. He was then associated with Edward Barton until the latter became general attorney of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company. In May, 1903, he formed a partnership with Judge Edward J. Dempsey, as Dempsey & Fridman,

until January, 1906. Mr. Fridman has since followed his profession independently, and with notable success. He has indicated his ability to cope successfully with intricate and involved legal problems and to present his cause in such clear and logical form that he never fails to hold attention of court or jurors and seldom fails to gain the desired verdict. Other business interests have to a limited extent claimed his attention, for he has been a director of the First National Bank of New Richmond, Ohio, and is now a director of the Fridman Lumber Company, and of the Fridman Seating Company, both paying enterprises.

June 12, 1900, at Cincinnati, Ohio, Mr. Fridman was married to Miss Katherine Tombach, a daughter of August and Rose Tombach. Her father was superintendent of the Powell Brass Work Foundry, but passed away in 1878. The mother, however, still survives. Mr. and Mrs. Fridman reside at No. 2256 Jefferson Place, Norwood. Mr. Fridman was elected mayor of Norwood in November, 1911. In politics always a Democrat, since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, and fraternally a Mason, widely known in the order. He is now past master of Vattier Lodge, No. 386, Free and Accepted Masons, and has also taken the degrees of the Scottish Rite and the Mystic Shrine. In sympathy with the benevolent and beneficent purpose of the order, he also enjoys its social relations, for he is a man to whom friendship means much and to his friends he is ever loyal. The same loyal spirit is manifested in his professional work, and his capability as a practitioner of law has enabled him long since to leave the ranks of the many and to stand among the more successful few.

CLAYTON H. CORBIN.

There is perhaps no line of business that demands more close and unremitting effort than does farming, and yet there is none that yields more safe and sure returns than this same occupation if pursued along progressive lines, responding readily to the care and labor bestowed upon it. Mr. Corbin has verified this assertion in the control and improvement of his excellent farm in Monroe township, near Laurel, where he carries on general farming and stock raising. Mr. Corbin is a native of Clermont county, his birth having occurred here,

July 17, 1871, he being a son of Nicholas Dow and Elizabeth (Stilman) Corbin.

Nicholas Corbin was born in Clermont county, April 24, 1824, and died October 16, 1897. Mr. Corbin was a farmer, whose efforts along agricultural lines were crowned with success. He was an uncle of the late Gen. H. C. Corbin. Elizabeth (Stilman) Corbin was born in Cincinnati, in 1828, and passed away in 1902. Both Mr. and Mrs. Corbin were active members of the Methodist Episcopal church. To this union were born six children, of whom but two are living:

Mrs. Alice Roudebush, is the wife of Mr. Lowell Roudebush.

Mr. C. H. Corbin, the subject of this sketch.

Those who are deceased are: Hannah, Belle, Hosea, and George.

C. H. Corbin received his education in the schools here and at Lebanon, Ohio. His life work has been devoted to general farming, in which occupation he has been very successful. His marriage to Miss Jessie Sapp took place on January 30, 1895. They are the parents of two children:

Ward, who is fifteen years of age, lives at home.

Aldine, died in infancy, in 1907.

In political views, Mr. Corbin is Democratic, and he has served as township trustee at two different times. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and favors the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mrs. Corbin is a daughter of James H. Sapp, whose review follows.

JAMES H. SAPP.

Among the resident farmers of Clermont county, Ohio, who served their country in the Civil war, are numbered James H. Sapp, residing in Monroe township, not far from New Richmond. The farm which Mr. Sapp now owns and operates has been the property of some member of the Sapp family since it was obtained from the government. On September 27, 1843, James Sapp was born, he being a son of Abel and Sarah (Hodge) Sapp.

Abel Sapp, a native of Clermont county, was born about 1812, and lived to the good old age of seventy-two years. He was born on this same farm in Monroe township, and followed farming as his life work. Abel Sapp was a son of

Edward and Elizabeth (Seaton) Sapp, the former of whom came to this county from Kentucky, when he was a young man. He passed away in 1843, of cholera.

Sarah (Hodge) Sapp was born in Clermont county, about 1819, and died in 1886, a daughter of James and (Treece) Hodge, the latter of an old family of Washington township. James Hodge was an old resident of Nicholasville.

James H. Sapp is one of five children, of which one sister died in infancy; the youngest is now living in Pasadena, Cal. He received his education in the schools of the county, and the Parker Academy. In 1863, Mr. Sapp enlisted in Company L, Ohio cavalry, under Captain Gatch. He served until the close of the war, nearly two years, being sergeant when he was discharged, never having been wounded.

After the close of the war, Mr. Sapp returned to his home and has followed general farming since. His marriage to Miss Jane Ann Porter took place in the winter of 1865. Jane Ann Porter is a daughter of William and Asenath (Lane) Porter. The Lanes were of a prominent family, one cousin, Henry Lane, was at one time Governor of Indiana. William Porter, whose aprents were from Scotland, was born in Clermont county soon after the arrival of the family in the county.

Mrs. Sapp has two brothers and two sisters living: Charles, superintendent of the Tenth district schools of Cincinnati; John, a farmer living in Tennessee; Mrs. Henry Maltox, of Washington State; Mrs. H. L. Fridman, a widow living at Clermontville.

Mr. and Mrs. Sapp are the parents of five children:

Edward A., in the oil and gas business in Chautauqua county, Kansas. He is married and has three sons and one daughter.

Hattie, is the wife of Elmer Smith, of Pasadena, Cal.

Mary, a graduate nurse of Seaside Hospital, of Long Beach, Cal.

Jessie, is the wife of Clayton H. Corbin, a cousin of the late Gen. Henry Corbin.

Olive, was in business in Cincinnati, until her decease at twenty-three years of age.

Mr. Sapp is a member of the Frazier Post of Bethel Grand Army of the Republic, and in religious views favors the Methodist church. He is Republican and keeps well informed on all the political subjects of the day, although he has never

accepted any office of the county, believing his family was his first consideration. He has given his business his entire attention with most excellent results. A man conscientious in all his dealings, he has the respect of all his neighbors and friends.

GEORGE HAND HILL.

Comparatively few men are spared, with unimpaired faculties, to the advanced age of four score and two years. George H. Hill was one of these and in reviewing his activities as an educator, civil engineer and inventor, considering also his estimable Christian citizenship, it is more than evident that the community in which he lived is most fortunate. That his influence was always for the best is testified to by scores now in middle life, and whom he taught in their younger days.

Mr. Hill was born in Stone Lick township, Clermont county, Ohio, March 5, 1830, and died at Milford, Ohio, May 8, 1912. He was the eldest of the twelve children of Charles and Rebecca (Hand) Hill, and was reared on his father's farm, attending school in the winter months. At the age of seventeen years he attended a private school in Milford, but owing to an outbreak of cholera, this and other schools were closed. Determined to secure an education, he taught for a few terms and ultimately purchased a scholarship in Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, and after two years graduated in the scientific course. Mr. Hill then decided to make teaching his life work and very acceptably conducted various schools in the county.

In 1871 he became principal of Milford public school and satisfactorily held the position for six years consecutively. He was the first to prepare a grade for this school and this he did at the request of the board of education. After teaching for twenty-nine years, he was elected to the office of county surveyor. He made surveying and civil engineering his occupation until the time of his death. Mr. Hill was an active member of the Ohio society of civil engineers, and prepared several papers, which were published in full in the society's annual reports.

He was twice married, first on April 10, 1855, to Miss Sarah Thomas, of Radnor, Ohio. To this union were born three children, viz.:

Emma Florence, formerly a teacher at Moore's Hill College, Indiana, and at Morristown Normal Academy, being an exceptionally fine pianist, and is the wife of Theodore F. Brown, who is with the Pere Marquette railroad, and resides at Detroit.

Miss Anna Gertrude, an artist, and the producer of several beautiful oil paintings, residing at home.

George Lewis, who died in infancy.

The mother was called to her heavenly home, March 7, 1873.

On Christmas Day, 1876, Mr. Hill was united in marriage to Mrs. Sarah Eleanor Nichols, nee Applegate, born near Goshen, Clermont county, Ohio, June 24, 1826, and who still resides at the Milford home.

Mrs. Hill is a daughter of Elijah and Nancy (Champion) Applegate, who settled in Goshen township when Cincinnati was but a village. Elijah was a farmer and millwright, owning and operating a mill for many years; also owned a finely improved farm. He died in 1840, aged forty-seven years, while his wife passed away in 1839. Both were born in the month of February, in 1793 and 1795, respectively. Their ten children are as follows: Perrine, Thomas Fletcher, John (the father of Mayor A. B. Applegate, of Milford, mentioned elsewhere in these volumes), Lydia Ann, married Rev. Mr. Barnes, and had two daughters who died in infancy, Eliza Jane, Sarah Eleanor (widow of our subject), Elijah, and Mrs. Nancy Elizabeth Anshutz. Mrs. Hill, who is a remarkably well preserved lady, taught for some twenty-two years, in Goshen township, and at Knightstown, Ind., Seminary, and formerly was principal of a girls' school at Versailles, Ind. In the former institution she taught the grammar department, being also first assistant, but her most pronounced success as an instructor was in the primary department.

Mrs. Hill's first husband was Robert H. Nichols, who died in 1872, he being an uncle of the later Judge Perry Nichols, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in these volumes. He was a prominent nurseryman, his home being in Laurel, in Monroe township, this county. He was born December 28, 1803, and his first wife, whom he married May 26, 1825, was Miss Mary Simmons, born December 22, 1802, and died March 16, 1863, daughter of James Simmons and an aunt of W. D. Simmons, now living retired at Laurel, and mentioned elsewhere in this work. Robert H. was a son of Nathan and Hannah (Hodgson) Nichols, whose children were:

Phillip, born in 1785.

William, born in 1787.

John, born in 1789.

Elijah, born in 1792.

Abner, born in 1795.

Esther, born in 1796.

David, born in 1799.

Nathan, born in 1802.

Robert Hodgson and Elizabeth, twins, born in 1803.

Thomas Jefferson, born in 1806.

Jonathan B., born in 1809.

The married life of Mr. and Mrs. Hill was pleasant and happy, and she and the daughter who reside at the beautiful home in East Milford look forward to a reunion in heaven. Mr. Hill was converted in his youth, and in 1847 united with the Methodist Episcopal church, Mount Zion charge, Milford circuit. He was a useful and faithful member to the day of his death, being at that time steward and trustee and having occupied the positions of chorister and recording steward. He was a most exemplary Christian and a lifelong abstainer from the use of tobacco and intoxicating liquors. During the last eight months of his life he was confined to the house, his suffering at all times being severe, but he was patient with all. After having exceeded by over ten years the psalmist's allotted time of life, his fertile brain had perfected an automobile having a dozen or more advantages presented in a model which he constructed and in working drawings which he forwarded to the United States Patent Office. Truly his beautiful, active and useful life is worthy of emulation by all youthful aspirants for success and his memory will ever be held dear by all whose pleasure it was to enjoy association with this noble character.

PRATHER FAMILY.

The Prathers came from Sheffield, England. Such is the family tradition. They were settled in Western Maryland, however, not long after 1700. The last sale of lands conducted by Lord Baltimore, Proprietor of Maryland, was made at the home of Col. Thomas Prather, in Frederick county, Maryland, November 9, 1767. In 1756 "Major Prather" commanded one hundred and fifty men in the Indian wars in West-

ern Maryland. In 1758, "Lieutenant Prather" and two privates of the Maryland troops were killed by the Indians near Fort Duquesne.

James Prather was a lieutenant, and Thomas Prather a colonel of Maryland troops in the Continental Army during the Revolution. They were both from Frederick county, and were active members of various Frederick county committees organized to carry on the war. These and other annals of the family in Maryland are found in "Scharff's History of Maryland," and "Scharff's History of Western Maryland." The Ohio Prathers removed from Frederick county, Maryland, to Fleming county, Kentucky, soon after the Revolution, but crossed to the north bank of the Ohio into Clermont county, about 1790, three brothers, Enos Prather, Erasmus Prather and John Garrett Prather, originally locating in Clermont county; but Enos Prather removed to Piketon, in the Scioto Valley, not far from Chillicothe, about the year 1797, where some of his descendants still reside.

John Garrett Prather built what was afterwards known as the "Chilo House," on the banks of the river at the upper end of Chilo, about 1802, and also subdivided an addition to the village. His first wife was a Phillips, whom he married in Maryland, and who bore him two children, but died shortly after they settled in Ohio. He afterwards married Mary Ann Fee, a widow, whose maiden name was Sargent, and whose brother, James Sargent, was a member of the first Constitutional convention of Ohio. By his second wife, John Garrett Prather had eleven children. Through these he has a very numerous line of descendants. To this branch belonged James Prather, the captain of the "Magnolia," and who lost his life when that fine steamboat was destroyed by an explosion about 1870. John O. Prather, James Prather, Samuel Prather, Ignatius Prather, Silas Prather, Joshua Prather, Walter Prather, Wesley Prather, Nelly Ann Wall, Nancy Slye, Susannah Owens, Amelia Tucker, and Mary Ann Molen were the children of this original John Garrett Prather. Nelly Ann Wall was the grandmother of James Wall, now of Batavia, and also of William Walker Smith, now in the diplomatic service and stationed at Constantinople. Griffith Prather, long a leading business man of St. Louis, Mo., and for eight years Democratic National committeeman for the State of Missouri, was a grandson of this original John Garrett Prather; his father being Wesley Prather, who was also the father of Edward G. Prather, late of

Chilo, Ohio, and grandfather of Miss Leona Prather, now of Cincinnati. Mary Ann Molen was the wife of Capt. Grafton Molen, a prominent steamboat captain of the early days.

Erasmus Prather, brother of the original John Garrett Prather, settled on the hill about half way between Chilo and Felicity. His wife was Elizabeth McKibben, of Scotch-Irish ancestry. Their children were Joseph Prather, Samuel Garrett Prather, Erasmus Prather, Nancy, Susannah and Louie A. Prather, Elizabeth Slye (wife of Esquire John Slye, of Lindale), Sarah Wedding and Mary Lanham. Of these, Joseph Prather married Sarah McKinney, September 16, 1824, and to them were born Erasmus Jackson Prather, Joseph S. Prather, Wesley Washington Prather, John Garrett Prather (the second), Enos D. Prather, Ellen Goslin, wife of Peter Goslin, Mary Goslin, wife of James J. Goslin, and Caroline Wedding, wife of William Wedding. The McKinneys are of Scotch descent.

This second John Garrett Prather, son of Joseph and Sarah McKinney Prather, was born in 1833, and resided all his life in and about Chilo, Clermont county, Ohio, where he died in 1891. His first wife was Susannah Muir, who died in 1856. His second wife was Eliza J. Shinkle, and the third Emily Dillon. By his first wife he had a son, John Seuvetus Prather, who was killed at New Orleans in 1896. His second wife, Eliza J. Shinkle Prather, bore him three daughters and one son, Mrs. Florence Richey of Felicity, Mrs. Mattie Terry of Covington, Ky., Mrs. Jennie Riley of Independence, Ky., and William Walter Prather, the attorney of Cincinnati. William Walter Prather graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science at the Northern Indiana Normal School in 1881, and received the degree of Bachelor of Law at the Cincinnati Law College in 1884. He was elected probate judge of Clermont county on the Republican ticket in 1884, at the age of twenty-six. He declined a second nomination, and has since been in active and successful practice of the law in Clermont and Hamilton counties. His offices are in Cincinnati, where he now resides. William Walter Prather married Margaret Cornelia Bicking, a daughter of Joseph Bicking, of Batavia, formerly county treasurer. Their daughter, Florence Prather, graduated from Vassar College in 1908.

The Clermont Shinkles are descended from John Karl Schinkel, who emigrated from Edenkoben on the Rhine, and came over on the "Snow Ketty" in 1737.

The Bickings came from Pennsylvania, where they were paper makers at Downingtown, near Philadelphia during the Revolution, and where a cousin, Samuel P. Bicking & Brothers, still operate several paper mills.

By his third wife, Emily Dillon, John Garrett Prather the second, had three children, Zelia, now deceased; Joseph D., now living in Evansville, Ind., and Homer, residing in Los Angeles, Cal.

THE RICKER FAMILY.

The Ricker family is of pure English extraction, tracing its lineage through the celebrated Wentworth family to Rynold (Reginald) de Wynterwade, a baron of great wealth, renown, and power, who lived at the height of his greatness in the year 1066, the time of the Norman invasion.

After twenty-eight generations, we find Elder William Wentworth, the first of the name in America, 1639. Mary Wentworth, fourth generation from Elder William Wentworth, married Jabez Ricker, and they had ten children, of whom Samuel Ricker married, 1790, Susanna, daughter of Benjamin and Mary Jewett. They were the first of the family to settle in Clermont county, Ohio. To them were born, Rufus, who laid out the city of Davenport, Iowa, where he was a judge for ten years; Jabez, who taught the first school in Union school house, in Monroe township; Benjamin Jewett; Samuel; Susanna, who married John Fitzpatrick; Eben, who married Harriet Pompelly.

Benjamin Jewett Ricker, born at Poland, Maine, was married November 24, 1816, in Campbell county, Kentucky, to Mary Reed Wilson, born in Durham, Maine, February 12, 1800. He died in October, 1861, and she died in December, 1859. Their children were: Elbridge Gerry Ricker, born in Clermont county, Ohio, July 31, 1818; Susan, born in Rush county, Indiana, in 1821, and married Joseph R. Foster; Adaline, born in Rush county, Indiana, 1824, married Benjamin Frazee; Mary Ann, born in Rush county, Indiana, married Jacob Clark, and William Wilson Ricker, the youngest child, born in Clermont county, Ohio, married Mary Doane.

Elbridge Gerry Ricker was liberally educated in the best schools in Southern Ohio. He made farming his profession, and became one of the most noted agriculturists in the State.

He was a very well known and active politician, being a warm advocate of the rights of the negro slave, and helping to found the Republican party in Ohio, in 1854-55. In 1855, he was elected a member of the legislature of Ohio, and in 1858, left his farm at Locust Corner, Ohio, to become a member of the board of directors and professor of agriculture of the Farmers' College, of College Hill, Ohio, where he successfully operated the experimental farm until the beginning of the War of the Rebellion. In the war, he was major of the Fifth Ohio cavalry, and won a glorious name by his gallant conduct. He was elected treasurer of Clermont county in 1863, and served efficiently for a period of two years. On December 13, 1836, he was united in marriage to Margaret Foster, daughter of Lieut. Thomas and Sarah (Holly) Foster, and a granddaughter of Thomas Foster, who was a son of Nancy Trigg, she being a daughter of Col. William and Jane (Smith) Trigg, the former of whom was a son of Abraham and Dosia (Johnson) Trigg. Abraham Trigg came from Cornwall, England, in 1725, to Spottsylvania county, Virginia.

Leonard Raper, the maternal grandfather of Margaret (Foster) Ricker, received his education at Oxford College, England, and came to America with Lord Cornwallis, acting as the latter's secretary until the surrender of Yorktown, after which he became loyal to the States government and was appointed surveyor of the Second district of Ohio. He first lived at the old block house, but later moved to Williamsburg.

To the union of Elbridge Gerry and Margaret (Foster) Ricker were born seven children:

Benjamin Jewett, who was born September 14, 1840, and was major of the Thirty-fourth Ohio volunteers. Following the close of the war, he studied law, and was admitted to the Clermont county bar. He died at the home of his brother, Dr. J. T. Ricker, at Glen Rose, Ohio, September, 1907.

Rosella A., who was born April 1, 1842, married Dr. Edwin Freeman, a prominent surgeon of Cincinnati, who rendered gallant service to his country as a member of the Ninth army corps, and who afterward filled the chair of professor of surgery at the Eclectic Medical College. They had two sons and one daughter: Foster Freeman, unmarried; Dr. E. R. Freeman, who became professor of dermatology in the Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati, and was a member of the staff of the Seaton Hospital, dying unmarried in 1912, and Rosella Margaret Freeman, married Alan Ross Raff, and to them have been born one child, Rosella.

Thomas Foster, lost his life as a result of a wound received while serving his country during the Civil war. He died unmarried, 1874.

Maria, who was born July 24, 1845, died July 8, 1872, unmarried.

Edward, born October 8, 1846, died unmarried.

Joseph Trimble, born May 18, 1848.

Sarah Foster, born November 22, 1855, was educated at the Wesleyan Female College, at Cincinnati, Ohio, and married William T. Simpson, of College Hill, Ohio, who is vice-president of the American Rolling Mills Company, of Middleton, Ohio, and to them was born one child, Robert, who died in early childhood.

There is perhaps no family in Clermont county who has more intimate knowledge of the history of the county, its advantages, improvements and advancement than the members of the Ricker family, who for many years have witnessed its growth and through long years have taken an active part in the progress that conserves commercial development and general prosperity of the community.

PERCY FRENCH JAMIESON.

Percy F. Jamieson, president of the First National Bank of Batavia, Ohio, and one of the progressive and successful business men of Clermont county, was born at Batavia, Ohio, July 24, 1868, son of Milton Jamieson, extended mention of whom appears on other pages of these volumes.

Mr. Jamieson, of this review, graduated from the Batavia public schools in 1887, then attended the University at Wooster, Ohio, joining the "Phi Gamma Delta" college fraternity, of which he is still a member. Soon after leaving college Mr. Jamieson accepted the position of secretary of Jones Brothers' Electric Company, of Cincinnati, Ohio, resigning within a year to become assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Batavia. He served the bank in this capacity until 1907, when he was elected cashier, and since January, 1912, has been the institution's efficient president. He assisted in the organization of the Batavia Improvement Company, and has served as its president to the present time. In 1903 he formed a partnership with A. V. Carroll, of Williamsburg, Ohio, for the manufacture of machine tools, and one year later organ-

ized the business into a stock company under the corporate name of the Carroll-Jamieson Machine Tool Company, serving since then as secretary and treasurer. The business has been very successful, the company owns its plant and ships machinery to all parts of the United States and is building up a foreign trade. In 1906, Mr. Jamieson started what is known as the Batavia Foundry Company as a partnership with James A. Norman, whose interest he purchased the same year; the plant was completely destroyed by fire, in February, 1912, but he rebuilt at once a much better building and the foundry is now doing a good business. He is a director and a vice-president of "American Liability Insurance Company," of Cincinnati, Ohio, besides other business interests.

While never in any sense a politician, Mr. Jamieson has served on the Batavia council, was president of the board of public affairs for six years and is at present a member of the school board. He has ever taken an active interest and part in enterprises for the upbuilding of his home town. He was the organizer, in 1892, of the Batavia orchestra and is still leader.

September 26, 1894, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Jamieson and Miss Elizabeth Griffith, daughter of Thomas A. and Anna M. Griffith, of Batavia, Ohio. To this union have been born the following children: Donald G., born November 6, 1895; Katherine, born February 12, 1897; Robert B., born May 4, 1900; Elizabeth, born May 26, 1903; Mary Virginia, born September 19, 1905; and John G., born June 3, 1911.

Mr. Jamieson is a member of the time-honored Masonic fraternity, including the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Council. Both he and Mrs. Jamieson are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Batavia, in which he is an acting elder, being also superintendent of the Sunday school.

JAMES B. HOLMAN.

Mr. James B. Holman, an enterprising, energetic and prosperous farmer of Brown county, Ohio, is successfully engaged in the pursuits of agriculture on his well improved and productive farm of two hundred and two acres in Sterling township, two and one-half miles from Williamsburg. He also gives considerable attention to stock raising in connection with his general farming. Mr. Holman is a native of Brown



JAMES B. HOLMAN

LUELLA (IRETON) HOLMAN

county, his birth having occurred April 23, 1847, his parents being James and Sarah (Bosier) Holman.

Mr. James Holman was born near Trenton, N. J., in 1797, and grew to young manhood in his native State. In the year of 1819 or 1820, James Holman and his brother, Francis, were influenced to come to Williamsburg, Ohio, by an uncle, James Perrine, Sr., who had left New Jersey in 1803 and settled on the Hawkin's Survey on the road from Williamsburg to Bethel. One of his sons, James Perrine, Jr., married Polly Kain, a daughter of James Kain, the first of all to settle in the East Fork Valley. A daughter of theirs married John Jamieson, and they were the ancestors of the Milton Jamieson family, of Batavia, Ohio, whose sketch appears elsewhere on these pages.

James Holman traveled on foot from New Jersey to Ohio, and his possessions at the time of his arrival in Williamsburg was the sum of three cents. He at once engaged as stage driver from Williamsburg to Chillicothe, and was thus occupied for several years. He followed other occupations as well and finally determined to become a farmer and stock raiser. As soon as he had saved sufficient money necessary to make the trip, Mr. Holman returned to New Jersey for his mother and father, the latter of whom was Joseph Holman. He secured a one-horse conveyance for their journey and he walked the entire distance to Brown county, where he established them in comfortable surroundings. The first land he was able to purchase, he deeded to his mother and thus enabled his parents to spend their declining years in comfortable enjoyment. He finally secured a fine farm of five hundred acres in Brown county and met with the success which he so well deserved. He operated a wood-working factory on his farm and hauled its products to Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. James Holman was one of and the eldest of five children, the others being: Frank, who died in Brown county, and Anna, who married James Kain, of Williamsburg. The others remained in New Jersey. James Holman was one of the self-made men of his locality and owed his prosperity to his own energy and determination. He died on the farm he had opened to civilization, June 15, 1875, at the ripe old age of seventy-eight years. He was a strong pioneer, and the influence of his industrious life will ever live in the hearts of his descendants. In politics he was a staunch Democrat.

Sarah (Bosier) Holman was born in New Jersey and departed this life in 1855, aged about forty years. To the union

of James and Sarah (Bosier) Holman were born five children, of whom James B., our subject, is the eldest. The others follow: Mary Ellen, died in infancy; H. P., of near Creston, Iowa, is a farmer and stockman; William, resides with James B., and Sarah, who died in infancy.

James B. Holman was reared and has resided for the most of his life thus far, in Sterling township. During his boyhood and youth he attended the common schools of Brown county, and after his education was completed, in 1866, entered upon the profession of a teacher, which he followed for a period of eight years, teaching six months in each year. For two years following this time, Mr. Holman was in the employ of the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Company, as traveling salesman. Tiring of this occupation, he returned to his native county and receiving a portion of his father's farm, he became engaged as a farmer and as the years have passed he has added to until he has his present holdings. This farm has been his residence since the latter part of 1873, and having been trained along the lines of practical farming as he grew to manhood on the parental farm, he has displayed excellent business ability and executive force in the management of his extensive agricultural interests.

When he had reached mature years, Mr. James B. Holman chose for the companion of his future years, Miss Sarah Louella Ireton, who was born in Clermont county, Ohio, April 17, 1856, a daughter of John and Sarah (Brasier) Ireton.

John Ireton was born in New Jersey and was brought to Clermont county when an infant by his parents, Obediah and Mary Ireton, the latter a step-mother. They located two and one-half miles northeast of Williamsburg, where Mr. Ireton engaged successfully in farming. He passed from this life in 1890, in the eighty-fifth year of his life. His wife, Sarah (Brasier) Ireton, was born near Lebanon, Ohio, and departed this life in 1897, aged seventy-nine years. She was an earnest member of the Methodist church for many years, but in later life she became a member of the Presbyterian church. They were the parents of the following named children: Samuel, Aleck, John, Obe, Mary (Holman), and Hattie (Johnson). Those who are deceased are: Lorenzo, a miner, was killed by a snow-slide in the West; Nancy and Deborah died in early childhood.

Into the family circle of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Holman have come two children to brighten and gladden the home, namely:

James M., born April 3, 1874, is in the Quartermaster's Department of the Lakes, stationed at Chicago. He married Mary Clarke, and they have two children, Malcolm C. and Virginia E. James M. Holman graduated from the Williamsburg High School, after which he took a three-years course at the Ohio Wesleyan University, of Delaware, Ohio. He then entered the law office of Ingersoll & Peyton, of Knoxville, Tenn., and later became stenographer for Colonel Lee, at Chickamauga, during the Spanish-American war. Since the close of the war, he has had charge of the supplies in the quartermaster's department.

Charles E., born in 1876, died at the age of two years and four months.

Mr. Holman has filled many responsible positions of public trust during his long and useful active life. In the fall of 1894, he was elected county commissioner of Brown county and served six years, from September, 1895. In 1894, Governor McKinley appointed him delegate to the Farmer's Congress, held in North Carolina. In 1912 he was appointed by Governor Harman as a delegate to New Orleans, but did not attend. He has also served in the various minor local offices.

Mr. Holman was one of the organizers of the Williamsburg Home Telephone Company, in 1898, and has been the business manager of that company since its organization.

Socially, Mr. Holman has membership in the Clermont Social Lodge, No. 29, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is also past master.

Mr. Holman is a member of the Presbyterian church and believes in Christianity without creed, recognizing that the true spirit of religion is in Biblical teaching and not by its interpretation by men.

Mr. James B. Holman is well known in the community where he has spent so many years, because of his charitable and kindly deeds. His thoughtful spirit, genial disposition and honorable principles have greatly endeared him to those with whom he has been associated.

In 1901, Mr. Holman was nominated on the Democratic ticket for member of the State Board of Public Works. He helped organize the first farmer's institute in Southern Ohio, and has taken an active interest in farmers' affairs, being now president of the Williamsburg Farmer's Institute; he has addressed many institutes and is a recognized authority on

matters along this line. He has for the past forty years been recognized as among the foremost of live stock auctioneers, having cried sales far and wide in Clermont and Brown counties.

GEORGE G. BAMBACH.

While George G. Bambach is not a native of Clermont county, having accepted the cashiership of the First National Bank of Bethel in 1904, he was born and reared in the neighboring county, the son of one of the most prominent Brown county families, who, by their progressiveness and enterprise, have made a substantial impress upon the counties in which they have lived.

George G. Bambach was born December 9, 1865, near Ripley, Brown county, Ohio, the son of Judge G. and Margaret (Hanstein) Bambach. The father was born in Germany in 1840, and at the age of nine years came with his parents to America, settling in Levanna, Brown county, Ohio. The mother was also born in Germany, coming to this country at the age of fourteen years. Judge Bambach's sketch appears elsewhere in this work.

George G. Bambach received his early education in, and was graduated from, the Ripley High School. In 1887 he was graduated from the Cincinnati Law School, and practiced law in Brown and Montgomery counties until 1903. At that time he decided to take up a business career rather than a professional one, and for one and one-half years was cashier of the Ripley National Bank, and in 1904 removed to Bethel, where he was tendered the position of cashier of the First National Bank of Bethel, which position he still holds.

In 1894, Mr. Bambach was united in marriage to Miss Lina Ruckhaber, of Dayton, Ohio, born in Cincinnati, in 1865, daughter of Karl and Adelheide (Heinebach) Ruckhaber, both born in Germany, locating in Ohio at an early date and passing to another world years ago, leaving four children, three of whom are now living:

Julia, wife of W. H. Kimmel, lives in Dayton, Ohio.

Clara, widow of J. B. Heiss, of Dayton, Ohio.

Lina, wife of the subject of this sketch.

To George G. Bambach and wife four children have been born:

Clara A., born in Ripley, Ohio, in 1895.

Margaret A., born in Ripley in 1898.

Josephine Julia, born in Ripley in 1900.

Karl G., born in Bethel in 1908.

Mr. Bambach has never been an active politician, but casts his vote with the Republican party, and when living in Ripley was honored by his fellow townsmen by being elected mayor of that city. He also holds membership with the fraternal order of Odd Fellows.

When the call came for our citizens to respond to the call for the defense of our Nation in the time of war, George Bambach was not found wanting, but served as a captain in Company H, Third Ohio volunteer infantry, in the Spanish-American war; also has served eight years in the National Guard, and six months in the United States volunteer service in the Third Ohio volunteers. His father and also an uncle of Mr. Bambach's, George Hanstein, served their country during the Civil war.

Mr. Bambach is a very courteous, intellectual man, of a modest retiring nature, which he certainly inherits from his father, one who does not push himself forward to positions of honor, but who can always be depended upon in times of need, and who is progressive in all ways of good for his community or his family. While he has lived in Clermont county only eight years, he has made his name stand for all that is good in business and social life.

He comes from the best type of German families, whose sturdy, enterprising stock has been one of the greatest factors in the upbuilding of our Nation, and his pretty home on Main street is one of the most popular in the city of Bethel.

W. E. THOMPSON, M. D.

Worldly goods and an influential position have been won by this gentleman, who is a native-born son of Clermont county, Ohio. Dr. W. E. Thompson, who has achieved not a little distinction by his skill as physician and surgeon, was born in Bethel, in July, 1835, the oldest of the six children of Dr. William and Sarah (Hill) Thompson. The father, Dr. William Thompson, was born in Danville, Ky., in 1796, and died in 1840, his burial being in Bethel. The mother, Sarah Hill,

was born in Maysville, Mason county, Kentucky, in 1797, and lived to the advanced age of ninety-four years, her death occurring in 1891 at Bethel. The father settled in Clermont county, Ohio, in 1808, where he was known as one of the leading physicians until his death. Only three of the six children of Dr. and Mrs. William Thompson are now living:

Dr. W. E., the subject of this sketch.

D. W., also a physician, living in Sardinia, Ohio.

Sarah R., widow of Oran V. Sargent, of Windsor, Ill.

Dr. W. E. Thompson received his early education in Bethel and later attended the Cincinnati Medical College, where he fitted himself for the active practice of medicine, and in 1860 he first opened up an office in Bethel, on Plane street, where for fifty-two years he has lived and worked and built up for himself the enviable reputation of the foremost physician and surgeon of his city.

In 1841, on the 5th day of June, Dr. Thompson was united in marriage to Miss Margaret E. Elrod, also a native of Clermont county, her parents being Thomas and Cynthia (Frazee) Elrod, of Tate township, near Bethel. Mr. and Mrs. Elrod were both natives of Kentucky, and were the parents of nine children, but parents and all the children, with the exception of Mrs. Thompson, have all passed away.

Dr. and Mrs. Thompson have one son and one daughter:

William A., a graduate in denistry, but now farming in Tate township, who married Susan Armour.

Winifred, wife of Charles F. Davis, a hardware merchant in Bethel, has one daughter, Bertha.

One fact of especial interest in chronicling the history of the Thompson family is that in the immediate family there have been thirteen practicing physicians, four paternal uncles of the subject of this sketch, one brother and ten cousins.

Dr. W. E. Thompson has taken an active part in the progress of his community, and has given plentifully of his time and talent to further the interests of all organizations for good. He has been a member of both the school and town boards, and has served the government as medical examiner for pensions. He and his family have taken great interest in the fraternal organizations of the city, he being affiliated in both the Masonic and Odd Fellow orders, and is past grand of the latter order. Both Mrs. Thompson and her daughter have been honored as noble grand of the Daughters of Rebecca, of Bethel, and the daughter is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and of the Pythian Sisters.

Dr. Thompson is interested in the politics of his time, but has had no aspirations for public office, but casts his vote with the Republican party. Dr. Thompson had nine cousins in the Civil war, part in the Union army, Colonel Reed, Capt. William Thompson, and Capt. James Hill, and part in the Confederate, among whom was Colonel Thompson. Edward Elrod, a brother of Mrs. Thompson, served during the entire war from Ohio.

erate, those gaining the greatest honors being General Reed and Colonel Thompson, of the Confederate, and Captain Thompson of the Union forces. Edward Elrod, a brother of Mrs. Thompson, served during the entire war from Ohio.

Dr. Thompson is the oldest physician in Bethel, not only in the years he has lived, but also in the number of years he has practiced his profession, and in his fifty-two years of residence on Plane street, he has seen the town grow from its pioneer and infancy days to its present prosperous and pleasant condition. The family is one of the most highly honored of the community, and their interest in the fraternal and social life has done much to make Bethel a pleasant city in which to live. Mrs. Thompson is affiliated with the Baptist church of Bethel, and is greatly interested in the prosperity of that organization. Dr. Thompson is one of the substantial men of Bethel, and by his droll and pleasant disposition has won the friendship and respect of all who have been fortunate enough to call him friend.

WILLIAM A. WILLIAMS.

Mr. William A. Williams, cashier of the Amelia State Bank, of Amelia, Ohio, since January 10, 1910, though not long a resident of Clermont county, is numbered among the foremost of the younger successful business men. He is a Kentuckian by birth, having been born in Germantown, Bracken county, on the 9th of September, 1884. His parents are Anderson and Lucy (Boyd) Williams, both representatives of old Kentucky families.

Mr. Anderson Williams was born in Germantown, Ky., December 6, 1846, and after an active and useful life, is now living in retirement in the town of his birth, enjoying the fruits and comforts of a well spent life. He was a successful tobacco merchant in the years of his activity, and his reliability and

integrity won for him a measure of this world's goods and the high regard of his fellow townsmen.

Lucy (Boyd) Williams was born in Lewis county, Kentucky, and to her union with Anderson Williams were born seven children:

Eva, died at the age of five years.

John E. W., is a resident of Walton, Ky.

Benjamin B., is a resident of Germantown, Ky.

Lena W., married Joe Arnold, and now lives in Newport, Ky.

Mary A., wife of Madison Worthington, resides in Brooksville, Ky.

Neppie D., is the wife of Walter Pollock, of Germantown, Ky.

William A., is our subject.

William A. Williams was afforded the advantages of the schools of Germantown, graduating from the high school in 1901, after which he became a student of the Georgetown College and graduating from this institution with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in the class of 1906. For a period of two years following his graduation from Georgetown, he was engaged as a teacher in the high school of Germantown. At the expiration of this time, he entered upon the banking business in his native town, and for one year continued there. Since that time he has been in his present responsible position.

The great event in the life of Mr. W. A. Williams occurred on October 17, 1908, when he became united in marriage to Miss Bessie Keene, who was born in Germantown, Ky., July 27, 1890, a daughter of Leslie and Lucy (Woodward) Keene, the latter of whom was born in 1868 and died when Mrs. Williams was a small child. To this union were born two children:

Bessie L., who is Mrs. W. A. Williams.

Lucy Alma, the wife of Clarence Galbraith, of Germantown.

To Mr. and Mrs. Williams was born one child, Donald Keene Williams, whose birth occurred January 11, 1913.

Leslie Keene was born in Augusta, Ky., in 1868, and has been a resident of Augusta and Germantown. He is a farmer and has met with success in this occupation. He married a second time, to Miss Ida Ormes, and to them have been born one child, Thelma.

Mr. Williams has voted for men and measures of the Demo-

cratic party since he reached his majority, advocating all progressive issues. He does not care for official life as he prefers to devote his time and energies to his business.

The fraternal affiliations of Mr. Williams are with the Knights of Pythias and the Woodmen of America, and of the last named order he has filled the office of clerk. He is well and favorably known in these organizations.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams are consistent members of the Methodist church, and he is a member of the official board of the church and is assistant superintendent of the Sunday school. He is active in all that is beneficial to those around him, giving liberally to the support of all worthy charities.

Mr. Williams has a splendid future before him and he is exceptionally well qualified for the position he holds. His pleasing, courteous manner together with his genuine worth and his fidelity to honorable principles have won for him the respect of all with whom he is associated and the warm friendship of many.

AARON B. CLEVELAND.

In the prosperity of every community may be traced the controlling influence of a limited number of its citizens, who, by reason of peculiar business qualifications, and high personal characteristics, become unmistakably identified with its public and private life. Amelia has had such citizens and perhaps few are better known than the late Aaron B. Cleveland.

The birth of Mr. Cleveland took place in Batavia township, Clermont county, Ohio, February 28, 1825, and was a son of Jeremiah C. and Elizabeth (Robinson) Cleveland. The father was born in New York State and came to Clermont county at a very early date, settling in Batavia township, where he died at the age of thirty-three years. The mother was born in Martinsburg, Bartly county, Virginia, July 10, 1798, and died April 23, 1865. They were the parents of three children:

Frank Cleveland, of Augusta, Ky.

Asenath, the wife of Wesley Apple, who spent her entire life at Olive Branch, where she passed away.

Aaron, the subject of this mention.

The details which have reached us concerning the boyhood and early youth of Mr. Cleveland indicate that he was favored with good educational advantages, and that he was reared in

a home where frugality was encouraged and moral virtues extolled. After his preliminary education was completed, he learned the carpenter's trade with his uncle, John Robinson, who was a carpenter and cabinet maker.

Mr. Cleveland was engaged in the mercantile business, at Amelia, for a period before the Civil war. For a time before and during the war, he had a contract to carry mail from Williamsburg to Cincinnati, and from Cincinnati to Bethel. On one trip, Mr. Cleveland was overtaken by the Morgan Raiders, who took his horses from his bus, together with about everything he had with him. He was employed for four years as a gauger in the United States government service in Cincinnati, although he continued to live in Amelia. Believing that a varied occupation in life is a liberal education, and being of an industrious and enterprising disposition, Mr. Cleveland engaged in numerous enterprises, which included a chair factory and a fruit evaporating business. He followed his trade of carpentering and building at various periods and contracted for the building of many of the homes and business houses in and around the thriving village of Amelia.

Mr. Cleveland was twice married, the first union being with Clara B. Pease, who was born in Clermont county, Ohio, February 4, 1828, and died November 29, 1861, and to them were born six children:

Semarimis, who became the wife of Frank Rodarmor, of Ironton, Ohio.

Josephine, the wife of John L. Cochnower, of the noted Cochnower family, of Cincinnati.

Laura, who married Lewis Baldwin, a son of the present Mrs. Cleveland, by a former marriage. They resided at St. Louis for a time, where Mr. Baldwin passed away. She married a second time to Wilbur F. Dial, who was reared in Clermont county. He has been deceased for six years, and she now lives at the old Cleveland home in Pierce township.

Alice Eloise, became the wife of James Young, of St. Louis, and passed away some years since.

On January 30, 1867, occurred the marriage of Mr. Aaron Cleveland to Mrs. Sarah Jane (Van Pelt) Baldwin, who was the widow of John A. Baldwin, of Cincinnati. She was born October 16, 1824, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Miller) Van Pelt.

Mr. Cleveland was a Republican in politics, although he very naturally voted for his cousin, Grover Cleveland, in his

campaign for President. He was a man well known in the county, where he spent his entire life from the cradle to the grave, and his whole life was an open book to the people of his community, who respected and honored him for his sterling qualities. He was broad and liberal in all his views, always having the interest of the village at heart. He passed to his eternal reward on June 26, 1908, and is buried in the Amelia Methodist cemetery.

Mrs. Cleveland was always very fond of her step-children, who in return gave to her the greatest of affection. In this way she was indeed a great help-meet for her husband. She is now eighty-eight years of age, and is the wonder of the entire community, because of her great activity. She does a great deal of all kinds of needle work, and is a splendid conversationalist. Her home is one of great beauty and refinement, and reflects the characteristics of the owner.

THE ROUDEBUSH FAMILY.

The history of Clermont county will not be complete without the mention of the Roudebush family, who have figured so prominently in every social, moral, financial and educational movement for the general uplift of the people.

The Roudebushes are a race of teachers and farmers and of Dutch descent. In 1660 two brothers and a sister from near the German border in Holland, came to the island of Manhattan, now New York. From there one brother migrated to Frederick county, Maryland. Daniel Roudebush, Sr., the only one of the four brothers who settled in Ohio, was born near Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1749. In 1774 he married Christina Snively, born in 1759, a niece of Dr. Snively, a noted physician of southern Pennsylvania. By this union there were five sons and one daughter, all of whom were born in Maryland, except John, who was born at Bryan's Station, Kentucky. In 1796 Daniel Roudebush, Sr., wife and children, David, Jacob, George, Daniel and Catherine, migrated to Bryan's Station, and in 1799 to Clermont county Ohio, locating near what is now the town of Goshen, on a farm of 500 acres in Stark's Survey. He died October 3, 1804, from the effects of exposure when lost in the woods the previous November. His wife died June 10, 1833. All of his children died in Clermont county except George, who went to Indiana in 1838, and there gave to what is Goshen its name. He died February 12, 1852.

Jacob, the paternal grandfather of George Milton, W. Franklin and Jacob Lowell, mentioned elsewhere in these pages, was born September 15, 1778. In 1807 he purchased 159 acres of land in Stonelick township of Richard Talaferro, a soldier of the Revolution, who served under George Rodgers Clark in his famous campaign against Vincennes. On the 8th day of April, 1808, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Hartman, daughter of Christopher Hartman, a soldier of the Revolution, and Mary (Hutchinson) Hartman, who was born near Hightstown, N. J., then in Middlesex county, now Mercer, on the 22d day of May, 1783. She had brothers, William, Isaac, Samuel; sisters, Rebecca, Fannie, died in infancy, Catherine and Rachel. The children of this union were William, father of William Franklin and George Milton, born February 2, 1809; Daniel, June 21, 1810; Mary Ann, Feb. 11, 1812; Rebecca, Sept. 29, 1813; John, Feb. 9, 1815; Paulina, Sept. 28, 1816; Sarah Jane, May 5, 1818; James M., Nov. 24, 1820; Ambrose, father of Jacob Lowell, April 7, 1823, and Francis J., July 5, 1826; all of whom are now deceased. William married Elizabeth C. Clark; Daniel, Elizabeth Rapp; Mary Ann, Michael Cowen; Rebecca, John Rapp; Paulina, James Rapp; James M., Paulina Midaris; Ambrose, Sarah Ellen Patchell, and Francis J., Sarah J. Hill. John, the scholar and scientist, and Sarah Jane, died unmarried. Jacob Roudebush died May 25, 1835. He was a man of high character, the best farmer of his community, and a great friend of education. Elizabeth (Hartman) Roudebush died July 5, 1869. She was a woman of great intellectuality, with a religious trend of mind. Left a widow with ten children, she lived to rear them all to man and womanhood and left the impress such as a saintly mother of her Christian talents might be expected to do. It must not be understood that only those Roudebushes of whom special mention has been made on these pages were the prominent members of the family. Others not specifically mentioned have added to its fair name. George S., a son of Daniel Roudebush, now living at the age of eighty-five, is a noted educator and Presbyterian divine of the Southland, where he went in 1856 from Clermont county. His daughter, Ruth S., was a teacher in the Girls' Industrial School of Mississippi, located at Columbus in that State for twenty-seven years. She has traveled extensively in the Occident and Orient. Of the many others space will not permit special mention.

COL. WILLIAM ROUDEBUSH.

Col. William Roudebush, son of Jacob Roudebush and father of William Franklin and George Milton, was born February 2, 1809, about two miles northwest of the village of Boston, the second year after the first log cabin was erected on it, and when it was all surrounded by woods. His father had no means of supporting his family only by his labor of clearing away the forest and raising corn and wheat on the land he cleared. He cut his wheat with a sickle and threshed it with a flail and blew out the chaff with a sheet by the aid of his wife, who spun, wove and made all the clothing worn by the family from the flax raised on the place and from the sheep kept, which for many years had to be penned up every night on account of the wolves, which were at that time infesting the country.

When about five years of age, William Roudebush was sent to school to a widow lady, who had settled a short distance from his father's home, for there were no school houses in that neighborhood in those days. When he was not in school the boy helped his father in clearing out the brush and the woods. At the age of nine years, several of the settlers, including his father, erected a school house of rough logs, puncheon floor, stick-and-mud chimney, paper windows and benches split out of logs. William Roudebush attended this school for a few weeks in winter, when there was a subscription school of three months, and aided his father on the farm until his sixteenth year, when he became a student of the school of Samuel McClellan, for five months. The next winter he studied "Kirkham's Grammar," walking a distance of three miles to school, and the following season took up geography in addition. The next winter he attended school at Goshen and there studied algebra. At the close of this period, William Roudebush taught school in what is called Rapp's school house, working in summer and fall on the canal lock near Chillicothe as a stone cutter. He taught school in winter and worked on his father's farm in the summer for several years. Later he was deputy assessor and assessed three townships. By this time he had saved some money and in December, 1835, purchased a farm of two hundred and twelve acres on Moore's fork of Stonelick Creek, for eight hundred and fifty dollars, all of which was then in woods.

On December 11, 1849, William Roudebush married Eliza-

beth Clark, a daughter of Orson and Nancy (Corbly) Clark, and to their union were born two sons, William Franklin Roudebush and George Milton Roudebush. Mr. Roudebush died September 20, 1889, and his wife passed from this life November 27, 1894.

During his active life Colonel William Roudebush was prominent in politics and served in various offices of public trust, both in the county and the state. In his two years in the Legislature he took high rank as a debater and his speeches were published all through the Democratic press. He took the keenest interest in educational matters and frequently served on the Board of Education.

The Roudebush family are of heroic ancestry, among the first in this county to blaze the paths to civilization, and the stern integrity, patriotism, charity and pure, unsullied character of its members have never been questioned, and he was one of many others who helped make it so.

GEORGE MILTON ROUDEBUSH.

Mr. George Milton Roudebush, one of the most extensive agriculturists, large stock raisers and prominent citizens of Clermont county, Ohio, owns and operates his splendidly improved farm, consisting of one thousand acres of land in Wayne and Stonelick townships. He has given much attention to the breeding of short horn cattle since 1884, and is probably one of the first in this section of the state to make a specialty of this breed of stock. He has been eminently successful and is numbered among the substantial representatives of an old established family.

George Milton Roudebush was born at the home farm one mile north of Newtonville, Clermont county, July 26, 1856, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Clarke) Roudebush, both members of prominent pioneer families of Clermont, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in these volumes.

Mr. G. M. Roudebush enjoyed the educational privileges of the common schools of the district in which he lived and grew up well acquainted with the practical duties of a farmer's life. He entered Ohio National Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio, and there took a scientific course, graduating in 1877 with great credit.

The year following his graduation, in 1878, he was elected deputy county treasurer, under his brother, W. F. Roudebush, who resides at Batavia, Ohio, and in the years that have passed, he has filled various local offices of trust. For the past twenty years, he has been a member of the Agricultural Society of Clermont county and is a prominent stock breeder and noted judge of stock, not only locally, but in the State and nation as well. He attends the stock exhibits everywhere and has been sent as a delegate to the National Congress of Farmers, attending at New Orleans, Lincoln and Columbus.

Mr. Roudebush has made practically all of the fine improvements in the farm where he has made his home since 1881. In September, 1881, he was joined in the bonds of holy wedlock with Miss Rosalinde Patchell.

Mrs. Roudebush was born in Butler county, Ohio, December 6, 1858, and is a daughter of James and Belinda (McClelland) Patchell, the former an uncle of Edward Patchell, sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in the volumes. Mrs. Roudebush is a graduate of the National Normal of Lebanon, Ohio.

The family of Mr. G. M. Roudebush consists of six children, whose names follow:

Earl Patchell—Born March 26, 1883; married June 27, 1903, Bettie Tarvin Lyons, of Dayton, Kentucky, who died December 16, 1912, leaving three children, Elizabeth and Howard, living, and Rosalind, who died in infancy. Earl P. Roudebush is an engineer by profession and is occupied as manager of the Newtonville Canning Company. He was formerly with the Bell Telephone Company of Cincinnati.

Clara Elizabeth—Born April 11, 1886, is a graduate of the high school at Batavia, Ohio, and later took a course in classics at the Denison University of Granville, Ohio. Since her graduation she has been employed in the occupation of teaching in the Milford and Batavia schools.

Dale Clark—Born October 22, 1888, and is a farmer, associated with his father in operating the large farm. He married Miss Veda Maham on October 24, 1912.

Ada Belinda—Born September 6, 1891, and is a graduate of the Milford High School and later of Denison University, where she took a course in art. She is at present attending the Eden Park Art School of Cincinnati.

George Milton, Jr.—Born January 25, 1894, is a graduate of the Milford High School and is now a Sophomore at the Denison University.

James Franklin—Born October 15, 1896, is attending the Milford High School.

In politics, Mr. Roudebush is Democratic and is ever active in all affairs of general interest.

Socially, Mr. Roudebush is a member of the Grangers and the son, Earl, is a member of the Odd Fellows.

Religiously, the family of Mr. and Mrs. Roudebush embrace the faith of the Baptist church. He is a member of the Baptist State Convention Board and of the Ohio State Baptist Missionary Society.

Mr. Roudebush is an officer and large stockholder of the First National Bank of Batavia, and also of the Milford National Bank. He is very public spirited and can always be counted on to promote healthy movements which promise real benefit to those around him. He is one of the most popular and valued citizens of Clermont county.

DR. J. D. ABBOTT.

Dr. J. D. Abbott, of Bethel, Ohio, is one of the best known and most successful of local practitioners of Clermont county. He is a man of great force of character, integrity and energy and has established a large practice by reason of his tender sympathy to those in sickness and distress. He has offices in his home on the corner of Union and Plane streets.

Dr. Abbott is a native of Clermont county, his birth having occurred in Moscow, February 21, 1845, and is a son of H. N. and Harriet (Smith) Abbott. The father was born at Norwalk, Conn., March 31, 1805, and came to Ohio with his parents in 1811; for many years he conducted a general blacksmith shop at Felicity, Ohio. The mother was born at Twelve Mile, near New Richmond, in Clermont county, May 19, 1808. Of the nine children who were born to this couple, Dr. Abbott is the only one now living.

The education of Dr. Abbott was begun in the schools of Felicity, continued at the Miami College of Medicine and completed in the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, from which he graduated in 1875. Immediately following his graduation he began his career as a physician and surgeon, at Bethel, where he has since carried on a general practice. He was associated with Dr. Daniel McLain, formerly of South



DR. J. D. ABBOTT

Carolina, until the death of the latter, March 31, 1881. He has distinguished himself in his profession and has an extensive practice.

On September 17, 1877, Dr. Abbott was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth M. Pemberton, who was also a native of Clermont county, her birth having taken place near Bethel, January 1, 1855. Her father, Levi W. Pemberton, is a Clermont county farmer, and was born in 1829. He is still living and is hale and hearty. Mrs. Abbott's mother, Elizabeth (McMurchy) Pemberton, was born near Bethel, Ohio, March 2, 1833, and passed away March 7, 1912. There were five children born to this union, three of whom are now living:

Elizabeth, who is Mrs. J. D. Abbott.

Ellen, who married Lisbon Simcox, of Shelbyville, Ind.

Carrie, who is the wife of Charles Porter, the principal of one of the Cincinnati schools.

Mrs. Abbott's father and several of his brothers were soldiers in the Civil war, enlisting from Ohio. They were all staunch Republicans.

Dr. and Mrs. Abbott have been blessed with two children, both born in Clermont county:

Harriet Louise, who is a Latin professor in Antioch College, of Yellow Springs, Ohio, from which she graduated in 1910, taking the chair as soon as she was graduated. She was born April 21, 1880. She is the author of a valuable history of Bethel, Ohio, which was published in the county papers a few years ago. It was greatly enjoyed and is in the possession of many in the county.

Willard Pemberton, who was born March 28, 1886, is a graduate of the State University of Ohio of the class of 1909, and is a civil engineer for the Baltimore & Ohio Railway Company. He is a resident of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dr. Abbott is a Republican, although he has never been persuaded to accept any office. In fraternal circles, he is well known, being affiliated with the Knights of Pythias. Mrs. Abbott is a member of the Pythian Sisters and also a member of all the church clubs and societies of the Methodist church, in which she and her family hold membership.

Although of very methodical habits, Dr. Abbott is of a most generous and kind disposition and the impress of his character is felt, not only by his family but by all in the community in which he lives. He is ever ready to help those who

are in trouble, endearing himself in the hearts of all with whom he is associated. He is justly proud of his two children, who have both made the most of the opportunities that were given to them, although never boastful of their achievements.

MAJOR JULIUS A. PENN.
1818-1882.

Many of the older residents of Clermont county have pleasant recollections of Major Julius A. Penn, for many years an able and highly esteemed member of the Clermont bar. He was an upright and conscientious citizen, a brave and patriotic soldier, a loyal friend, a generous host, and a faithful member of the church. Although not intrusive or aggressive, he possessed unflinching courage and boundless energy, and was known for his noble perseverance, and expressive decision of character.

Major Penn's ancestors came from England and they were among the early settlers of Maryland. His grandfather, Benjamin Penn, was born in 1740, in Frederick county, Maryland. In 1774 Benjamin Penn married Mary Sargent, daughter of James Sargent, who came from Snow Hill, England, in 1745. On August 26, 1776, Benjamin Penn was enrolled as a private for the Revolutionary war, under Henry Ridgely, Jr., by J. Carvil Hall. In 1808, in company with James and Snowden Sargent, John Prather, Mathew Pigman, William Phillips, and others, Benjamin Penn and Mary Sargent Penn came to Clermont county, with their children. Benjamin Penn died August 13, 1834, aged ninety-five years. His three sons were, Joseph, Benjamin, and Elijah Taylor, and his nine daughters married respectively, Richard Tucker, George Richards, William Molen, R. C. Lanham, Benjamin Thrasher, John Richards, Joshua Ridgeley Pigman, Nathaniel Hines, and James Prather.

Elijah Taylor Penn was born in Frederick county, Maryland, December 27, 1792, and came to Ohio with his parents in 1808. On January 12, 1815, he married Philenia Walriven, and they became the parents of eight sons and three daughters: Julius Augustus, subject of this sketch, Benjamin F., Joseph Warren, Samuel Milton, John D., William W., Elijah G., and George W. Anna married John D. Holter, Sarah W. married Judge Thomas Q. Ashburn, and Mary.

Julius A. Penn was born at Neville, Clermont county, Ohio, May 13, 1818, brought up on a farm, and engaged in farming with his father until 1839. He taught school in Felicity, Ohio, and later studied law with Hanson L. Penn, at Georgetown, Ohio, and was admitted to the bar in 1842. Moving to Batavia, Ohio, in 1842, he practiced his profession there until his death, forty years later, June 6, 1882.

At the outbreak of the war with Mexico he volunteered for active service, but was rejected on account of disability. In 1861 Julius A. Penn organized the first military company furnished by Clermont county to assist in suppressing the rebellion, Company E, Twenty-second regiment, Ohio volunteer militia, and as captain of this company, and later as major of the regiment, he saw active service in West Virginia. The original muster roll signed at the first meeting of citizens of Batavia in answer to President Lincoln's call for volunteers, is a treasured possession of Major Penn's family. Three of Major Penn's brother, Benjamin F., Elijah G. and George W., also served as officers in the War of the Rebellion. Politically, Major Penn was a Republican. He cast his first vote for General Harrison for President. He was widely known as a zealous worker in the temperance cause, and in 1873 canvassed Clermont county as a temperance advocate. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Major Penn married, first, Eliza C. Minor, and second, Mary J. Brock, to whom were born two children, Julius Augustus, now of the United States Army, a sketch of whom appears in this work, and Jennie, now residing in the old home in Batavia. All who know Major Penn hold his memory in high regard and respect. He was a worthy representative of the sturdy race of soldiers and pioneers who made homes for themselves and their descendants in what was then the forest wilderness of Clermont county.

MAJOR JULIUS AUGUSTUS PENN,
United States Army.

Major Julius A. Penn was born in Mattoon, Coles county, Illinois, February 19, 1865, the son of the late Major Julius A. Penn of the Twenty-second Ohio volunteers, and Mary Brock Penn. A sketch of the father appears elsewhere in this his-

tory. The mother, Mary Brock Penn, was born in Crawfordsville, Ind., removing with her parents first to Paris, Ill., and in 1834 to Chicago, where she resided until 1850, when she removed to Batavia, Ohio, and continued to reside there until her death, December 11, 1910.

Her father, Thomas Brock, was born in North Carolina, of Scotch parentage, and was of the sterling type of pioneer, settling first in Ohio, later in Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. In 1862 he removed overland across the plains to Stockton, California, where he resided until his death, in 1877. Her mother, Nancy Moore Brock, a native of New Jersey, died in 1840. At an early age Mary Brock Penn became a faithful and devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Her life was devoted to the unselfish care of others, and was truly one of Christian service and corresponding happiness. Her long and useful life so full of good and kindly deeds and her cheerful nature endeared her to all who knew her.

In April, 1865, Julius A. Penn returned with his parents to their home in Batavia, Clermont county, Ohio. He attended the public schools there and graduated in 1881 from the high school, in the first class to be formally graduated from that school. In May, 1882, upon the recommendation of his neighbor and friend, Judge James B. Swing, he was appointed by the Hon. H. L. Morey, member of Congress, a cadet at the United States Military Academy, at West Point, N. Y. Passing the entrance examination successfully, in June, 1882, he served as a cadet from July 1, 1882, until he graduated, July 1, 1886, and was appointed a second lieutenant in the Thirteenth infantry, United States Army. His first duties with his regiment were in New Mexico, 1886-1888. Then in the Indian Territory and Oklahoma, 1888-1889 and 1891-1892. He took part in several expeditions after runaway Mescalero, Apaches, and Jicarilla Apache Indians in New Mexico; and later in Oklahoma participated in the formal opening of lands for settlement, in 1889, 1891, and 1892.

From 1889 to 1891 he attended the Infantry and Cavalry School at Fort Leavenworth, and was valedictorian of his class. His thesis on "Mounted Infantry" was published on the recommendation of the faculty, in the journal of the Military Service Institution. He served on ordnance duty and instruction at Frankfort Arsenal, in Pennsylvania, October 1, 1892, to October 1, 1893.

Promoted to first lieutenant, Second infantry, on July 29,

1893, he joined his company at Fort Omaha, Nebraska, in November, 1893, and in June, 1896, was appointed regimental quartermaster, and in the following year was appointed regimental adjutant. In addition to his regular duties with his regiment, he served as instructor of tactics at the Omaha High School, from March, 1894, to June, 1896.

He served with his regiment on strike duty at Butte, Mont., in 1894, and was chief commissary of the troops in the field, and assistant quartermaster in the Bannock Indian expedition in Wyoming and Idaho, July to November, 1895. He served in Montana in 1896-1898, and in Chickamauga and Tampa in 1898. He was captain and assistant quartermaster of United States volunteers, from May 12 to November 30, 1898; quartermaster of the First division, Seventh Army Corps, quartermaster First Brigade, Provisional division, Fifth Army Corps; and quartermaster division, Third Army Corps, at Tampa, May to July, 1898; quartermaster at Port Tampa, July, 1898. Assistant instructor and senior instructor of infantry tactics, United States Military Academy, October, 1898, to July, 1899. He was promoted to rank of captain and assigned to the Seventh infantry, March 2, 1899. He was major Thirty-fourth United States infantry volunteers, July 5, 1899, to April 17, 1901. Major Penn commanded the first battalion of the United States volunteers, raised in 1899, to arrive in the Philippines, October 11, 1899; took part in General Lawton's northern expedition, in October and November, 1899; was with General McArthur's advance on Dagupan, from Bautista to Dagupan, November, 1899; participated in General Young's expedition in Northern Luzon, in November and December, 1899, rescuing over 2,000 Spanish officers and soldiers, and Lieutenant Gilmore of the United States Navy, and twenty-five Americans from the insurgents. He took part in actions at Tagnadin Mountain, December 4th and 5th; at Bandi, December 8th; at Banna Canon, December 9th; at Gaset, December 16th; and in the rescue of Lieutenant J. C. Gilmore, December 18, 1899.

He was active in events connected with the outbreak in the Province of Illicos Norte, Philippine Islands, in April, 1900. He served as inspector general of the Fifth district, Department of Northern Luzon, September, 1900, to February, 1901. Served on muster out duty in California, April to July, 1901. Served in the Philippines from January to June, 1902. Participated in the Samar, Philippine Islands, campaign in March

of that year. Served as adjutant general of the Sixth separate brigade, Division of the Philippines, in April and May, 1902, and served with his regiment at San Francisco, Cal., from September, 1902, to October, 1903, then in Manila, Philippine Islands, from November, 1903, to November 17, 1904.

He was adjutant of the Seventh infantry, from August, 1903, to August, 1904. Captain and aide-de-camp to Major General H. C. Corbin, November 17, 1904, to April 24, 1906. Lieutenant colonel and military secretary to Lieutenant General H. C. Corbin, April 24, 1906, to September 15, 1906. Inspector small arms practice, Philippine division, January, 1904, to February 1, 1906. Major Penn served in the Philippines until February 1, 1906, and was at headquarters of Northern division at St. Louis, Mo., from March to September, 1906.

He served as captain general staff corps from September 15, 1906, to August 10, 1900, and was assistant instructor Army War College, Washington, D. C., 1906, graduating from this institution with the class of 1907.

He was chief of staff to General T. J. Wint, at base of operations, Newport News, Va., in October, 1906. Was inspector of military schools and colleges, in April and May of 1907, 1908, and 1909. He was promoted to the rank of major and joined the Twelfth infantry, August 10, 1909. He served as acting adjutant general, Department of Luzon, in April and May, 1910, and as acting adjutant general, Fort William McKinley, Philippines, May and June, 1910. He was inspector and instructor of State militia for Nebraska in 1911, and part of 1912, and was assigned as major of the First infantry in 1912. He is now, January, 1913, stationed with his regiment at Schofield Barracks, Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

WILLIAM H. GUYNN.

William H. Guynn, retired nurseryman living at Mt. Carmel, Clermont county, Ohio, by his activity and energy in former years accumulated the capital that now enables him to rest in well earned ease from further labors, and to enjoy life and all its pleasures. He is a representative of one of the oldest of pioneer families in the county.

The grandparents of our subject were Joseph and Margaret (Camery) Guynn, the father of the latter settling in the county

in the very early days, and was a soldier in the War of 1812. Joseph Guynn was a shingle maker by trade, and for six or eight years was assessor of Washington township, Clermont county; also served several years as justice of the peace.

Samuel, a son of Joseph and Margaret (Camery) Guynn, was born in Washington township, Clermont county, October 12, 1819, and resided in the township of his birth until a few years before his death, October 26, 1912, at the advanced age of ninety-three years. He was a well-to-do farmer of the county and married Miss Elizabeth Dixon, who was born at Big Indian Creek, Washington township, 1820, and died there in June, 1911. They were the parents of thirteen children, all of whom were born in Clermont county. Those living are:

William H., the subject of this review.

Milton, a resident of Ivor, Ky.

Samuel, living on the old home farm.

Elizabeth, is Mrs. Frank Philips, of Ivor, Ky.

William H. Guynn was born at Ray's Run, Washington township, June 10, 1843, and was reared on the farm of his father and pursued his education in the schools of Moscow, graduating from the high school. He engaged in farming for a few months, and in 1863 enlisted in the One Hundred and Seventy-fifth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, serving his country until 1865. He was engaged in the battles of Spring Hill, Franklin, Nashville, and others.

Returning from the war, Mr. Guynn was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Mottier, who was born at Bex, Switzerland, October 11, 1847, and the youngest of seven children born to Abraham and Julia (Pitchard) Mottier, both of whom were natives of Switzerland, the former was born in 1814, and died in 1891, and the latter was born in 1815 and passed away in 1877. They crossed the Atlantic from the land of their nativity to America in 1850, and settled in Green township, Hamilton county, Ohio. They were farmers and grape raisers, and sold Catawba wine by the wholesale, also took many prizes at the wine shows.

After the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Guynn, they located on the old Irwin farm, northwest of Moscow, where they carried on general farming and fruit raising in connection with the nursery business for twenty years, developing about seventy acres. Mr. and Mrs. Guynn have had one son to bless their union:

Ellis L., who was born in Moscow, Washington township,

Clermont county, Ohio, May 6, 1866. He is a graduate of the same school which his parents attended, and married Alice Musser, a daughter of Jacob Musser and wife, both of whom are deceased. She is the youngest of six children. Ellis Guynn is the father of seven children, all born in Clermont county. They are: Alvah, was born in 1890; Irwin, born in 1892, married Tillie Bushman and they have one daughter, Lenora M., born November 28, 1912; Clarence, born in 1893; Edna, born in 1897; Russell, born in 1900; William, born in 1903, and Thelma, born in 1908.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Guynn had relatives in the Civil war, the former having three uncles, William, Hensen and Thomas Guynn, who enlisted in the Twelfth and Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry. He also had two cousins, William and Joseph, of the Twelfth Ohio volunteer infantry. All of these men have passed away. Favor Mattier and Edward Grenat, cousins of Mrs. Guynn, were on the Sultana when that boat was blown up.

Mr. and Mrs. Guynn are active members of the Christian church, she being secretary of the Christian Endeavor for a number of years. Mr. Guynn is a Republican, and is well posted on all questions of the day. In fraternal matters, he holds membership in the Knights of Pythias, Workman, Junior Order American Mechanics, and the Grand Army of the Republic.

Recently Mr. Guynn sold his farm and nursery and now has a pleasant home in Mt. Carmel. He and his estimable wife were schoolmates and have trod the path of life together, she being a genuine helpmate to him in business as well as in the home. He is a genial, broad-minded gentleman, and is active in all worthy enterprises.

EDWARD S. RUSH.

Among the citizens of Clermont county who, by their sterling qualities and energetic efforts, have won honor and prosperity in their native locality, is numbered Edward S. Rush, who was born in Batavia, Ohio, June 3, 1868, son of Randolph and Priscilla (Pollard) Rush, both of whom were born and reared in Clermont county. Randolph Rush was born in Monroe township, in 1838, and is now a resident of Cincinnati, and Priscilla Pollard was born in Laurel, Monroe town-

ship, in 1840, and died in 1900. Randolph Rush enlisted and served his term in the One Hundred Day service, in an Ohio regiment, in 1864, and gave honorable service in the cause of the Union. He is a Republican in politics, and served a number of years as marshal of Batavia. He and his wife became the parents of five children, viz.: Turpin D., resides in Georgetown, Ohio; Nannie E., married Augustus Hayes, and they live in Cincinnati; W. P. is a resident of Batavia; Edward S. is the subject of this review; one child died in infancy. All were born in Clermont county.

Edward S. Rush received his education in the public schools of Batavia, and subsequently entered the printing office of the "Clermont County Sun," where he remained three years. In 1885 he joined forces with the "Courier," and this connection has been continued for a period of twenty-seven years. He is an expert typesetter and it is said he is able to perform this work more rapidly than any other man in the county. He is acquainted with the printing business in all its branches, and there is nothing in this line which he has not thoroughly mastered. For the past three years has held the position of editor and manager, for which he is well fitted by natural ability and training.

On January 27, 1898, occurred the marriage of Edward S. Rush and Miss Bertha Elizabeth Holmes, daughter of Hon. E. B. and Catherine (Burke) Holmes, whose sketch appears in this work. She was born August 18, 1872, at Williamsburg, Clermont county, and graduated from Williamsburg High School. The Rush family own a beautiful home on Spring street, where they enjoy an ideal life of peace and harmony.

One child has been born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Rush, a daughter, Helen Holmes Rush, born at Batavia, November 6, 1903. She is a daughter of whom they are justly proud, and gives promise of beautiful young womanhood. She has won considerable attention for her elocutionary gifts, and participates in many entertainments. At the fiftieth anniversary of the Seventh Ohio cavalry, of which her grandfather, Hon. E. B. Holmes, was a member, and which was held for surviving members of the regiment, September 25, 26 and 27, 1912, at Ripley, Ohio, she was a prominent participant at each session. This celebration lasted three days, and little Miss Rush favored the audience with many select recitations, winning unstinted praise on one particular evening by her rendering of "I Wish I Were a Soldier," and the following day, at the morning ses-

sion, held in the Odd Fellows' Hall, by the unanimous vote of the sixty-seven members of the regiment, she was made the "Daughter of the Regiment," the only little girl to be given this honor, which was very pleasing to herself and her many friends and admirers. Capt. C. D. Mitchell, of Chattanooga, Tenn., who was one of the speakers, and who was one of the two men who suggested giving the little girl this token of appreciation for the part she had taken in this celebration, sent Miss Rush the following letter:

"October second, Ninteen twelve.

"Miss Helen Holmes Rush, Batavia, Ohio.

"My dear Girl:—I want to acknowledge our debt to you for your presence and recitations during our splendid reunion at Ripley. In fact, I don't see how we have gotten along so many years without you. But you are now one of us—'Our Daughter.'

"My little girl, let me say that this is a distinguished honor conferred by the 'Rear Guard' of a noble regiment of fighting men—men who fought for the Right, for Freedom, and for the preservation of our Country. We want you to live worthy such knightly men and their cause, and we are sure you will.

"It may be—most likely will be—that the time will come when you are the sole and only bearer of our colors. May God preserve you and prepare you for your life work, is the wish and hope of

Very sincerely yours,

"(Signed) C. D. Mitchell.

"P. S. I am sending you by this mail, under separate cover, a little souvenir and keepsake from Chattanooga, that will remind you of my address when you come South."

The souvenir accompanying the letter was a teaspoon. Miss Rush also received a letter from Major D. S. Brown, the other member of the regiment, who requested she be given the title of "Daughter of the Regiment," reading as follows:

"Peoria, Ill., October 14, 1912.

"My dear Helen:—

"Just had a nice long letter from Captain Mitchell, enclosing copy of letter he had sent to you.

"Good! Now, we are started on the good road to your long successful career as 'Reader' and 'Rostrum-Elocutionist.'

"Mitchell and Yours Truly, along with your faithful parents, will hold up your hands—sustain your pride, spirit and ambition.

"In this same mail I send you a souvenir—an exact facsimile of the first saber I ever carried. It may now be christened the 'Sword of Peace,' and your mamma will procure for you a gold lace belt, and then when you recite, wear it as the sure enough 'Daughter of the Regiment.'

"Very best wishes to your parents—and may the Good Father in Heaven keep you for His very own!"

Mr. Rush is a zealous Republican and held the office of township and corporation treasurer for eight years, during which time he handled more money than has ever been handled before in the same period of time. He is a member of the Masons, the Odd Fellows, and the Woodmen. His wife is a member of the Eastern Star and for the past two years has served as worthy matron of the chapter at Batavia. She also belongs to the Order of Rebekah, and has filled all the offices in the lodge, of which she is a member. She also belongs to the Mothers' Club and the Woman's Club. Mr. and Mrs. Rush are consistent members of the Methodist church.

Mr. Rush is what is termed a "self-made man," having reached the prosperity he now enjoys entirely through his own efforts, aided by his faithful wife. His success is the result of faithful and conscientious attention to the details of his chosen life work. He and his wife are delightful people to meet, by reason of their kindly manner and courteous bearing.

Mr. Rush's maternal uncle, William Pollard, and also his paternal uncle, David Rush, were soldiers in the Civil war. His grandfather, William Pollard, was a pioneer settler of Monroe township, Clermont county, where the family took a prominent part in early history.

CHARLES H. WOODMANSEE.

Clermont county is proud to number among her representative citizens, Mr. Charles H. Woodmansee, a man of broad and liberal culture, whose versatility has made him widely and favorably known in the professional, commercial, political and social circles of this section of the State. He is at present engaged as cashier of the Citizens' Bank of Felicity, Ohio, in

connection with which he practices law. Mr. C. H. Woodmansee is a member of one of the oldest and best families of Clermont county, he being a son of Lot and Jane (Manning) Woodmansee. His birth occurred in Franklin township, Clermont county, Ohio, October 18, 1865.

Lot Woodmansee was born in Franklin township, Clermont county, Ohio, June 7, 1837, and after a life of active usefulness passed to his eternal reward on November 28, 1903. During the entire time of his activity, Mr. Lot Woodmansee followed the occupation of farming and operated the home farm in Franklin township, which was originally a grant of land to his maternal grandfather, Nathaniel Bonser, for services rendered during the Revolutionary war. Mr. Woodmansee was a man of upright and honorable life, and his persistency of purpose and unfaltering diligence were strong elements in the success that made him one of the leading farmers of his day. He was in favor of the principles of the Democratic party, and his religious views were in accordance with the tenets of the Christian church.

Jane (Manning) Woodmansee was born near Point Isabel, Washington township, Clermont county, Ohio, October 7, 1842, and is residing at Felicity, Ohio. Her father was John Manning, whose birth occurred in Franklin township, Clermont county, in 1800, and whose death occurred in September, 1889. He was a fine old gentleman, and was considered one of the substantial and reliable citizens of this part of the country. He was a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Andrew Jackson. The Mannings were among the first settlers of Clermont, landing at the mouth of the Bullskin creek in 1790. Daniel Manning was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and Mr. Woodmansee has one of a string of fourteen buttons which he wore during the war. To the union of Lot and Jane (Manning) Woodmansee were born nine children, and with the exception of two sons who died in infancy, all grew to maturity. They are as follows:

Charles H., who is the subject of this mention.

Stella, who became the wife of D. E. Davis, of Mt. Olive, Ohio.

George A. resides on the home farm, one mile above Rural, Ohio.

Lorena, who married Albert Mannen, resides on Walnut Hills, Cincinnati.

Emma is Mrs. J. L. Marksberry, of Hamilton, Ohio.

James G., a motorman, is a resident of Felicity, Ohio.

Howard P. lives on a farm adjoining the old home farm, a part of which he also owns.

The education of Charles H. Woodmansee was acquired in the schools of the county and later at Ada and Lebanon, after which he taught in the schools of Clermont county for a period of twelve years, Mr. Byron Williams being his first examiner.

On October 7, 1891, occurred the marriage of Mr. Charles H. Woodmansee to Miss Mary A. Hendrixson, who was born in Brown county, Ohio, February 19, 1867, a daughter of Enoch and Melissa (Hutchinson) Hendrixson, the former of whom was born in Brown county, Ohio, October 21, 1825, and passed away September 19, 1907. He was a farmer by occupation and was a resident of Clermont and Brown counties most of his life. He was very active in church work for many years, being a member of the Methodist church for over forty years. He filled the offices of steward, class leader and Sunday school superintendent and took great delight in all of these services. Mrs. Hendrixson was born in Bracken county, Kentucky, and passed from this life in April, 1888. Nine children blessed this union, seven of whom are living, and nearly all were born in Clermont county. They are as follows:

F. E. is in the mercantile business at Hamersville, Ohio.

Martha is the wife of Augustus Bartlett, of Franklin township, Clermont county.

George E. resides at Chilo, Ohio.

Emery E. is a resident of Fremont, Ohio.

Finley S., who was a dealer in musical instruments and salesman for over twenty years, passed away November 5, 1911, at Fremont, Ohio.

Mary A., who is Mrs. Woodmansee.

Alva E. is a resident of Felicity, Ohio, where he is occupied in the insurance business, and is also a dealer in vehicles.

William Hendrixson, an uncle of Mrs. Woodmansee, served three years in the Civil war, enlisting from Brown county.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodmansee have become the parents of two children, both natives of Felicity, Ohio.

Ralph H., who was born June 29, 1894, is a graduate of the Felicity High School, and is now a student of the Delaware College.

Nelson P., who was born February 2, 1899, is a student of the Felicity High School.

Mr. Woodmansee studied law at home after his marriage,

and was admitted to the bar in October, 1896. He has met with desired success in his profession and since 1906 has been employed as cashier in the Citizens' Bank of Felicity.

In politics, Mr. Woodmansee affiliates with the Democratic party, which he has served in various local offices. For three years he filled the office of township clerk, and from July 1, 1912, is serving in the capacity of mayor of Felicity, by appointment.

In fraternal circles, Mr. Woodmansee holds membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which organization he is the treasurer. Mrs. Woodmansee is a member of the Daughters of Rebekah, and of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and both Mr. and Mrs. Woodmansee are devoted members of the Methodist church.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Woodmansee, which was erected in 1911, is strictly modern in every way and is a property which adds greatly to the appearance of the town.

JAMES W. McMURCHY.

Mr. James W. McMurchy, active in the banking circles of Felicity, Ohio, is the assistant cashier of the Citizens' Bank and also holds the responsible position of postmaster of Felicity. He is a man of great energy and enterprise, has attained a high degree of success, and stands high among the foremost of the substantial men of Clermont county. Mr. McMurchy is a representative of one of the oldest families of the county and was born in Franklin township, October 7, 1859, his parents being William and Margaret (Wells) McMurchy.

William McMurchy was born in Scotland in 1800 and came to America in 1819, at the age of nineteen years, settling first in Pennsylvania. He came on to Clermont county in the pioneer days, and became one of the resident farmers of Franklin township. He was a Republican in politics, and served as township trustee for many years. He passed away in 1894, having reached a ripe old age. He was one of the influential men of the community in which he lived, and had a host of friends, who still miss him from their midst.

Margaret (Wells) McMurchy was born in Brown county, in 1814, and died in 1864. Her parents were from Maryland,

and settled in Brown county many years ago. Her death took her from the family in the prime of life, and her loss is still felt by all who knew her. She became the mother of six children, all of whom were born in Clermont county. They are:

Jennie, who became the wife of Thomas Clark, is deceased.

Mary, the wife of Abraham Hauser, is also deceased.

Lucy died at the age of two years.

Anna is Mrs. J. W. Miller, of Moscow, Ohio.

John, is a resident of Felicity.

James W., our subject.

James W. McMurchy attended the schools of Felicity, after which he was a student in Cincinnati for a short period. He assisted his father on the home farm until he was of age, and then contracted for the county commissioners for several years.

In 1902, Mr. McMurchy received an appointment by the Republican party, to the position of postmaster of Felicity, and has served in this capacity continuously since. In May, 1909, he was elected assistant cashier of the Citizens' Bank of Felicity.

The marriage of Mr. McMurchy took place on November 11, 1885, to Miss Kate F. Moore, who was born in Felicity in 1860, and is a daughter of William and Sarah C. (Fee) Moore, the latter a native of Clermont county, who died some years ago. The former was born in Brown county, Ohio, and became a physician and surgeon. He was killed in the battle of Gettysburg, was in service in the Sixty-first Ohio volunteer infantry. Beside Mrs. McMurchy, they had one other child, W. E. Moore, a resident of Felicity.

To the union of Mr. and Mrs. McMurchy have been born two children:

Margaret M. is a graduate of the Felicity High School.

Clifford died at the age of fifteen months.

Mrs. McMurchy is the assistant postmaster, and with the assistance of her daughter attends to the duties of the post-office, while Mr. McMurchy is engaged at the bank, to the entire satisfaction of all in the community.

In political views Mr. McMurchy is in favor of the principles of the Republican party, and always has the interest of his party at heart. He is a member of the Masonic lodge and both he and Mrs. McMurchy are members of the chapter of the Eastern Star. In religious matters, Mr. McMurchy is a member and an elder of the Presbyterian church, while Mrs. Mc-

Murchy is a member of the Methodist church and is active in all affairs of her denomination.

Mr. McMurchy is the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and thirty-five acres in Franklin township. No family in this part of the county stands higher in the esteem of their associates than does the family of Mr. McMurchy. They are modest and retiring and live in great harmony and for each other. The life record of Mr. McMurchy is one that is above reproach and that he was given two important positions in his home village is a mark of their regard and respect.

EZEKIEL J. HUTCHINSON.

Mr. Ezekiel J. Hutchinson, owner of several hundred acres of land in Jackson township, on which are five sets of improvements, including his home, which is one of the finest country homes in Clermont county, was born on this farm October 31, 1838, and is a son of Col. Aaron and Deidanna (Smith) Hutchinson, born respectively in 1798 and 1804 in New Jersey. The father, who died in August, 1881, was a colonel of the Ohio militia and willed his sword to his son, E. J. Hutchinson, who prizes it highly. He and his wife were consistent members of the Methodist church, the latter died in 1872. Aaron was a son of Rev. Ezekiel Hutchinson, who came to Clermont county in 1806, settling in Jackson township, where he secured land and successfully followed farming until his death, in 1845, aged seventy-five years. He was a most staunch supporter of the Methodist church and entertained the ministers in the early days, his home being noted for its hospitality. He donated the ground for the Hutchinson cemetery, to Jackson township, and the deceased members of the family are buried there.

To Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Hutchinson were born seven children, all natives of Clermont county, as follows: William, deceased; Mary Ann, died in childhood; Henry Clay died at the age of two years; Benjamin F., deceased, served in the Civil war in Company B, One Hundred and Fifty-third regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry; J. G., deceased, was a resident of Jackson township; Ezekiel J., our subject, and Caroline, widow of A. P. Middleton, now of Greenfield, Ohio.

Ezekiel J. Hutchinson was educated in the township schools



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and at the Batavia High School, beginning teaching at the age of nineteen years in his home school. Later, he taught the New Boston, Ashton, Harbaugh, Cover and other schools, devoting some five years to the profession. He made his home with his father until his marriage, in 1867, to Miss M. L. Robb, who was born in Bracken county, Kentucky, October 31, 1840, and is a daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Houston) Robb, natives respectively of Clermont county, Ohio, and of Bracken county, Kentucky. The father was born in 1817 and passed away in 1893; the mother was born in 1813 and died in 1905. The former was a lawyer by profession but followed agricultural pursuits mainly. Both are buried at Hillsboro, Highland county, Ohio. Of their children, four were born in Highland county, Ohio, one in Clermont county and one in Kentucky, their names being as follows: Mrs. E. J. Hutchinson; Georgia, widow of William E. Brackmann, of California; Elizabeth J., deceased, was the wife of Benami Selph, of Hillsboro, Ohio; Dollie M., the wife of William White, residing on Price Hill, Cincinnati; Caleb, deceased; and Dr. Isaac Robb, of Tacoma, Wash.

Mrs. Hutchinson is a niece of the late Charles Robb, the well known and kindly remembered poet of Clermont county, mentioned on other pages.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson have resided on the farm in Jackson township since their marriage, building the present splendid ten-room home which was ready for occupancy September 1, 1898. It is one of the largest in the county, modern in every respect, an elegant location with a beautiful pond near, situated on the site of the parental home. Conveniently located is the fifteen-acre orchard, pears, apples, plums, chestnuts, set out partly by our subject's father, but largely by himself.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson are the parents of seven children, all of whom were born in Clermont county, Ohio. They are as follows:

Zoe, who was born June 22, 1868, died at the age of two years.

Robb, who was born July 10, 1870, died at the age of twenty-three years.

Wade, who was born February 24, 1873, is at home.

Nellie, who was born July 20, 1875, is the wife of J. O. Ridings, located on a farm near Lerado, in Jackson township.

Maud, who was born August 25, 1878, married Clarence Moore, who is deceased, leaving two children; Lucile, who

was born February 16, 1905, and Walter Wade, born June 7, 1906. Mrs. Moore is now the wife of C. F. Ridings, now located near the Hutchinson home. They have one child, Mary Elizabeth, born April 25, 1913.

Gail H., who was born January 30, 1882, is the wife of Harry J. Holden, D. D. S., of Williamsburg, and the mother of one son, James, born May 25, 1907. She is a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

An infant, deceased, born August 30, 1880, died September 8, 1880.

Mr. Hutchinson enlisted in 1864 in Company B, One Hundred and Fifty-third Ohio volunteer infantry, belonging to the State Guards, serving some four months. He had several relatives who also served in the Civil war—his brother-in-law, A. P. Middleton, Frank Hutchinson, Dr. Ashton, also Felix, Frank and Sanford Ashton, all brothers and cousins of his, two of whom were killed in action; W. E. Brackmann, brother-in-law of Mrs. Hutchinson, besides Capt. Harry McArthur, a grandson of Governor McArthur, and Clay and John Osborn; also Rev. Randolph Smith, Eras Smith, both wounded in action, cousins of Mr. Hutchinson.

Mr. Hutchinson is a Mason and in politics is a staunch Republican, having served two terms, 1905-1909, as county commissioner. He is a modest man, unassuming in manner or dress, but one well read and keenly alert on all subjects and progressive as evidenced by the highly satisfactory conduct of his office as commissioner. In addition to his farming interests he is director of the Farmer's National Bank of Williamsburg, Ohio.

Mrs. Hutchinson attended the Female College at Hillsboro, Ohio, and Miss Girard's school at the same place.

CHAMBERS BAIRD.

One of the prominent citizens of Ripley, Ohio, and members of the bar of Brown county is Mr. Chambers Baird. He was born in Ripley in 1860, in the family home in which he now resides. He is the only son of Major Chambers Baird, who was born in Adams county in 1811 and located in Ripley in 1834, where he died in 1887, and who during his lifetime was a leading lawyer and prominently identified with the banking and business interests of the town and county.

Mr. Baird is a graduate of the Ripley High School, 1876, of Harvard College, 1882, and of the Cincinnati Law School, 1884. He served as mayor of Ripley two terms, 1902-1906, and was also United States Referee in Bankruptcy for four years, 1898-1902. He is an able lawyer and man of business, who has taken an active part in public affairs and has been connected with various financial interests and enterprises. He is a man of fine character, good ability and wide scholarship, who has found pleasure in books and literary work and has written much for publication in papers and magazines. He has also delivered many addresses on literary, historical and political subjects.

In politics he is a Progressive Republican and has been active in party work and councils.

Mr. Baird is a member of the Masonic order and of other societies and clubs.

Mr. Baird married Miss Jeanette Gilliland in 1889, and they have three children, two sons and a daughter. Mr. Baird enjoys a large general practice, and the confidence of all who know him.

GEORGE C. LONGWORTH.

Business activity and energy have been the salient features in the life record of Mr. George C. Longworth, who is now engaged in conducting a general store at Felicity, Ohio. He has a well appointed establishment and is doing a fine business, his annual sales reaching a gratifying figure. Mr. Longworth is a Clermont county man, his birth having occurred at Felicity, Ohio, his parents being Joseph Morris and Georgianna (Clark) Longworth.

Joseph Morris Longworth was born at Cincinnati, just east of Broadway, where the Park now is, in 1836, and died in February, 1912. He was a versatile man, being a farmer, banker and capitalist of Hamilton county, Ohio, and in later life engaged in the tobacco business and conducted a general store at Felicity, Ohio. He served three and one-half years in the Civil war, enlisting from Ohio in the One Hundred and Fifty-third regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry. In politics, Mr. Joseph M. Longworth was a Republican, although he always voted for the best man and the best measures.

Georgianna (Clark) Longworth was born at Rural, Clermont county, Ohio, in 1848, and passed away in 1910. She

became the mother of six children, three of whom are deceased. Those living are:

George C., of this mention.

Apphia L. is the wife of Dr. C. H. Mason, of Felicity, Ohio.

Dr. Thomas, of Felicity, Ohio.

George C. Longworth obtained his education in the schools of Hamilton county, Ohio, and entered the business world in the insurance business, as adjuster of claims. In this capacity he continued for a period of two years, after which he was employed as clerk. In 1892, he opened his general store at Felicity, and it is the largest in the village. Mr. Longworth owns the store on Main and Union streets, also the store building on Main and Market streets. He is the owner of two nice farms in Washington township, and his success in the past gives promise of greater success in the future.

In politics, Mr. Longworth votes for the best man for all offices, and has served for one term as town treasurer, with great satisfaction to all.

Mr. Longworth is a member of the Masonic lodge, and of the Eastern Star, and is prominent in both organizations.

Mr. Longworth is well known in Felicity as a reliable business man, well qualified to conduct his large interests, and is one of the most highly respected citizens of the county.

THE KAIN FAMILY.

Much pleasant mention has been made of James Kain and his children as the first family to make a home in the East Fork part of the Little Miami river. James Kain, of Scotch-Irish origin, was born February 13, 1749, in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. The maiden name of his wife, Catherine, seems lost. Their eldest child, Daniel, was born May 7, 1773. John was born September 1, 1776; Mary, June 5, 1783, and Sarah, November 5, 1787. This family left Lancaster county, and, like others westward bound at that time, stopped, because of Indian troubles, at Old Fort Red Stone, where they raised a crop. They boated down the Ohio the next spring to Columbia, where their youngest son, Thomas, was born, July 2, 1790. After 1792 they moved out to Mercersburg, or Newtown. In 1795 James Kain contracted with General Lytle to clear the "Big Field" as told in our general history. In

1796 the family moved out to Williamsburg and built their cabins on Lot No. 43, by the "Surveyor's Camp," and there began Kain's Tavern, the most noted stopping place in pioneer times between Cincinnati and Chillicothe. Through all the migration from Lancaster they brought a tall clock, now owned by Mrs. Estelle Norris Ochiltree, of Connersville, Ind., and a set of stone for a horse mill, now probably owned by Enoch W. Smith, in Williamsburg. These articles suggest a more than usual pioneer outfit. James Kain was appointed by the Hamilton county court as supervisor of the road to Chillicothe, and he probably acted under that authority in cutting the "Dug Way" as told on other pages. He was elected coroner of Old Clermont. There is good tradition that he brought his parents, also named James and Catherine, to Williamsburg. But there is no doubt about the large, strong, resolute, energetic, useful, big-hearted man who founded a lasting family. No dates can be given for his rather small, dark-eyed and active wife, of German descent. He died April 10, 1815, and is buried in Williamsburg cemetery, near all his children, except Thomas and the younger daughter, Elizabeth, who married Sergeant Daniel Campbell, killed in the battle of Brownstown in 1812. She then married Samuel Cade and went farther west. Mary, called Polly, married James Perrine, on July 4, 1804, and their daughter, Catherine, married John Jamieson, whence that family in Batavia mentioned on other pages. Sarah Kain married Stephen Smith, captain of the second company from Williamsburg in the War of 1812. Captain Smith, born October 20, 1781, was one of the nine children of Israel Smith, born December 15, 1745, and Catherine Smith (not akin), born June 12, 1756, who brought their children, born at Elizabethtown, N. J., and first settled at Point Pleasant. Among the children of Captain and Sarah Kain Smith, who also had nine, were: Sarah, wife of Adam Snell Walker, the parents of Oliver E. Walker, the father of Spencer Walker; Mary, the wife of William Walker, parents of L. G. Walker, the father of Mrs. John C. Fuhr; and Eliza, the wife of Philip Chatterton, all three elsewhere sketched in this work.

Daniel, eldest son of James Kain, married Mary Hutchinson, who died leaving Mary, James and Joseph. Mary married Israel Foster and was the mother of Bishop R. S. Foster, as told in our history. Joseph, born September 10, 1802, became the driver of one of the tri-weekly stages to and from Chillicothe to Cincinnati. As he came down the road within a few

miles of Williamsburg, the four horses all took fright at a huge buzzard tied to swing and flap across the road. In the sudden struggle for control, Joseph was thrown from his place early on Thursday morning, August 28, 1828, and instantly killed.

On December 1, 1805, Daniel Kain, for second wife, married Elenor, a sister of his future son-in-law, Israel, children of Thomas and Nancy Trigg Foster, mentioned in the account of the Old Stone Jail. Nancy Trigg was a part in the ancestry of scores of people named in this publication, yet, living nearly a century, she died as recently as July 2, 1855. The children of Daniel and Elenor Kain were William L. married to Mary West, Henry C. married to Rebecca Homan, Thomas, Catherine married to Samuel Ellis, Sarah married to Dr. William Gage, Eliza married to Rev. John Miller, Paulina married to George Davison, and Manora married to Samuel G. Peterson. Thomas, badly crippled, was still a very useful pioneer teacher. Samuel and Catherine Ellis were the parents of Thomas Kain Ellis, elsewhere sketched. Elenor Kain was born March 14, 1782, and died July 25, 1842.

Daniel Kain was a soldier in Wayne's victorious army; was commissioned a captain in 1801, by Governor St. Clair; was a major in active service in the War of 1812; and then a colonel of militia, but was called "major," the rank in actual war. He was sheriff of the county, a justice of the peace for twenty-four years and postmaster from 1839 till his death, March 11, 1843. He was a zealous Methodist, a faithful Mason and vice-president of the first temperance convention held in Brown and Clermont. In personal appearance he was tall, dark, and fine looking, with a martial air. He was held in a high respect, still surviving.

John, the second son of James Kain, was married on May 4, 1797, to Elizabeth Raper, who was born April 6, 1783, and died March 17, 1839. She was the oldest daughter of Leonard Raper, the British Revolutionary soldier, sketched in our history. Leonard Raper was born in England, March 19, 1750, and well educated in London. His wife, Temperance Holly, was born in Wales, November 22, 1764, and died November 28, 1841. The sons of Leonard and Temperance Raper were Samuel, Joseph, Holly and William H., and the daughters were Elizabeth, Margaret, Sarah and Mary. Margaret married John Randall, Mary married James Kain, Jr., and Sarah married Lieutenant Thomas Foster. William H. was the

noted Methodist minister. After serving as a sergeant in Captain Boersttler's company, in which his brother, Samuel Raper, was first corporal, in the War of 1812, Holly served four terms as sheriff of Clermont county. Joseph raised a family and died on the home farm. Samuel married Mary Jones, of a New Jersey family, and died on his farm a mile and a half south of Bethel, leaving the reputation of a strong minded man worthy of his ancestry. His daughter, Sarah, who was born January 20, 1822, and died November 22, 1896, was married April 25, 1839, to Robert Blair, who was born July 22, 1816, and died September 8, 1879. Robert was the son of John Blair, who married Antis, a daughter of David and Nancy Vaughan White, elsewhere sketched. The children of Robert and Sarah Raper Blair are Augustus C., Judith, Elizabeth, and Katherine. Of these Elizabeth married Albion T. Kain, elsewhere sketched.

The children of John and Elizabeth Raper Kain were Margaret, Thomas, Sarah, Samuel H., James, Daniel, Elizabeth, John Wesley, Caroline and George W. Of these Elizabeth, who was born March 12, 1816, and died November 5, 1889, was married October 15, 1835, to Lewis Ellis, who are mentioned in the sketch of Mrs. Estelle N. Ochiltree. John Wesley Kain was born November 7, 1819, and on August 27, 1840, was married to Almira Hull, a daughter of Thomas and Mary Wilson Hull, who came from Pennsylvania, where he had been a soldier in the War of 1812. The children of John Wesley and Almira Kain are Luther, Lorisa and Albion T. Lorisa is the wife of Charles P. Chatterton, sketched on other pages.

John Kain was a soldier with his brother, Daniel, in Wayne's army. He was on much duty for the county of Old Clermont, and was county treasurer seven years. He was also a colonel of the militia. After his father's death he built the tavern at the northwest corner of Main and Third streets, in Williamsburg, which was popular till his death, February 6, 1846, and continued so under the management of his youngest son, John Wesley Kain, until his death, April 4, 1888. The house was the scene of much historic action, of which the most dramatic was its occupation as the headquarters of General John Morgan, on July 14 and 15, 1863, in his famous Northern raid. In person John Kain was a dark-eyed, swarthy, broad-shouldered and stern visaged man, who tolerated no loitering about his inn. Yet he was sternly kind, and rarely devoted to friends. Masonry was his chief ideal. From his initiation in the old

jury room, April 19, 1819, to his last attendance, April 18, 1845, just twenty-six years, Clermont Social Lodge held 415 meetings, at which he was present 383 times. Besides other offices, he was elected treasurer for sixteen successive years. During the thirteen years of anti-Masonic excitement, he was present at all but eleven of the 185 meetings of his lodge, and the records of committee work show that his example of punctual, efficient, resolute and prudent ways was as a corner stone for the work of the craft.

Thomas, the youngest son of James Kain, on March 1, 1812, was married to Mary Herbert, who was born in Trenton, N. J., April 9, 1794, and died November 5, 1864. She was a daughter of James Herbert, who as the keeper, was then residing in the stone jail. Some four weeks after his marriage Thomas Kain answered the first call for the War of 1812 as first lieutenant of Captain Boerstler's Rifle Company. After the captain was killed at the battle of Brownstown, Lieutenant Kain was promoted to be captain. When Batavia was fixed as the new county seat, in 1824, Captain Kain, who had come to be colonel of militia, moved, and became a noted innkeeper and was highly esteemed in Methodist, Masonic and social relations until his death, on August 17, 1856. The children of Colonel Thomas and Mary Herbert Kain were, as named and married, as follows: James Herbert Kain to Margaret B. Ellis. John Washington Kain to Mary Lukens, and then to Caroline Moore. Daniel D. Kain to Jane Tate. Caroline Kain. William Milton Kain to Eliza J. Gerard, and then to Eliza Robinson. Almira Kain to David J. Clossin. Matilda Caroline Kain to William Baum. Sarah Catherine Kain to Jesse Ellis. George Forman Kain. Charles Henry Kain to Laura Perrine Jamieson. Mary Herbert, the mother of these eleven children, was a daughter of James Herbert, who was born June 6, 1765, and died March 19, 1822, and was married July 14, 1793, to Sarah Hendickson, who was born February 9, 1772, and died July 22, 1828.

MILLARD FILLMORE McNUTT.

Because of both civil and religious trouble in Scotland, the McNutt family, of Presbyterian faith, went to Northern Ireland probably in Cromwell's time. Of these James McNutt, Sr., married Catherine Foster, and they had Elizabeth and

James. This family immigrated about 1790 to Petersburg, Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, where Elizabeth married William Allen, who left her a widow with one son, George. James McNutt, Jr., born July 29, 1776, was married on February 18, 1810, to Mary Donaldson, who was born in Huntingdon county, December 25, 1791, eleven weeks after the arrival of her father, Alexander Donaldson, and his wife, Rebecca Simpson, who was the sister of the father of Bishop Matthew Simpson, of the Methodist church. Alexander and Rebecca Donaldson lived for a while at Hollidaysburg, Pa., and then at Petersburg, where their children, as far as known, were John, James, Alexander, Mary, Lydia, Rebecca and Nancy. One daughter, four years old, died in the voyage, and was buried in the sea. Rebecca married Dr. Collar, then David Homan, and then Eli Homan, and, after a long life there, died in Williamsburg. Sometime before 1814, James McNutt, Sr., came west with a stock of goods, of which he eventually traded a part for three hundred acres of land, at the rate of one dollar per acre, situated on the waters of Clover creek, and being a part of Hawkin's Survey, No. 2950. He returned to Petersburg and died soon after. In settling his estate, one-half of the Clover tract went to his grandson, George Allen, and the other to his son, James, Jr., to whom John McNutt was born April 4, 1812, and Rebecca Simpson on February 14, 1814. In the meanwhile Mary Donaldson, who, like all the rest of these people, had been strictly Presbyterian, was converted in her seventeenth year to the Methodist faith, which so embittered her family that she lived from home till her marriage.

In 1814 all the living of the family of James McNutt, Sr., came to their land on Clover creek, where they became members of the Clover Methodist church that had been organized ten years before. The other children of James and Mary Donaldson McNutt, and born in Ohio, were: Alexander, April 21, 1816; William Foster, May 13, 1817; Catherine, January 11, 1820; James Donaldson, June 11, 1822; Mary Ann, September 5, 1825; Elizabeth, March 4, 1828; George Allen, September 4, 1831; and Robert Simpson, March 13, 1834. James McNutt was a soldier in the War of 1812, and his youngest son was a veteran in the Fifty-ninth Ohio, in the war for the Union. His daughter, Mary Ann, married John Harvey Wright, mentioned in the sketch of Thomas K. Ellis. The pioneer, James McNutt, Jr., took his land when a wilderness and from it made it a hospitable place, known as a "Preacher's Home." He died

December 28, 1857, aged eighty-three years—a Methodist to the end and is buried near his mother, Catherine Foster McNutt, who came with him to the West and died February 25, 1833, in her seventy-sixth year. His widow, Mary, though latterly overwhelmed with blindness, lived happily in Christian resignation to be eighty-one years old, and on December 28, 1873, went to rest with her husband in Clover cemetery.

In 1852, when not yet of age, George Allen McNutt left the quiet of his father's home, and made the overland trip to Sacramento, Cal., where he spent four successful years in gold mining. On his return he and his brother, James, became partners in wagon making. On May 7, 1857, he married Mary Melissa Sims, who was born near Bethel, January 29, 1833. Her parents were Samuel Sims and Sarah Crane, both of Scotch descent, and lived in the vicinity of General Grant's home, where Melissa became acquainted with the general and intimately acquainted with his younger sisters. Her later girlhood was spent in Williamsburg, in her sister's home, where she was married. George McNutt bought a furnished house opposite his place of business, that was his lifelong home. Their children were Millard Fillmore, Stella, Alice Burket and Anna Pearl. In 1857, George McNutt joined the Methodist church, in which he was a faithful member of the official board and a class leader. He was fifty-four years a Mason, after taking the degrees in California in 1854. He shared the trials and remarkable success of that order as is shown in the History of Clermont Social Lodge. He died January 20, 1908.

Millard Fillmore McNutt completed the course of study in the Williamsburg public school at seventeen, after which he was engaged one year in the flour mill, where his father owned an interest. Desiring a knowledge of the drygoods business he spent one year and a half in his uncle's store at London. In 1878 he formed a partnership for a drygoods business in Williamsburg. On October 5, 1881, he married Ella May Sharp, as sketched with the Sharp family, and lived in her parent's home. In 1884, after clerking two and one-half years for Mr. McNutt, Charles McNutt became his partner, and they remained together until 1892.

On March 2, 1894, Mrs. McNutt died, leaving her husband with one child, Louise Katharine. Mr. McNutt then sold his store and spent a quiet year with his daughter in the home, after which he entered his father's business in farming implements and vehicles, under the name of G. A. McNutt and

son, which is borne to the present day. On September 16, 1896, he married Lillie May Davis, who was a daughter of Azariah Davis and Ruth Patten, who were married November 26, 1843. Azariah Davis was born July 23, 1817, near Mt. Washington, Hamilton county. His ancestry is clearly traced through a long line of the Welch Davis family, which, in 1780, crosses the American connections of the Dutch consul and historian, Emmanuel Van Meteren, that first appeared, in New Amsterdam, September 12, 1662; See Genealogy Duke—Shepherd—Van Metere Family, by Samuel Gordon Smyth, pages 67, 72 and 80. Ruth Patten was born March 3, 1823, in Warren county, near Mason. Her father's parents came from England, and her mother's, whose name was Davis, though from Scotland, were related to her husband. Azariah Davis was a prosperous farmer, living near Batavia, on the Davis Pike, which he built and controlled. He was also a successful dealer in live stock. He and his wife were members of the Union Chapel Methodist Church. They were given to much hospitality and were friends indeed to those in need. The children of Azariah and Ruth Davis are: Rev. Lucian M., John W., deceased, Alonza A., deceased, Dr. William O., deceased, Emma E., Dr. George W., Dr. Charles W., Edward C., Lillie M. and Albert L., who lives in and owns the old Davis home near Batavia, where his father, Azariah Davis, died, June 13, 1859. Mrs. Davis being left with four small children and heavy business cares, though frequently aided by the able and kind advice of her older sons, was the legal head of the family and its countless responsibilities in a manner and with results most remarkable and gratifying. She was of a cheerful disposition, charitable, well informed, of sound religious convictions—a noble woman. She died November 1, 1901. Lillie May Davis, after graduating from the Batavia High School, attended the Lebanon Normal University at its best. After two years' teaching, she spent much time with her mother in the home, and was active in church work, and loved to study and travel. Thus she spent her girlhood until her marriage, when her amiable talents, and usefulness were transferred to her new home. The children of Millard and Lillie McNutt are: Frances Emma, Ines Mae and Ruth Davis. Mr. McNutt and his family are members of the Methodist church. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias. In 1904 he became interested in what is now a successful enterprise, the Williamsburg Canning Company, which

with his other occupation, and the overseeing of his farming land, makes a busy life. As a diversion, he delights in hunting and fishing; he is a master of the checker board; is fond of dogs and horses and enjoys reading. He and his family reside in the home of the late Dr. E. C. Sharp, Jr., where he is a strong advocate of the "simple life," which accords well with the characteristics of his ancestors.

THE SHARP FAMILY.

Harvey Sharp, born December 27, 1773, and Sarah Coats, born November 28, 1777, in Connecticut, near Pomfret, Windham county, were married September 26, 1798, and moved to Cherry Valley, Otsego county, New York. The family lived in Buffalo, N. Y., when that place was raided by the Indians in the War of 1812.

In 1816 they moved near Cincinnati, in 1835 to Marion county, Indiana, near Indianapolis; in or about 1840 to St. Louis, Bartholomew county, Indiana; and in 1851 back to Marion county. Their children were: Oran, Gaylord, Erastus Coats, Alva, Elisa, Mary A., Abby Jane, Sarah Mariah, George W. and William. Harvey Sharp died January 24, 1861. Mrs. Sharp died June 22, 1856.

After 1816, while near Cincinnati, Erastus Coats Sharp, born April 25, 1804, studied, taught school, and read medicine, which he began to practice in 1825 in Williamsburg, where, July 25, 1827, he married Mary Ann Lytle, born December 10, 1805, who was the only daughter of the six children of John Lytle, born August 8, 1766, near Carlisle, Pa., and Dorcas Waring, born June 20, 1787, who were married in 1804 in Williamsburg. John Lytle was the elder brother and efficient aid of the noted Gen. William Lytle in his extensive arduous and often dangerous operations that included the surveying, mapping, founding and settlement of Clermont county and a very considerable part of the region between the Miami and Scioto rivers. In the adjustments of the Lytle properties, the principal house built opposite the old stone court house, in 1815-17, was taken by John Lytle and eventually fell to his daughter. For more than sixty years, it was the home of Dr. Sharp's family. Dr. Sharp was notable for his skill and kindly manner. His fort-one years' practice, more laborious than

than now, was rounded with success. On October 16, 1867, with the words, "I put all my trust in my Savior," he passed into the realization of his faith. Mrs. Sharp died October 30, 1873. The children of Dr. E. C. and Mary Lytle Sharp were John Harvey, Erastus Coats, Jr., Mariah Asenath, who died young, Sarah Dorcas, Adelia Samantha, who died young, and Mary Ellen.

John Harvey Sharp, born May 13, 1828, was educated in Williamsburg, where he married Margaret Sinks, born in Bethel, September 2, 1830, whose parents were Edward Sinks and Sarah Calvin Salt. Edward Sinks was a son of Nicholas Sinks, Sr., who married Margaret Pence and came from Virginia to Newtown in 1797, and then to Williamsburg in 1801. He owned a tan yard, and the Thomas Morris tavern after 1804, managing both successfully. He was the third postmaster of Williamsburg, and county treasurer for seventeen years, and otherwise prominent in public affairs. He died April 9, 1825. Sarah Calvin Salt was the daughter of Edward Salt and Priscilla Conrey. Edward Salt was the oldest son of Edward Salt, Sr., who was born in Birkshire, England, and came with his Irish wife to Berkeley county, Virginia, where their five children were born. He died in 1812. Priscilla was a daughter of John Conrey, a Revolutionary soldier in the battle of Long Island. Mr. and Mrs. John Harvey Sharp resided in Williamsburg, where he was a merchant. Katie is the survivor of their three children, the other two dying early. After living some time in New Richmond and Hillsboro, Mrs. Sharp and her daughter have located permanently in Williamsburg, where they are filling out their life with much worth and fine intelligence that accords well with the traditions of their historic families.

Sarah Dorcas Sharp, born September 2, 1838, lived in the ancestral home with her sister until married to Erasmus D. Boyd, who served in the One Hundred and Seventy-fifth Ohio infantry. She was an earnest member of the Woman's Relief Corps. After a well spent life, she died, April 3, 1910. Mary Ellen Sharp, born May 29, 1844, at an early age, married William Offutt, who died shortly after. She then married F. J. Boyd, living in her old home. She was a charter member of the Woman's Relief Corps. Though an invalid for years she was cheerful to the end, which came August 14, 1889.

Erastus Coats Sharp, Jr., was born June 6, 1830. With fine mentality he was a student, esteemed by his teachers, and

classmates among whom were the eminent financier, Washington Ellis. Another was the distinguished divine, David Swing, who long after in speaking of those days, said, "Coats was the friend of all, he was a stranger to enmities of any degree." After reading medicine with his father, he entered the Ohio Medical College of Cincinnati, and was an earnest student, graduating in March, 1856, with high honors. He served as an interne in the Cincinnati Hospital, where he met Dorothea Wuist, a head nurse, whom he married in 1858, at Alexandersville, Montgomery county. His father gave him a beautiful building site, where he built his home, standing today. His office in his home, his companion a physician, and their daughter formed a congenial, ideal home. "Young Dr. Sharp" gained a fine reputation as a physician and citizen. His similarity to the "old doctor," and his winning characteristics made a pleasing personality. The needy had his help for mercy's sake alone. He was public-spirited and a sound adviser. His useful life closed December 10, 1884. Dorothea Sharp was born in Sarsheim, Kingdom of Wurttemberg, Germany, October 18, 1830. In 1835 her parents, who were strict Lutherans, immigrated to America and located in Warren county. After a carefully planned education, she entered the Cincinnati Eclectic Medical College, in 1854, graduating in 1858. With a strong intellect, rare conversational powers, refined tastes, deep religious convictions, and a kind unselfish nature, she was a woman of unusual ability. She died February 19, 1891.

Ella May Sharp, the daughter of Drs. Erastus Coats and Dorothea Sharp, was born November 23, 1859. Her temperament and nature were thoroughly understood by her parents, who carefully guarded her health, planned her education and guided her inclinations. She was instructed at home except the last two years in the Williamsburg school. Receiving the best musical instructions her parents could afford she developed that divine talent to a remarkable degree of execution and expression. Possessing a beautiful voice with her exquisite touch, she was a general favorite. Some lessons in art led to the pleasure and satisfaction of many beautiful paintings, now treasured by her family. On October 5, 1881, she married Millard Fillmore McNutt, elsewhere sketched, and they lived with her parents. She was an understanding, ideal mother to their child, a capable woman in society, and in her church. Failing in health soon after her mother's death, the loving care of husband, daughter, and the faithful friend, Miss

Minta Johnson, who lived with them twelve years, and many friends were to her a comfort and delight. She died March 2, 1894. All these people were Presbyterians.

Louise Katharine McNutt, daughter of Millard Fillmore and Ella May McNutt, received her first instructions from her mother, after whose death she entered school. Graduating from the Williamsburg High School, she attended the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, and then Oscar Ehr Gott's School of Music in Cincinnati. She married Earl Hampton Davis, the only child of Dr. William O. and Zuella Nash Davis. Dr. William O. Davis was an older brother of Mrs. Lillie Davis McNutt, mentioned in the sketch of Millard Fillmore McNutt. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hampton Davis are members of the Methodist church, and live in Williamsburg.

RIPLEY CHAPTER DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

The Ripley Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is the first organized in Brown county, and was organized October 17, 1912, the anniversary of Burgoyne's surrender, by Mrs. Judith Field (Leggett) Tyler, with the following officers chosen:

Regent—Mrs. Judith Field (Leggett) Tyler. (Mrs. George P.)

First Vice-Regent—Mrs. Mary Venetia (Dixon) Williams. (Mrs. L. V.)

Second Vice-Regent—Miss Elizabeth Field Leggett.

Secretary—Mrs. Clara Tate (Brooks) Newcomb. (Mrs. J. B.)

Treasurer—Mrs. Grace (Ridgeway) White. (Mrs. S. J.)

Historian—Mrs. Maude Wylie.

Registrar—Miss Florella Wylie.

Chaplain—Mrs. Margaret (Thompson) McPherson. (Mrs. Frank.)

Other members include the members of the following committees:

Program Committee—Miss Elizabeth Field Leggett, Mrs. Jeanette Gilliland Baird, Miss St. Clair Ross Hickman, Miss Edith Vernon Wylie.

Entertainment Committee—Mrs. Belle Tyler Stivers, Mrs.

Jessie Tyler Shotwell, Miss Sallie Gay Kelley, Miss Marie Adkins, Miss Jeannette Baird Stivers and Mrs. Clara Tate Brooks Newcomb.

Historical Committee—Mrs. Inez Thompson Bambach, Mrs. Judith Ann Leggett Baird, Mrs. Florence Adkins Nelcamp, Miss Mary Criswell and Miss Esther Rae Beasley.

It is remarkable that in the village of Ripley and vicinity there are upwards of fifty or more who are eligible for membership of the Sons or Daughters of the American Revolution, and the outlook is bright for a large membership of this organization. There were more Revolutionary pensioners in Brown county than any other county in Ohio.

THOMAS W. HILL.

The Hill family was one among the earliest in Clermont county, and has been prominently identified with its history since 1808. Its members have been public-spirited citizens and have always stood for progress and advancement along all lines. Several members of the family have been soldiers and have given valuable service to their country. They have been active in helping to establish churches and schools and the name stands for good citizenship. Thomas W. Hill was born on the farm where he now lives, January 11, 1840, son of John R. and Charity (Conrad) Hill. John R. Hill was born near Mt. Zion Church, Stone Lick township, Clermont county, December 24, 1811, and was a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Rudisill) Hill, the former a native of Maryland, who had removed to North Carolina from his native State. Thomas Hill was a son of John and Rachel (Butner) Hill, and came to Clermont county from Salisbury, N. C., in 1808, settling permanently in Stone Lick township. There he became the owner of a piece of land which is now the property of a Mr. Yeager, and there he spent the remainder of his life. He was a skilled mechanic and manufactured spinning wheels. Near him his son, Thomas, located and there spent the rest of his life. On the latter farm John R. Hill was born, but this place is now the property of Bert Motsinger. John R. Hill bought one hundred and thirty-five acres of land, where the subject of this sketch now lives, in 1835, at a price of \$2.25 per acre, as it was then considered almost worthless, and known as



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MRS. ELIZABETH (SMYSON) HILL

Maple Swamp. At the present time, however, there is not a better farm in Stone Lick township.

John R. Hill lived to a good old age, passing away July 30, 1890. In early life he was a Whig, as were most of the Hills, and later became a Republican, and he voted for John C. Fremont for President. His grandfather's brother, Judge Samuel Hill, who had settled on the south side of Stone Lick, had left several descendants, who inherited the judge's Democratic principles and politics, and for many years it was known whether a member of the Hill family was a Democrat or Republican by considering which side of Stone Lick was his home. John R. Hill was an active and devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church, being instrumental in having the church at Belfast built and securing subscriptions therefor. He sold out soon afterwards and removed to Westmoreland, Kan., so that he did not see the church building for many years after it was erected, when he came back for a visit. He died while on a visit to his eldest son, at Lizton, Ind., and was buried at North Salem, nearby. His wife had died in 1874 and was buried at Westmoreland, Kan.

Thomas W. Hill grew to manhood on the home farm and received a common school education. He was one of the earliest from the neighborhood to enlist for service in the Union army, the date being 1861, when he became a private in Company C, Second Ohio volunteer infantry, being later transferred to Company E, of the same regiment. He proceeded to Camp Dennison. After going to the front to the quartermaster's department and later to an ammunition train, having quite a thrilling experience at the battle of Chickamauga. Afterwards he was transferred to General Thomas's headquarters, where he was serving at the time he was mustered out, at which time the regiment was commanded by General Anson G. McCook, now of New York City. He gave faithful service for more than three years, and during this time was never in the hospital, captured or wounded, although he saw much active fighting.

At the close of his term of enlistment, Mr. Hill returned home, and on January 18, 1865, was united in marriage with Miss Eliza J. Smysor, to whom he had been engaged before he joined the army. He bought a part of his father's former farm, and about one year after his marriage erected a log house, in which the family lived until 1879, when he erected a brick dwelling on the site of the log house, which is as good a house as is to be found in the whole county. He has now re-

tired from active life, having brought his land to a high state of cultivation and made all possible improvements. His home is in the northeastern part of Stone Lick township, near Milford and Woodville pike, but his postoffice is Cozaddale, Warren county. He lives near Belfast, Clermont county, where he and his son own nearly three hundred acres of fine farm land.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hill, the elder of whom died in infancy. The other, Lyman Lee Hill, was born December 16, 1869, graduated from Milford High School, under Prof. Byron Williams, and spent a year at Delaware, Ohio, and then taught school a few years. On December 24, 1890, he married Carrie E. Durah, of Belfast, and they had one child, born October 30, 1897, Lida Beth, now attending school at Milford. Mrs. Hill died when this child was an infant and Lyman L. Hill married (second), September 30, 1901, Miss Effie J. Myers, by whom five children were born: Twins, who died in infancy; Thomas Sumner, born November 3, 1905; Stanley Eugene, born September 9, 1908, and Mary Dorothy, born October 16, 1912.

Thomas W. Hill is a Republican and cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, in 1864. He voted for Governor Brough while on the field at Chattanooga, Tenn., as Ohio had passed a law authorizing her soldiers to vote wherever they were stationed. He is in no sense an office seeker, although he takes an active interest in all public affairs. He served from 1892 until 1895 as a director of the infirmary, and rendered very satisfactory service. He became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at the age of ten years and his wife was also reared in this faith, joining the church at the age of sixteen. He is a member of Kilpatrick Post, No. 189, Grand Army of the Republic, at Goshen, and has served as its commander. He has attended many National reunions and he and his wife attended the one held at San Francisco in 1903. He is one of the best known men in the county, where his entire life has been spent, and has a host of sincere friends.

MRS ESTELLE NORRIS OCHILTREE.

Elizabeth Caroline Stockton was born in Williamsburg, Ohio, June 28, 1840. She is the daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth Kain Ellis, daughter of John and Elizabeth Raper Kain,

elsewhere mentioned in this book. On June 29, 1858, Elizabeth C. Ellis was married to John Jasper Norris, a dentist and druggist of Felicity, Ohio. They resided in Felicity until the death of Dr. Norris, which occurred March 2, 1860. Dr. Norris had a fine dental practice, which extended from Ripley, Ohio, to Petersburg, Ky. He was a Mason of some prominence, and was devoted to his lodge, holding his membership at Bethel, Ohio. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Norris returned to her father's home in Williamsburg. On April 27, when her husband would have been twenty-seven years of age, had he lived, Mrs. Norris gave birth to a daughter, Estelle May Norris, who is now Mrs. William E. Ochiltree, of Connerville, Ind.

On May 15, 1864, Mrs. Norris became the second wife of B. N. Stockton, a prominent merchant of Williamsburg. Mr. Stockton's family at that time consisted of two daughters, Clara and Florence, and two sons, George and Charles. Mr. Stockton was the son of Job Stockton, and learned the mercantile business from his father. For forty-two years he followed the business, occupying one building for over thirty years. He was known far and wide as a man of good business judgment and integrity. Mrs. Stockton was again made a widow February 21, 1893, by the death of Mr. Stockton.

A few years later, her daughter having married, she began to travel, and perhaps no woman in Clermont county has seen more of the United States than has Mrs. Stockton. Being able to describe clearly the scenes of her travels, she brought back to her friends much valuable information, and has given them many hours of entertainment. Mrs. Stockton comes from a line of sturdy ancestors, several of whom were soldiers in the Revolutionary war. The father, Lewis Ellis, was a son of Jacob, Jr., and Margaret Joel Ellis, of Berkeley county, Virginia.

The Ellis family has handed from generation to generation a romantic little story dating back to the year 1725, when an Austrian Princess, Maria Louisa, of the House of Hapsburg, married a man beneath her rank, her tutor, whose name was George Nogelle. On account of opposition to their marriage (the nobility being Catholic and Nogelle a German Lutheran), they came to America on the ship "William and Sarah," William Hill master, from Rotterdam, September 21, 1727, and settled in Philadelphia. Two daughters were born to them,

Margret, the older, married Henry Joel, a German nobleman, and Rosina married Michael Burkett. Henry and Margret Joel had two daughters, Margret married Jacob and Katherine married Abraham Ellis, two brothers of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. The name Ellis was originally Alles and is so written in an old German Bible, still preserved in the family. Johann Jacob Alles, the father of Jacob and Abraham, came to this country upon the ship "Dragon," from Alsace, Daniel Nicholes master, October 17, 1749.

Both Abraham and Jacob Ellis were soldiers in the Revolutionary war. Jacob was a fifer and lost his life on the bridge at the battle of the Brandywine. He was a private in Captain Barber's company, Second battalion, Chester county militia, 1780, Thomas Bull, colonel.

At the close of the war, the Ellis brothers took their wives and their mother-in-law, Margret Joel, to Berkeley county, Virginia, where they settled on a farm in a valley between North and Page mountains. In 1806, Abraham immigrated to Wilmington, Ohio. Jacob died leaving a large family of children, and was soon followed by his widow. The older children immigrated to Ohio, but Samuel, father of Thomas K. Ellis, and Lewis, the father of Mrs. Stockton, were so small that they rode in one saddle to Harper's Ferry, where they were reared by a family friend, Jane Walker. In early manhood Samuel came to Williamsburg, Ohio, and was soon followed by his brother, Lewis, who had been convinced by a fortune teller in Maryland that he would find his bride, a dark-haired, dark-eyed maiden, at the end of his journey. When he responded to his first invitation to an apple cutting, upon entering the room, he met Elizabeth Kain, whom he recognized as his heart's desire. They were an ideal couple, living together almost forty years. Their children were, Leonidas, Elizabeth Caroline, John Henry, Laura Anna, and Elmer Coats.

Mrs. Stockton's first marriage to Dr. J. J. Norris connected her with two of the largest families in Southern Ohio, the Norris and Sargents. The Norris family was so prolific that it seemed to be sufficient unto itself, for an unusual custom of cousins inter-marrying prevailed, and strange to say, they are a race of remarkable strength, vigor and mental clearness. Aquilla Norris, Sr., grandfather of J. J. Norris, immigrated to Ohio from Herford county, Maryland, in 1806. In the war of the Revolution he was captain of a company of militia from Herford county. At the close of the war, his wife,

Priscilla, died, and his home burned. Disheartened, he resolved to go west. With a family of eleven grown children and his nephew, Abraham Norris, who had sixteen children, he immigrated to Ohio, and settled in Brown county. His wife's maiden name was Priscilla Norris, for she was his cousin, the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Bradford Norris, all of Herford county, Maryland. Aquilla Norris, Jr., their son, married a daughter of John Sargent, familiarly known as "Jacky." To their union were born eleven children, John Jasper being the seventh son. The Sargents were English people, James Sargent came from Snowhill, England in 1745, to Frederick county, Maryland. He married in England a Miss Snowden, whose mother's name was Nellie Taylor. James lived to be 107 years old. His ten children married into families well known in Southern Ohio. John married Mary Lamb, known as "Polly" to her intimate friends. Their daughter, Sarah, was married to Aquilla Norris, Jr., March 21, 1813.

Mrs. Stockton's daughter, Estelle May Norris, was educated in the public schools of Williamsburg, with an additional two years at Farmer's College, College Hill, Ohio. She taught two years in the Williamsburg public schools, after which she gave her time for several years to her step-father's business. On October 30, 1889, she was married to William Elmer Ochiltree, of Connersville, Ind., where she has since resided. Mrs. Ochiltree has always been interested in religious and education affairs, and has been closely identified with the movements that have stood for civic improvement in her home town. She organized the first permanent literary club in her city, and it still exists, and is one of the best in the State. She has held responsible positions on the board of federation of clubs, is a Daughter of the American Revolution, and has written some fairly clever short stories for magazines.

William E. Ochiltree, a prominent attorney of Connersville, and through both the Ochiltree and McCrory families traces his Scotch blood. His people immigrated to Fayette county early in the Nineteenth century. The Ochiltrees trace to the Lairds of Scotland, and to Robert Aikin, to whom Burns dedicated his "Cotter's Saturday Night." They also connect with the early history of Clermont county, through their kinsman, Col. Thomas Paxton, of pioneer fame.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Ochiltree are Bert James, born June 30, 1892, and William Norris, born July 26, 1894. Bert J.

is an automobile machinist, and William N. is at the present writing a student at the Indiana University, where he is studying for the bar.

LULA M. BROADWELL.

Mr. Lula M. Broadwell, who for the past eight years has conducted an undertaking establishment at Felicity, Ohio, is a representative of one of the prominent Clermont county families who have been connected with the agricultural and industrial interests of the county for many years. He was born at Rural, Clermont county, Ohio, July 12, 1870, and his parents were Joseph A. and Louisiana (Mannen) Broadwell.

Joseph A. Broadwell was born near Milford, Clermont county, Ohio, in 1829, and was a dealer in leaf tobacco, also owning a large farm near Rural, Ohio, which has been his home since he was a small boy. He was an energetic and progressive business man, and was highly respected by all with whom he was associated. His wife, Louisiana Mannen, a native of Mason county, Kentucky, was born in 1840, and left this life in 1878. To this worthy couple were born five children, two of whom are still living:

Joseph L. is a resident of Rural, Ohio, and possesses three productive farms.

Lula M., the subject of this sketch.

Joseph A. Broadwell was a Democrat and had membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His death occurred October 31, 1907, and both he and his wife were laid to rest at Rural.

Lula M. Broadwell obtained his education at Rural, and entered upon his business career in the warehouse of his father. He continued with his father and remained at home until his marriage and thus became familiar with all the details of the tobacco business.

He was married to Miss Maud Woodmansee on the 30th of May, 1897. She was a daughter of Joseph and Martha (Iler) Woodmansee, and was born near Rural in 1869. Her father was born near Rural and in early life was a farmer and stock raiser, but for the past twenty-five or twenty-six years has conducted a coal business. His birth occurred July 14, 1847, and he is now enjoying a retired life. His wife, Martha (Iler) Woodmansee, was born at Neville, Ohio, June 25, 1846, and died June 13, 1907. There were eight children in this family, six are still living:

Maud is Mrs. Broadwell.

Callie married Arthur Shinkle, of Rural, Ohio.

Annice is at home.

Maggie, formerly a teacher of the schools of Rural, Ohio.

Grace is an instructor in the Rural school. She is a graduate of the Felicity High School, and also took a course at the Oxford school.

Hazel Houghton is at home. She also graduated from the Felicity High School.

Following his marriage, Mr. Broadwell turned his attention to the occupation of farming for one year, after which he conducted a general store at Rural for a period of three years. In 1904, he purchased the undertaking business of Mr. J. L. Bannock, and has continued in this business to the present time, meeting well deserved success. In 1900, he purchased the comfortable home on the corner of Union and Light streets, and is counted among the substantial business men of Felicity.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Broadwell are two children: Burdette was born January 22, 1899.

Irene, who was born December 7, 1901, is the organist in the Sunday school of the Christian church of Felicity, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Broadwell are consistent members of the Christian church, the former having filled the office of deacon for some time. Mrs. Broadwell is active in the church societies, taking a great interest in all church affairs.

The political views of Mr. Broadwell are in accord with those of the Democratic party, and he has filled the office of township clerk and is at present a member of the educational board.

Mr. L. M. Broadwell affiliates with the Masonic order, and Mrs. Broadwell is a member of the Eastern Star.

The maternal grandfather of Mr. Broadwell, Gen. John Mannen, was a native of Mason county, Kentucky, and was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

Mr. Broadwell's success in life is attributable to his own efforts. He is a genial and pleasant gentleman, and his wife possesses many excellent qualities, so that they are highly esteemed in the community where they reside.

WILLIAM J. HUGHES, M. D.

Among the best citizens of Moscow, Clermont county, is Dr. William J. Hughes, who is well fitted by nature and prepara-

tion to minister to the physical ailments of mankind. He is popular because of his broad sympathies and general kindness, and his genial manner and courtesy pave the way for happy friendship and companionship with his fellows. He is a man of large stature, well proportioned, and with a mind and heart in keeping with his bearing. Dr. Hughes was born near Ash Ridge, Brown county, Ohio, February 8, 1861, son of William T. and Elizabeth (Jarman) Hughes. His father was born near Milford, Miami township, Clermont county, October 29, 1833, and died February 20, 1911. He was a carriage maker, coming to Moscow with his father at the age of thirteen years. He attended school in Milford and one month after coming to Moscow, and although his education was limited, he was ahead of the boys of his age in general knowledge, being especially bright in mathematics. He and his father worked at carriage making in Moscow until 1860, then moved to a farm at Ash Ridge, and when the war broke out William T. Hughes entered the commissary department, where he served some years. He then went to Cincinnati and later to Winchester, where he conducted a carriage shop for a number of years, then moved to Wamsley, Adams county, and died on a farm near that town. He was assistant secretary of the West Union Fair from the date of its organization until his death, and before this time had been connected with the Winchester Fair. In this way he became very well known, and had become very popular in the various communities where he lived. He was a Republican in politics, and served as treasurer of Jefferson township for over twenty years. He was a Mason from the time of his twenty-second year and he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church. His wife was born on the Jarman homestead, near Neville, on October 24, 1831, and still lives on the farm near Wamsley, where Mr. Hughes died. Mr. Hughes has one brother, Charles, of Elwood, Ind., the only survivor of twelve children. Mr. William T. Hughes and wife had four children: George S., of Pickrell, Neb.; Dr. William J.; Walter C. lives on a farm near Wamsley; Mary L. is the wife of George Connor, of St. Paul, Kan.

William J. Hughes began his education at Winchester, attended school at the National Normal, at Lebanon, where he took a teachers' and scientific course, meanwhile having learned the trade of carriage maker with his father at Winchester, where he worked a number of years. He went to his

father's farm at Wamsley and taught six years in Jefferson township, studying all his spare time. He read medicine with Dr. A. Gilfillen, of Russellville, Ohio, and later attended Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, graduating in 1890 from the School of Medicine at Louisville, Ky., and then taking up active practice. He had gained his later education by his own efforts, teaching in summer and attending school in the winter, and studying all his spare time. He practiced near the home place at Wamsley three years after his final graduation, and came to Moscow in 1893, where he has since become well known as a skilled physician and surgeon, and at his home on Broadway street has a well-filled drug room, where he prepares all his own medicines. He stands well in his profession and enjoys a good reputation with all.

Dr. Hughes is a Republican in politics, and has been honored by election to several local offices. He has served as councilman and mayor, and has at various times served on the school board at Moscow. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, and still holds a policy with the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He and his wife are devout members of the Presbyterian church, and he is an elder, having been clerk of sessions for sixteen or eighteen years. He purchased his present home in 1898, and has added many improvements to it. He and his wife are prominent in many circles, and have a large number of friends. Their home is kept in spotless order and they are very hospitable.

On October 26, 1893, Dr. Hughes was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. Faul, born near Dover, Ky., September 15, 1871, daughter of Lewis and Margaret (Arn) Faul, the former born in Brown county, Ohio, November 29, 1837, and the latter born in the same place July 24, 1847. Mr. Faul died December 1, 1903, and is buried at Arnheim, Brown county, and his widow lives at Ash Ridge. He was a farmer, lived for some time near Dover, later near Higginsport, and still later as Ash Ridge. He enlisted in the Fiftieth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and served through most of the Civil war. He was an Odd Fellow. He and his wife had six children, all of whom survive: Margaret, wife of Frank Brookbank, of Higginsport, Ohio; Katherine, wife of Henry Young, lives with her mother; Mary A., Mrs. Hughes; Dr. William L., of Russellville, Ohio; Pearl P., with her mother; Lela, wife of C. C. Inskeep, of Urbana. Frederick Arn, an uncle of Mrs. Hughes, served from Ohio in the Civil war; Captain Hughes,

brother of the doctor's father, also served, and a brother of his mother, George Jarman, was also in an Ohio regiment. Mrs. Hughes is a charming woman, possessed of the graces and culture that help to make a home pleasant.

Since the above was written Mrs. Hughes died from the effects of a malignant disease, March 14, 1913, and was buried at the Lutheran cemetery, Arnheim, Ohio.

ALONZO JUDD.

Alonzo Judd is one of the most substantial citizens of Moscow, Clermont county, and belongs to one of the oldest families of the region. He is a self-made man and has a good helpmate in his wife. He was born in Higginsport, Brown county, Ohio, April 11, 1840, son of Joshua A. and Sarah (Akels) Judd. The father was born in Pennsylvania, in 1795, and died in 1881, and the mother was born in Hagerstown, Pa., in 1806, and died in 1881. Both parents are buried in Mars cemetery, Pendleton county, Kentucky. They came to Ohio in 1815, landing near the mouth of the creek, not far from Moscow. There was but one house in Moscow at that time and there were Indians on both sides of the river. At the same time Jesse Dugan came and settled at Higginsport; Samuel Ebersoll came and located at Palestine, and Jimmie Selby came and located at Point Isabel, all in Clermont county. All these men came from Pittsburg. The Judds were respected and esteemed by their neighbors, and always did their share to help along measures for improvement and progress.

After coming to Ohio Joshua Judd was a ferryman on the Ohio river, and made forty-two trips from Higginsport to New Orleans and return, on flat boats and produce boats. Twice he walked back to Higginsport. In 1825 he left Clermont county and lived in Higginsport until 1841. He then removed to Nashville, Tenn., but not liking the institution of slavery, remained there but one year, although he had a sister and a brother there. He returned to his old home near Moscow, and in 1843 took charge of the ferry, which he and his sons kept some sixty-four years. This business was sold but a few years ago, passing out of charge of the family. He was known as Captain Judd and participated in the War of 1812, also belonged to a company of militia at Georgetown. He was

a Whig before the formation of the Republican party, which he joined later. He and his wife had ten children, two of whom were born in Clermont county, namely: Samuel R. served in the One Hundred and Ninety-sixth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, was born in Ohio, and now resides in Kentucky; Mary, deceased, married (first) Jacob Kayser, and (second) William Eads, both of whom have died; Susanna, married William Blunkall, lived in Nashville, but she and her husband are now deceased; Daniel, born in Ohio, served three years and three months in Company B, Fifty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and now lives in Indiana; Nelson and Melissa, deceased; Alonzo; Leonidas and Edward, deceased; one child was still-born.

Alonzo Judd received his education in Moscow, and when still a boy began working on his father's ferry, learning all branches of the business. He was first employed in steering and later ran a skiff ferry and gasoline boat himself. He remained on the river until 1864, then enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Ninety-sixth Ohio volunteer infantry, serving for ten months and nineteen days. He participated in a few skirmishes near Winchester, Va., and performed every duty expected of him. Returning to Moscow, he again took up the business of ferryman, which he continued until selling out a few years ago. He conducted the business in a way that was most satisfactory to the public, and was faithful in his attention to the needs of his customers. Like his father, he is Republican in political belief, and fraternally he is a member of the Odd Fellows. He is a prominent member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and is well known in various ways.

On March 20, 1866, Mr. Judd married Miss Melissa Fassett, born in Pendleton county, Kentucky, in 1847, daughter of Jacob and Emily H. (Eads) Fassett. Her father was a native of the same county, born in 1820, and he died in 1892. Her mother, born in Moscow, Ohio, in 1829, died in 1903, where both parents were buried. He was a farmer boy by occupation and a Democrat in politics. He never sought public office and was a quiet, patriotic citizen. He and his wife had eight children, all born in Kentucky, namely: Mary Frances, wife of Samuel R. Judd, of Kentucky; Margaret, wife of David White, of Moscow; Charlotte, wife of Thomas Lancaster, of Kentucky; Permelia Bell, married William Langh, of Kentucky, and is now deceased; Rebecca, wife of George M. Whit-

ford, of Kentucky; Mrs. Alonzo Judd; Daniel lives in Kentucky; Edward died young.

Seven children have blessed the union of Alonzo Judd and wife, all born in Moscow: William H., born in January, 1867, married Bertha Davis, resides in Kentucky, and they have one child, Beatrice; Minnie J. married Edward Langh, of Moscow, and they have two children, Myrtle and Judd; Cora, wife of Charles McCoy, lives in Cincinnati, Hamilton county, Ohio; Robert died when eighteen months old, and is buried in Moscow; Everett died at about the same age as Robert; Ellsworth Lee died at the age of two years; Stella married Clarence Holland, and they live in Moscow.

Mr. and Mrs. Judd belong to the Christian church, in which he is an elder, and both are active in its work. They have a very pleasant home on Third street, which they have purchased, and they have a number of friends in Moscow and vicinity. Having practically spent his life in the community, Mr. Judd is one of the best known men of Clermont county, and is reasonably proud of the part taken by the family in its early history.

ANTHONY MELDAHL.

There is no more popular man along the Ohio river than Anthony Melhadl, affectionately known among his friends and acquaintances as "Tony," and he is a man of skill and ability, whose watchful care insures the safety of thousands of persons each year. He is a pilot on the great river, being now employed on the boat known as the "Ohio." It is to such competent, conscientious men, standing at the wheel governing the boat, amid the dark shadows of night, in shallow places and through swift currents, straining every sense to guard the lives of those depending upon their skill, that the most sincere praise and commendation should be given. The wheel seems a thing of life, immediately obedient to their will, and their efficiency is the result of long years of training. Mr. Meldahl is a man of good habits, is self-made and shows that he is descended from a family of good standing and honor, having the leading traits of the true gentleman.

Mr. Meldahl was born near Parkersburg, W. Va., July 26, 1854, son of Emil and Lena (Muenchmeyer) Meldahl, the father born in Denmark in 1828, and now living near Parkers-

burg, and the mother, who was born in Germany, in 1834, died in 1906. Both families were of the nobility of their respective countries, and he and his wife were both educated in Germany, receiving the benefit of such learning and culture as were given only those of high birth, position and wealth, in their native countries. Mrs. Meldahl was well known as a fine linguist, having mastered a number of languages thoroughly, and was a musician of such talent that all who had the pleasure of hearing her long remember it as an unusual treat. Her family, the Muenchmeyers, are moving in leading official circles in Germany at the present day. Some fifty-eight years ago Mr. and Mrs. Meldahl came to West Virginia and located near Parkersburg, where they made a home and reared a large family, on what was known as Washington Bottom. Their residence, which was one of the finest in the whole State, is near the Ohio river division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, and the station near it is known as Meldahls. This beautiful estate attracts a great deal of attention, and its owners are very proud of it, as it is large, well arranged, and built for the comfort of its occupants and the entertainment of friends. No one was ever turned from the door, and its hospitable roof has sheltered many weary travelers, who by accident or design came to the portal of this old-fashioned home. There are to be found all the comforts to be had in a large city and all the beauty of a carefully planned country home. Mr. and Mrs. Meldahl had great pride in their children, who have done honor to their parents, and made a host of friends, for they were both courteous and pleasant in manner, and did not hold themselves above associating with their neighbors. Mrs. Meldahl especially was a favorite with old and young alike, and all knew that true enjoyment reigned in her home. Her death brought genuine sorrow to the hearts of many. The members of her household were blessed with the opportunity afforded them of living with this noble gentlewoman, and it was counted an honor to be among her friends.

Of the children born to Emil Meldahl and wife six now survive: Maude, wife of Capt. James Sandford, of Dayton, Ky.; Alexander, of Huntington, W. Va.; Frank, of Charleston, W. Va.; Margaret and Lilly, at home, and Anthony.

Mr. Meldahl began his education in the country schools near his boyhood home, for some time had a private governess at home, and later attended school in Parkersburg. He remained on the home farm until attaining his majority, then

went to work on the river, on a boat running between Cincinnati and Pittsburgh. He engaged in business on his own account, and owned the steamer, "Fashion," and the "Knox," the former of which sank. He sold the Knox several years before his marriage and now runs the "Queen City." He purchased seventy-eight acres of land in Washington township, Clermont county, to which he has added from time to time, and has a beautiful home, especially well adapted for keeping summer boarders, from the cities or elsewhere. He and his wife have worked together and success has attended their efforts in a gratifying degree. He is much interested in local affairs in Clermont county, and in politics is a Republican. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow and a Woodman.

On October 26, 1892, Mr. Meldahl married Miss Laura Busby, who was born in Neville, Clermont county, October 2, 1868, daughter of James and Sarah (Vanlandingham) Busby. Mr. Busby was born in Indiana in 1826 and Mrs. Busby in Brown county, Ohio, in 1835. He died in 1898, and she in 1902, and both are buried in Vesper cemetery. He was a carpenter by trade, was married in Foster, Ky., and in an early day moved to Clermont county, Ohio, living at Neville until old age overtook him and he came to live with Mrs. Meldahl. He and his wife had two children, Robert, of Pennsylvania, who was born at Foster, Ky., and Mrs. Meldahl. Mrs. Busby's father, Manley Vanlandingham, served in the War of 1812. Mr. and Mrs. Meldahl have three children, all born on the home farm and all at home: Louise, born September 23, 1894, and Otis and Vera (twins), born February 17, 1899. All are promising young people. Mrs. Meldahl is a member of the Christian church and Miss Vera is a Methodist.

JOHN JARMAN.

John Jarman is one of the most extensive farmers of Washington township, Clermont county, and belongs to the class of self-made men who have done so much for the progress and welfare of the county. He is held in respect by his neighbors and enjoys the good will of all who know him. He was born near Neville, Clermont county, in 1875, son of George and Alice Jarman, a sketch of whom also appears in this work. The father was a prominent citizen of the county, industrious and

thrifty, and is well remembered by many, as he was much interested in local affairs and was kindly disposed toward all. He and his wife had four children, mentioned in connection with the sketch of the parents.

Mr. Jarman attended school at Beech Grove, and after leaving school remained on the home farm with his mother until he attained his majority. September 16, 1902, he married Miss Hattie Essex, who was born at Rural, Clermont county, March 9, 1879, daughter of A. L. and Rachael Belle (Reed) Essex, of Rural. Her father, Albert L. Essex, is a retired tobacco buyer and in early years was a teacher and farmer. He is a son of Albert and Joanna (Broadwell) Essex, born at Rural, in 1854, and resides in Washington township. His father was born in New York, in 1818, and died in 1853, not long before the birth of his son. His mother was born at Milford, Ohio, in 1823, and died in 1892, and both were buried in Rural cemetery. Albert and Joanna Essex had four children, two of whom reached maturity: Frances, wife of William A. Jones, of Walnut Hills, and Albert L.

Albert L. Essex attended National Normal University, at Lebanon, Ohio, and for a short time studied at Augusta, Ky. He taught some fifteen years in Franklin township, buying tobacco during the summer months. He became foreman for H. P. Williams, an extensive tobacco buyer, and had a factory for several years. In 1892 he built a warehouse, but since 1896 he has practically retired and his son carried on the business for some years, but is now connected with the American Tobacco Company. He spent the greater part of his life in Franklin township, but in 1892 purchased some sixty acres in Washington township, now the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Jarman. He was elected by the Republicans to the office of justice of the peace, serving nine years in Franklin township and three years in Washington township, and served some time as trustee in the latter. In 1878 he married Miss Belle Reed, born near Rural in 1856, daughter of Joseph and Rachael (Morgan) Reed. Mr. Reed was born in Felicity in 1828 and died in 1904, and the mother was born near Rural in 1830, and died in 1885, both being buried at Mount Pleasant. There were eleven children in their family, eight of whom reached maturity: Elizabeth, wife of Baker Flaughner, of Higginsport; Edward was killed in childhood; Belle, Mrs. Essex; Alphonso, who was accidentally killed; William, of Cincinnati; Alvina, Mrs. Mahlon Vermillion, deceased; Laura, Mrs. Harvey Fry;

Grant, died in February, 1913, at Cincinnati; Edmond, of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Essex had five children born near Rural: Hattie, wife of John Jarman; Paul, of Ripley, Ohio, married Mary Glazer, of Neville; Edith, wife of Alfred M. Demaris, living on a farm near Rural, has one child; the other two children, Eva and Wylie, died in infancy. Mr. Essex had an uncle, Ferdinand Broadwell, who served in the Civil war, in the Twenty-second Ohio, and Mrs. Essex had two uncles, Frank and Charles Reed, who served in the war, the former of whom was wounded at Kenesaw Mountain. Mr. and Mrs. Essex have worked hard and now enjoy their comfortable circumstances. Mrs. Essex belongs to the Christian church at Rural.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Jarman located near Neville, where he has some three hundred acres of land under his control, part of which he owns. He has demonstrated unusual ability as a farmer and in business transactions, being very successful in his enterprises. He is a Republican in politics. He is a Mason and also belongs to the Junior Order of American Mechanics. Mrs. Jarman belongs to the Christian church. They have four children, all born near Chilo: Paul, born July 16, 1904, attends the school at Beech Grove, which his father and grandfather Jarman attended; Alice, born April 9, 1907; John, born November 8, 1910, and George Allen, born May 25, 1913.

JOSEPH TRIMBLE RICKER, M. D.

Dr. Joseph Trimble Ricker has attained much prominence in Clermont county during the past forty-two years, not only because of his remarkably successful career in the medical profession, but also because of his intense and well directed activity for the advancement and development of his native county. He is a representative of the Ricker family, who since the earliest pioneer days have been numbered among the substantial citizens. He is the sixth child of Major Elbridge Gerry and Margaret (Foster) Ricker, a mention of whom appears elsewhere on these pages, and was born May 18, 1848.

Dr. Joseph T. Ricker spent the days of his childhood in the home of his parents, and after the usual preliminary education took up the study of medicine in the city of New York, from which he graduated in 1871, delivering the valedictory address for his class. During his period of study in New



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York, Dr. Ricker attended a course of scientific lectures at Cooper Union for three years, and became well acquainted with Dr. Stowe and his wife, Harriet Beecher Stowe. After his graduation, Dr. Ricker was appointed demonstrator of anatomy, but resigned because he desired to return to his home, where he took up the general practice of medicine, and after a continued period of forty-two years is still actively engaged in his profession, at Mt. Carmel, Ohio.

On May 10, 1876, Dr. Ricker was united in marriage to Miss Catherine E. Winspear, of Buffalo, N. Y., a young woman of unusual musical talent and ability. She was a daughter of John and Catherine (Wheelock) Winspear, the former of whom was originally of Hull, England, and through the latter she traces her ancestry to Ann Drury and through her to Edmund Rice, of England, 1594. There are many Revolutionary heroes in the Winspear-Wheelock-Drury lineage. This union has been blessed with three children, whose names follow:

Joseph W., who was born March 12, 1880, near New Richmond, Ohio, received his preliminary education in the Mt. Carmel High School and later in the Woodward High School of Cincinnati. In 1897, he entered the University of Cincinnati, Medical College of Ohio, where he took a four-years course and was granted the degree of Doctor of Medicine, in May, 1901. Following this event, he was appointed resident physician of the Jewish Hospital, and served in this capacity until 1903, when he determined to take up dermatology and for this purpose arranged for a post-graduate course abroad, spending one year studying in the clinics of Vienna, Berlin, Paris and London, under such eminent men as Lassar, Lesser, Rhiel and Neumann. Returning to America, he located at Cincinnati, Ohio, engaging in the practice of his specialty, dermatology. Joseph W. Ricker, being very successful in his profession was honored by an appointment to the staff of Bethesda Hospital and surgical clinic of the Medical College of Ohio. In 1910, Dr. Ricker gave up the practice of medicine to enter the food manufacturing business, and in this line of work, his laboratory training, his hospital experience and his post-graduate trip abroad proved to be a valuable asset to his business and today he is a recognized expert in the manufacture of certain food products, being called upon frequently to serve as an expert for the government in its food cases. Joseph W. Ricker chose for the companion of his future years, Miss Helen Skaats Loudon, only child of Charles F. and Lucy (Skaats)

Loudon, of Avondale, Cincinnati, the latter of whom is a descendant of Dolly Madison, and on November 12, 1904, the ceremony took place. To their union one child was born, Charles Loudon Ricker, whose birth occurred November 22, 1905.

Catherine Elmira, who was born near New Richmond, Ohio, December 2, 1881, graduated from the Walnut Hills High School in the class of 1899, receiving the gold medal in mathematics and the silver medal for general scholarship with honorable mention in Latin and literature. She afterward spent two years attending the Eden Park Art Academy, studying in the life classes of Vincent Nowottny and L. H. Meakin, later taking up metal work and designing of jewelry. While teaching in the New Richmond schools, she composed and collaborated with Mr. Joseph Surdo, two operettas, which have been successfully given in a great number of cities in the United States. On August 28, 1907, occurred her marriage to Mr. H. P. Moran, of New York City. Mr. Moran is a graduate of the College of the City of New York and of Cornell University, and a member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity. He is a civil engineer with Frederick L. Crauford, incorporated, one of the largest contractors of the East. They built the subway under the East river, connecting the Boro of Brooklyn with the Boro of Manhattan, and are at present building a section of the subway underlying the Trinity Building, St. Paul's Churchyard, the old Astor House and several other celebrated landmarks of older New York. Mr. Moran's part in the construction has been a large and responsible one. Three children have come to bless and cheer this union: Isabella Ballantine, born July 14, 1908, at her grandfather's home in Glen Rose, Ohio; Harry Hamilton, born April 27, 1911, in Brooklyn, and William Ricker, born August 23, 1912.

Elbridge Gerry Ricker, second, was born August 28, 1883, at Mt. Carmel, Ohio, and received his early education at the Mt. Carmel High School, from which he graduated in 1902, afterward entering the medical department of the University of Cincinnati, graduating from a four-years course, in May, 1906, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, taking the prize in eye, ear, nose and throat, and was one of three, of a class of thirty-three, to receive honorable mention. After passing a competitive examination he was appointed interne at the Cincinnati Hospital, serving one year in this capacity, and one year as house surgeon, receiving his diploma in the year of

1908. He is now practicing successfully at Forrestville, Hamilton county, Ohio. Dr. Ricker is a member of the Clermont County Medical Association and is also surgeon for the Interurban Railway & Terminal Company. He was united in marriage on September 3, 1902, to Miss Estella Virginia Williams, daughter of Thomas and Lillian (Warner) Williams and granddaughter of Mary Williams, of Woodburn, and Locust avenues, Walnut Mills, one of the original owners of a great part of the land of the hill tops. They are the parents of two children: Mary Margaret, born July 26, 1905, at the home of her grandfather, at Glen Rose, Ohio, and Elbridge Gerry, third, born October 16, 1909, at Forrestville, Ohio.

Dr. Joseph Trimble Ricker has always been a staunch Republican, and a progressive citizen. He, with his brother, Benjamin Ricker, and his cousin, Dr. Freeze, assisted in raising the ten thousand dollar subscription demanded of Pierce township toward the building of the New Richmond branch of the Cincinnati & Eastern railway, and held the handles of the plow that broke the furrow at the opening celebration. Dr. Ricker also built the second telephone line established in Clermont county, it being built for his private use and extended for six miles from Mt. Carmel, Ohio, to Forrestville, Ohio, and was used free of charge by the general public until it was purchased by the Citizens' Telephone Company, who afterward sold it to the Bell system.

JULIUS SHELLEY.

Julius Shelley, a native son of Clermont county, belongs to one of the old families of the region, and has spent most of his life there. He was born September 7, 1840, at Moscow, son of Andrew Jackson and Louisa (Way) Shelley, the father a native of North Carolina and the mother of Greenfield, Ohio. Andrew J. Shelley was born November 28, 1811, and died December 19, 1897, and the mother was born September 26, 1818, and died April 22, 1899. Both parents died and were buried at Moscow. The father came to Ohio as a very young boy and learned the trade of tailor, which he followed all his life. He was a Republican in politics and a hard working, industrious citizen. He and his wife had twelve children, all born at Moscow and seven of them still surviving: William,

drowned in the Ohio river, at the age of nine years; Mary Emily, wife of Elijah Fee, of Richmond, Ind.; Malvina, who died in January, 1913, was the widow of Theodore M. Hughes, of Moscow, who was a captain in the Civil war; Julius, of this sketch; Lucius, unmarried, lives with Mrs. Hughes; Sylvester died a few years ago in Butler county, Kentucky; Addie, wife of Robert Norris, made her home in Illinois, where she died, her first husband being Benjamin Fisher, also deceased; Augustus lives with Mrs. Hughes, in Moscow; George lives at Butler, Ky.; James lives in Cincinnati; E. C., of Cincinnati, and Granville, of California. The parents of these children were members of the Methodist church, and the father was a class leader and steward. They were both active in church work and well known for their zeal in this respect.

In boyhood Julius Shelley attended the public schools of Moscow, and his first work on his own account was as a soldier. In 1861 he enlisted in Company D, Second regiment, and later he served in Company A, of the Thirteenth Ohio cavalry. He participated in the battles of Gettysburg, Perryville, Petersburg, and many others of importance. He was taken prisoner at Gettysburg and spent two months in prison at Belle Isle, there suffering every hardship and privation. He won an honorable record as a soldier, and at the end of his term returned to civil life. He learned the blacksmith trade in Moscow, but later took up farming. In 1869 he married Miss Laura Harvey, who was born in Nova Scotia in 1841, daughter of Dr. George and Mary (Archibald) Harvey, her father and mother also natives of Nova Scotia. Dr. Harvey was born in July, 1805, and died in 1886, and Mrs. Harvey was born in June, 1806, and died December 17, 1883. He came to the United States in 1852, settling at Point Isabel, Clermont county, Ohio. He was a physician by profession, practiced for a time in Oxford, and was a surgeon in the navy throughout the Civil war. In 1865 he located in Moscow and there practiced many years. He retired late in life and died at the home of a son in Minneapolis, Minn. He and his wife had eight children, all born in Nova Scotia, and five of them now survive: Georgia, widow of William Wolf, of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Tompkins lives in Kansas; Laura, Mrs. Shelley; David, of Oklahoma; Frederick, of Minneapolis; William died in Oklahoma; Mary, who died in Illinois, was the wife of Edward Gaskins.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Shelley located on a farm near

Felicity, spent three years there, and in 1871 removed to Kansas, but five years later returned to Moscow and began farming in Washington township. He continued farming at intervals until about two years ago, since which he has lived retired. He removed to his present pretty cottage on Wells street, Moscow, at that time. He erected this home, and it is very suitable to the family needs. He has always taken an active interest in public affairs, and is recognized as a progressive, upright citizen. He is a Republican in politics, and has worked for the party with great enthusiasm. He has served as councilman and on the school board at Moscow. He is a member of the Christian church, and his wife of the Presbyterian church, and he also belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, and he also belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Shelley is a self-made man, and his wife has stood by him well, working with him and proving an inspiration and encouraging him in his efforts. Both are upright and energetic and have won the respect and esteem of all. They are pleasant and cheerful and have a large circle of friends, being very hospitable.

Three children were born to Mr. Shelley and wife, namely: Charles Dickens, born May 14, 1870, died July 27, 1871, and was buried at New Richmond; David Harvey, born in 1877, March 27, married Miss Irene Herbert, resides in Pittsburgh, Pa., and they have three children—Herbert Julius, James and John; Mary Louise is at home with her parents.

Mrs. Shelley's four brothers served in the Civil war, two in the navy and two in cavalry regiments, all enlisting from Oxford, Ohio.

DR. GEORGE P. TYLER.

Dr. George P. Tyler, one of the foremost professional men of Ripley, Ohio, where he has a fine practice and splendid offices, is widely known in this section of the State as a physician and surgeon. His methods are immensely practical and his life of continued activity has been crowned with a measure of prosperity that classes him among the most substantial of citizens in the community. His birth occurred at Russellville, Ohio, December 13, and his parents were Hon. George P. and Mary Ann (Reed) Tyler, whose sketch appears elsewhere on these pages.

Dr. Tyler was reared at Russellville, and attended the schools of his native town, after which he became a student of the Ohio Medical College, graduating in the class of 1886, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. His first practice in medicine was at Warm Springs Indian Agency in Oregon, where for two years he was in the employ of the government.

Returning to the East in 1887, he was united in marriage to Miss Judith Field Leggett, on the 23d of June of the same year. Her parents were Francis Taylor and Virginia (Eyler) Leggett, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Tyler is a cousin of Mr. Chambers Baird and a niece of Mr. J. C. Leggett, both of Ripley, Ohio. She taught in the Ripley High School for some years prior to her marriage. One child has been added to the family circle of Dr. and Mrs. Tyler, George P., 3d, who was born in 1888. He graduated from the Ripley High School and afterward from the Miami Medical College in the class of 1910. For one year following his graduation, he was receiving physician of the German Deaconess Hospital, Cincinnati, and since that time has been associated with his father at Ripley. He married Miss Ethel Plummer, of Cincinnati, and their home since their marriage has been at Ripley, Ohio. He holds membership with Union Lodge, No. 71, Free and Accepted Masons.

Dr. Tyler, as an intelligent citizen, has always taken an active interest in politics, and gives his support to the Democratic party, and served for six years as health officer of Ripley, and four years, during President Cleveland's last administration, filled the office of United States pension examiner.

Fraternally, Dr. Tyler is a member of the American Medical Society and of the Ohio State Medical Society. He is a member of the blue lodge, chapter and commandery; Highland Commandery, No. 31, Hillsboro; Knights of Pythias, at present being past chancellor; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is past grand; and is past master of Union Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, at Ripley.

Dr. Tyler is a liberal supporter of the Methodist church, which he attends, and of which Mrs. Tyler is a member.

A man of prominence throughout the community, Dr. Tyler has a wide circle of friends, and is everywhere held in highest esteem. He is a man with many private interests, but he has always found time to perform a citizen's duty. He is a man of marked liberality as well as public-spirited, and commands the confidence of his fellow citizens.

REV. PHILIP GATCH.

Rev. Philip Gatch, a man of deep piety and zeal, strong in the faith of the Gospel, was one of the first ministers to advocate the Methodist belief in America. He was unassuming in manner, quiet, peaceful and harmonious; standing high in the esteem of the community in which he lived. He was a man of strong mind, not easily turned from a course he believed to be right, enduring with gentleness and Christ-like attitude the persecutions that were heaped upon the ministers in those early days, being ready to suffer and die for the truth. These characteristics entitle the Rev. Gatch to a high and honorable place in the memory and affections of all, not only as a pioneer of Methodism, but as an earnest worker in laying the foundations of our great commonwealth.

The birth of the Rev. Philip Gatch occurred March 2, 1751, near Baltimore, Md. The first of the family in America, Godfrey Gatch, came to America from Prussia, about 1727 and in 1737, he purchased a farm not far from Baltimore, which at his death descended to the father of Rev. Gatch. His mother's people, whose names were Burgin, settled near Georgetown, on the eastern shore of Maryland, at an early date. They were originally from Burgundy and were descended from a long line of ancestry in that principality.

The educational privileges in the days when our subject was a boy, were not what they are now, but he learned to read when quite young and took great pleasure in books and received what was considered in those days a good common school education. He showed strong inclinations toward religion when very young, spending many hours in reading the history of the lives of pious men.

In April, 1772, the Rev. Gatch was converted to the Methodist belief, and in the fall of the same year felt the call of the Lord to preach the Gospel. At that time the preachers traveled in circuits, holding meetings in the homes of believers, in barns, in groves or wherever a congregation could be gathered together. He was given a small circuit in Pennsylvania, which he held until the fall of 1773, when he began traveling in the regular work; being the first minister to be sent out in this capacity in Virginia.

The persecutions of the next few years were very severe and trying and only those who were well founded in the faith, remained steadfast and unshaken. In the case of the Rev. Gatch,

he was often beaten with clubs, his life threatened and at one time he was covered with tar, in which operation one of his eyes was injured, as the paddle with which the tar was applied was drawn across the naked eye ball. This gave him a great deal of pain, both at this time and in later years. Through all these persecutions this saintly man had nothing but earnest prayers for those who treated him so cruelly. He was gratified to know that later, several men who had been prominent in his trials were brought to see the error of their ways and were converted.

In 1774, the Rev. Philip Gatch was made assistant to the superintendent of the conference and in 1777, was one of a committee of five chosen to act in the place of the superintendent who returned to England, he being placed at the head of the committee in 1780.

At the Baltimore conference, which began May 20, 1777, Rev. Gatch received an appointment to Sussex circuit, in Virginia. He was in poor health at this time and had to have help. The sufferings and hardships proved too much for him. His lungs became affected as a result of straining his voice while addressing large open air meetings. The work for the remaining years of his ministry was conducted under great physical distress.

During a number of years, 1770 to 1780, the subject of administering sacrament was discussed at the conferences, as the ministers were not ordained, and a committee was appointed to ordain these preachers. Rev. Gatch was the first ordained minister of the Methodist church west of the Alleghany Mountains.

The marriage of Rev. Philip Gatch to Miss Elizabeth Smith, of Powhatan county, Virginia, was solemnized January 14, 1778. The Smith family were among the first families of Virginia, and were of the established church, but some of the family later became ardent supporters of the Methodist church. One of the sons, James, became a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church.

On account of his poor health, the conference of 1780 thought best not to assign him to a circuit, but to allow him to work when he could and where he could do the most good. For that reason his name disappeared from the minutes of the conference at this time. Bishop Asbury made several attempts to restore his name, but it was not until a few years before his

death, and then without his knowledge, that this was accomplished.

In order to support his family, Rev. Gatch carried on farming in connection with his preaching, but in no case did he allow it to cause his zeal for his Master's work to lessen. He made such trips as his health and domestic duties would permit, and his persistent efforts were crowned with success in bringing many to Christ, the ever present Savior of men.

In 1780, believing slavery to be against the teachings of the Book, he made a deed to liberate all his slaves, nine in all being named in the deed.

About ten years after his marriage, Rev. Gatch made the first move of his home, which was occasioned by a neighbor building a dam across a creek, backing the water up nearly to the house. Later, he removed to Buckingham county, Virginia, where he purchased 1,000 acres of land, intending to make it his permanent home. He put 500 acres under cultivation, but became convinced that the Northwest territory was a desirable country, and resolved to move there. On October 11, 1798, he, with his brother-in-law, Rev. James Smith, and a friend, Ambrose Ranson, with their families, set out. The party consisted of thirty-six persons, white and colored, and the outfit was made up of two four-horse wagons, one five-horse wagon, a stage drawn by four horses, a lighter two-horse carriage and three saddle horses. The way was very difficult and dangerous, through gloomy valleys, rugged mountains and deep streams. Part of the journey was made by road and part on flat boats on the Ohio river, and many were the accidents narrowly averted. They traveled through Point Pleasant, Chillicothe and Williamsburg and thence to Newtown, where they camped on Turpin's bottom. Here they secured a house for temporary use until a home could be provided. Rev. Gatch had traded his land in Virginia for land on the Miami river, but when he arrived he found that it was not suitable for a settlement, and so bought 1,000 acres in the forks of the Little Miami river. The home was completed in February and the family went at once to their new home, beginning the work of clearing and cultivating the land. This farm is now known as "The Old Gatch Farm."

When Clermont county was established, Rev. Gatch was appointed justice of the peace, and although he felt that he was not competent to fill this office, his work was very satisfactory to all. In 1802, Congress granted to the Northwest Territory

the right to form a constitution and State government on certain principles. Rev. Gatch and James Sargent were elected to represent Clermont county at the convention, which was held in November. The constitution formed at this time was approved by many distinguished men of the day. The legislature the next spring and our subject was solicited to offer himself as a candidate, but he refused. He was elected, without his knowledge, to the office of associate judge of the court of common pleas, later becoming the head of the three associate judges, serving in this capacity for twenty-two years, discharging the important duties of his office in such a way as to secure the confidence of everyone. While he did not profess to be learned in the law, he had great practical knowledge of human affairs, and he aimed to arrive at the justice of every case brought to him. The tract of country between the forks of the Little Miami and to the Scioto rivers was reserved, by Congress, to satisfy military claims, under the service of the Virginia troops in the Revolution, on the continental establishment. Being extensively acquainted in Virginia, and also a practical surveyor, he was very useful to locaters of land under the military system. His position on the bench made him acquainted with the Virginia military titles, and he used this knowledge to perfect the titles of his friends and to settle any controversies, amicably, that arose.

On July 12, 1811, occurred the death of Mrs. Gatch, and her loss was most keenly felt. She was a faithful helpmate to the Rev. Gatch in all the conditions of his eventful life as a pioneer preacher, assisting him in all the laborious work of his ministry. She was ever an inspiration and a guide to him.

The death of Rev. Gatch came in December, his religious activities continuing to the last. His funeral sermon was preached by an old acquaintance, Rev. John Collins, who had fought side by side with him in the cause of the truth. The remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground, on the farm, beside his life companion.

There were others who in those early days manifested equal zeal, eloquence and persuasive powers, and whose labors were richly rewarded in the conversion of souls, but sufficient has been said to show how deep was the religion of this energetic, sacrificing, earnest man of God, who devoted the best years of his life to the ministry. Thus in body, mind and saintly character he stands out in gigantic proportion on the pages of memory, as we recall the history of the past.

HON. GEORGE P. TYLER.

Hon. George P. Tyler, of Georgetown, Ohio, a man of remarkable personality and of signal achievement in both business and political life, is one of the citizens of Brown county whose useful and eventful career has been of such a character as to bring this section into honorable prominence. Mr. Tyler has long been an active resident of this part of the State and has been closely identified with its interests. His birth took place at Brockets Bridge, Herkimer county, New York, on the 23d of June, 1834. His parents were Hiram and Mary (Platt) Tyler, both natives of New York.

Hiram Tyler was born at Delhi, Herkimer county, in 1811 and died in Indiana in 1842. His wife was born at Brockets Bridge, Herkimer county, in 1810 and passed away November 17, 1888. Mrs. Tyler's people were highly esteemed, industrious residents of Illinois, Indiana and Iowa. Her Grandfather Platt was of English parentage and was a Revolutionary soldier and her Grandfather Murray was also a soldier in the Revolutionary war, he being of Irish lineage. Hiram Tyler's father was of French parentage and was active in the War of 1812 and his mother was of German parents who came to this country from Holland. Hiram Tyler was by trade a tanner and was the only one of his family to leave the eastern home to try the fortunes of the West. In the year of 1840 he, with his wife and two children, removed to Allensville, Switzerland county, Indiana, where he engaged largely in the tannery business, but in 1842 he was poisoned in the hand from a hide with which he was working and died five days later. The family of Hiram and Mary (Platt) Tyler was made up of six children, of whom two are now living:

George P., who is the subject of this mention.

Ann, who is the widow of Wash Miller, now resides in Denton, Tex., and her son, Delos Miller, has a large flour mill at Denton.

Hiram died in April, 1910, two years after serving two terms as clerk of the common court of Brown county. He left a wife and seven children—three daughters and four sons. His eldest daughter is the wife of R. J. Stivers, president of the Citizens' National Bank, Ripley, Ohio. Three years after the death of Mr. Tyler, or in 1845, Mrs. Tyler became the wife of Rev. C. C. Philips, a minister of the Christian church.

At the age of six years George P. Tyler accompanied his

parents to Indiana and there, in the schools of Allensville, obtained a fair common school education. When he reached the age of twelve years, Mr. Tyler obtained a position as cabin boy on an Ohio river steam boat, running on the boats in winter and in summer working in a blacksmith shop. In the year of 1850 Mr. Tyler settled in Ripley, Brown county, Ohio, and there entered the plow factory of Mr. John Thompson, where he remained for two years. In 1852 he again changed his location, settling at this time at Georgetown, Ohio, where he conducted a blacksmith shop. He continued in this occupation until 1859, when he removed to Russellville, Ohio, where he turned his attention to the carriage making business. A year later Mr. Tyler was elected assessor of his township on the Democratic ticket over a Republican majority of sixty-five.

The business career of Mr. Tyler was interrupted at this time by the agitation brought about by the Civil war, when he assisted in the organization of the Fifty-ninth Ohio Volunteer infantry, of which he was made first lieutenant and detailed at once on the staff of Col. James P. Fyffe, commanding the brigade. During the eighteen months spent in the service Mr. Tyler sustained the loss of one of his children by death, in addition to the loss of his home and all it contained, by fire. Adversity further pursued Mr. Tyler, when, by the treachery of his partner in the carriage factory, he was greatly embarrassed financially upon his return from the war. However, he again engaged in the carriage business and went on the road as a traveling salesman in order to meet all of the indebtedness of the firm without sacrificing his integrity by taking advantage of the bankrupt law. He continued in the capacity of traveling salesman until the fall of 1877, when he was elected to the office of Senator by the Democratic party from the Fourth Senatorial district, composed of Brown and Clermont counties. In 1879 he was re-nominated by acclamation and was elected, serving four years in the Senate. He was instrumental in securing many State and district appointments for citizens of Brown county, whose claims had before been almost wholly unrecognized by political parties in State and district appointments. In the fall of 1881 he was elected Probate Judge of Brown county, which position he held for two terms, or six years, with great dignity, honor, and satisfaction to his constituents.

In 1888 Hon. George P. Tyler engaged himself with the

Dayton Blank Book and Printing Company, of Dayton, Ohio, as traveling salesman, and is still in that position, covering a large territory on his trips.

During Gov. McKinley's administration, in April, 1895, he appointed Mr. Tyler as one of the trustees of the Deaf and Dumb Institution at Columbus, Ohio, and at the expiration of his term of five years Mr. Tyler was reappointed for another term by Gov. Nash. At the end of that term he was again reappointed by Gov. Herrick.

On March 16, 1854, Mr. Tyler was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Reed, who was born in 1838 in Louisville, Ky., a daughter of C. W. Reed, a prominent business man and at one time county commissioner and postmaster of Georgetown, Ohio, under the administrations of Pierce and Buchanan, and his wife, Mahala (Staten) Reed.

Judge George P. Tyler chose for his second wife Miss Emily Francis Mather, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Henry Witham at the Presbyterian church at Ironton, Ohio, on the 16th of March, 1893. Her death occurred November 10, 1910, at her old home, where she is buried. She left no children. Her parents were Richard and Harriet E. (Stinson) Mather, the former of whom was born in Brooklyn May 30, 1831. He located in Ironton, Ohio, in 1851, where he lived a highly respected life for many years. He passed away April 8, 1911, and his loss was greatly felt by his family and the community in which he lived. He was a son of Col. William Mather, graduate and afterward a professor in the Academy at West Point. Later Col. Mather served as colonel in the United States army and made the first geological survey of New York State, being State geologist of New York until his removal to Ohio, where he was made the first geologist of the State of Ohio, which office he held until his death. He made the first geological survey of Ohio. Mr. Mather was connected with the Bank of Ironton, of which he was cashier for thirty-five years, and was a strong factor in the Ironton City Savings Bank until on the 10th of February before his death. Mrs. Mather died February 22, 1905. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Mather were two children, the wife of our subject and Alice M., the wife of Dr. G. R. Davis, who lives in West Virginia.

Judge and first Mrs. Tyler became the parents of ten children, all, with the exception of the second child, having been born in Brown county, Ohio. Those living are as follows:

Clara, widow of Rev. Henry Witham, a Methodist minister who died in January, 1909. She now resides with her father. Her family consisted of three children: Georgiana, who died at the age of sixteen, Homer and Charles.

Kate married John A. Jennings and lives in Georgetown, Ohio, and has six children, four boys and two girls, to-wit: Howard and Clarence, who reside in Dayton, and Mary and Mae, teachers. Mary teaches in Georgetown public schools, Georgetown, and Mae teaches in township school. Wilfred and John Warren, young boys at home with their mother.

George P. Tyler, Jr., married Miss Judith Leggett June 23, 1887, and they have one son, George P., third. Both he and his son are practicing physicians of Ripley, Ohio.

Charles married Miss Lizzie Mann December 24, 1891, and resides at Blanchester, Ohio. They have three children in their family: Lolo, wife of Robert Stevens Stivers, Jr., of Ripley, Ohio, where he is connected with the Citizens' National Bank. His father is president and his uncle is cashier of the bank. Stanley and Edith are at home.

Hiram married Miss Nannie Moore, of Georgetown, Ohio, their residence being at Atlanta, Ga. They have four daughters, Beatrice, Gerene, Judith and Virginia.

Alvah married Miss Lou Inskeep, of Russellville, Ohio. They are the parents of two daughters, Clara May and Mary Alice.

The death of Mrs. Tyler from pneumonia, occurred December 29, 1891. She was a consistent member of the Methodist church and was greatly beloved by all who knew her.

Judge Tyler affiliates with the following named lodges: The Free and Accepted Masons, Highland Lodge, No. 38; Georgetown Chapter; Barren Council, Georgetown, Ohio; Highland Commandery, K. T., Hillsboro, Ohio; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Georgetown, Ohio; and charter member of Ripley Lodge, Knights of Pythias, at Ripley, Ohio; the Uniform Rank of Knights of Pythias at Dayton, Ohio; charter member of Capital Council, No. 87, Royal Arcanum, of Columbus, Ohio; and a member of the J. C. McCoy Post, No. 1, Grand Army of the Republic, Columbus, Ohio.

For many years Judge Tyler has been one of the leading members of the Presbyterian church to which denomination he has ever been most liberal in support. In his younger days he took a very active part in all church affairs and for many years was an office holder.

Judge Tyler is a typical business man, quiet, conservative and industrious, and as quick to grasp as to see an opportunity. He is gifted with the ability to comprehend large propositions without ignoring the inconspicuous. His life has been one of uprightness and justice, always conscientious in the discharge of his duties while in public office, and as a man and a citizen, he stands high in the estimation of the community. A man of affairs, he has wielded a wide influence, his opinions doing much to mold public thought and action.

EDMUND MARTIN.

The death of Edmund Martin at his home on the North Pole pike in Union township, June 30, 1912, removed from Brown county, Ohio, one of its most eminent and honorable citizens. For years he was associated with the agricultural and commercial interests of this locality and was one of the most noted and extensive dealers in fine horses in the Ohio valley.

The family from which he sprang was of the oldest in Brown county, his grandfather, Elijah Martin, having erected the home in Union township, which is a substantial structure of brick. Elijah Martin was a native of Maryland and in 1804 went to Kentucky, settling at Maysville, where he remained for two years, after which he located near Aberdeen, Brown county, Ohio. In 1812 he recruited the First Ohio Rifle company and was chosen as captain. After the war he returned to his home and carried on the business of general farming until his demise in August, 1855. His wife, Rebecca Boggs, was a native of Virginia and her death occurred in 1860. They were both prominently identified with the Methodist church for many years. Elijah Martin filled the office of Justice of the Peace for a period of twenty years.

The birth of Edmund Martin, of this mention, occurred in Huntington township May 17, 1837, and he was a son of Edmund Martin, who was a horseman of considerable note.

The subject of this review, Edmund Martin, was a great lover of horses and was an authority of more than local prominence and his superior judgment was recognized generally by horsemen and others. In 1857 he received the indorsement of a number of State officials, including the Governor, recom-

mending him to the British government as a competent judge and a man in every way honorable and responsible. In that year he shipped a carload of horses to England and later shipped another, making the trip with them and making very successful sales. For some fifty years Mr. Martin shipped many carloads of horses to the Boston and New York markets and probably handled more good draft horses than any other dealer shipping to eastern markets, at times shipping three and four carloads per week.

Mr. Martin owned some five hundred acres of land in Huntington and Union townships, which included the home which was built by his grandfather, Elijah Martin, and the home farm. This land is still owned by members of the family.

In the year of 1862 Mr. Martin was united in marriage to Catherine, daughter of Robert Stephenson, and they had eight children, of whom three and his wife are deceased. Their names follow: Minnie, Fannie, Edmund, Bernie and Maggie. Mary, Eva and Katie are deceased. Mrs. Martin died February 18, 1889, and was buried February 20th, the forty-ninth anniversary of her birth.

Mr. Martin was a staunch Republican and, although a busy man, always took an active interest in all affairs.

HON. JOHN SHAW.

Hon. John Shaw, deceased, figured prominently in the affairs of Clermont county for many years, and his enterprise and capabilities won for him an honored name. He was a farmer and stock raiser, being one of the first to introduce the Durham Short Horn cattle into the county, also making a specialty of well bred sheep and hogs. Mr. Shaw was a large land owner, having tracts of land in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana, some of which is still in the family. Mr. Shaw was born in Ohio township, Clermont county, April 1, 1810, and died November 1, 1896, having spent his entire life in the county.

In political views, Mr. Shaw was an earnest Democrat, giving his support to that party throughout his active life. He served the county in the office of deputy county auditor and was a member of the constitutional convention, in 1873.

Hon. John Shaw was a son of John Shaw and a grandson of James Shaw, the latter being born in Belfast, Ireland, com-

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ing to America, alone, when he was fifteen years of age, about 1770 or 1771, he having been bound out. The family to whom the boy, James, was bound, settled in York county, Pennsylvania, and when the Revolutionary war broke out he enlisted in the army under Lafayette, serving throughout the war. James Shaw brought his wife and family, in 1795, to Limestone (now Maysville), Ky., but shortly after settled near Alexandria, Campbell county, Kentucky, where he secured and improved considerable wild land. After living to a good old age, James Shaw passed peacefully away, in 1825, leaving an untarnished record and an unspotted reputation.

John Shaw, son of James, was born in 1779. As a young man he served two terms, at different times, in the Ohio legislature. About 1808, John Shaw located in Monroe township, Clermont county, Ohio, where he secured a large tract of wild land, which he improved and resided on until his death, in 1847. He was of Scotch-Irish descent and was reared a strict Presbyterian, but became a believer in the Universalist doctrine. John Shaw served in the War of 1812, receiving an honorable discharge. He married Nancy Morin from Culpeper county, Virginia, who came by horseback to Kentucky with her father, the family settling in Campbell county. She and her husband reared six sons and four daughters to maturity, all of whom are married. James, the eldest son, went to Texas when a young man, and was a pioneer and active in the early political history of that State, and served in the Mexican war. The second, John, is the subject of this review. Robert and Joseph went to Missouri, the former being killed in the Civil war, he being a carrier of the mail and a Union man in belief. Jonathan served two terms as county commissioner in Clermont county, residing in Monroe township.

The Hon. John Shaw married Miss Ida Webb, who was born near Cincinnati, September 17, 1812, and died September 8, 1900. She was a daughter of General Clayton and Jane (Riggs) Webb, the latter a daughter of a Revolutionary soldier and a resident of New Jersey. Gen. Clayton Webb served in the War of 1812, and was a personal friend of William Henry Harrison. General Webb was one of the early settlers of Hamilton county, Ohio, and was a member of the early Ohio legislature. He owned a great deal of land about Newtown.

An unusually long life together was enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, they having been married sixty years, lacking three months. To their union were born five children:

Nancy, who married Francis E. Bettle, of Ohio township.

Clayton W., who died a soldier of the Civil war, a member of Company M, Fifth Ohio cavalry.

James Fremont, who resides in Campbell county, Kentucky, aged sixty-five years. He married Miss Lula Reed, who died in 1912. They have five sons and two daughters.

John C., farmer and stockman of Monroe township, married, 1875, Miss Sallie Goble, a daughter of Stephen and Alice (Brown) Goble. They have had four children, three of whom are living.

Viola, who is the wife of Elwood Reed, of Detroit, Mich. They have two children living.

When Mr. Shaw was called to his final rest, Clermont county lost one of its most valued men, whose business success came to him through the utilization of opportunities and the recognition of the fact that the present, not the future, is the time to put forth one's best efforts and energies for the attainment of success. He was never remiss in his duties whether in office or out of it, and was an advocate of all progressive measures for the general good of the community, ever ready to give his aid to all worthy enterprises. His life was active and his actions manly and sincere.

REV. MATTHEW GARDNER.

The death of Rev. Matthew Gardner on October 10, 1873, removed from Southern Ohio a man whose life work was in the ministry of the Gospel and whose life was devoted to doing good—a sincere Christian gentleman whose memory is held dear not only in the hearts of his descendants, but by his legion of friends and their families.

The birth of Rev. Matthew Gardner occurred in Stephentown, N. Y., December 5, 1790. His forefathers came from England to America and settled in Rhode Island about 1685 or 1690. Being devoted adherents of the principles of George Fox, and of the religious denomination of Friends, commonly called Quakers, a people not tolerated by the Puritans then settling in Massachusetts and Connecticut, they settled in Rhode Island, where all forms of religious worship and all varieties of doctrines were tolerated.

Rev. Gardner's father was born in Rhode Island September

13, 1760; his second wife, nee Lucy Hawks, was born in Connecticut September 29, 1762. The father, when ten years of age, removed with the family to New York, locating near the Massachusetts State line in what is now Rensselaer county, and when about seventeen years of age went into the Revolutionary army. After independence was gained he returned home and settled on a farm of thirty acres of poor land, leasing the same, as was then the custom. He was a carpenter and supported his family mainly by work at his trade. There were ten children, of whom Rev. Matthew Gardner was the fourth.

When he was eight years of age the boy Matthew was hired out, but two years later, in 1800, the father sold his leasehold and the family started, September 1, 1800, for the northwestern territory of Ohio, having but one small wagon, with three horses, and other means correspondingly limited. They reached Pittsburgh, then a small village, by October 1, and then were joined by four other families, all flatboating down the Ohio river. Four weeks later they arrived at Limestone, now Maysville, Ky. The father traded two horses for one hundred acres of land on the Ohio side, now Brown county, landing two miles below the site of Ripley. The father and sons erected a cabin into which the family moved about January 1, 1801.

In 1809 Matthew Gardner left home and went to Cincinnati, where he hired on a flatboat going to New Orleans, reaching there in May. About the time of arrival in New Orleans he suffered a severe spell of fever and there during the illness became converted and was ever after a devout Christian. After a long, hard trip he reached home October 20, 1809, and began studying preparatory to entering the ministry. He was baptized in the West fork of Eagle creek by Elder Archibald Alexander in October, 1810. Religious meetings were frequently conducted by this Christian preacher at the Gardner home. The church where Rev. Gardner began preaching was organized by Elder Alexander in the fall of 1810 and was one of the first Christian churches in Southern Ohio. Rev. Gardner followed the carpenter's trade for some years. He received his first letter from the Kentucky Conference, of which he was a member, September 8, 1812.

On May 20, 1813, he was wedded to Miss Sally, daughter of Jephtha and Sally Beasley, and in July of the same year he enlisted as a soldier and went to Upper Sandusky for a short

time, the victory of Commodore Perry rendering the services of his command unnecessary.

In 1813 Rev. Gardner purchased one hundred acres of land from his father-in-law and moved to the place January 1, 1814, where he resided for some sixty years. There were ten acres cleared and the remainder Rev. Gardner cleared. Thus he operated and improved his farm and also filled appointments and made trips as a Christian minister. He had a powerful, though pleasant, voice and was a pleasing speaker and singer; was robust, standing six feet and one inch and weighing about two hundred pounds.

On March 2, 1818, Rev. Gardner was ordained according to order of the Kentucky Christian conference, and the following years organized several churches, the first being Union Church in the western part of Brown county, two miles from Higginsport, on the Ohio river, in 1818. This church soon numbered some two hundred members. Later he organized a church on the Big Indian creek in Clermont county, Ohio. In 1820 he organized a Christian church at Bethel and formed a regular circuit in parts of Brown and Clermont counties, which took him about two weeks to get around. He was present and assisted in the organization of the Southern Ohio Christian Conference in October, 1820, the meeting of elders and messengers being held at the Christian church at the forks of Brush creek in Adams county. Rev. Gardner started, at his own expense, a church paper—the first in the then so-called West—and was editor of the paper, which was called "The Christian Union." The first number was issued in May, 1841—a monthly in magazine form.

Rev. Matthew Gardner's wife died September 20, 1869. Her birth occurred in Spottsylvania county, Virginia, September 12, 1794. They lived in wedlock fifty-six years and four months. Rev. Gardner preached the Gospel for sixty-three years. The marriage of Rev. and Mrs. Gardner was blessed with eleven children, more extended mention of whom is made in a sketch of Mr. John W. Gardner on another page of these volumes.

Personally, Rev. Matthew Gardner was a man of winning presence, impressing others with confidence, and pleasing those with whom he came in contact by his genial manner and genuine courtesy. His name is inscribed among those who have stood high in the affections of the people of Ohio.

LIEUTENANT JOHN QUINCY A. PARK.

As long as youthful hearts throb with love for their country, that long will American boys wonder much about the brave days of '61 to '65. The exact story of one boy from Old Clermont who followed Grant to Appomattox should be worth a place in its history.

John Quincy A. Park, the eldest son of John and Elizabeth Park, born in Williamsburg, December 21, 1843, was the boy who was to have that unique distinction. He had played his urchin days so that he loved a horse almost as much as is told of the great general, but he was still in the village school, with no larger thought than beating the drum for the village band. So, when the echoes from Fort Sumter rolled to the North, it was up to him to beat the larum drum in Williamsburg and down to Batavia and back home, while older people looked after the smaller details of fixing enlistment papers and getting orders about things. When the roll was ready, he held his drum with one hand and signed his name with the other. As he came out of the crowd, girls badged the left lapel of his coat with red, white and blue ribbons to show that he was "One of the volunteers." And he felt very brave. But the next morning as he bade parents and sisters and other excited and exciting friends good-bye, and mounted the band wagon rolling away to camp, and looked down the hill toward home that might never be seen again, his eyes grew so full with tears that he could not see the drum he was wildly beating. Before starting, figured papers were pasted under his heels so that he could say he was over eighteen.

And so he went with the "Clermont Guards" as Company E in the Twenty-second Ohio, from April 23 to August 19, 1861. During that time, he drummed while General McClellan won his first laurels in West Virginia. While he was learning to grumble like a soldier that had had enough, a letter came stating that he was wanted as a drummer in the Twenty-seventh Regimental Band. Straightway war was not so terrible, and he just stopped to say so to the folks at home, as he hurried on to overtake his band at St. Louis, and to notice that the East Fork seemed to flow toward the Mississippi. He again mustered in as a musician, on September 4, 1861, and helped swell the din of Fremont's campaign in Missouri, and then Hunter's, and then Pope's New Madrid Expedition. Then he was transferred to beat the long roll—too long—for Hal-

leck's "Siege of Corinth." But the band was discharged on August 17, 1862. Having grown taller and tired of drumming, he re-enlisted as a private in Captain William H. Ulrey's Company, M of the Second Ohio cavalry. Sometime having passed in recruiting, he was mustered in for another three years on November 6, 1862, and soon made a sergeant. The regiment took the field in an incessant chase after the wily John Morgan, that passed into the movement known as "Morgan's Raid Through Indiana and Ohio." That raid was halted by the all night ride of a body that included Sergeant Park's squad. That body appeared in a charge down the river hills on Morgan's flank and clinched his disastrous defeat at Buffington Island.

Then, for four months more, the Second Ohio cavalry was in constant conflict with terrible guerrilla bands that brought half rations and dismay to Rosecrans at Chattanooga, and Burnside's at Knoxville, until Grant planned the victories of Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge. Next followed the transfer of Grant to the East, when he took Sheridan, and Custer, who chose the Second Ohio cavalry for part of his command. And then followed a year of the most brilliant cavalry strategy in the story of wars. It was the strategy in which Custer, "The Glorious Boy," under the eye of Sheridan, led his troopers around Richmond and about the flanks of Lee's resolute battalions, and up and along the Shenandoah. Ah, the bravery of those days when they seldom finished breakfast before the fight began. "What makes your face so white, Captain?" said young Park to Ulrey, as their line stood waiting for the expected order to charge. "The same thing that is making your boots rattle in the stirrups," said Ulrey with a glance at the feet of the nervous youth. Before the campaign was begun, the first lieutenant quit, and before the campaign was half done, Captain Ulrey and Second Lieutenant Lough died from wounds taken in awful battles; and soon, two-thirds of the company could march and fight no more. Thirty years after he was asked: "Where were you when Lee surrendered?" "I was there," he answered. "Yes, but where do you mean by there?" "Why, right there, at McLean's House. My company formed the line on one side where General Lee and his officers rode by; and where General Grant on his black horse came wearing a private's overcoat."

A search of the reports and map showed that he was there, and more besides. He had been in seventy odd named engage-

ments with fatal casualties, and had had seven horses shot under him. And he got there after dark the night before, in the headlong chase for the crossing of the Appomattox. His company on the extreme southwest of all rode against and filed to the right, while he passed to the left and fell under his thrice mortally wounded horse in front of the log blacksmith shop that marked the end of Lee's magnificent marchings. Drenched with the blood of the dying horse whose struggles seemed to be crushing the leg beneath, Park lay in the extreme southern point not of the last ditch, but of the last road over which Lee could not prolong his southward retreat. Presently, Park freed his leg and found his company going into camp nearby, with the supposition that he had been killed. As the night wore on, the rest of Custer's cavalry and Sheridan's corps came up and were massed across the road. Lee's weary men, straining for the same point, came up in the night and the lines became so entangled that many found themselves prisoners in the morning before the actual surrender. But for the long discipline of the men, the tumult would have exceeded the imagination of a Milton. A dramatic interest is found in the going of the great generals into their conference amid the presented arms of a guard line formed by a company partly from Grant's native Clermont and paraded by the lithe young sergeant, whose commission, due the August before, was still in waiting, because of the vast haste and waste of the war. Sergeant Park never asked for promotion, and because of his long absence and the death of his officers without recommending his service, the matter was not pressed at home. At last, because of his record and through the generals in the field, he was promoted, June 28, 1865, to be second lieutenant of Company A of his regiment, and then commissioned to be first lieutenant. The Second Ohio cavalry was selected for duty pending the result of the French invasion of Mexico, and he was not discharged until September 11, 1865.

After the war, Lieutenant Park went to Kansas, whence he came back, and on May 17, 1875, married Clara, only daughter of David and Margaret (Smith) McClung, of Williamsburg. Then for several years, he lived in Phillip county, Kansas. They had three children. Flora, the oldest, died in her ninth year, at Missouri Valley, Iowa. After that they lived in Lincoln, Neb., and then in Des Moines, where Clara died March 3, 1903, leaving a son, William A., and a daughter, Margaret. William A. and Nora Park have recently removed

from Des Moines, to De Kalb, Ill., where he is employed by the American Steel & Wire Company. Margaret married Hale C. Davis, of Jamestown, N. D., where they are living and have one daughter, named Cleda. John Quincy A. Park's address for several years has been with the American Steel & Wire Company of Chicago.

JOHN W. GARDNER.

Mr. John W. Gardner, who is successfully engaged in the pursuits of agriculture in Brown county, Ohio, owns and operates (in common with his children now living at home), his well cultivated farm of one hundred and thirty acres in the northeast part of Union township. Mr. Gardner was born on this farm, April 17, 1836, and is a son of Rev. Matthew, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in these volumes.

Rev. Matthew and Sally (Beasley) Gardner were the parents of eleven children, namely:

Barton Beasley, who was born March 27, 1814, was a farmer and extensive tobacco dealer. He married Susannah Elliott October 20, 1836.

Sallie Ann, who was born December 5, 1815, married Michael Shinkle, December 1, 1836. Mr. Shinkle was a farmer by occupation and both he and his wife are deceased.

George Washington, born January 30, 1818, was by occupation a farmer and tobacco dealer. He married Eliza Slack December 30, 1841. He also is now deceased.

Jeptha Monroe, who was born April 10, 1820, followed the occupation of general farming and tobacco growing. He married Margaret Dalton December 9, 1842, and is deceased.

Lucy Eliza, born March 28, 1823, married William J. Lindsey on May 2, 1841. They were farmers and are deceased.

Louisa Maria, born September 15, 1825, became the wife of Abner De Vore, a farmer, on March 5, 1846. She died December 6, 1860.

Julia Elmira, born April 7, 1828, was the wife of Samuel Hopkins, a farmer and trader. Her marriage took place May 17, 1848.

James Alexander, born November 13, 1830, died July 24, 1851.

Mary Jane, who was born July 25, 1833, married George

W. Kindell January 1, 1861. She resides at Manchester, Ohio, and is past eighty years of age.

John Wickliffe, our subject.

Elnathan Matthew, who was born September 12, 1839, was a farmer and also engaged in the livery business in Ripley, Ohio.

Mr. John W. Gardner was reared and has resided on his present home farm all his life thus far. He received a good common school education and under his father's instruction became a practical and successful farmer. During the past years Mr. Gardner gave a considerable attention to the Equity tobacco business, having now a small interest in a tobacco manufacturing plant at Covington, Ky.

Mr. Gardner was united in marriage on April 27, 1857, to Miss Nancy Jane Boggs, who was born in Lewis county, Kentucky, December 23, 1840. She is a daughter of William and Lorinda (Bilew) Boggs, the former of whom was killed in a mill explosion—the Buckeye Mill—about 1845. He left three children: Mrs. Gardner; Ruth Ann (Coburn), deceased; and Riley, who resides in Union township, Brown county, and is a farmer.

The mother, Mrs. Boggs, married a second time, Mr. Richard Weeks, and they were the parents of six children, of which all but one are living and are scattered throughout the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner are the parents of the following named children:

Florence Bell, born February 18, 1858, married Edgar L. Martin, who went west some years ago. She died November 29, 1885, leaving one daughter, Pearl D., who died at the age of five years.

Charles Walter, born August 27, 1859, resides at Aberdeen, Ohio, having a farm near there. He married Alice Gray and they have two sons, Walter Gray and Eugene Myron.

Louis Oscar, born October 18, 1860, is a farmer and trader residing in Huntington township. He married Janett Buchanan and they have three sons: Stacy Earl, undertaker and furniture dealer, of Ripley, Ohio; Thomas and Charles Hugo. The third child, Frank Sherman, died in childhood.

Miss Melinda Alice, born September 5, 1862, is at home.

Frank Sherman, born September 30, 1864, died August 31, 1891.

George Washington, born September 2, 1866, resides at

Bloomingsburg, Ohio, where he is engaged in the hay and straw business. He married first, Elizabeth Smith, who was born in England, in 1863, by whom he had two children: Wilbert Samuel and Viola Florence. His first wife, Elizabeth (Smith) Gardner, died March 21, 1900, after which he married Emma J. Eyer.

William Mattheew, born September 18, 1868, is a farmer in Byrd township, near Decatur, Ohio. He married Agnes Stephenson.

Stacy Emmerson, born September 11, 1870, is at home.

Miss Hattie May, born April 24, 1872, at home.

Frederick Eugene, born March 21, 1874, died January 20, 1907.

In politics, Mr. Gardner was for many years a Republican, but in recent years has voted the Independent ticket. He has served twice as real estate assessor of Union township, and was once nominated by the People's party as representative from Brown county to the State legislature.

HUGH ELLIS TWEED.

Mr. Hugh Ellis Tweed was born on the farm where he now resides, in Union township, November 11, 1868, and is a son of Marion and Miriam (Day) Tweed. The mother was reared near Georgetown, Ohio, and is still residing on the farm with her son, at the ripe age of seventy-two years. She is a daughter of Ellis and Miriam (Mann) Day, of an early Brown county family. The father, Marion Tweed, was born in Union township, in 1836, and was a resident of that community until his death, which occurred in March, 1901. A farmer by occupation he was successful along this line of endeavor. He served his country during the Civil war as a corporal in the One Hundred and Seventy-second regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry. Marion Tweed was a son of John Tweed, who was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1791, and who died in 1859.

John Tweed, like the other members of the family, was a farmer and owned large tracts of western land, beside his home farm. He, too, gave faithful service to the defense of his country, in her time of need, having served thirteen months as ensign in Captain Seaton's company during the War of

1812. He was a son of Archibald Tweed, who in 1798 settled on a part of the farm which is now occupied by his great grandson, the subject of this sketch. Archibald was a son of Robert Tweed, and came to Brown county from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, which was his birthplace. His death occurred on his farm in Union township. That these men and their families were pioneer residents goes without mention, the many incidents of savage encounter and early privation remaining unto the present day as interesting family history.

The subject of this sketch owns and controls three hundred and thirty acres of improved and highly cultivated land, which is well devoted to stock raising and general farming, including corn, wheat, tobacco and the other crops of the section. Located near the birthplace of the famous burley variety of tobacco much of his land is successfully devoted to the production of same, the yearly returns from the tobacco crop often amounting to more per acre than the value of land on which it was grown. Mr. Tweed's farms are managed by careful business methods, the appearance of same revealing at once the personality of the manager. Buildings and fences are well kept, employes are comfortably provided for, the whole suggesting a situation of systematic comfort.

Mr. Tweed completed his education at the agricultural college of the Ohio State University. While in college he enjoyed the highest honor within the gift of his class of more than one hundred, this fact, according to his own statement, being one of the most pleasant experiences of his entire life. It was said of him by the dean of the institution that "I regard him as a man of very unusual ability," and that while in college "he was a leader and so regarded by both students and faculty," also that "he is already well known throughout the State by his writings for the agricultural press." Since fourteen years of age he has been a contributor to the agricultural literature of the country, and at the present time he is regularly employed by two of the leading farm journals. His contributions are generally brief and always to the point and are eagerly sought by publishers. Diverging from his chosen subject he occasionally writes upon other themes, one of these articles, published in an Eastern magazine, carrying off the leading honor in a hotly contested prize offering.

Although yet a young man, the subject several years ago completed a successful business experience as a seedsman. His carefully prepared and unique catalogues, punctual ser-

vice, square methods and good commodities made for him a trade consisting of thousands of customers. It was soon found, however, that this business and the farm were too much for one man to attend without overwork, and being a child of the soil the same soon found him engaged in his original vocation. He has said that had he decided to make the mere accumulation of money his life work he would have chosen the seed business instead of the farm. Retaining some attachment to the seed business the growth of seed corn was continued as a specialty and with characteristic success thousands of bushels of the same have been sold, the only limit in sales being that of production.

Mr. Tweed is an original thinker, thoroughly conversant with current agricultural matters, and methods, it being said of him by a competent authority that a visit to his farm and home will reveal more original up-to-date information than can be found in a day's journey. It has also been said of him that an hour's talk on farm subjects may be worth many dollars to the hearer, and for this, as well as other reasons, he has been repeatedly invited to do lecture work. Recognizing his judgment and tact, he has several times been called to the State and National capitals when important agricultural matters were under consideration. Recently, when the subjects of Canadian reciprocity was before Congress he was called to Washington, where he and many other unsuccessfully opposed the measure.

Mr. Tweed's home life is pleasant in the extreme. A home lover from the beginning he erected a comfortable house in the midst of his lands, and brought thereto Miss Ida Louella Cahall, the marriage ceremony taking place November 12, 1899. Miss Cahall had an extended college experience, and was for quite a while connected with the educational functions of the county. She was reared in Pleasant township and is a daughter of A. P. and Emma (Daugherty) Cahall, they being members of old Brown county families. Mr. and Mrs. Tweed have two daughters, Amber Lois and Ida Esther, aged six and three years, respectively. Mrs. Tweed is a member of the New Light church, and Mr. Tweed has been from time to time associated with the same. For ten years he was superintendent of his local Sunday school, during which time the school more than doubled in enrollment and was considered the model organization of that kind in the whole community. In religious belief Mr. Tweed is liberal. He regards the con-

science as the only safe guard and has little concern as to the estimate or opinion of his fellowmen. Creeds and denominations appeal but little to him, and he differs somewhat from many others in that he believes some of the more common sins, which are held aloft, are no worse than others, which pass practically unobserved. Mr. Tweed and family have spent considerable time in the State of Florida, enjoying the benefits of the delightful winter climate, and at present he is arranging to erect a home there, to which to repair every winter. The subject is one of the pioneer automobilists of his section, and is never happier than when out with his family enjoying the varied scenes, which only the motor car can make possible.

Being of a cheerful disposition, with a keen appreciation of the humorous, the subject is a very companionable personage to all who are associated with him, and especially to the children, who never tire of his quaint, but always perfectly clean humor. He detests the man with the vulgar tale, as well as the one who talks much and says little. Although a busy man he always hears attentively the appeal of those who approach him. He was heard to humorously remark that he had heard more appeals from insurance men than any man in the community, and yet never invested a dollar in the same. His success comes first from knowing how, and then in doing things as they come to him thus often accomplishing more in a single day than many others accomplish in a week.

HON. JOHN F. GAMES.

Hon. John F. Games, Representative of Brown county to the Ohio Legislature in 1857 and 1858, was a man widely and favorably known in this section of the State as a man of public affairs, a teacher and a farmer of Huntington township, Brown county, Ohio, where his birth occurred March 11, 1810, whose death took place October 1, 1888. He was a son of John Wood and Sarah (Fryer) Games, both natives of Jefferson county Virginia, who came overland with a team and wagon to Brown county in 1807, accompanied by Mr. Gilbert, a brother-in-law.

John Wood Games was a gallant soldier in the War of 1812 and was in the famous lake expedition. The death of

Mrs. Games occurred in 1840, having been the mother of six children, all of whom are deceased. Mr. Games formed a second union with Sarah Haynes, by whom he had two children. One died in infancy and the other, Josephine, became the wife of Mr. Wilson, of Huntington township. Mr. J. W. Games was a consistent member of the Methodist church and died in the faith in 1856, at the age of seventy years.

John F. Games received a good practical education in the subscription schools of Brown county and later taught irregularly for some ten years with great success.

In the year of 1831 Mr. Games was united in marriage to Mary A., daughter of Absalom Gardner, of Highland county, Ohio, by whom he had three children: Evaline, deceased; William B., of Ripley; and Absalom, deceased. Mrs. Games passed from this life in 1836, aged twenty-five years.

For his second wife, Mr. Games chose Amanda, daughter of D. W. Early, and to them were born eleven children, six of whom are yet living: Sarah E., wife of William G. Housh, of Moscow, Clermont county, Ohio; David Watson, who married first, Sarah J. Case, deceased, and second, Cora Atherton, and they reside in Huntington township; Hon. John W., who married Cerelda Porter, was formerly Representative from Miami county to the Kansas Legislature and served as treasurer of Douglas county, Kansas, for five years, being succeeded by his son. Another son, John I. Games, is postoffice inspector for Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana and resides at Lexington, Ky.; Euphemia A. married Samuel Porter and she died in Kansas, Mr. Porter being president of a bank at Waverly, Coffey county, Kansas; Martha F., Johnson Martin, now deceased, and she resides in Cincinnati, where her son, John Q. Martin, is engaged in the practice of law; Maria Power, wife of Dr. William H. Evans, a sketch of whom will be found on another page; Andrew E., who married Mary Cooper, is now postmaster at Aberdeen, Ohio. Those deceased are: Cordelia C., Mary Ellen, Charles F. and Gideon Gilbert. The mother of these children was born March 30, 1817, and passed to her eternal reward August 2, 1893.

Hon. John F. Games was a very successful and prosperous farmer and owned a finely improved farm of three hundred acres in Huntington township. He was scrupulously just in all his dealings and was ever ready to assist in all worthy enterprises. He served in the various township offices and as justice of the peace for a number of years.

Hon. Games embraced the belief of the Methodist church and was a consistent and prominent member of the Ebenezer Methodist Church.

JOSEPH WOODMANSEE.

Joseph Woodmansee is one of the native sons of Clermont county who has won success there and always lived near his birthplace. He was born about a mile from Rural, Clermont county, in 1847, and was the youngest son of Joseph and Sarah (Bonsor) Woodmansee, and his grandparents were very early settlers in Clermont county. Joseph Woodmansee, Sr., was born in Indiana, where his father lived in his earlier years, but accompanied his parents to Clermont county in boyhood and became a farmer. By his first wife, a Miss Smith, he had four children, all now deceased, and by his second marriage he had five children, of whom the only one surviving is the subject of this sketch. The second wife was born in Pennsylvania, in 1808, and died in 1860. The father died in May before the birth of his son, Joseph. A half-brother, James Woodmansee, served in the Civil war from Iowa. An early ancestor of the family, Robert Woodmansee, came from France in early times, locating at Boston, where he taught the first school that was open to the public.

Mr. Woodmansee was educated at Parker's School, near New Richmond, and has always been a great reader. He was left motherless at the age of eleven or twelve years, so has made his own way in the world to a large extent. In 1868 he was united in marriage with Miss Martha Iler, born at Neville, Ohio, in 1846, daughter of Jacob and Mary Iler. Mr. Iler was born in New Jersey and came to Clermont county at an early date. He there conducted an old fashioned tannery for many years. The parents were Methodists. Mrs. Woodmansee died June 13, 1907.

For ten years after marriage Mr. Woodmansee carried on farming near Rural, then he built an elevator and became a coal merchant at Rural, remaining in this business for twenty-nine years. He became known for his fair dealing in business. He then retired from this business, which he rented to his son-in-law, Arthur Shinkle, and the latter carries on the enterprise in the same manner as its former proprietor. Mr. Shinkle is a man of enterprise, and has kept up the trade Mr. Woodmansee

had worked up. Mr. Woodmansee lived retired for two years, but did not feel satisfied to be so inactive, after his many years of hard work, and has now engaged in selling monuments throughout the country, as a representative of the Manchester Granite & Marble Works. He is well known and has been successful in this line of work. He is well considered as an upright and progressive citizen, and is much interested in the affairs of his community. He is a Democrat in politics.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodmansee had six daughters, all born near Rural, namely: Maude, married Lula Broadwell, of Felicity, a sketch of whom appears in this volume; Callie, taught school one year, married Arthur Shinkle, and they live at Rural; An-nice, at home; Margaret, taught four years; Grace, has taught school for five years; Hazel, married William Houghton, and has two children—Wayne and Helen. Mr. and Mrs. Shinkle have two children—Octavia and Alice. Mr. Woodmansee lives in one of the finest homes in Rural. William Hendrickson, a brother-in-law of Mr. Woodmansee, served in the Civil war. Mr. Woodmansee is highly respected as an intelligent and industrious man in business circles and wherever known.

BYRON WILLIAMS.

A portrait and sketch of John Williams, of Williamsburg, Ohio, is to be found in Rockey and Bancroft's History of Clermont county, but as that work has been largely taken away from the county, some review of that worthy pioneer is proper.

The traditions of his ancestry cross the ocean to Cromwel-lian times in Wales; whence, after the Restoration of the Stuarts to the English throne, in 1668, and the ensuing persecutions of the "Old Ironsides," four brothers of the Williams name, with a faith "In a State without a King and a Church without a Bishop," sought physical and religious freedom in America. For, they were classed as "Nonconformists" and "Malcontents," whose bodies were restrained to compensate for the independence of their souls. One of these brothers went to North Carolina. With a faith then persecuted in Massachusetts Colony, the other three accepted the scant toleration of a forest obscurity back from Long Island Sound.

One of that three, Matthew Williams, a Welsh Baptist

preacher, or "Gospeler," as the Cavaliers scornfully called them, among few or many children, had Thomas, who was the father of Timothy, each of whom was also elected by their "Associations" to preach the Gospel. Matthew lived to be one hundred and three, Thomas, one hundred and two, and Timothy nearly one hundred years old. When very old and when the favor seemed to imply a cruel death to all, Thomas was permitted by the Indians to go from a captured block house with the women and children whom he guided to safety. The family register brought to Ohio begins with Timothy and Hester Williams, whose children were Jonas, Ruth, Peter, Robert, Mary, Isaac, Lydia, Benjamin and Thomas. Jonas was born December 26, 1751, and, in boyhood, was captured by the Indians, who bound his ankles so tightly with thongs that his feet froze while the captors slept. Yet, he managed to escape, and, wrapping his feet with his clothing, got back to his friends; but, when healed, in appearance and effect, he was club-footed for life, while otherwise strong and very active. Because of lameness he became a currier in New York City, and then a miller, and, to fill in the waiting hours while grinding, a shoe maker. He too was chosen to preach the saving ordinance of immersion, the futility of infant baptism, the virtue of close communion, and to practice the austere simplicity that had made Cromwell's "Ironsides" the founders of modern civil and religious liberty. Although his descendant writing these lines is a careless Gallio concerning much ancestral doctrine, he is not forgetful of the fadeless glory of such political service for humanity.

Jonas Williams married Eleanor Ward, who was born at or near New York, November 11, 1748, and was the youngest of the five children of Timothy Ward, whose other children were Phoebe, Zebina, Sarah and Susannah. Rebelling through life against his crippled feet Jonas and Eleanor went from the Jersey side of New York to be a part of the Wyoming Enterprise, to which he was probably persuaded by his Connecticut relatives. He built and operated one of the several mills in the valley and there, on May 23, 1776, their first child, Zebina, was born. The second child, Robert, was born June 19, 1778. Two weeks later, while at dinner, a horseman rode by crying, "The Indians are coming." Unable to reach the fort and be a soldier, Jonas ordered his brother, Isaac, then seventeen, to yoke the oxen and haul their boat below the dam, while he got the mother and babes with a bed and a sack of flour and bacon

aboard to row away and hide under the willow covered banks. A neighboring woman on a visit there rode hastily away for her own home, but was quickly shot and scalped. After the band had hamstringed the animals, burned the buildings and hurried on, Isaac ventured forth and found that the woman had been stunned by a bullet which glanced from her metal comb, so that through his timely help she was restored to a mutilated life. Young Isaac went into the Revolutionary army, was captured and died in a British prison in New York. After their ruin at Wyoming, the family went to Orange county, New York, where Jonas, Jr., and Isaac, Jr., were born. Having gained a little, Jonas again went to the frontier in that direction in Cayuga county, New York, and built and ran a mill by Lake Cayuga, where is now the town of Genoa.

On January 28, 1798, Zebina Williams, who became an expert wheel and mill builder, married Mary Cooley, who was born September 29, 1781, and joined his father at Genoa, where his oldest child was born, August 24, 1800, and named John Cooley Williams. Mary Cooley was a daughter of John Cooley, who lived in Lower Salem, West Chester county, New York, which is now a part of New York City. He was one of the notable Cooley family, of Connecticut, which furnished more than a score of the name for the Revolutionary army. John Cooley, of Lower Salem, was commissioned as adjutant of the Third New York, often called "The Manor Regiment," under Col. Pierre Van Cortlandt, and, besides much other duty, Adjutant Cooley served as such in the decisive charge at Saratoga, that brought about Burgoyne's surrender. The other children of Zebina and Mary Williams, born in Cayuga county, were Ambrose, Ezra, Warren and Phoebe. In 1810 Zebina Williams, in partnership with John Perin, came down the Alleghany and Ohio, to Columbia. After some residence at Red Bank, where his son, Charles, was born, November 17, 1812, he came two years later for a partnership in milling with Samuel Perin, but living where, in 1819, he built the second brick house in Stonelick township, which is yet a substantial home one mile west of Stonelick creek, on the pike to Milford.

About 1815 Jonas Williams came to Clermont with the rest of his family, but soon went to Indiana, where he was the first settler on and gave his name to the principal branch of White Water river; and there and about Connersville, his name and line are worthily continued. As soon as possible, Robert

Williams was among the first in Iowa as a pioneer of Louisa county; and the descendants of other branches have gone beyond the Pacific coast. Through more than two centuries, this family has been on the front edge of pioneer enterprise with the reputation of honorable, useful, capable and practical people, who have a goodly record of success as farmers, lawyers, judges, writers, teachers and business men.

The younger children of Zebina and Mary Williams and born in the home on the East Fork were Ann, Vesta, Ira and George. About 1827 Zebina Williams sought relief from the early plague of malaria by moving to the northern hills of Stonelick, yet he died of an acute fever, August 31, 1845, while his father lived to December 7, 1845, and Mary Cooley lived till April 28, 1852.

John Cooley Williams had such early reputation that he was sent before he was twenty "down the Mississippi" as supercargo of a boat load of valuable produce. Such a trip occupied the boating season of a year, and he made nine such trips, mostly for Samuel Perin, the commercial master of Clermont. During those trips, John Williams handled the produce and money that largely constituted the commercial life of northern and central Clermont from 1820 to 1830. In that business, his duty was not only clerical, but he was often required to act as a principal in large transactions, where an error was a failure. Amid the good opinion afterwards accorded, little was valued more than the high respect of the keen old master for his young supercargo. Because of impaired health that boded a decline, he left the "river trade with a reputation for fine judgment and fair dealing that was never tarnished." Yet, his physique was fine and he excelled in wrestling and other pioneer sports and especially so in one. Standing exactly six feet tall clear of all, and weighing less than a score short of two hundred pounds, he gave the unique performance of all such entertainment, by standing erect between two men holding a taut cord so that he could move his head freely without touching the cord. Then taking one step back, with a single springy effort, he could and did jump over the cord and, rising erect, stand a moment and then jump back over the cord without any other apparent effort. The feat has rarely been equalled in the story of athletics. He passed the grades of militia preferment to the rank of colonel, but he eschewed titles and rarely used his middle name.

On November 14, 1830, he married Rachel Copeland Glancy,

who was born January 6, 1813, and was the eldest of the ten children of John and Elizabeth Shields Glancy. Elizabeth Shields was born in Maryland, November 12, 1794, and was the youngest of the ten children of Thomas and Elizabeth Clark Shields, who came to Columbia in the spring of 1795, and to northern Clermont two years later. John Glancy, born November 30, 1786, was the second child of Jesse and Rachel Copeland Glancy, who came to Williamsburg, December 23, 24, 1804, from York county, Pennsylvania. Jesse Glancy was the son, some say grandson, of a Scotch-Irish immigrant, who came with cash in a little trunk still preserved, that enabled him to leave a considerable estate. The lining of that trunk is printed with the date 1726. Jesse Glancy was born in 1756, and died September 1, 1831. His gravestone declares that he was a patriot soldier, and tradition affirms that he was in the battles of Brandywine, Monmouth and Yorktown. Rachel Copeland Glancy, of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, died January 3, 1829, in her seventieth year. Tradition traces her line through a Quaker branch of the family of William Copeland, who married Mary, the second daughter of John and Ruth Alden Bass, and Ruth Alden was the third daughter of John and Priscilla Mullins Alden, of the Mayflower fame. After a life marked with strong mentality, John Glancy died December 29, 1874, in possession of much of the large tract midway between Owensville and Goshen, that his father had taken seventy years before.

John and Rachel Williams were builders of homes each with larger provision for convenience. After the rollicking, adventurous, and often perilous life of those pioneer times in the river trade, he gladly enjoyed the quiet of buying, improving, and selling real estate during the expansive period of the region. That business was followed through forty years without a losing deal. He was a popular teacher until occupied with larger affairs. In 1846 they left the lower Stonelick to improve a purchase on the Wooster Pike just east of Goshen that resulted in four sets of farm homes of more than usual comfort. From there they came in October, 1859, to near Williamsburg, where in 1862-3 they completed the "Williams Homestead," which was most happily enjoyed till his death, March 21, 1876. Memory delights to recall the generous charity of his happy, successful life that, despite the trial of river associations, was never marred by a profane word, a personal brawl or a drunken hour. He was a notable Free Mason, and

she was made a sister of the Eastern Star when that order was first started, and then for a generation forbidden. Although noted as one not long to stay, Rachel Williams lived on with her son in the homestead with a sprightly step and fine memory until July 19, 1904, when, because of a fall, not thought serious at first, she was taken to her room, where the bright, alert, efficient and beauty loving spirit slowly declined until her life of ninety-six years, six months and sixteen days closed, July 22, 1909. Three of their five children died early. Their daughter, sketched and pictured in Rockey and Bancroft's History of Clermont as Mrs. Louisa W. Bishop, of Batavia, was born September 25, 1832, and died in her Batavia home, February 21, 1908, with a spirit that was calmly ready.

Byron Williams, the third and only grown son of John and Rachel Williams, was born April 22, 1843, at their home then on the north bank, about three-fourths of a mile from the mouth of Stonelick creek. In March, 1846, the family moved to the early home in Goshen, and in the fall of 1847 the brick house was finished and occupied, about one mile from Goshen, in the fork of the Blanchester road from the Wooster Pike. That house was the home of the family for twelve years, during which a common school was attended one mile farther east on the Wooster Pike, where there was no lack of ambition in the instruction offered if not taken. In the fall of 1853 algebra was commenced. Olmstead's Natural Philosophy was added, and then Burritt's Geography of the Heavens was undertaken in 1854. Meanwhile, Greene's Analysis and Structure of the English Language was a continuous exercise. Owing to the promotion of one of the class to the position of teacher, the same text books were continued another year. During the next year the course was reviewed for the benefit of another teacher. During the intervals in the scholastic recreations of those four years, the spelling and definitions of the first fourth of Worcester's Academic Dictionary were literally learned and conned by rote to be cast into the teacher's teeth. In 1857, Cutter's Anatomy, Mitchell's Ancient Geography, Classical Dictionary and Lincoln's Botany, all unabridged, were taken. In 1858 the four weeks' session of the teachers' institute in Batavia was a large experience. During the school season of 1858-9 a study of chess was substituted for mathematics. After that a summer term in George H. Hill's Select School, at Owensville, for geometry and surveying, was easy. Such was the course in one of the country district schools in Clermont "before the war."

Though raised on a large farm the amount of a day's plowing was not done. Because of the sequel of a severe attack of scarlet fever in the fourth year, the boy was permitted to ride and hunt at will, and that will was not bad. Without a playmate near, a habit of reading and studying at home was formed that resulted in a love for books, which chiefly included Shakespeare, Milton, Pope, Goldsmith, Addison, Burns, Byron, Scott, Moore, Irving, Hawthorne and the American poets. Everything in the old Ohio School Library was read from the Swiss Family Robinson to the Stones of Venice. In this way the winter of 1859-60 was passed into a summer of squirrel hunting over the father's land in Sterling township. In September, 1860, the classical course was commenced in the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, and followed there or at home to the last page, except the much disliked metaphysical part. A much coveted share in the Union army was hindered by the persistent fever trouble. The unsought charge of the "Union Schools" of Williamsburg for 1865-66-67 was tendered and accepted. Then, for eleven years, needed assistance was given in the extensive business of the aging father. For some five years after 1872, considerable profit was gained in a partnership with John Park for the manufacture of the American Pruner. In 1875-76 much time was used in administering upon the estate of the maternal grandfather, John Glancy. In 1876-77 time, energy and money were freely spent in securing the Cincinnati & Eastern Railroad. Much time was occupied in 1876-77-78 as the executor of his father's estate. His time was still farther employed in 1878-79-80-81 as superintendent of the Williamsburg schools.

In 1879 a partnership was formed with Oscar Snell for the manufacture of novelty goods in wood, for which an eighty-horse power engine and saw mill were placed on Lot No. 59, with an iron roofed and sided building 40x130 feet, well stocked with machinery. But, in the financial stringency of that period, manufacturing interests suffered most of all, and so the promising but ill-timed firm of Snell and Williams was closed in 1885, and all the debts were paid by Williams, who quit manufacturing with some loss and much experience.

In November, 1884, the unsought appointment as school examiner for Clermont county was accepted from Judge James B. Swing, to be in a board with James Hulick and the justly celebrated educator Dr. Frank B. Dyer. That association was a turning point to a more definite concentration of effort for a

better purpose than a chase for coin. In September, 1885, the duty of superintending the Williamsburg schools was taken for two years, during which the high school at that place was established and the first class of ten students was graduated April 21, 1886. The duties of the president of the Clermont County Teachers' Institute during the sessions of 1886 and 1887 at New Richmond were done when and where the greatest expansion of that institution was attained. In September, 1887, the duty of superintending the Milford schools was undertaken and performed for three years. A purpose to undertake work on the public platform was delayed by urgings to go on the front line in the original effort to introduce and establish graduation from the common schools as a prime factor of our educational system. The success of that effort has been mentioned on another page. If Byron Williams had done nothing else for mankind, the work of that year gratuitously given is worth to his memory all that it cost him. For, in that result, his work as a public school teacher, in the pleasant words of Dr. Dyer, "closed in a blaze of glory." With that and nine years as a school examiner, the best at home, for a teacher, had been attained. The village had been served three terms in the council, and, when not teaching, ten years in the board of education. Clermont Social Lodge of the Masonic fraternity had had nineteen years of official service, of which ten were in the master's chair.

Chances to teach larger schools abroad were not considered but, instead, several trips were made to our navy yards, government shops and military posts, where much study was given from the civil point of view to our naval strength. After other lecture work, the lecture on "Our New Navy" was placed on the professional platform for the season of 1892-3, and won immediate favor. A lecture on "Our Young Defenders," or Cadet Life at West Point and Annapolis; and another named, "From the Ohio to the Hudson via Vicksburg and Appomattox," or From the Cradle to the Tomb of Grant, were added with fine public approval. This work was continued through twenty-five States and until 1900, with a gratifying mass of press clippings. Then a history was prepared for Thirey and Mitchell's Encyclopedic Work on Clermont County.

The time between February, 1907, and May, 1908, was intensely occupied with the composition and imposition of the Centennial History of Tuscarawas County, Ohio, which is rated by librarians as the most profusely and elegantly illus-

trated county work yet published. The preparation of a fitting text for the beautiful pages, while a grateful was also a most exacting task. Besides other prose and metrical work, both published and unprinted, much of a history of Cincinnati and Hamilton county was written for an unfinished work. Much of the year 1912 and 1913 has been employed with the historical part of these volumes.

Except for temporary absence, Byron Williams has lived since December 9, 1862, in the ancestral home, still more endeared by the presence of the wife he married, June 14, 1866, and as the birthplace of their children. Mrs. Williams, once known as Katherine Park, is the third daughter of John and Elizabeth Park, as told on other pages of this work, in which their son, Maj. Dion Williams, is also sketched. Their daughters, Ella and Louise, are graduates of the Williamsburg High School. Louise married Charles R. Kain, for six years a clerk in the Cincinnati postoffice, and the eldest child of Albion T. and Elizabeth Kain, mentioned in the sketch of the Kain family. The children of Charles R. and Louise Kain are Eldon Williams and Katherine Eloise.

Though trained, believing and efficient in home making, as the best of woman's life, Katherine Park Williams has shared in the trend of the time. While in Milford, in 1887 to 1890, she was one of the Beechhurst Circle that developed into the Progress Club. On returning to Williamsburg, in 1890, at her home was organized the Friendship Circle that was followed, in 1897, by the Vesta Club. In these societies for woman's sake every call was faithfully answered. In 1886 she was a charter member of the largely successful J. H. Jenkins Woman's Relief Corps, of which she was secretary and president four or five years each. She was secretary of the association that erected the beautiful Soldiers' Monument in Williamsburg. She was all but unanimously elected a member of the Williamsburg board of education, of which she was chosen clerk, and then president, for one year each. As the daughter of a Mason and the wife of another, she is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, of which her daughter, Ella, is also a member, and has served numerous years as secretary of Celestine chapter. Ella Williams has been closely associated with club affairs, in which she has been secretary and president, with much work on executive committees. But her chief concern has been to secure for the community a public library, of which she has freely and continuously served as the librarian.

JOHN MEEK.

Mr. John Meek is the owner and operator of one of the best improved farms of eighty acres in Clermont county, Ohio, it being situated in the southeastern part of Batavia township. He carries on a general farming and fruit growing business, and along these lines he has met with great success.

Mr. Meek was born in Stonelick township, May 8, 1849, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (McFarland) Meek, the latter of whom died some years ago, at the age of eighty-three years. John Meek, Sr., was a native of Germany and came to America with his parents when he was a boy. They settled in Stonelick township, but later removed to Batavia township. He spent over three years in the Civil war, in Company E, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, as a non-commissioned officer. Both he and his estimable wife were active members of the Methodist church, helping to build the church at Afton, Ohio.

From early boyhood, our subject has resided in Batavia township, and here he received his education. He is one of six children, the others being:

Truman, died at the age of sixteen years.

Maria, is the widow of Perry Wharton, of Sidney, Ohio.

George, a resident of Kansas.

Thomas, of Afton, Ohio, is the owner of a one hundred acre farm in Williamsburg township, Clermont county.

Belle, is the wife of Mr. East, of Washington, D. C., who holds a government position at that place.

Mr. John Meek married Miss Ella Harrison, daughter of Charles and Ann (Parker) Harrison, the former a native of Canada, who is a resident of Bethel, where he is living in retirement. He was school examiner and county auditor of Clermont county, Ohio, for a number of years.

Mrs. Meek passed from this life when a young woman, leaving four children:

Sidney, died in 1908, leaving a wife (nee Miss Tina Slade), daughter of George W. Slade, of Williamsburg, and one child, Lottie.

Eunice, who is now Mrs. John Hughes, Williamsburg township, Clermont county. They have two children, Harold and Grace.

Ethel T., of Clermont county, Ohio.

Marie D., who is the wife of Harry Haskell, of Clover, Ohio. They have one child, Lucille.

The second marriage of John Meek took place September 15, 1901, to Mrs. Mary (Johnson) Lever, who has the following children:

Dr. W. E. Lever, of Owensville, Ohio.

Charles Lever, of Cincinnati, a lawyer of that place. He was formerly a teacher.

Lizzie, who is Mrs. Shoemaker, of Hillsboro, Ohio.

Etta, married D. Lamkin, of Mannsville, Okla., who is in the mercantile business.

Mr. Meek votes the Republican ticket, and is a member of the Clermont Social Lodge, No. 29, of Williamsburg. Both Mr. and Mrs. Meek are devoted members of the Methodist church.

PEARL C. HARBER.

Mr. Pearl C. Harber, the junior member of the thriving and enterprising mercantile firm of Eveland & Harber, of Miami-ville, Ohio, is a native of Bracken county, Kentucky, his birth having occurred there February 2, 1878.

On Christmas day, 1881, Pearl C. Harber came from Kentucky to Miami-ville with his parents, John N. and Ida J. (Poe) Harber, who shortly after located on a farm in Miami township.

Mr. Harber acquired his early education in the schools of the district, spending his boyhood days on the farm. Later, he attended the high school at Milford, Ohio, and following his graduation from there learned the machinist's trade at Cincinnati, which occupation he pursued for six years, but desiring to be nearer home returned here and in 1907 Mr. Harber entered into partnership with Mr. W. B. Eveland in his general store. The company is conducting an up-to-date, prosperous business, and enjoys a large patronage.

Mr. Pearl C. Harber has one sister, Margaret, who is the wife of James Moorhead, of an old Clermont county family. His mother passed away in April, 1911, in her fifty-second year. His father, John Harber, resides in Miami-ville, and has been the sexton of the cemetery for the past twelve years. He is a Republican, and has served his party as assessor of the township.

In political views, Mr. Harber favors the principles of the Republican party. He has served as school director for sev-

eral years. Socially, he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America at Miamiville.

Mr. Harber is a strong, vigorous man, with a keen mind and indomitable energy, conducting his duties in such a manner as to be free from all unpleasant comment.

THE MEFFORD BROTHERS.

The Mefford Brothers may be classed among Ripley's most progressive and public-spirited young business men, whose intense business activity and energy have been the salient features in their successful career. They were born one mile from Ripley, Brown county, Ohio, Harry L., December 12, 1881, and Thomas L., December 12, 1883. They are sons of Samuel B. and Albertine (Loudon) Mefford, both residing near Ripley.

The paternal ancestors of the Mefford Brothers were natives of Germany, and tradition gives us the name of Andrew Conrad Mefford, whose birthplace was Frankfort, Germany, as being the first of the family to leave the Fatherland for America, and who located in or near Pittsburgh, Pa. He was the great-great-great-grandfather of the gentlemen whose names form the title of this review.

John Mefford, son of Andrew Conrad Mefford, was a large land owner and wealthy man of Virginia, who came down the Ohio river in 1787 to Limestone (now Marysville), Ky., where he remained for a few years, after which he removed to what is now Brown county, near the present site of Ripley, Ohio. Here he erected a log house near the place on the top of the hill, now owned by Mrs. Rachel Meyers, who resides there, and it is known as the old Mefford homestead. Shortly after his locating in Brown county, John Mefford purchased five hundred acres of land below Ripley, which he put into a high state of cultivation. During the frontier period he served as lieutenant of militia in the district located between Elk river (known as Eagle creek) and Straight creek. John was twice married, having seven children of the first union, the oldest being George, who was born in Pennsylvania, November 22, 1786, and who died October 30, 1872.

George Mefford was united in marriage on November 7, 1811, to Polly Ellis, a daughter of Samuel Ellis, a pioneer

resident of near Higginsport, Ohio. He was a brother of Nathan Ellis, who founded Aberdeen, Ohio. George and Polly (Ellis) Mefford became the parents of seven children.

John W. Mefford, eldest son of George and Polly (Ellis) Mefford, was married in 1834 to Anna, daughter of Lines and Rebecca (Applegate) Pangburn, who was born August 31, 1817, in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and whose death took place May 30, 1890. They had fifteen children born to their union, one of whom was Samuel B., who was born on Pisgah Ridge, Brown county, Ohio, December 6, 1854. He was united in marriage to Albertine Loudon, daughter of W. P. and Eliza J. Loudon, April 2, 1879. To this union four children were born, Bertha, who died in infancy, Harry L., Thomas L. and Earl L. Earl L. Mefford is a member of the Masonic lodge at Ripley, having obtained the Royal Arch degree. He is a very successful traveling salesman, having for several years represented the American Tobacco Company in Southern Ohio.

Samuel B. Mefford is a prominent agriculturist of Brown county, and owns and operates a finely cultivated farm of two hundred and forty acres of land near Ripley, Ohio. He has devoted his entire life to farming and is classed among the successful citizens of the county, and served nine years as trustee of Union township, and also assessor for six years.

Harry L. Mefford was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Lang, a native of Dayton, Ohio, her parents being from Germany, and both are deceased. They have one daughter, Dorothy Lang Mefford. Harry Mefford is a member of the Masonic lodge, including the Royal Arch Masons, of Ripley, Ohio.

Thomas L. Mefford is a member of the Union Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and Ripley Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. He has membership also with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Modern Woodmen of America.

Politically, they are in favor of the men and measures of the Republican party, although independent in local affairs.

Religiously, reared in the Christian church, Mr. Thomas L. and Earl L. continue to be members of that denomination, while their brother Harry L. embraces the faith of the Presbyterian church. The Mefford Brothers are highly esteemed in their native town as honest and industrious men, and are considered admirable citizens in every particular.

MAJOR CHAMBERS BAIRD.

Of the men who have passed from this life, whose record for good citizenship entitles them to honorable mention in these volumes, is numbered Major Chambers Baird, of Ripley, Ohio. He was a man of affairs and one who wielded a wide influence, his opinions doing much to mold public thought and action. In all his public work Major Baird was actuated by a spirit of direct and immediate serviceableness and his labors in behalf of his town and county were far-reaching and beneficial. The birth of Chambers Baird occurred at Sandy Springs, Adams county, Ohio, July 25, 1811, and his death at Ripley, Brown county, Ohio, March 20, 1887. He was a son of Judge Moses Baird, an Ohio pioneer of Scotch-Irish Presbyterian stock who came from Washington county, Pennsylvania, and settled at Sandy Springs in 1790.

Chambers Baird was reared on the home farm on the Ohio river, opposite Vanceburg, Ky., his home until he reached the age of nineteen years, when, in 1830, he became a student in the Ripley College, with his cousin, Stephen R. Riggs, afterward a noted minister and missionary among the Dakota Indians, as classmate. This college closing in 1832, they entered Jefferson College, in Pennsylvania, and graduated from that institution of learning in the year of 1834.

After his graduation, Mr. Baird read law at Ripley with the Hon. Archibald Leggett and Col. Francis Taylor, formerly of Kentucky, and was admitted to the bar in November, 1836. He became widely known as a general practitioner, as a keen business man, and prominent citizen.

In 1837 Major Baird was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ann Campbell, of Ripley, who passed from this life in 1844. On May 6, 1845, Maj. Chambers Baird was united in marriage to Miss Judith Anne Leggett, only daughter of Mr. A. Leggett, who had married two daughters of Colonel Taylor. Mrs. Baird still resides (1913) at Ripley and is the mother of five children who were born to her union with Major Baird. Of the five children, three died in infancy, and those living are: Florence C., now Mrs. J. J. McCardy, of Los Angeles, Cal., and Chambers Baird, a prominent lawyer of Ripley.

It is almost impossible for a man of Major Baird's character and ability to avoid prominence in politics and he took an active part in political life, first as a Whig, and later as a strong Republican and anti-slavery man. In 1855 he was

elected State Senator from Brown and Clermont counties; in 1856 he was a delegate to the first National Republican convention which nominated Fremont. Later, he was a delegate to many other conventions, and was a trusted leader of the Republican party in his State and county.

In 1860 he took a prominent part in the election of President Lincoln and at the outbreak of the Civil war was among the foremost speakers for the Union. He was an intimate friend of Senator Sherman, Secretary Chase, Governor Denison and other prominent men. His age, fifty years, prevented him from entering active military service, but he was appointed provost marshal by the Governor and was intrusted with the responsible duty of organizing a defense of the Ohio border. With his accustomed energy Major Baird at once set about organizing minute men and military companies, and later, in 1863, accepted an appointment as paymaster in the United States army, with the rank of major, being first assigned to the Army of the Cumberland, with headquarters at Louisville, Ky. He was later removed to Washington, where he was a resident when Lincoln was assassinated. He paid the Union troops returned from southern prisons, at Annapolis, and was mustered out July 1, 1866, after three years of service. During the period in which he was paymaster, Major Baird handled many millions of money without the loss of one cent.

Community affairs were ever of deep interest to Major Baird and his services could always be secured to further any movement for the public good. He was a director of the First National Bank of Ripley and later was president of the Farmers' National Bank and also of its successor, the Citizens' National Bank. He was president of the Ripley Gas Company from its organization in 1860 until his death. For years he was an active member of the Ripley Fair Company and also of the Ripley Saw Mill and Lumber Company. He was an investor in various other local and outside enterprises. He declined a number of nominations and appointments to honorable offices, among them a judgeship in the Supreme Court of Ohio, not wishing to leave his home and profession.

Major Baird possessed one of the largest libraries of law books and miscellaneous works in southern Ohio. His home was one of culture and refinement and beauty. In religious matters he was an active member, trustee and elder of the Presbyterian church, and for many years was a teacher of the

Bible class and a delegate to the Presbytery and Synod. He always give liberally to all branches of church work, contributing not only financially, but taking a personal interest and rendering active, faithful service.

While Maj. Chambers Baird was of the highest type of professional man and enterprising man of business, he was first of all a good citizen. His championship of the right and his settled convictions, from which he could not be swerved, made him a leader of no little power. In his professional life as a lawyer and in business he was conscientious, kind hearted and generous, careful and accurate; in public life he possessed the sterling qualities which command respect, while in the seclusion of home and in the social circle he displayed those winning traits which make human affection little less than divine.

CHARLES ROBB.

Mr. Charles Robb, uncle of Mrs. E. J. Hutchinson, of Jackson township, was born at Twelve Mile Creek, three miles back of New Richmond, Ohio, January 5, 1826, in a house built of brick, which was made on the home farm.

Mr. Robb was a man of meager education, but was self-taught, and one numbered among the friends of education who inaugurated the teachers' institute in Clermont county, at Amelia, in 1848. For the first year, Mr. Robb was secretary of this teachers' association. He was a man of more than ordinary mental endowment, and was well posted on all questions of current interest.

Few farmers of Southern Ohio spent more time and labor in the pursuit of practical agricultural knowledge, than Mr. Robb.

Mr. Charles Robb was one of a number of literary characters of Clermont and Brown counties who organized a poets' union, each bringing their offerings at stated periods to their conventions to be criticised or approved as the case might demand.

Mr. Robb was a member of Company C, First regiment, Kentucky volunteer infantry, and served for four years or more as commissary sergeant. He wrote a fine collection of poems, relating to the war, and his name is inscribed on the "Roll of Honor" as the poet of the regiment. He was a good

lecturer and always had appreciative listeners and his social nature was endowed with poetical temperament to a high degree. Mr. Robb was fluent as a speaker, persuasive as a writer and a man of exceptional moral character.

The collection of poems which Mr. Robb wrote includes poems of battles, friends, one beautiful one called, "The Mother's Blessing," legends, one especially interesting one entitled, "Reunion of Clermont Academy."

In 1857, Mr. Robb ran on the Republican ticket for Senator for the counties of Brown and Clermont. He was well posted on all political questions.

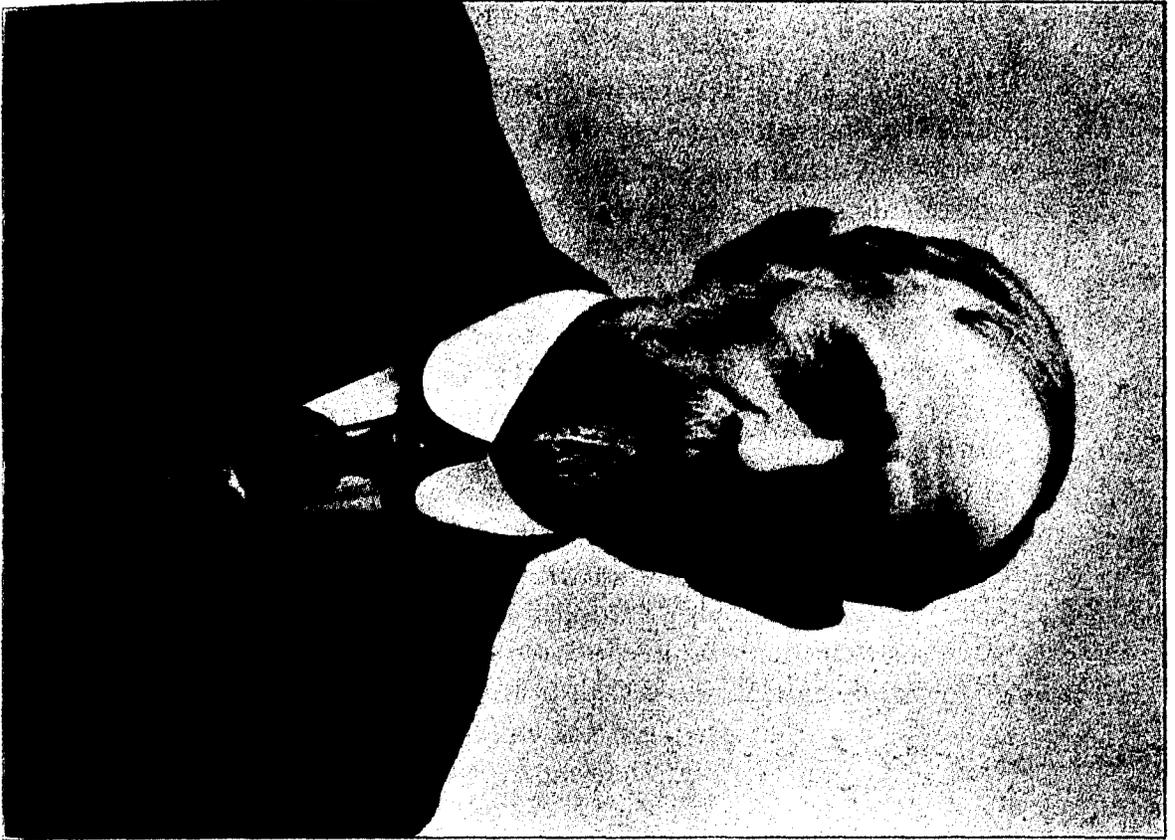
Mr. Robb passed to his eternal reward September 20, 1872.

Mrs. Hutchinson edited a little book called, "Robb's Poems," in which is an interesting biography of Mr. Robb, which reflects great credit on herself as a literary genius. This little book was published in 1910 and is intended as a souvenir to the younger members of the family. Mrs. Hutchinson is a woman of bright intellect, and her literary work is of great interest to her many friends.

HON. BENJAMIN E. GARDNER.

One of the best known of Ohio politicians for native intellect, honesty of purpose, and stern, unyielding devotion to principle, is the Hon. Benjamin E. Gardner. There is, perhaps, no one who is more closely connected with the affairs of Clermont county, Ohio, or who takes a greater interest in the welfare of the community of which he is a part. That he is serving his second term as State representative from Clermont county, is proof that he has been faithful to the interests of the people who elected him.

Benjamin E. Gardner is a native of Clermont county, his birth having occurred in Monroe township, June 20, 1851. His father, W. W. Gardner, was a native of Brown county, Ohio, being born near Ripley, May 19, 1826. He was reared and educated in Brown county, coming to Clermont county in 1840, locating first in Franklin township, where he remained but a short time. He then settled in Monroe township, permanently. He married Miss Margaret Kratzer, August 23, 1846, her death taking place five years later, when the subject of this review was an infant. W. W. Gardner followed the oc-



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HARRIET (SWOPE) GARDNER

cupation of mill wright for the greater part of his active life. He was a Democrat in politics and served as township trustee for ten years or more in succession, during the Civil war times. He was a member of the Odd Fellows and a consistent member of the Christian church. He was successful in life and at his death, which took place May 1, 1897, he owned a finely improved farm of one hundred and eighty acres.

The grandfather of the Hon. Benjamin E. Gardner, for whom our subject was named, settled in Brown county, Ohio, early in the Nineteenth century, where he engaged in the business of farmer and millwright. He was prospered to a large measure and in the year of 1850, he and his good wife went West, where they remained until their deaths. They were the parents of five children, all of whom are deceased.

Mr. Gardner was enabled to acquire a good common schooling in Monroe township, and the schools of the county, following which he entered upon his business career as farmer, in connection with which he carried on threshing, and conducted a saw mill.

On May 1, 1873, occurred the marriage of Mr. Gardner to Miss Mary Swope, who was a daughter of John and Eliza (Keithler) Swope, both natives of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and early settlers of Clermont county. John Swope died in 1878, in the seventy-second year of his age, and his wife, Eliza, died May 1, 1897, in her seventy-eighth year.

To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner four children were given:

Lora, is the wife of C. C. Barkley, a prosperous farmer of Monroe township. They have two children: Elbert and Merrill.

Charles N., married Miss Ada Nichols, a daughter of Joseph Nichols. They are residents of Cincinnati and are the parents of one son, Joseph.

John W., a farmer living near Felicity, married Miss Etta, daughter of George Lanham, and they have one daughter, Florence.

Frank, who is operating the home farm, married Miss Carrie, a daughter of Louis Snider. One son blesses this union, Leonard.

Mrs. Gardner passed from this life August 12, 1889, at the age of thirty-seven years.

Mr. Gardner was married a second time in 1895 to a sister of his first wife, Miss Harriet Swope, and they reside at Nicholasville, where they have a comfortable home.

For the past twelve years, Mr. Gardner has been a member of the County Agricultural Board and takes an active interest in stock betterment. He handled thoroughbred Aberdeen-Angus cattle, and was the owner of the second herd of these cattle in the county. Mr. Gardner always takes a great interest in politics and is well informed on all of the important issues of the day, which has led him to favor the principles of the Democratic party and has held the office of township clerk for one term, and resigned from the office of township trustee to accept the office of representative from Clermont county, in 1908. Socially, Mr. Gardner is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Nicholasville, and both he and his estimable wife are devoted members of the Christian church.

The close application which Mr. Gardner has always given to the business he had to do, the unfaltering perseverance for the completion of any task undertaken, constitutes the secret of his unvarying and unbounded success, and classes him with the foremost of substantial citizens of the county.

EDWARD PATCHELL.

Mr. Edward Patchell, the father of Edward C. Patchell, mentioned elsewhere in these volumes, was born on Oil creek, Venango county, Pennsylvania, February 19, 1801. His paternal ancestors were French Huguenots, who immigrated to the northern part of Ireland in 1568, four years before the massacre of St. Bartholomew. The doctrines of Calvin had gained an entrance to that portion of France bordering on Switzerland, and were embraced by the Patchells, a numerous and influential family living near Vasse. The fifth great-grandfather of our subject was one of the gallant few who served under that famous Protestant clergyman, George Walker, in the heroic defense of Derby against King James. For bravery in the battle of Boyne he was presented with a gold medal, dated 1690, now in the possession of E. C. Patchell of Stonelick.

Edward Patchell, the progenitor of the family in America, and the grandfather of our subject, was keeper of the forest under Lord Fitzgerald. This nobleman was killed by the Catholic tenantry in the insurrection of 1788 in Derry county.

He also owned a large farm five miles from Londonderry, and would have shared the fate of his lordship had he not been secretly released by a man named Dunbar, whom he had previously befriended several times. In 1792 he immigrated to America and in 1800 purchased a farm on Oil creek, in Pennsylvania, on which he settled; on this farm are some of the largest oil wells of the United States. He died in 1814, aged ninety-seven years.

James Patchell, next youngest in a family of two sons and three daughters, was born in County Derry, Ireland, 1772; married Elizabeth Cannon in 1800, she being born in County Tyrone, Ireland, 1783. They had eight children: Edward, William, Mary, Jane, Eliza, Jemima, James and Joseph, all of whom are deceased. In the War of 1812 he was a major in the Pennsylvania militia and was stationed at Erie during the winter of 1814. His brother, Edward, was a brigadier-general in the Pennsylvania line during the War of 1812, and was appointed by President Jackson, issuing commissary general of the army of the Southwest, with headquarters at New Orleans. He held this position for three years, resigning on account of ill health. At the time of his death he was one of the wealthiest and most prominent citizens of Pittsburgh. In the spring of 1816, James Patchell, in company with several other families, descended the Alleghany and Ohio rivers to Neville, Clermont county, Ohio, in a keel boat; later purchased a farm on India creek in Monroe township, where he lived until 1832, removing then to Butler county, Ohio, his home until his death, 1844, and where his wife passed away in 1846. He was a man of great energy and strong will power, combined with excellent judgment, thus making for more than ordinary ability.

November 2, 1826, Edward Patchell married Sarah Ann Brown, born in Nashville, Tenn., February 7, 1803, and the following children were born to them: William W., born November 7, 1827; Elizabeth J., born July 16, 1830; James M., born July 11, 1832; Sarah Ellen, born August 6, 1834; Angeline, born May 15, 1837; Mary E., born March 22, 1844, and Martha E., born June 23, 1847. Sarah E. is the widow of Ambrose Roudebush, of Stonelick township. Angeline is the wife of Uriah Haworth, and lives on the East Fork of the Little Miami river, near Batavia. James M., never married, was a pupil of Prof. Stevens, of Milford, for several years, and graduated from Nelson's Mercantile College, of Cincinnati, in 1854.

In 1857 he went to California, where he spent two years and in 1863 he was unanimously chosen captain of a company of Ohio home guards, and in September of the same year, was commissioned major of the same company by Governor Todd. His discharge of the duties was most dignified, popular and efficient. Edward C., another son, is mentioned on other pages of this work.

Mrs. Patchell passed away January 17, 1866. She was one of those wives and mothers who made life what it should be—a home what it is intended to be—the most attractive place on earth. In 1866, Mr. Patchell married Anna J. McDonald, who survived him and later became the wife of Roland Boyd. She is also deceased.

Mr. Patchell died suddenly of heart trouble, while visiting a neighbor, February 11, 1876. He was austere in manner, well balanced of mind, with temperate habits; his heart was ever tender toward suffering humanity: he was a patron of colleges, though possessed of little education, altogether combining the fire of the French, the sympathy of the Irish, the exactness of the Scotch—united in perfect harmony.

FRANK ALEXANDER STIVERS.

Mr. Frank Alexander Stivers, of Ripley, Ohio, is a representative of the best pioneer blood of which Brown or Adams counties can boast. His birth occurred at Ripley, Brown county, Ohio, on the 15th of April, 1865. He is a son of Andrew Jackson and Katherine (Maddox) Stivers.

His paternal great-grandfather, John Stivers, who was born in Virginia in 1764, was of an old Colonial family resident of Virginia. He intermarried with Martha Neel, of that State. During the Revolutionary war, he enlisted as a private in Captain Robert Daniel's company, it being a part of a regiment of the line commanded by Colonel Spencer. Serving this term, he again enlisted in a company raised by Captain Harris. At the time of this enlistment he was a resident of Spottsylvania county. After the war, he removed first, to Pennsylvania, and from thence to Adams county, Ohio, and located near Manchester. In 1832, he applied for and received a pension, in recognition of his services in the War of the Revolution; he died in Sprigg township, Adams county, Ohio,

at the age of sixty-four, and is buried at Decatur, Brown county, Ohio.

Robert Stivers, a son of John and Martha (Neel) Stivers, and grandfather of the subject of this sketch, came with his parents to Ohio from Pennsylvania, and on arrival at maturity, in December, 1815, married Jane Meharry, a native of Ireland, her birth having taken place in County Tyrone, February 3, 1790. She had been brought by her father and step-mother to the United States at the age of four years. Alexander and Jane Meharry, her father and step-mother, were natives of Ireland, who immigrated to America in May, 1794, and had settled at Connellsville, Pa. In 1798, they removed to Kentucky and shortly afterwards to Adams county, Ohio, where Mr. Meharry met his death, in August, 1813, being killed by the falling of a tree, while returning from a camp meeting held near New Market, Highland county, Ohio. The maiden name of the mother of Jane Meharry was Gillespie, and she died in Ireland, and left two children, John and Jane.

Jane (Meharry) Stivers was a woman of great force of character and natural ability, raised in a God-fearing and God-serving family, she never lost the effects of her early training. Throughout the strenuous life of that day, she was ever an active and consistent Christian. She accepted membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, and died triumphant in that faith. Her precept and example was so forcefully impressed upon her family that a reflex of her character is clearly displayed in this generation. Her brothers were men of mark and substance, one, Alexander Meharry, a gifted and devout evangelist, became eminent in the Methodist Episcopal church, the others remained farmers, and moving to Indiana, were prominent in the well known settlement around Shawnee Mound in that State. The children of Robert and Jane (Meharry) Stivers consisted of four sons and four daughters.

Andrew Jackson Stivers, second son of Robert and Jane (Meharry) Stivers, and father of the subject of this mention, was born in Sprigg township, Adams county, Ohio, September 6, 1818. He became more generally known and more closely identified with Brown county than the others. As a young man, not yet of age, he came to Ripley, Ohio, and began that career of trade and finance that made his name a household word, and his life a high mark of ambition to those who wished to excel. His first employment was with Arch-

ibald Leggett, and he remained with him until the organization of the farmers' branch of the State Bank of Ohio in 1847, with Mr. Leggett as president, Mr. Daniel P. Evans as cashier, and he as teller. This was the beginning of his lifelong occupation—that of banking. Yet, he did not confine himself entirely to this pursuit, he also traded in tobacco, wheat and pork, and other interests. In a long life of activity coupled with economy and rare foresight, he became possessed of abundant means. His life was pure and simple; sharing his mother's love for the Methodist church, he became identified with that organization in Ripley and for many years was its chief supporter.

Mr. Andrew Jackson Stivers was twice married, September 20, 1845, to Miss Harriet Newel McClain, a union that lasted but six years. She died August 19, 1851. Again he was united in marriage, after a long interval, to Miss Katherine Maddox, December 13, 1859, who proved a helpmeet indeed, through years of unusual happiness and prosperity. Four children were born to this union, two dying in infancy, and two surviving, namely, Robert, born April 20, 1862, and Frank Alexander, born April 15, 1865. They have kept his business intact, and pursued the same benevolent and generous line of action in both church and civic affairs. Mr. A. J. Stivers died in Ripley, Ohio, March 18, 1894, being survived by his wife and two sons.

Mrs. Stivers was a daughter of John T. Maddox, a pioneer of Adams county, a substantial citizen of Ripley at the time of his death. Mrs. Stivers was a woman of more than ordinary breadth of mind and heart. Her activities were both along social and church lines. She espoused the cause of temperance and with well known zeal, became a leader in that movement. She died March 2, 1904, at the home of her son, Frank Alexander, leaving a name and memory of rare fragrance.

John Robert Stivers, who married Miss Belle Tyler, a great-granddaughter of Col. John Poage, the founder of Ripley, is living in Ripley, engaged in banking, farming and stock trading, conjointly with his brother.

Frank Alexander Stivers, being of a studious trend of mind, attended Ripley school and was a student of the high school of Ripley, while yet in his "teens," after which he attended the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, during the years of 1884 to 1886, in the class of 1888. Desiring a business education, he attended Nelson's Business College in Cin-

cinnati. He chose the law as a vocation, entered the Cincinnati Law School as a student, and was graduated therefrom May 28, 1890, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. The next day, May 29, 1890, he was licensed by the Supreme Court of Ohio to the full practice of the law in all the courts of that State. On October 9, of that same year, he was admitted to practice in the United States court for the Sixth circuit, and Southern district of Ohio. On returning to Ripley, he formed a partnership with W. D. Young, Esq., and entered into practice.

The failing health of his father and the exacting demands of the large estate, compelled Mr. Stivers to relinquish the pursuit of the law and give his attention entirely to the business of looking after it; he then entered the bank as an officer and has so remained.

In 1889, February 20, Mr. Stivers married Miss Zua Johnston, of Bucyrus, Ohio. She was the daughter of Henry Drinker Ellis Johnston and his wife, Jane Ludwig Johnston. She graduated from Bucyrus schools in 1884 and from the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, in 1888. It was while fellow students, the acquaintance began which led to marriage. Mrs. Stivers' family was quite as distinctly identified with the northern portion of Ohio as was that of her husband's with the southern portion. Her father was the eldest son of Thomas F. and Martha (Walton) Johnston (they were second cousins), old residents of Crawford and Marion counties. They were Quakers in religion and Republicans in politics. The Johnston family, originally, were from Ireland, although Thomas F. was born in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, in 1800; he was a cabinet maker by trade. The family moved to Bucyrus in 1825. Henry Drinker Ellis Johnston became a farmer and stock raiser, owning a large landed estate, which he cultivated and grazed as his pursuit required. He was familiarly known as "Major," the title acquired from his connection in early life with the militia of Marion county.

Henry Drinker Ellis Johnston was married to Miss Jane Ludwig, daughter of Samuel Ludwig. She was born November 20, 1831, while the family were on the way from Pennsylvania to Ohio. Her father was a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania, born January 25, 1788, and died December 20, 1876. The family were originally from Alsace, France, and the Brothers Ludwig, the earliest known of the family, being staunch Huguenots and Protestants, were driven from France

by the revocation of the Edict of Nantes. They took refuge later in America, having turned their estate into money and secreted it in the lining of their clothing. Mrs. Stivers has much of the same spirit in religious matters, and is quite devoted to the Methodist church, in which she was reared.

The family of Frank Alexander and Zua (Johnston) Stivers consists of themselves and three children: Andrew Jackson, named in honor of his grandfather; Richard Johnston, and Mary Effie. Andrew Jackson, the eldest son, is known as "Jack" and was born November 24, 1889, at Ripley, Ohio. After passing three years and graduating at the Culver Military Academy, of Indiana, he is now attending his father's alma mater, the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware. The second son, Richard Johnston, was born February 6, 1893, at Ripley. After preparation at Exeter Academy, Massachusetts, he has matriculated as a student at the University of Yale, at New Haven, Connecticut. He also spent one and a half years at the Culver Military Academy before entering Exeter. Mary Effie was born October 6, 1900, at Ripley, Ohio, and is attending the home school at Ripley.

Since his marriage, with the exception of the time passed in the study and practice of law, about three and one-half years in all, Mr. Stivers has devoted himself to banking. In connection with his brother, Robert, he has acquired a controlling interest in the Citizens' National Bank of Ripley, and has been in turn its assistant cashier, president and cashier, the latter office he now holds. He has held this connection for about twenty-seven years. In banking, Mr. Stivers has always been conservative, yet free enough to promote any movement in trade, looking to the betterment of the business interests of his native town and county. He is not a speculator in any view, but has invested in many branches of business other than in his own bank. He is a large holder of real estate, both city and country, and his holdings are looked after with the same intelligent and careful insight that marks his banking career. He and his brother also own a controlling interest in the Ripley Gas & Electric Plant, and gives it his personal attention.

Mr. Stivers has taken his father's place in the Methodist church, and extends to it the same generous financial help that has characterized the family for so long.

While looking after financial affairs, he by no means neglects civic duty, for seven years he was a member of the city

council, and gave to that service the same interested attention that marks all his actions. He is now in middle life, full of energy and pushing forward every movement for the good of his community. In politics, he is a Republican, and a close observer of the history and actions of his party, proud of its past history and hopeful of its future. In his daily walk, he is liberal and benevolent, open to espouse every good move in his community.

THE DeVORE FAMILY.

Three brothers of Huguenot heroic blood came early to America, one settling in New Jersey, one in Virginia, and one in Pennsylvania. From the last ancestry David DeVore, son of Nicholas and Sarah DeVore, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, February 10, 1774, and moved to Mason county, Kentucky. He married Alice Mann, of the same family as Horace Mann, who was born in New Jersey, April 15, 1777. They removed to the farm near Red Oak, Ohio, where they died, Alice DeVore, June 25, 1860, and David DeVore, January 26, 1861. Their children were:

Anna, born February 13, 1797, married to Joseph Horn, January 17, 1816.

Sarah, born December 5, 1798, married to John Carnahan, May 14, 1818.

Folly, born February 17, 1801, married to John Wills, September 12, 1829.

Peter Mann, born April 3, 1802, married to Sally Day, October 3, 1821.

Abner, born November 25, 1803.

Nicholas F., born May 16, 1806, married to Hetty West, October 18, 1832.

David G. DeVore, born March 31, 1808, married Rebecca Murray, near McConnellsville, Ohio, May 24, 1837.

Elhanan, born February 25, 1810, married Martha B. Stayton, October 22, 1835.

Newton S., born May 24, 1812, married Lucinda Melvin, June 10, 1836.

Emily, born June 25, 1819, married John Beasley, February 25, 1836.

Excepting Abner, who died young, all reared large families, and all lived in Brown county. Emily DeVore Beasley moved

with her family to Champaign, Ill., where her husband acquired wealth and occupied a position of importance in the community. Newton DeVore, when in the prime of manhood, moved to Mt. Vernon, Ind., where he died. The other members of this large family lived and died in the county of their birth. David DeVore, the founder of the Ohio family, was a man of sturdy virtues, intelligence and of lovableness. He became a man of wealth and was connected with the first bank of Ripley. David G. DeVore, his son, resembled him in appearance, and in disposition.

David G. DeVore, attended the University at Athens, Ohio, when the trip was made on horseback. He ranked high in scholarship, being especially noted in mathematics. After graduation, he studied law with Archibald Leggitt, of Ripley. Thomas Corwin was one of the examiners when he was admitted to the bar. He entered a law firm with Thomas L. Hamer, and steadily rose in his profession, until he was second to none in the courts in which he practiced. He lacked the eloquence of Hamer, but he surpassed him in scholarship and knowledge of the law. Early in his practice, he was made prosecuting attorney. David G. DeVore was a great reader and a profound student of history, for which his remarkable memory aided him. Shortly before his death, he quoted from memory fifty psalms and said, "I can give the rest." He loved his home and his friends with him in it. He amassed a large fortune, which in his old age was lost him, yet it never lost him his sweetness of temper. He was public-spirited, ever ready to advance the public good. He was interested in young men, and aided many to a successful career. He died November 26, 1894. Rebecca Murray DeVore, his wife, was of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and possessed the virtues of those people. She died April 12, 1866.

Of their children, Alice and Emily died in childhood. Peter Mann, a remarkable youth, when eleven years old, Lucy Mary Taylor, who married William Snedeker, in Los Angeles, June 29, 1909, James Mann, who was a long time county commissioner, died September, 1911. Three are still living: David DeVore, connected with H. S. Pogue & Company; Sarah Phillips, living in Cincinnati, and Rebecca Jane DeVore, who enjoys the distinction of being the only "Brown Countian" in the recent "Who's Who." She has been a teacher and educator of distinction for many years, holding the presidency of Pennsylvania College for Women, Pittsburgh, for six years,

from which she resigned for extensive foreign travel. She has been president of Glendale College, Glendale, Ohio, since 1901. She is widely known as a ready writer, an able speaker and a thorough teacher.

JUDGE G. BAMBACH.

Judge G. Bambach, a man of remarkable personality and of signal achievement in both business and political life, is one of the citizens of Brown county, Ohio, whose useful and eventful career has been of such character as to bring this section into prominence. Judge G. Bambach has filled the office of judge of the common pleas court of the first subdivision of the Fifth judicial district, composed of the counties of Brown and Clermont, since 1907, the term expiring in February, 1913. The birth of Judge G. Bambach occurred December 21, 1840, in the capital of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, then an independent State, but now a part of the German empire. His parents were G. and Barbara (Bortzmeyer) Bambach.

G. Bambach, Senior, was born in 1812 in Gross Gerau, Germany, near the city of Darmstadt, in which city he located later in life. He was in the Revolution of 1849, which caused him to become a refugee and to fly, with his family, to America in August of that same year. He located at Levanna, Brown county, Ohio, where he engaged in the vineyard business. His demise occurred at the home of his son, Judge G. Bambach, near Ripley, Ohio, in May, 1890. His business career was one of honesty and integrity and successful endeavor. His burial took place at Ripley, Ohio.

Barbara (Bortzmeyer) Bambach was born in 1807, in Alsace, one of the French provinces, and passed away in February, 1871. She became the mother of two children:

G. Bambach, the future judge and the subject of this mention.

Barbara, who was born in 1844, became the wife of George Hanstein and died at Levanna, Ohio, in 1869.

The future judge attended the schools in the land of his nativity until his parents immigrated to America, when he became a student of the public schools in Brown county. Later he entered a private school at Cincinnati and, following his graduation from this institution, began the study of medicine,

graduating from the Ohio Medical College in 1860. Pursuing his education further and along different lines, our subject entered upon the study of law, graduating from the Cincinnati Law School in the class of 1862, being immediately admitted to the bar.

The marriage of Mr. Bambach to Miss Margaret Hanstein occurred September 18, 1862. She was born in 1839 at Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, a daughter of Frederick and Margaret Hanstein, both natives of Hesse-Darmstadt. They came to America in 1856, locating at Cincinnati. Mr. Hanstein was in the civil service of the State of Darmstadt and after coming to America he retired because of being afflicted with rheumatism. In the family of Frederick Hanstein and wife were five children, two of whom are living:

Margaret, the wife of Judge Bambach.

George, who married Barbara Bambach, sister of Judge Bambach.

Judge G. and Mrs. Bambach are the parents of the following children:

Anna M., who became the wife of Dr. George B. Twitchell, of Cincinnati, is interested in woman suffrage and has lectured in Wisconsin on the subject.

G. G., cashier of the First National Bank of Bethel, Ohio.

Olga is the wife of Albert H. Caine, of Cincinnati.

Ida is a resident of Cincinnati.

Elizabeth B. is Mrs. Louis Reniert, of Columbus, Ohio.

Ernest E., of Cincinnati, Ohio, is associated with the E. D. Woodward Company. He married Inez Thompson.

Julia, a teacher of music, is at home with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Bambach raised the little daughter of their sister and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Hanstein, the latter having passed from this life when the little girl, Helen, was very small. She is now the wife of C. H. Twitchell and resides in Cincinnati.

All of the children are graduates of the Ripley High School, including the niece.

In the fall of 1862 Mr. Bambach was appointed assistant surgeon of the Eightieth Ohio Volunteer infantry and served in that regiment until the fall of Vicksburg, after which he returned to his home in Brown county, Ohio. He entered at once upon the practice of his profession and, with the exception of one year spent at work on account of his health, he has practiced continuously in Ohio. He rapidly made friends

and gained clients and successfully followed his profession for so many years that he gained the confidence and good will of his fellow citizens, which resulted in his election to the bench. Well versed in the law, he has given as complete satisfaction on the bench as at the bar, and was his party's choice for re-election as judge of the common pleas court, but he declined the candidacy because of the time necessary to be away from home in filling the office and as he has passed the seventy-second milestone on life's journey, he desires to live a more quiet life. The Republican party, whose principles he advocates, has once nominated Judge Bambach for State Senator and once as Representative, and also nominated him judge of the probate court. He has served his party in the local office of township trustee and, being interested in all educational affairs, has served on the board of directors. The first vote cast for President of the United States, by our subject, was for President Lincoln in his second term.

Judge G. Bambach has been financially interested in many of the business enterprises of Brown county, one of these being the Ripley National Bank, of which he has filled the office of vice president. He also assisted in the organization the piano factory of Ripley, being its president during its existence, and of the shoe factory, of which he was also president.

In fraternal circles Judge Bambach is a member of the Masonic lodge and of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Since the year of 1881 Judge Bambach has resided on his farm near Ripley, and his home has ever been a place of social gathering for the friends and acquaintances of the family. He is considered a gentleman among gentlemen and is recognized as one of southern Ohio's best citizens. He is broad in his views and liberal to all with whom he is associated. He will inconvenience himself to do a kindly act to one deserving of his consideration. Such citizens as Judge Bambach and his family are a great credit and blessing to any community.

EDWARD C. PATCHELL.

Mr. Edward C. Patchell, of Stonelick township, one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Clermont county, Ohio, is now living in retirement, enjoying the fruits of years of indus-

try and frugality. Mr. Patchell was born in a log cabin on the Batavia pike, Stonelick township, October 1, 1839, and is a son of Edward and Sarah (Brown) Patchell, mentioned on another page of this work.

Mr. Patchell was educated in the common schools of Stonelick township, and also attended the Owensville school, having two and one-half miles to walk during the time of attendance. He remained at the parental home until his marriage.

On February 7, 1861, Mr. Patchell was united in marriage to Miss Susan Haworth, who was born in 1841 in Clinton county, Ohio, a daughter of Ezekiel and Elizabeth (West) Haworth. Mr. and Mrs. Haworth, both natives of Ohio, the former of whom served for nine years as commissioner of Clinton county, riding horseback to Columbus for settlement with the State auditor. He was in later years a farmer and raised a family of fifteen children, Mrs. Patchell being the youngest. There are three of this family now living:

Uriah, of near Batavia, Ohio.

Phoebe, who is the widow of William Hunt, of Clinton county, Ohio, is eighty-five years of age.

Isaiah, of Lynchburg, is about seventy years of age.

Mrs. Patchell passed away April 7, 1871, and was laid to rest in the Owensville cemetery. She was a consistent member of the Baptist church and left five children:

Eva, who was born in 1862, married Dr. J. B. Cleckner and died October 12, 1908, leaving three children, one of whom, Ralph, is a prominent physician of Mattoon, Ill. He spent the winter of 1912-13 in Germany finishing in surgery.

Owen W., born December 23, 1863, married Lillian, daughter of Dr. J. B. Cline, of Perintown, and they reside in Paul's Valley, Okla. They have three children, Jewel, Helen and Edward C. Owen Patchell is a graduate of the Ohio State University and his wife is also finely educated. Owen is now a prominent lawyer. He has served two years as Representative of Garon county, Oklahoma, and is largely interested in farming, owning several hundred acres.

Edward W. was born September 1, 1865, and married Miss Cora Brown, a daughter of James L. Brown, of Batavia. They are resident farmers of Clermont county. In their family are three children, Harry, Lloyd and Maude, all married.

Charles M., born March 29, 1867, married Mollie Burgett, and both are deceased, his death occurring March 29, 1892.

Albert J., born January 1, 1869, married Miss Jerusa Combs

and, with his brother, Edward W., operates their father's large farm. He has two daughters, Roberta and Mabel.

April 4, 1878, Edward C. Patchell married Miss Belle, daughter of James R. and Martha J. (Hunter) Deniston. Mrs. Patchell was born at Lynchburg, Highland county, Ohio. Her father was born in York county, Pennsylvania, in 1802 and died in 1867, while Mrs. Deniston was born in Jackson township, Clermont county, Ohio, in 1827 and died in 1905. Mr. Deniston was for years bookkeeper at the stillhouse at Perintown, but had previously resided in New Jersey, where he served as probate judge and sheriff. He was also occupied in teaching school for several years.

Mrs. Patchell is the fourth of eight children, the others in order of age being:

Lott H., who entered the army at the age of fourteen years, serving two years and, being captured, was incarcerated for a time in Libby prison. He was later engaged in the painting business and died at Los Angeles, Cal.

Ella, the next younger than Mrs. Patchell, is the widow of Joseph Shannon, of Williamsburg, Ohio.

Perly.

Mrs. Patchell has three half brothers:

Dr. A. F. Deniston, who was a captain in the Civil war, is a practicing physician at Westboro, Clinton county, Ohio.

Josiah, who served as a lieutenant in the Civil war, now deceased.

To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Patchell have been born three children:

Lottie Louisa, who was born October 23, 1880, is the wife of Dr. James K. Ashburn, mentioned elsewhere on these pages.

Pauline, died at the age of seven years.

James, who was born July 27, 1897, is attending the Madisonville high school.

Mr. Patchell owns a finely improved farm of four hundred acres in Stonelick township, besides some Oklahoma holdings, although he was born, reared and began housekeeping in log cabins. The home built by his father in 1851 was destroyed by fire in 1904 and Mr. Patchell has replaced it with a concrete structure, the first and finest of the kind in the county, being modern in every respect. Another illustration of Mr. Patchell's progressive spirit is his purchase of the first self-binder used in Clermont county.

May 10, 1864, Mr. Patchell enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Fifty-third regiment, Ohio Volunteer infantry, serving three months as sergeant. His brother, William, also served in the same company.

Mr. Patchell is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and since 1868 has held membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In politics Mr. Patchell is a Republican and has been active in the interests of his party for many years.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Patchell are members of the Baptist church, of which he is trustee, and has served for twenty years as superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a most zealous worker in the Sunday school and also for the cause of education and charity.

Mr. Patchell has in his possession a silver snuff box and two volumes of the Bible issued in 1793, which belonged to his paternal grandfather, besides many other interesting relics.

RICHARD HAWKINS.

Richard Hawkins is a well known fruit grower, residing on his fifty-three acre farm in Ohio township. He also owns a fine forty-five and one-half acre farm in Monroe township. He is a fine business man and has made a successful fruit grower, about forty acres of his fifty-three acres being devoted to all kinds of fruit. He is well thought of and respected among the well-to-do farmers of Ohio township.

Richard Hawkins was born to William and Mary Ann (Lindsey) Hawkins, on December 1, 1841, in Mt. Pisgah.

William Hawkins was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, March 26, 1810. He was a son of Richard Hawkins, who was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, and lived until his death during the Civil war. William was a farmer and came to Clermont county, about 1840, and resided in Ohio township the rest of his life. He served as county commissioner for one term, after which the people who elected him regretted to give him up. He was a Methodist and a great worker in the church. He was a Republican and wide awake in political life.

Mary Ann Lindsey was a daughter of Edmond and Barbara (Fisher) Lindsey. She was born in Clermont county.

Edmond Lindsey came to Clermont county from Georgia



FRANCES (MESHU) JAYKINS

and settled in Ohio township, where he lived until his death prior to the Civil war.

Richard is one of fourteen children, of whom but eleven grew to maturity, and seven are living, including, Elisha, of New Richmond; John, on Twelve Mile creek, near Lindale; Thomas, of Pike county, Illinois; Rezin, of Ohio township, Clermont county; Amanda, a widow, of Springfield, Ohio; and Emma (Lewis), of Amelia, Ohio.

Of the brothers there were five who served in the Civil war: Elisha, Edmond (deceased), Richard, Thomas and Rezin.

Richard served in Company G, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, as did his brother, Elisha. The others were in the Thirty-fourth Ohio volunteers.

Richard served a little over three years. He was in the Army of the Cumberland, and participated in many engagements, including Pittsburg Landing, Corinth, Chickamauga, Stone River, march from Chattanooga to Atlanta, Missionary Ridge and others.

He was under General "Pap" Thomas. He underwent many hardships, but was never wounded. He served faithfully, and in October, 1864, received an honorable discharge at Nashville.

After his discharge Mr. Hawkins returned home and engaged in the fruit raising, which has been mentioned.

He married Miss Frances Nesbitt, who was born in Ohio township. She was a daughter of William Nesbitt, a farmer and cattleman, and well thought of by all who know him.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hawkins have had eight children, five sons and three daughters. The sons are: Grant, who died at the age of thirty-nine years, a few years since. He left a wife and family in Monroe township; William, who is a farmer in Ohio township; Richard, Jr., who resides at Amelia; Harry, of Newport, Ky., and Fred, of Monroe township.

The daughters are: Florence, wife of Albert Turner, of Cincinnati; Lizzie, who is at home, and Mary, wife of Cliff Marsh, of Ohio township.

Richard is a strong Republican. He was formerly a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is liked by all the brothers of that order.

Like his father he is a member of the Methodist church, and a good worker thereof. He is a man of good character and is a good citizen. The people of Ohio township are glad to claim him as a citizen of their township.

HON. ROBERT EVANS CAMPBELL.

In the prosperity of every community may be traced the controlling influence of a limited number of its citizens, who, by reason of peculiar business qualifications and high personal characteristics, become unmistakably identified with its public and private life. The city of Georgetown has had such citizens, and perhaps few are better known than the Hon. Robert Evans Campbell, an able attorney and a high type of American citizen. He is a son of William and Fanny (Evans) Campbell, both of whom were representatives of early prominent families of Brown county, Ohio. His birth occurred on Eagle creek, near Mt. Olive Church, his natal day being March 23, 1854.

Robert Campbell, great-grandfather of the subject of this mention, was a native of Scotland, his birth taking place at Argyleshire. He came to America previous to the American Revolution, but returned to his native country before the beginning of the war. Shortly after his return he married Miss Belle and they at once settled in County Tyrone, Ireland, near the town of O'Magh. The family were weavers by trade and in this occupation they were prospered.

Mathew Campbell, grandfather of Mr. Robert E. Campbell, was born on the old Campbell estate in County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1773. He wedded Miss Martha McCutchen in County Tyrone, Ireland, about 1798. They came to America about 1800, landing at Wilmington, New Castle county, Delaware. He settled opposite Philadelphia, in New Jersey, and remained there until 1803, when he brought his family of wife and two children to Ohio, where he settled near Bentonville, Adams county. He became a soldier in the War of 1812, serving in the Northwest under General Harrison, as orderly sergeant in Capt. William Kerr's company. After the close of the war, Mr. Campbell purchased land on Eagle creek, Brown county, Ohio, northeast of where Mt. Olive Church is now located. Here he carried on general farming for many years, and was very successful. His death occurred on the old Campbell homestead, December 25, 1859, and is buried in what is known as Rickey cemetery.

William Campbell was born near Bentonville, Adams county, Ohio, February 6, 1815, and after a useful and prosperous life passed away near Carlisle, Brown county, Ohio, September 11, 1896, his burial was in the Ash Ridge cemetery, in Jack-

son township. He chose general farming for his life occupation, and was one of the best men and citizens of Brown county. He was a devout member of the Christian church, and enjoyed the respect and esteem of the entire community in which he lived.

Mrs. Fannie (Evans) Campbell was born near Carlisle, Brown county, Ohio, on the old Evans homestead, January 10, 1820, and died January 20, 1888. She is laid to rest by the side of her life's companion in Ash Ridge cemetery. She also was a devoted member of the Christian church.

Mr. Robert E. Campbell enjoyed the educational privileges of the schools of Brown county, and later the North Liberty Academy. Having finished the academy course, he became a student of the Dennison University. For two years following the completion of his school days, he engaged in teaching in Brown county. He then read law and was admitted to the bar in 1879, and since that time he has devoted his attention to the practice of his chosen profession.

On September 5, 1879, Mr. R. E. Campbell was united in marriage to Miss Mary Lizzie Gilbert, the ceremony taking place at the Gilbert residence five miles north of Aberdeen, Ohio. Her birth took place February 20, 1862, her parents being Dyas and Harriet (Pence) Gilbert.

Dyas Gilbert was born in Huntington township, Brown county, Ohio, October 9, 1830, and died November 12, 1903. He followed the occupation of general farming and was very well educated. His great-grandfather, William Gilbert, came to Ohio from Virginia in 1807 and purchased two hundred and two acres of land near Aberdeen, Ohio, at two dollars per acre. His wife was born in December, 1777, and died in 1822. They reared a family of twelve children, all of whom are now deceased. He died October 28, 1836.

Alexander Brooks Gilbert, son of William Gilbert and wife, was born near Aberdeen, Ohio, on the farm of his parents, October 28, 1910, and died in February, 1889. He was a farmer and expert saw mill operator and he had two sons, John and Dyas, both of whom are deceased. His wife, Katherine Housh, was born in Pennsylvania, in 1802, and came to Ohio at a very early date, her death occurring in February, 1892.

Harriet (Pence) Gilbert was born February 21, 1832, and resides near Decatur, Ohio, with a daughter, Mrs. Holton. She is a daughter of Aaron and Elizabeth (Moore) Pence, natives

of Adams county, Ohio, who came from Virginia in the early days. Michall Pence, great-grandfather of Mrs. Harriet (Pence) Gilbert, was one of the first settlers of Adams county, Ohio, coming there in 1795.

To the union of Dyas and Harriet (Pence) Gilbert were born nine children.

Albertine, wife of Samuel Dragoo, residents of Elpaso, Tex.

Sarah Katherine, married William Hook and they live in Brown county, Ohio.

Hillis R., resides in Dayton, Ohio.

Mrs. Campbell, wife of our subject.

Homer Grant, of New Mexico.

Minnie J., who became the wife of James S. Wilson, resides near Decatur, Ohio.

Effie Belle, wife of William B. Holton, resides near Decatur, Brown county, Ohio.

In the family circle of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Campbell four children have come to bless and brighten. Their names follow in order of birth:

William Dyas, born February 25, 1881, married Georgia Walker, of Paris, Tex., and lives at Amorilla, Tex., where he is a railway engineer. They have one child, Mary Francis, born November 10, 1906, in Texas.

Ruth, born February 6, 1884, a graduate of the Georgetown High School, married Charles P. Noggle, of Dayton, Ohio, and they have one daughter, Katherine, born March 4, 1910.

Lucy, born February 6, 1887, also a graduate of the Georgetown High School, is the wife of Elbert F. Schweickart, of Fremont, Ohio, where Mr. Schweickart is engaged in teaching in the high school. They have one daughter, Ruth Louise, born December 25, 1911.

Kate Cople, born July 28, 1890, is a graduate of the high school of Georgetown, and attended the Miami University. For the past four years she has been a valued teacher at the old Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home at Xenia, Ohio. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution from ancestry on her father's side.

Mr. Robert Evans Campbell served five years as captain of Company H, Third infantry, Ohio National Guards, beginning in August of 1888. He later became major of the First battalion, Third infantry, Ohio National Guards, commanding the battalion in the war with Spain. He is a member of Cincinnati Camp No. 74, United Spanish War Veterans, which has

headquarters at Memorial Hall, Elm and Grant streets, Cincinnati.

In politics, Hon. R. E. Campbell is a staunch Democrat, and was twice elected probate judge of Brown county on that ticket, serving two terms of three years each, his first term beginning February 9, 1900, and the second term beginning in 1903.

Honorable and Mrs. Campbell are members of the Methodist church, to which they contribute liberally.

Fraternally, Mr. Campbell is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Knights of Pythias, while Mrs. Campbell is president of the Research Club. Both of these worthy people are active in literary and social life of Georgetown, Ohio.

Robert Evans Campbell is a great reader and lover of good books, possessing one of the finest libraries in Georgetown. He is also a historian of no small ability, and is now preparing a history of his family ancestors, for the benefit of his descendants. He is highly respected by all who know him, and warmly esteemed by a host of friends who recognize his sterling virtues.

Maj. Robert Evans Campbell is descended on his mother's side from George Wilson, who served as an officer in the French and Indian war, under the Governor of Virginia, from 1755 to 1764. He came from Scotland, in 1750, and settled near Staunton, Va. In 1769 he moved to Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and settled on George's creek. He was commissioned by the Continental Congress, July 20, 1776, lieutenant-colonel of the Eighth regiment, Pennsylvania Line. The regiment was ordered to march to Brunswick, N. J., or to General Washington, wherever he might be in the field. He died from exposures of the march the last of February, 1777. He was said to have been one of the finest military men of his time. On his mother's side Major Campbell is descended also from Edward Evans, a Revolutionary soldier, who belonged to the Virginia Rifles.

DR. F. P. WITHAM.

Dr. Franklin Pierce Witham, a prominent physician of Withamsville, Clermont county, Ohio, who is identified with the various interests of the village, was born in Withamsville April 14, 1853. He is a son of Dr. James M.

and Caroline (Duckwall) Witham. Dr. James Witham practiced medicine many years in the vicinity of the village of Withamsville, which was named in honor of his father, Maurice Witham.

The boyhood days of Franklin Pierce Witham were spent in his native village, where he received a good common school education. At the early age of fourteen years he began to aid his father by driving for him and looking after his collections. When eighteen years of age he commenced reading medicine with his father, later entering the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati. Following his graduation he at once entered upon the career of physician in his native village, practicing with Dr. James Witham as senior partner. For eighteen years this association continued, being severed by the death of the elder gentleman.

On January 18, 1874, Dr. Witham was married to Miss Lenora Laycock, of New Richmond, the ceremony taking place at Mt. Washington, Ohio. She is a daughter of Reuben and Nancy (Medaris) Laycock. Her parents were successful farmers living near Mt. Pisgah, Ohio, where she received a good education.

Dr. Franklin P. Witham is the oldest of three children, the others being:

George W., who was a graduate of the Lebanon, Ohio, Normal School, after which he received a State life certificate to teach. He followed the vocation for fourteen years at Milford, Ohio. He was married to Miss Nannie E. Ellis, daughter of Rev. John Ellis, of Mt. Vernon, Ill., and to their union were born three children, two of whom are residents of Los Angeles, Cal. George W. died September 22, 1907, and his widow resides at Los Angeles.

Olive K., who is Mrs. Frank P. Higdon, of Hyde Park, Cincinnati, has one daughter, Mabel.

Dr. F. P. Witham is a life-long Democrat and, though not an office seeker, he was appointed pension examiner by Grover Cleveland, in which capacity he served through President McKinley's administration. He has served his party in the local offices of township committeeman and chairman of the county central committee. In addition to these offices he has been a member of the school board for a number of years.

When the Amelia State Bank was organized, in 1909, Dr. Witham was made a director and became a large stockholder in the organization. He held the office of secretary of the

banking concern until in 1911, when he was elected president.

There is, perhaps, no one in Clermont county who is more widely known in fraternal circles than our subject, he being affiliated with the Eureka Lodge, No. 447, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Withamsville, of which he has held all the various offices. He has been the representative of the fourteen lodges of his district at the grand lodge of the State. He is also a member of the J. B. Covert lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, at Tobasco, and is now serving his fourth term as worshipful master and has represented his lodge at the grand lodge. He is a member of the Royal Arch Masons, No. 112, of Batavia, Ohio. In addition he also holds membership with the Knights of Pythias lodge, at Mt. Washington, Ohio, and of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics at Withamsville, and is treasurer of the building committee to raise money for the hall at Withamsville.

Dr. F. P. Witham is a trustee and a devoted member of the Baptist church, as is also his wife. He is a member of the Baptist Association of Clermont county.

In his busy life Dr. Witham finds time to give each of his varied interests proper attention, even in detail, and it is due to his unusual capacity and ability that he has been able to accomplish so much.

LOUIS MISCHLER.

Louis Mischler, son of Wendell and Caroline (Dietz) Mischler, was born in Ripley, Brown county, Ohio, May 4, 1863. His father, Wendell Mischler, was born in Bavaria in 1829, and after receiving his education served three years in the German army and traveled extensively in Germany and France and was located for a number of years in the city of Lyons. The mother of our subject was born in Belgium in 1825. They came to America about 1856 and located in Canada, where they remained for several years and then removed to Cincinnati, where they remained but a short time, and then moved to Ripley, where Mr. Mischler died, April 3, 1872, and was buried in Maplewood cemetery. During the Civil war he served in the Forty-third Illinois regiment and was discharged at Corinth, Miss. The mother died August 22 at Cincinnati, Ohio, and is buried in St. Mary's Catholic cemetery. To them five children were born: Alexander, Carrie, Louisa, Louis and Wendell W. Alexander died in infancy.

Carrie became the wife of Charles C. Zeller, who for many years and until his death was the manager of the piano department of the Rudolph Wurlitzer Music Company, Cincinnati, Ohio. To them were born six children: Louis, Charles, Ada, Albert, Lorena and Clarence. The first two named died in infancy. Ada is a graduate of the Cincinnati College of music, having for her teacher Albino Gorno, and is a pianist and teacher of considerable note. She has a studio at Seventh and Elm streets, Cincinnati, Ohio. Albert is also musical and is at present in charge of a music store in Los Angeles, Cal. Lorena is a graduate of the Foley School of Voice and is a singer of rare talent. She is also a pianist and teacher. Clarence is connected with the brokerage firm of Weil, Roth & Company, Cincinnati, and is at present in charge of their Chicago branch. Louisa, the third child, died at the age of six years.

Louis, the subject of our sketch, was born in Ripley, Ohio, May 4, 1863. He attended the public and Catholic schools of Ripley, after which he worked for three years in the Valley Gem Piano factory. He then accepted a clerkship, which position he held until 1897, when he was elected treasurer of Brown county on the Democratic ticket, in which capacity he served for two terms. After his term of office he associated with W. J. Jacobs in business, purchasing what is known as the Georgetown Coal and Lumber Company, in which business he is still engaged. While at Ripley he was a member of Gen. Jacob Ammon Camp, No. 410, Sons of Veterans. He was united in marriage to Miss Tressa Jolly February 28, 1897. They have two sons: Louis Harland, born January 1, 1898, who is in the third year of high school, and is very talented in music, playing the piano and cornet. James Jolly, born January 24, 1902, attends the public school and is also a pianist and talented in music.

Wendell W., fifth child, was born in Ripley, Ohio, November 5, 1865. He graduated from the Ripley high school and later attended Nelson's Business College, Cincinnati, Ohio. He was a stenographer for a number of years in the employ of the Car Service Bureau, Cincinnati, and in 1896 he successfully passed a civil service examination and was appointed to a position in the quartermaster general's office in the war department. He remained here until the Spanish-American war broke out, when he was taken into the office of the Secretary of War and remained there during the terms

of Secretaries Alger, Root and Mr. Taft. When Mr. Taft was elected President he appointed him one of his aids. He has accompanied him in all his travels and has taken in shorthand every public speech Mr. Taft has made from the time he entered the war department until his retirement from the presidency. He is now Mr. Taft's private secretary at Yale. His wife was Miss Marie Moore, of Hot Springs, Ark. Their only child died in infancy.

Thomas and Mary Jolly, great-grandparents of Mrs. Louis Mischler, came to Ohio from Maryland. They had four children, viz.: Samuel, John, Susan and Mary. John married Cassandra Smith, Susan married John Savage, Mary married John J. Newman. All lived in Cincinnati and are buried there.

Samuel Jolly, son of Thomas, was born in Maryland March 8, 1794. He served in the War of 1812. He built the elegant home, now known as the Wiles homestead, in East Ripley. He was among the first members of the Methodist church. He died January 1, 1864, and is buried in Ripley. He was married to Susanna Creekbaum July 30, 1816. To them were born five children, viz.: Alexander, Mary, Catharine, Ellen Marie and Samuel Francis. Mary and Catharine died in infancy. Ellen Marie married Benjamin F. Johnson and lived in and near Ripley all her life. They are both buried in Ripley. Alexander married Martha Culter. He was for many years a prominent merchant in Ripley. Later he removed to Champaign, Ill., where he died and is buried there. Samuel Francis, the father of the wife of our sketch, was born in Ripley, Ohio, July 24, 1824. He lived in Ripley all his life. In his early years he was connected with the river traffic and his father and he made many trips to New Orleans, trading extensively along the towns and plantations of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, as was the custom in those early days. Many thrilling experiences did they have in their journeys down these rivers. Later father and son engaged in the glass and queensware business and for many years were among Ripley's most prosperous merchants. In his later years Samuel Francis engaged in the sugar business at St. Paul, Minn. He died July 7, 1903, and is buried in Ripley. He was married July 20, 1854, to Harriet Anna Glasscoe, daughter of Alfred and Lorenda Glasscoe and granddaughter of John and Susan (Bennett) Glasscoe. They were farmers and came to Clermont county at an early date. Lorenda Glasscoe was the daughter of John and Mary Bennett West and granddaughters of Thomas and Elizabeth

West. John West was a farmer. Thomas West came from Virginia to Tate township, Clermont county, soon after 1801, and bought a large tract of land southwest of Bethel which he divided among his children. He died an old man. He had five sons and two daughters: George, Hugh, William, John and James. The daughters married Samuel Bennett and Stephen Burke. The West family was highly respected. They were Methodists.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jolly were born twelve children, viz.: Charles, Susanna, Ellen, Ida Lulu, Bacha, Monarch, Lelia, Anna Lorenda, Hattie, Tressa, and John. Only four of the James was a tobacco merchant and a talented musician, twelve children are living. Susa became the wife of Dr. Samuel Spees, a prominent physician of Decatur, Ill. To them one son was born, Clifford, who is at present in the editorial department of the Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune. Hattie, the wife of H. R. Maris. They have two sons, John and Harland. They are both graduates of the Decatur, Ill., high school. John, of Decatur, Ill., married Mrs. Pollie Snell and is engaged in the insurance business. Tressa, the wife of our sketch, was born in Ripley, Ohio, October 13, 1869, attended the public schools of Ripley and remained in her native city until she became the wife of our sketch and with him removed to Georgetown after his election as county treasurer, where they still reside with their two sons in their comfortable home on West State street.

The Jolly family are of French Huguenot descent and trace their ancestry back to 1541. After the revocation of the Edict of Nantes part of the family left France, going to Scotland and England. They were early identified with the Presbyterian church of England. Rev. Thomas Jolly was pastor of a church at Altham and after his death a chapel was erected to his memory. The English branch of the family immigrated to America in 1749 and settled in Maryland. A few years later they branched into Virginia and Pennsylvania. Three of the family were soldiers in the war of the Revolution. In 1796 they were among the first settlers of Chillicothe, Ohio, and in 1805 they left Chillicothe and branched into Highland, Hamilton and Brown counties. David, James, William and Mary, with their families, moved into Hillsboro. David helped to build the first Presbyterian church and was elected elder. John W. Jolly moved to Cincinnati with his family. Thomas and Alexander Jolly, with their

families, were among the first settlers at Ripley, Ohio. By reading the following histories the Jolly family can be easily traced, viz.: New England History, Volume 60; History of Early Settlement and Indian Wars of Western Virginia, by William De Hass; Historical Collections of Pennsylvania: History of Panhandle.

JOSEPH G. HEIZER.

Joseph G. Heizer, a successful farmer and stock raiser, of Pleasant township, Brown county, Ohio, belongs to one of the oldest and most respected families of the county. He was born in that township, March 31, 1863, and is a son of John and Mary (Frost) Heizer. His father was born in Union township, Brown county, Ohio, in 1838, and his mother in Pleasant township in 1837. John Heizer, now retired from active life and residing on his farm in Pleasant township, is a son of Edward and Iva (Dugan) Heizer, and a grandson of John Heizer, Sr., a native of Virginia, who immigrated to Brown county, Ohio, in December, 1807, and settled on a track of land on Strait creek, near the Ohio river. In keeping the custom of his Dutch ancestors, he was taught the trade of carpentering, which he followed until he immigrated to Ohio. He raised a large family and he became an influential man in the new community, and his home was the scene of many public meetings in the early days. His creek was often used as a baptismal fount, and he was always ready to do anything he could for the promotion of the welfare and progress of the community. His great-grandson, the subject of this sketch, prizes very highly two of the original tools used by him in his carpentering work, one of which, the foot adze, still has the same wooden handle it had over one hundred years ago. He lived to a good old age.

Edward Heizer was born on the old homestead in Union township, in 1808, some fifty yards from the place he died, in 1899, and his wife, Iva Dugan, was born in Pleasant township, and died in middle life. They were the parents of five children, Joseph, Louis, John, Deborah and William, all of whom are dead except John, who resides on his farm three miles south of Georgetown, Ohio.

John Heizer, father of Joseph G. Heizer, was educated in Union and Pleasant townships, mostly in the latter, and re-

mained on the home farm until his marriage, November 3, 1858, to Mary A. Frost, daughter of Josiah and Margaret (Armstrong) Frost, farmers of Brown county. Mr. and Mrs. Frost had five children, Jane, James, Mary A., Ellis and Cynthia, all deceased except Mary A., the mother of this sketch. Josiah Frost was one of the original tobacco and pork merchants of Brown county. John Heizer and wife located on the farm which has been divided into two farms, and has resided in his present location over fifty years. He engaged in general farming, and was largely successful. He is a Republican in politics, and he and his wife belong to the Christian church, he being one of the promoters and builders of Olive chapel, which stands near his home. They had four children, all born in Brown county: Cora B., at home with her parents; Joseph G., whose name stands at the head of this sketch; William E., of Texas, and a daughter who died in infancy. The father and mother are well preserved for their years. They are held in high regard by all, and have worked hard for their success in life. They have erected a pretty home on one of his farms.

Joseph G. attended the local schools, and engaged in commercial traveling for a short time. Since then he has devoted his time to farming, in which he has been successful. Since his marriage he located on Home Lawn Farm, two miles south of Georgetown, which farm now contains two hundred and sixty-five acres. He is self-made, having earned his own way in the world from young manhood, and is industrious and enterprising. He is very fond of reading and keeps well abreast of the times. He is held in general respect and has a large number of friends, among whom he is popular. He is a Republican in politics and fraternally belongs to the Knights of Pythias. He is a member of the Presbyterian church.

On December 21, 1899, Mr. Heizer was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. McConaughy, who was born in Union township, in 1863, daughter of John C. and Ellen Jane (Hodgkins) McConaughy, the parents also natives of that township. Mr. McConaughy was born in 1837 and lives in Clermont county, and the mother in 1840. They are both well preserved for their age. He was a successful farmer and operated farms in Illinois and Ohio, retiring from active life some five years since, and moving to his present farm. They had seven children, namely: Laura, lives at home; Mary, Mrs. J. G. Heizer; W. O., of Clermont county; J. A., of Dayton;

W. M., of Cincinnati; F. E., of near Milford, Ohio; the fourth child, Rhoda, died in infancy.

The old homestead on Strait creek has changed hands only three times since 1807, from John, Sr., to Edward; from Edward to Deborah; thence that part in Union township to Clara, daughter of Joseph, and that part in Pleasant township to Joseph G., the subject of this sketch.

J. W. DeVORE.

J. W. DeVore, a well known general farmer and stock raiser of Franklin township, Clermont county, belongs to an old Ohio family, and is a good example of a successful self-made man. He was born in Pleasant township, Brown county, Ohio, February 14, 1850, son of Abner and Louisa Maria (Gardner) DeVore, both of whose fathers were preachers of the Christian church. Abner DeVore was born in the same township in June, 1825, and resides in Lewis township, Brown county. Mrs. Louisa Maria DeVore was born in Union township, Brown county, about 1827, and died in 1862. She was a daughter of Rev. Mathew Gardner, who founded most of the Christian churches in Southern Ohio, besides a great many in Indiana and Kentucky. He preached for over sixty years and labored faithfully in the vineyard. He was an able and convincing speaker and debated with all the leaders of the Campbellite church, when those two denominations were greatly at variance. He was an earnest speaker, droll and witty, with a dry humor that greatly appealed to most people. He was a good business man and a good manager, and came to Ohio when the country was new, so that he had good opportunities to make profitable investments. He prospered in his undertakings and left an estate of some \$80,000. He was especially well known for the promptness with which he began all services at the appointed hour, even if there were no congregation to hear. On one occasion, when he began services before the arrival of any of the congregation, they came in and saw he was alone and said, "We have got here at last." Rev. Gardner replied dryly, "I think it is at last." This was considered a great rebuke as coming from him, for he was of a gentle nature. He wrote a most interesting autobiography, which was published, and which was very instructive along the line

of the teachings and doctrines of the New Light religion. There has never been a stronger or abler preacher of this faith in Ohio than Rev. Gardner, and he was very well known for the foreful manner in which he met the arguments of the preachers of the Campbellite church, for he invariably won in his debates with them. His face, and especially his forehead, showed him to have a strong intellect, and he was a very deep thinker. Although he had strong convictions, he had a tender, loving heart, and in his preaching and labors touched the heart strings of thousands. He was born in New York, and died in Union township, and his wife, whose maiden name was Beasley, was born in Ohio, in Union township, and died at her home.

The children born to Abner DeVore and wife were as follows: B. F., who died in August, 1910; Julia B., widow of Rev. Godfrey Godfrey, of Indiana; J. W., of this sketch; L. G., of Georgetown, Brown county; G. W., who died in Kansas; C. M., of Kentucky; Charles Peter, deceased. All were born in Brown county. A brother of Abner DeVore, Peter DeVore, served in the Civil war from Ohio, and lives in Illinois.

J. W. DeVore was educated in the country schools of his native county and remained with his parents until he was twenty years of age, then went west with a prospecting motive. He returned to Ohio and carried on his Grandfather DeVore's farm, and the following year his father's farm. On March 28, 1872, he married Miss Lucity Dean, a native of Brown county, Ohio, born in 1849, daughter of William and Sarah (Wiles) Dean. Mr. Dean was born in Clermont county, Ohio, in 1827, and died in 1904, and Mrs. Dean was born in 1840 and died in 1902, both being buried near Bethel. There were ten children in the family, namely: Slathiel lives in Clermont county; Mary E. died about thirty-five years ago, at the age of nineteen years; Marcellus married Jane Kellum, and they live in Brown county; Thomas married Miss Ollie Gravit and resides in Clermont county; Sullivan, also a resident of Clermont county, married Belle Bear; Andy married Miss Hun Shinkle; Dora lives near Bethel with her sister, Jennie Brooks; Jennie, wife of William Brooks, lives near Bethel; Albert married Myrta Ellis and lives in Bethel.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. DeVore located near Georgetown, Brown county, and remained on this farm thirty-four years. They were successful in their operations and in 1906 were able to better their prospects, purchasing a pretty place

of one hundred and sixty-three acres of good farm land in Franklin township, Clermont county. Mr. DeVore has a large number of hogs, sheep, cattle and horses, and ships his stock to the Cincinnati market. He is an energetic and ambitious farmer and conducts his affairs in an able and intelligent manner. He is very proud of the part taken by his grandfathers in the early history of the region, as he has reason to be, and also respects the worthy parents who reared him to an honorable manhood, fitting him for the duties and responsibilities of life. His father has favored the Republican party since its inception, but our subject is a strong Democrat in politics, believing the principles of this party especially favor the needs of the common people, and the interest of the majority of our country's citizens. He has served as school director and has always taken great interest in local affairs. He and his wife belong to the Methodist church. They had six children, all born in Brown county: Eva Lou, born September 6, 1873, married James Neal, of Brown county, and they have one son, Roland, born October 1, 1904; William Edgar, born December 28, 1874, married Miss Mattie Cahall, lives in Brown county, and has one daughter, Louise, born December 25, 1897; Cora Belle, born September 16, 1876, wife of Harry Hatfield, of Georgetown, has two children, Glen, born in October, 1899, and a daughter, Roberta, born June 15, 1912; Samuel J., born July 5, 1878, married Miss Anna Smith and resides in Clermont county; Addie Lizzie, born February 7, 1880, wife of Jessie Utter, of Brown county, has two daughters, Mildred and Ruth, aged eight and seven years, and one son, William Earl, born October 11, 1912; Lewis Abner, born April 28, 1884, married Stella Shaw, lives in Clermont county, and has one child, Herbert, born March 17, 1906. Mr. and Mrs. DeVore have worked together for the promotion of their interests, and are much respected for their many good qualities. They have a large number of friends and are active in various circles in the community. They are genial and hospitable, refined and intelligent, and those who enter their home are well entertained.

FRANK M. DUDLEY.

Mr. Frank M. Dudley, vice-president and secretary of the J. H. Day Company, of 1144 Harrison avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, is a native of Clermont county, Ohio, his birth having

occurred at Williamsburg, June 22, 1867. He is a son of Mr. Otis Dudley, of whom mention is made elsewhere on these pages.

Frank M. Dudley enjoyed the educational privileges of the public schools of Clermont county, and was reared to farm life. His business career began May 1, 1888, as office boy for the firm with which he has been associated continuously since. He has filled the various position of the company, becoming vice-president at the time of the incorporation of the company, in 1902, and since 1910 has served as secretary also.

The company was founded by the late Mr. J. H. Day, about 1887, starting with six men employees, which has now a pay roll of about five hundred men. The plant was first at Court and Broadway streets, and the present fine plant was erected in 1897, and has a floor space of five acres. The building is of brick and is fully equipped with all modern machinery. The company manufactures special machinery and the development of the business has been rapid and steady. Mr. Dudley is one of the principal owners of the stock of the company, and devotes his entire attention to the business.

Mr. Dudley was united in marriage to Miss Clara Peterson, a daughter of D. K. Peterson, of Williamsburg, Ohio, and to their union has been born two daughters:

Miss Helen K., who is proficient in elocution, being a graduate of the Schusten School.

Miss Grace E. is a student of Oakhurst Collegiate School, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley are members of the Mt. Auburn Methodist Church, and are active in all of the affairs of that denomination. The residence of Mr. Dudley is on Burnett avenue, Mt. Auburn, Ohio.

SAMUEL POTTS.

Samuel Potts, now deceased, was for many years a worthy and respected citizen of Clermont county, where he devoted his energies to general farming and fruit growing with signal success. He was the owner of a valuable and well improved farm near Guinea, Miami township, which had been in the family for the past ninety-two years, and was owned by his father and himself only. Mr. Potts was born in a log house



MILLEN, KERR, POTTS

on the 18th of March, 1834, his parents being Samuel and Mary (Riggs) Potts.

Samuel Potts, Sr., was a native of New Jersey, being born in 1791, and his wife, also a native of New Jersey, was born in 1797. After their marriage this worthy couple came to Ohio, settling in Miami township, Clermont county, in 1820, remaining on the one farm until their deaths. Samuel passed away in 1863, and his wife followed him to the great beyond on January 23, 1881. They were devoted members of the Methodist church.

Samuel Potts, our subject, was one of eight children, all now deceased. Those who grew to maturity were, Elizabeth, Sallie, Electa, Charles and Samuel, who was educated in the schools of the county and became experienced in the management of a productive farm, which he made his life occupation.

Miss Ellen Kerr became the wife of Samuel Potts, on November 17, 1859, at Symmes, Hamilton county, Ohio, where she was born on February 14, 1839, her parents being John and Agnes (Pagan) Kerr. They were natives of Scotland, who came to Cincinnati in their youth, where they were married. John Kerr was born in 1813 and died October 3, 1897. Agnes (Pagan) Kerr was born in 1818 and died May 26, 1872. They were the parents of nine children, all of whom grew to maturity and beside Mrs. Potts there is one brother, George, still living, at Mason, Ohio. Mrs. Potts was reared and educated at Symmes, Ohio, her parents being successful farmers of that locality.

Mr. and Mrs. Potts became the parents of the following children:

John, who was born September 7, 1860, died July 1, 1898, leaving a widow (nee Anna Harrison) and three children.

Mary A., was born March 13, 1863, is the wife of William Thompson, of Branch Hill, and has one daughter, Miss Ethel, twenty years of age.

Eva, a twin, was born May 13, 1868, and is the wife of John Turney, of Branch Hill, and they have four daughters.

Elizabeth, died in 1889, at the age of twenty-three years.

Charles, was born September 2, 1885, and married Alice Doll, a daughter of John and Josephine (Lindecker) Doll. They are residents of Branch Hill and have two children, Clyde C. and Mary E., both in school. He is operating the home farm.

In politics, Mr. Potts was an advocate of the principles of the Democratic party, as is his son, Charles, and was a director of the school board. He attended the Presbyterian church, of which Mrs. Potts is a consistent member and active worker.

Mr. Potts had a wide acquaintance, having spent his entire life in the community, and the fact that many of his staunchest friends were those who knew him from his boyhood days, is an indication that his life was characterized by the qualities and principles which make for upright manhood, good citizenship and faithful friendship. His death took place November 26, 1907.

Mrs. Potts is kind, benevolent and friendly to all and has many warm personal friends. She has the esteem and respect of every one and to know her is to love her.

JOSEPH HARVEY SMITH.

The sixth child and second son of Joseph and Melinda Medaris Smith is Joseph Harvey, born February 4, 1854. As the family did not move from the farm to the village home until his eighteenth year, most of his schooling was obtained in the country. With a natural inclination toward metal work, and a favorable opportunity, he chose blacksmithing for a trade, when most young men were not so inclined. But that choice eventually was the first step in a pleasing success. On December 23, 1875, he married Adellah Smith, born October 8, 1856. She was the youngest child of Thompson Smith, whose wife's maiden name was Holly Ann Snell. Thompson was a son of Andrew, born July 7, 1789, and Elizabeth Anderson Smith. Elizabeth Anderson, born in 1794, was a daughter of John Anderson, who was born in Maryland in 1773, and came to what is Sterling township in Brown county about 1800. Holly Ann was the daughter of Daniel and Edna Malott Snell, and thus Mrs. Smith is a cousin of the poet, Warren Malott, and of the inventor, Oscar Snell, mentioned in the historical part of this work. Her elder brother, Artemas, served in Company K of the Twenty-seventh Ohio and the other, Randolph, was a member of the regimental band of the Twenty-seventh Ohio, and his daughter, Margaret, married Dennis Smith, the fourth son of Joseph and Melinda Smith. Georgia B., Cora D. and Howard H., the children of Dennis and Margaret, have been almost adopted by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith.

In 1881 and for twelve years following, Joseph Harvey took personal charge of his father's old home farm. In 1893 he bought, and for two years managed, a farm near Henning's Mills. After that, he returned to Williamsburg, bought the attractive home at the foot of Main street, and now conducts a blacksmith and general repair shop from which

“He looks the whole world in the face,
For he owes not any man.”

Mr. Smith is an earnest member of old Clermont Social Lodge of the Masonic fraternity, and of the order of the Eastern Star, of which his wife is one of the lights, while she also finds time to do a full share in the work of the Woman's Relief Corps, as is fitting for the sister of two soldiers. Although industrious, to a degree almost disturbing, in a leisurely neighborhood, Joseph Harvey Smith is master of a choice between a calm view from a cosy corner or a bird-like glimpse from his automobile.

JOHN S. OLMSTED.

John S. Olmsted is descended from several families who have long been prominent in the history of Ohio. He was born in the family home in Franklin township, where he now resides, March 15, 1878, son of Thomas B. and Irvonia Porter Olmsted.

Thomas Bingham Olmsted was born at Cadiz, Harrison county, Ohio, in 1833, and died in 1890, being buried in the Odd Fellow's cemetery at Chilo, Ohio. He was a nephew of Hon. John A. Bingham, at one time minister to Japan and owner of one of the finest law libraries in the State.

Thomas Olmsted bought the present family home when he was twenty-five years of age and carried on farming there until his death. He was a Republican in politics, and actively interested in public affairs. He was one of four children, of whom but one survives, Henry, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

The mother of Mr. Olmsted was born in Brown county, Ohio, June 15, 1840, and died December 23, 1911, being also buried at Odd Fellow's cemetery. She came to the present home of her children as a bride, having lived in the neighborhood some sixty-three years at the time of her death. She

was a daughter of Robert and Harriet N. (Logan) Porter. Her father was born near Utopia, Brown county, June 2, 1815, and her mother was born near Clark's Mills, in the same county, July 1, 1816. He died May 15, 1878, and her mother passed away January 23, 1903. Both are buried in Woods cemetery. They had four children, two of whom survive: Irvenia, deceased, was Mrs. Olmsted; John L. was killed at Tunnel Hill, Ga., during the Civil war; Robert D., living on the home farm, and Althea, wife of Fletcher McKinney.

Thomas B. and Irvenia Olmsted had seven children, namely: Robert, a lawyer, of Omaha, Neb., married Miss Beatrice Birkhauser; they have two children, Florence and Robert. Thomas D., of Dillon, Mont., married Miss Alice Chambers, and have one son, Thomas D. Harriet, widow of Guy T. Kenyon, Omaha, Neb., has two sons, Ralph and Guy. Eloise and Mary, living on the home farm, Fred Howard, who died in infancy, and John S.

Mrs. Irvenia Olmsted presided over her home with rare grace and efficiency and showed a tact and wisdom that endeared her to the hearts of all. She was a woman of culture and refinement, and a valuable addition to the social life of the neighborhood.

The Olmsted family have in their possession a large black marble top center table, which formerly stood in the parlor of the Olmsted estate, "Sunnyside," Covington, Ky. At one time the soldiers made the house their headquarters, and broke the marble in several places.

Although Thomas B. Olmsted came from a family of comparative affluence, his success in life was chiefly of his own making. He was a good business manager and prospered well. He was upright and industrious, and respected by all. He was a natural artist and left a picture or sketch to each one of his children as a remembrance. His daughter, Harriet, Mrs. Kenyon, has inherited this talent, and has given expression to her gift in several beautiful pictures, which she has painted, and which have stood well the examination of art critics.

Mr. Olmsted, subject of this sketch, was educated in the country schools of Franklin township, and has always resided on the home farm. He is a Republican in politics and follows the example of his ancestors in his public spirit and good citizenship. He married Miss Irene Denniston, December 11, 1907. They have one child, John S., born December 7, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Olmsted are members of the Presbyterian church.

The Olmsted home is located on a natural building site, one of the finest locations for a country home to be found in the county. Part of the residence and many of the outbuildings were on the farm when he bought it, but they have been remodeled or rebuilt, and in 1876 the house assumed its present dimensions. It is conceded to be one of the handsomest places in the county and is kept in beautiful condition. The house is tastefully furnished, showing good taste and refinement, the interior presenting very much the appearance of some old colonial mansion of the South. The fields and orchards are pleasant to look upon, and reflect great credit on Mr. Olmsted, showing him to be a substantial and energetic farmer. He is broad in his opinions and he and his sisters are worthy representatives of an old and honorable family.

CAPT. JOHN EMERY EDGINGTON.

One of the most highly respected men of Washington township, Clermont county, is Capt. John Emery Edgington, in the government employ as captain of the "Guyandot," on the Ohio river. He has been on the river several years, and has steadily progressed by reason of his steadfast attention to duty and his reliability. He was born in Manchester, Ohio, March 18, 1870, and is a son of George E. and Nannie (Scott) Edgington, the father always a river man. George E. Edgington was born in Manchester, Ohio, December 22, 1851, and lives in Augusta. He has filled every position on a boat, from that of deck hand up, and is one of the best known captains on the Ohio. He owns and conducts a ferryboat at Augusta, as he has passed the age when he can keep in any other service. He takes very good care of his ferryboat, which is known as the "Whisper." The mother, who is a second cousin of President Harrison's wife, was born near Aberdeen, Ohio, in 1850.

They had eight children, all born in Adams county, Ohio, except the two youngest sons, who were born in Kentucky: John Emery, of this sketch; Archibald, a pilot on a Cincinnati and Chilo packet and a resident of the latter place; Robert Winifred is moving from Pittsburgh to Louisville, and will be a captain on the steamer, "Steel City"; Morris Andrew is a resident of Chilo, and captain of a steamer; Roy is a pilot on his father's ferryboat; Ernest, greatly gifted in vocal and in-

strumental music, with a fine voice and able to play any instrument, died in 1900, at the age of ten years; Edna, wife of Dr. Smith, of Augusta; Estle, wife of Robert Hedges, died in 1902. Both parents are members of the Methodist church and are highly regarded by all.

Mr. Edgington began his education at Manchester, Ohio, and attended business college in Wichita, Kan. His first work in his profession was as purser on a steam boat, and he learned the duties of the various men aboard ship, from deck hand up, through the direction of his father, who required him to fire in the engine room, learn cooking, act as mate, deck hand, and in other capacities, so that he is one of the most thorough steam boat men on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, receiving his license when he was twenty-one years old. He is one of the most popular men on the river and counts his friends by the hundreds. He is thorough-going and conscientious and has always taken an active interest in his work. He thoroughly deserves the honor of an appointment to a government position and performs his duties with a methodical thoroughness that insures their being satisfactory in every way. He has the respect of the men employed under his charge and is considerate in their interest. He was employed by such large boats as the "Tacoma," and was for six years captain of the "Courier," and also worked on the "Princess," a Coney Island boat, and a tow boat known as the "Douglas Hall." He is held in affectionate regard by one and all, and when he left the tow boat to accept the honor of his present position, his employees much regretted losing his company. He is well liked by the government and has made rapid progress in his chosen field of fields. He is a Republican in politics, and fraternally is an Odd Fellow. He is a member of the Christian church, and for several years, while living at Chilo, was superintendent of the Sunday school.

On November 19, 1889, Mr. Edgington was united in marriage with Miss Jessie E. Forsythe, who was born in Vanceburg, Ky., on June 18, 1870, daughter of John A. and Mary B. (Adams) Forsythe. Mr. Forsythe was born in Adams county, Ohio, December 19, 1840, is retired from active life and lives in Moscow, Ohio, and Mrs. Forsythe was born in the same county, June 12, 1844. Her great-grandfather, John Adams, was the first settler of Adams county, was of Irish descent, and secured land from the government, and this land is still in the possession of the Adams family, the house he built being still standing, the oldest house in the entire county. He mar-

ried Nancy Ford, of Ford's Ferry, Va. Mrs. Edgington's grandfather, Moses Adams, was born in Virginia, of Irish descent, and came to Adams county, Ohio, from Virginia. He was a farmer and married Sarah Stockup, born in Edinburgh, Scotland, of Scotch parents, and immigrated first to Redburn, Pa., afterward coming to Kentucky. John A. Forsythe farmed two years in Kansas, and had a cab and transfer business in Wichita, that State, for a time. While a resident of Vanceburg, before going west, he was chief of police for nine successive years, and was well known in that part of Kentucky. He was a Republican in politics and was city revenue collector for some time. He held office much of his life and was town marshal of Moscow. He located in Clermont county in 1907. He and his wife had seven children: Mrs. Edgington, born in Vanceburg, Ky.; John M., born in Adams county, Ohio, is unmarried and lives in Mexico; Edith M., born in Lewis county, Ky., is the wife of Edward Raike, of Covington, that State; Katherine, born in Seward county, Kansas, lives with Mrs. Edgington, who reared her. Mr. and Mrs. Edgington have one son, John Clyde, born in Wichita, Kan., who attends school in Moscow.

Mrs. Edgington's father was with Sherman on his famous march to the sea, also fought in the battles of Chickamauga and Atlanta, serving in Company K, Ohio volunteer infantry, Seventieth regiment, and one of his uncles served in the Revolution. Mrs. Edgington's paternal ancestors were furnace blowers of Kentucky, and one of her ancestors, Abraham Forsythe, married a girl who was born at Pensacola, Wales, and came to the United States at the age of six months, growing to beautiful womanhood. He saw her when he was a youth of sixteen, and she but an infant, and was so impressed with her beauty that he kissed her and vowed he would some day return and marry her, which he did when he was thirty-two years old. At her death he was nearly broken-hearted and never looked again on the face of a woman. He reared his family in Adams county, Ohio, and his sons joined the Union army. His wife died when she was thirty-five years of age. The grandfather of Mrs. Edgington's mother, Lewis Calvin, was one of the earliest white men in Kentucky and became a noted Indian fighter. He carried mail from Gallipolis to Maysville, Ky., in a bark canoe, and killed the last Indian in the State of Ohio.

John A. Forsythe had a coal yard in Vanceburg, Ky., and lost it in the flood of 1883-84.

Mr. Edgington's ancestors on his father's side, the Hunts and Jacobses, were of English birth and became early settlers of Maryland. They leased land along the Baltimore river for a period of ninety-nine years, and their contract was written on parchment, with the first seal of Maryland. This land was for the purpose of business buildings on the water front of the Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgington were playmates in childhood, in the age when he delighted in pulling her curls, and were separated at the time her parents moved to Wichita. After her return their acquaintance was renewed, and their friendship ripened to a warmer feeling. They are devoted to one another and work for a common interest. Mrs. Edgington is as much of a business woman as her husband is a business man. Both are proud of the part taken by their ancestors in the earlier history of the State and Nation, and both are intelligent and ambitious. They moved to their present beautiful home on the hill on March 7, 1907, and have one hundred and seventeen acres of choice land, most of it devoted to fruit. They have twenty acres of apple orchard and twenty-five hundred choice peach trees, besides pears, plums, cherries and berries, theirs being considered one of the finest orchards in Southern Ohio. They also have a dairy and creamery business, which yields a good income, and all this is managed by Mrs. Edgington while her husband is away. She gets the highest prices for her product, which finds a market in Cincinnati. She is an excellent manager, and although she came to the place heavily in debt, she and her family now have every comfort. She is a reader and student and profits by the advice freely given by the government in the management of her place. There is probably not an abler business woman in the county and she is justly proud of her husband and his achievements. She has a very good memory and is able to make good use of her knowledge in every day life. She is a woman of culture and good judgment, and is charitable and public-spirited in her thought and deed. She is a member of the Christian church.

WILLIAM B. ADAMS (Deceased).

In the death of the late William B. Adams Clermont county lost a valuable citizen. He was well known as a business man and belonged to one of the best families of the region. He

won a high reputation for upright living and public spirit, and was known to be a model son, a kind husband and a loving father to his own children. Mr. Adams was born in Cynthiana, Ky., on May 9, 1865, son of Robert S. and Mary Antoinette (Batson) Adams. Robert S. Adams was born at Millersburg, Ky., May 23, 1823, and the mother at Colemansville, Ky., October 27, 1828, and both died in Clermont county, Ohio, he May 29, 1900, and she October 27, 1909. Both are buried in the cemetery at Felicity. He carried on farming in Kentucky and after coming to Ohio continued that occupation. He and his father owned slaves in Kentucky, but later, Robert S. Adams, who was a great temperance worker, moved to Ohio, where he and his wife became well known as active members of the Christian church. The Adams family was an old one in Kentucky, and prominent in the early history of that region. Robert S. Adams and wife had but one child, William B.

William B. Adams was reared in a Christian family and early learned the most important lessons of life. He was surrounded by good influences in his home, which showed their effect in his after life. He was educated in Millersburg and Lexington, Ky. He began the study of law, but his eyes failed and he later turned his attention to bookkeeping, graduating from a business course in a Lexington school. He was first employed in the office of Costall & Price, who had an extensive business, and later went to work for Watkins & Company, who conducted a large shoe business in Lexington, the same company that became Watkins & Spencer Company. Mr. Adams became a traveling salesman for Smith & Nixon, with whom he remained for some time, and at the time of his death had been with John Church & Company (piano dealers), of Cincinnati, for some years. He was a salesman of extraordinary ability and made a good record wherever his interests were centered. He was a valued employee of every firm with which he was identified and was greatly missed by them. He was a Democrat in politics and for years was a member of the United Commercial Travelers. After the death of his father he moved to Felicity, so his wife would look after his mother. He passed away in March, 1909, mourned by the entire community.

On October 15, 1889, Mr. Adams was united in marriage with Miss Beulah Virginia Smith, who was born in Lex-

ington, Ky., March 22, 1869, daughter of I. Y. and Ruth Antoinette (Adams) Smith. Mr. Smith was born in Lexington in 1844, and died in August, 1911, and Mrs. Smith was born at Bethany, W. Va., in 1846, and died in March, 1912. They are buried in the family burying ground at Lexington, Ky. He was for many years a prominent shoe merchant in Lexington, and later spent many years in coal business there. He served as city councilman and trustee of Hamilton College and Kentucky University. Being a man of education and superior gifts, he filled well every position of trust with which he was identified, and was highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him. The Smiths were members of the Christian church, and active in public measures for the good of their community.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith had six children: Eugene Adams Smith, M. D., of Cleveland, Ohio, a graduate of Bellevue College, of New York City, was for two years chief physician of Harlem Hospital, and later appointed by Governor Brown at Lakeview Anchorage; Mrs. William B. Adams was a graduate of Hamilton College of Lexington, Ky., where she had the advantage of a fine musical training, one of her teachers being Prof. DeRhode, one of the best masters in the country; Bessie Belle, at home; Frank Preston held a position in a freight depot in Lexington, later held a position in Indiana of the same kind, and now is chief clerk in a freight depot in Chicago, Ill.; Clarence died at the age of two years; Earl Russell, a traveling salesman, makes his home at Kansas City, Mo.; Miss Bessie was a bookkeeper for sixteen years, and during that time was in the employ of but two firms.

Mrs. Smith was a Virginian and her father, Richard Adams, had three brothers. They came from England and were distantly related to John Quincy Adams. Her great-grandfather, her mother's grandfather, was Richard (Kant) McCammett, of English or Irish extraction. Of the Adams brothers, one settled in Ohio, one in Pennsylvania, and one, as already mentioned (Richard), in West Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams had four children, all born in Lexington, Ky.: Robert Smith Adams, born in 1890, a graduate of the high school at Felicity, Ohio, is head bookkeeper for the American Tobacco Company at Lexington; William Harold, born July 27, 1891, died November 12, 1909, and is buried beside his father; Ruth Marie, born December 9, 1894, is a graduate of the high school at Felicity, and of the Midway

College, of Midway, Ky.; Virginia Belle, born in 1898, attends Felicity High School. Mrs. Adams has given her children excellent education and has carefully reared them to honorable and useful manhood and womanhood.

Mrs. Adams is a music teacher of high standing and is believed to be the ablest member of the profession in Clermont county. She has some thirty pupils in Felicity, and teaches in other villages in that part of the county. She is a woman of culture and refinement, and is well liked for her pleasant manner. She owns a farm of seventy-five acres near Felicity, which she rents. She has shown excellent judgment and intelligence in managing her affairs.

CHARLES A. FAGLEY.

Charles A. Fagley is the most extensive land owner of Tate township, Clermont county, and has been very successful as a farmer and stock raiser. He is a native of the county, born at Bethel, in 1855, son of Lewis and Mary (Fox) Fagley. His father was born in Germany in 1802, and died in 1882, and his wife, a native of Ohio, was born in 1812, and died in 1876, both being buried at Bethel. He was but two years old when brought to America by his parents, who located in Cincinnati, where there were but two brick houses in the town, and when the Indians were frequently to be seen on Vine street. He came to Clermont county in 1851 and engaged in farming in Tate township. He and his wife had twelve children, nine of whom grew to maturity, and seven of whom now survive: W. H., deceased; M. W., of Bethel; Sallie, wife of R. B. Simpson, of Walnut Hills, Cincinnati; Keziah, wife of P. D. Milner, of Tate township; W. C. is deceased; Harriet Ann, wife of J. R. Barns, of Forestville; Charles A.; E. J. lives at Reading, Hamilton county, and the eldest, Mrs. Eva McHenry, lives at Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. Fagley was educated in Bethel school, remained on his father's farm until he reached his majority, then went to Nebraska and remained six years. He then returned to his father's farm and remained until the latter's death. In 1887 he was united in marriage with Miss Louise Iden Stone, who was born in the house that is now the Fagley home, in 1855. She is a daughter of Herman and Julia (Iden) Stone. Mr.

Stone was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, in 1828, and died in 1875, and Mrs. Stone was born in Tate township, Clermont county, in 1833, and died in 1897. They had the following four children: Mrs. Fagley, who was the eldest; William H., of Minnesota; Mary, wife of E. L. Harmon, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; one child died in infancy. Mr. Harmon is a member of the Harmon Real Estate Company. Mr. Fagley purchased the Iden farm in 1899 and sold a portion of it later, at a good profit. This farm had been in the Iden family for nearly one hundred years and its original owners were very early settlers of the township. The Stones were also early comers to Clermont county, and both families were prominent in its early history. The Fagleys came to Clermont county at a somewhat later date, but all three families have always stood high in public opinion and their members have been well liked.

Mr. Fagley came to his present farm of three hundred acres in Tate township in 1898 and is regarded as a progressive citizen and an industrious farmer. He has fine grounds, his house is located on a beautiful building site, and he has very substantial barns and other farm buildings. He has recently erected a new barn. He is popular with his neighbors and has many friends, who appreciate his sterling qualities. His estimable wife has helped greatly in building up the family fortunes, and is much respected by all. Mr. Fagley was reared a Republican, but is now a Progressive, for he believes in reform and other principals of the new party. He served five years as a member of the school board and for some time was turnpike superintendent. His wife is a member of the Christian church, and he formerly belonged to the Wesleyan denomination.

Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Fagley: Walter, twenty-three years of age, born February 16, 1889, attends Moore's Hill College in Indiana, from which he expects to graduate in 1913; Robert, born November 27, 1890, being now twenty-one years of age, is a graduate of Bethel High School, and is now in the employ of the Globe-Wernicke Company, of Cincinnati; Albert, born January 31, 1893, is a graduate of Bethel High School; Herman, born December 11, 1898; Candace Louise died at the age of ten years, and is buried in Bethel cemetery. Although but thirteen years of age, the youngest son, Herman, is in the junior year at Bethel High School.

Mr. Fagley's brothers, Will and Millard Fagley, served in the Civil war from Ohio, the first as a captain and the second as a private. His brothers-in-law, T. B. Miller and Robert Simpson, also served in that war.

ROBB FAMILY.

Alexander Robb and his wife, Barbara (Light) Robb, came to Clermont county, Ohio, in 1804, from Pennsylvania. They settled three miles north of what is now New Richmond. Mrs. Robb had been previously married to a Mr. Williamson, who had been killed in Pennsylvania by the Indians. By this marriage there were four children, of whom there are a number of descendants in Ohio. The present sheriff of Clermont county, Charles Williams, is a great-grandson. The Robb's children who grew to maturity and married were six in number—four sons and two daughters:

James Robb, the oldest, was born near Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1788. He died in Highland county, Ohio, July 5, 1863. He had married Catherine Husong, by whom there were seven children who grew to years of maturity. Of these all married except Louisa, the youngest, who died at nineteen years of age. Andrew, the oldest, was a physician in Ohio for fifty years.

The second son, Isaac, was both a farmer and amateur lawyer, who was ready at any time to come to the defense of anyone he thought was about to be wronged.

Charles, the third, is mentioned in another part of this work.

Lucian B., a son by a second marriage of James Robb, is a resident of East Cincinnati, where he has been identified with the drug business for the last fifty years. He has also been in the real estate and building and loan associations many years. He married Miss Clara Carver. No children. They have cared for several of other people's children in a parental way.

Andrew Robb is survived by an only daughter, Mrs. Clara R. Smith, who, with her family, now resides at Montrose, Colo.

Isaac, the second son, died August 14, 1893. He left a widow and five children.

The oldest daughter, Mrs. M. L. R. Hutchinson, with her family, four in all, is a resident of Clermont county.

The second daughter, Georgia R. Brachman, with three of her family, lives at San Diego, Cal.

The third daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth J. R. Selph, died November 19, 1905. She left a husband and six children, two sons and four daughters.

The youngest daughter, Mrs. Dollie M. R. White, resides on Price Hill, Cincinnati, Ohio, with her husband, and an only daughter.

Lucian B. Robb (before mentioned) is the only one of the third generation now bearing the name of James Robb's branch of the family, and the youngest member of the family, Dr. Isaac Robb, who lives in Tacoma, Wash., is the only one of the fourth generation to bear the name of the same branch. The founder of the family was of Scotch-Irish parentage, and in religion a Presbyterian.

There were two authors among the descendants, one of the third generation and one of the fourth, the latter being the late Eliza Archard Conner.

EDWARD H. PATTISON.

Prof. Edward H. Pattison, superintendent of the public schools at Owensville, Ohio, is a man of broad literary attainment and the impress of his individuality is felt in all the departments of the school. A portion of his time is devoted to the supervision of the schools and the remainder of the time is given to teaching. The birth of Edward H. Pattison occurred in 1877, near Bethel, Ohio, his parents being John S. and Mary (Manning) Pattison, the former of whom was born near Point Isabel in 1847, and died September 23, 1906. He was a successful farmer of Tate township, practically all of his active life. His wife was born near Bethel in 1849, and is now making her home with her son, Edward H.

Mr. Pattison is one of seven children, all born in Clermont county, Ohio, and are as follows:

Clarence, is a teacher of Van Wert, Ohio.

Myrtle, who is the wife of William Reinhardt, is a resident of Branch Hill, Ohio.

John Ross, of Covington, Ky., is a wood carver by occupation.

Walter Clifton is a resident of Cincinnati.

Dale is employed in Cincinnati.

Frank is a teacher of Stonelick township, Clermont county.

Prof. Pattison obtained his education in the various smaller

schools of the county, later becoming a student of the Bethel High School. He continued his studies at the Amelia High School, from which he graduated, remaining under the parental roof until he had reached his majority.

Mr. Pattison entered the Spanish-American war at the age of twenty-one years and gave five months' service to his country in her time of need. After his return from the war, it became necessary for him to spend a year in Colorado to recuperate his health, which had become impaired by the exposure and hardship during his service.

Returning to Clermont county after his western trip, Mr. Pattison was united in marriage, in 1900, to Miss Irene McKibben, who was born at Flags Springs, Ky., April 18, 1883, a daughter of Albert and Theresa (Ross) McKibben. The father was born in 1857, in Clermont county, Ohio, and the mother was born near Laurel, Ohio, in Clermont county. They are residents of Moscow, Washington township, Clermont county. In their family were six children, all natives of Clermont county.

Mary is the wife of Thomas Peterson, of Point Pleasant, Ohio.

Emma became the wife of Charles Hirsh, and is deceased. The parents of Mr. Hirsh purchased the old Grant home at Point Pleasant, and Mr. Charles Hirsh was born in the same room in which General Grant first saw the light of day.

Albert is a resident of Point Pleasant, Ohio.

Pearl, who has never married, is at home.

Irene, is Mrs. Pattison.

John, at home.

Mrs. Pattison's mother was a playmate of General Corbin, and her Grandfather Ross was a native of Germany, who came to this country when quite young. Her grandfather, George McKibben, and his four sons, J. W. McKibben, Frank McKibben, W. T. McKibben, and David McKibben, all served as soldiers in the Fifty-ninth regiment of Ohio volunteer infantry in the Civil war.

In the family circle of Mr. and Mrs. Pattison are two children:

Stanley E., who was born March 17, 1902, at Lindale, Clermont county; Ohio.

Thelma M., born in Clermontville, Ohio, July 21, 1903.

The Pattison family were originally from the east and settled in Clermont county, Ohio, when it was very thinly settled.

The late Governor John M. Pattison was a distant relative of Mr. E. H. Pattison, and was one of the first of the family to change the spelling of the name from Patterson to the present Pattison.

Since his return from Colorado, Prof. Pattison has followed the profession of teaching in Clermont county, and in 1910 was elected to take charge of the schools at Owensville, as superintendent of schools. He has a contract to fill this position for three years, from 1912 to 1915, and is perhaps the youngest superintendent in the county. He also enjoys the distinction of being the only teacher in the county who is drawing a pension for services in the Spanish-American war. It is also a matter of some note that four of the family of seven children born to the parents of Mr. Pattison are, or have been, teachers in the county. Mr. Pattison now holds both common and high school State certificates, granted by the State of Ohio.

Mr. Pattison purchased his pleasant home on Broadway in 1912, and all that he has accumulated has been through his own efforts. He has become a factor in educational circles of the county and has discharged the duties of his present position with a promptness and fidelity that has left no question as to his ability and personal worth.

In politics, Prof. Pattison gives his support to the Democratic party, and while he does not seek office, he takes a great interest in all questions that affect the public good of the community in which he lives. Mr. Pattison attends the Methodist church, of which Mrs. Pattison is an active member.

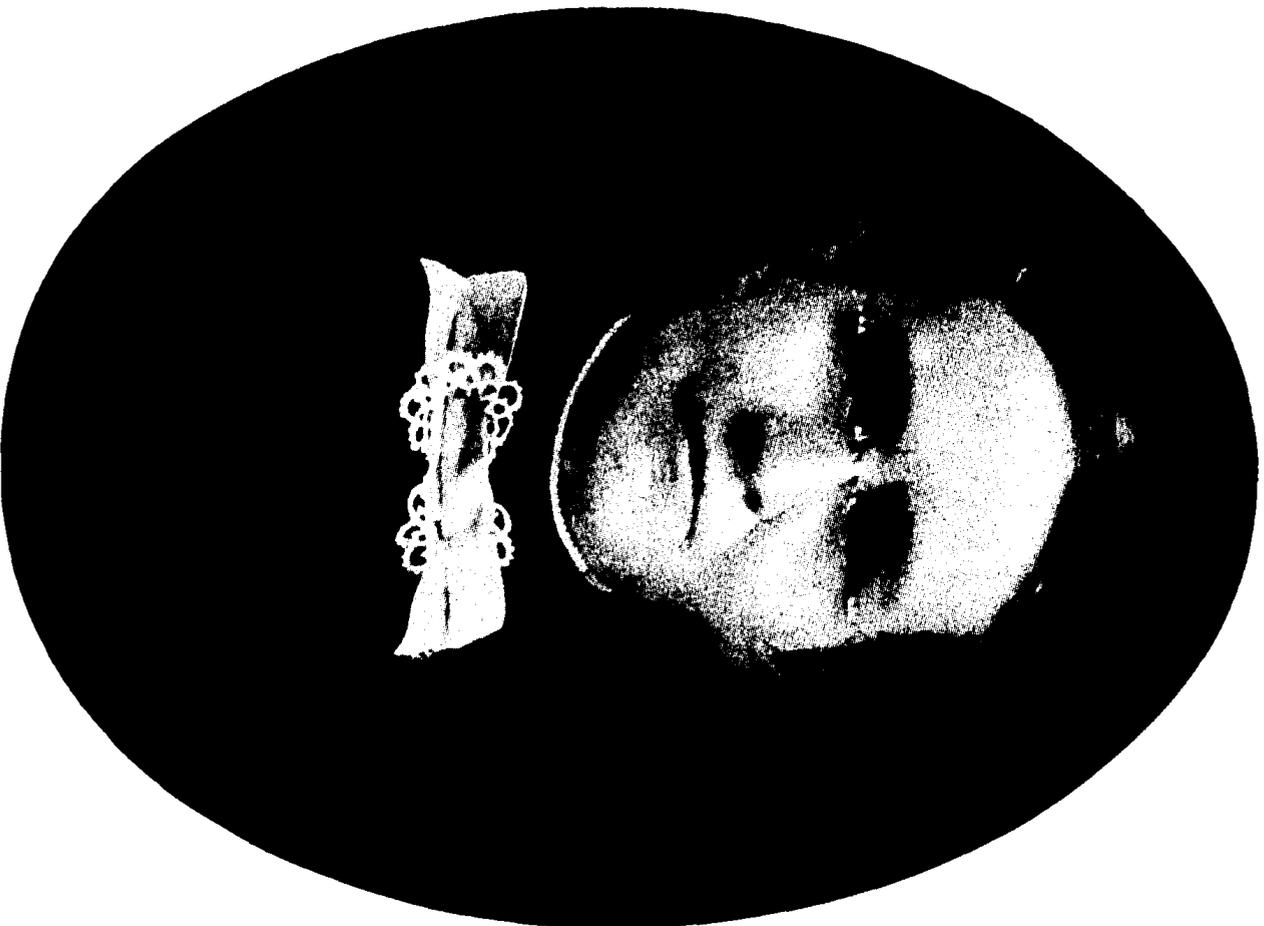
HENRY O. PURKHISER.

Mr. Henry O. Purkhiser owns and operates his finely improved farm of seventy-five acres, which is located on the Lindale Pike in Monroe township, Clermont county, Ohio. His progressive ideas and earnest industry are indicated by his beautiful and substantial home. His life has been one of continuous and well directed activity, and he is classed among the leading agriculturists of the county.

Mr. Purkhiser was born in Monroe township, south of Nicholasville, Clermont county, Ohio, March 8, 1852, and is a son of Lorenzo Dow and Eliza (Brannen) Purkhiser, the lat-



HELEN C. BIRCHMAYER



LAURA C. (HANNA) PURKHISER

ter of whom was a native of Clermont county, having been born in Washington township in 1816 and died in Monroe township in 1891. She was one of nine children, including: Newton, John, Harvey, Milton, Sarah, Mary, Dorcas and Martha.

Lorenzo Dow Purkhiser, the father of our subject, was born in Washington township, Clermont county, June 16, 1815, and passed away November 15, 1887, after spending his entire life in the county of his nativity. He was a farmer and stock raiser of great business ability, being thoroughly familiar with all the details of general farming. He served in school and local offices of the county, doing his duty by all. He was a captain of the militia in the early days. His parents, Henry and Elizabeth (Gilbert) Purkhiser, who were married November 23, 1812, were probably both born in Clermont county, their home being in Washington township. Elizabeth was a daughter of Michael Gilbert, a Clermont county farmer. They were the parents of six children:

Lorenzo Dow, the father of our subject, John, Gilbert, Collins, Nancy, and Catherine.

Mr. Purkhiser acquired a good common school education, deciding early in life to follow the occupation of farming and to this end learned from his father all that is essential to success in that line.

On November 27, 1878, was celebrated the marriage of Henry O. Purkhiser to Miss Laura C. Hanna, who was born February 14, 1856, in Illinois, and is a daughter of Charles and Elmina L. (Breadwell) Hanna, who were residents of Tate township, Clermont county, Ohio, for many years. Elmina L. (Breadwell) Hanna was one of eight sisters, all of whom lived to an advanced age, and three brothers, one of whom died recently, while the other two are living. The oldest now living is over ninety years of age and the youngest is over eighty years of age. Mrs. Hanna died in 1908, in the eighty-first year of her age. Charles Hanna was a captain of militia in the early days and served through the greater part of the Civil war, being killed in battle.

Mrs. Purkhiser is one of nine children:

David's death took place when he was sixteen years of age.

Mary, married John Porter, of Tennessee.

Saphronia, is the wife of Charles Calkins, of Tennessee.

Lydia, is Mrs. Marion Davis, residing in Illinois.

Mrs. H. O. Purkhiser.

Thomas B., of Peoria, Ill., is in the grocery business, and is secretary of the Retail Grocers' Association, of that place.

Clara, married John Barrett, of Indianapolis, Ind.

Charles, a resident of New York City, is inspector of the glucose factories for a large corporation.

Belle, is Mrs. John Hill, of Peoria, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Purkhiser have had seven children born to their union, of whom two died in infancy. The others are:

Allen C., born December 10, 1882, and died September 7, 1885.

Howard Guy, whose birth occurred June 8, 1887, is a resident of Idaho.

Roy C., born February 25, 1889, is attending the Ohio State University, studying civil engineering.

Miss Louise, who was born February 12, 1894, is a graduate of the Batavia High School.

Miss Mary D., born December 16, 1895, attending Batavia High School.

Mr. Purkhiser has one brother and two sisters living:

Martha, who is the widow of Dr. George L. Zugg, is a resident of Hyde Park, Cincinnati.

Annie, who was the wife of Dr. J. P. Richardson, died at Chicago in 1907.

Emma Caroline and Mary D. died in infancy.

Lorenzo B. resides in Idaho.

Arabella was Mrs. Dr. Charles L. Kennedy, of Laurel, Ohio. Her death occurred in January, 1912.

Miss Ella B., of Hyde Park, Cincinnati.

Mr. Purkhiser votes for the principles of the Democratic party, but is not a politician in the sense of office seeking. He keeps well informed on all the questions and issues of the day and is loyal to the principles in which he believes. He is interested in the schools of his vicinity and has served on the school board. He holds membership in Amelia Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and both he and Mrs. Purkhiser are devoted members of the Presbyterian church, giving liberally to all worthy causes.

It is hardly necessary to state that Mr. Purkhiser has many warm friends and admirers in the county, owing to his rare insight into human nature, and his just dealings with all. His natural adaptability and constant attention to the details of his agricultural business have made of him a pronounced suc-

cess. He has been aided by his estimable and efficient wife, who has devoted her life to the best interests of her husband and children.

WILLIAM H. EVANS, M. D.

William H. Evans, M. D., who for nearly a half of a century has been engaged in the practice of medicine at Hiett, in Huntington township, Brown county, Ohio, is a man of remarkable personality and signal achievement and the life of one so closely connected with professional, religious and literary movements of any community is generally invested with much interest; and a short sketch of such a life cannot but prove instructive to the careful reader of history.

For the past fifty-two years Dr. Evans has been a contributor to the "Ripley Bee," writing under the nom de plume of "Barlow." His war record brought him into honorable prominence also, for with that spirit of bravery and duty which has ever characterized him, he offered himself to his country, for service, early in the siege of the Civil war.

The birth of Dr. William H. Evans occurred on the land settled by his grandfather, in 1800, in Huntington township, Brown county, his natal day being October 8, 1835, having a twin brother, Abraham F., who in later years was also an eminent physician, who died in 1862. The parents of William H. Evans were Hon. Andrew and Mary (Hiett) Evans.

Hon. Andrew Evans was born at the old home, two miles below Hiett, on the East Fork of Eagle creek, December 12, 1809, and passed from this life at the same home, on September 12, 1879. He was a successful farmer and skilled mechanic, having a shop on the farm, near the mill which his father built and operated, as did Andrew and others of the family. He was a Democrat until 1862. He was elected to the Ohio legislature from Brown county, serving one term. He was recognized as a leading politician and as a strictly honorable and able citizen. He was a son of John and Mary (Housh) Evans.

John Evans was born in Baltimore county, Maryland, November 17, 1770, and his death took place in Brown county, Ohio, April 27, 1862. In the year of 1792, John Evans left the State of his nativity and settled near Blue Lick Springs in Kentucky, where he had a residence for some eight years. In 1800, he came to Brown county, Ohio, where he purchased

five hundred and thirty-five acres in the central part of Huntington township. Later, in 1826, Mr. Evans erected a grist mill on the Little East Fork of Eagle creek, which was in operation for many years. He was a staunch advocate of the principles of the Democratic party and was one of the first county commissioners of Brown county. He was a gallant soldier in the War of 1812, and served in the ranks of the privates. In religious faith, he was of the Quaker persuasion, while his wife was of the Episcopalian belief. She was born in Pennsylvania, where they were married and her mother was of German birth. John Evans was a son of John, Sr., and Hannah (Griffith) Evans, both of whom died in Maryland. John Evans, Sr., was a son of Thomas and Elizabeth Evans, of Welsh descent; they settled in Philadelphia county, Pennsylvania, near New North Wales.

Mary (Hiatt) Evans was born in Huntington township, Brown county, Ohio, April 21, 1815, and departed this life August 10, 1892. She was a daughter of William and Mary (Daniels) Hiatt, both of Fairfax county, Virginia, who came to Brown county after their marriage, about 1806. Two of their children, Nellie and Samuel, were born in Virginia, and the others were born in Brown county. Mary Hiatt was the youngest of eight children, including John, James, Lettie, Isabella and Elizabeth.

A brother of William, John Hiatt, came to Brown county in 1812, and it was his son, John K., who was the largest contributor to the building of John K. Hiatt's chapel, that building being named in honor of him. This chapel was erected in 1870, and is located in the western part of Huntington township, on Eagle creek, on the North Pole pike, leading to Ripley. William and John Hiatt were sons of Simeon and Polly (Providence) Hiatt, both of whom were born in Fairfax county, Virginia, where they also died.

Dr. William H. Evans is one of eleven children, of whom one brother and three sisters are living:

Samuel, born April 18, 1834, and died May 27, 1910, at his home on the old home place, in Huntington township.

William H., and his twin brother, Abraham F., born October 8, 1835, the latter of whom died on May 4, 1862, at his home at Aberdeen, Ohio. He was also a physician and had practiced some years before his death at Pleasant Hill, Ind.

Indiana, born November 3, 1837, married Mr. George W. Early, September 3, 1857, and her residence is at Columbus,

Ohio. Her son, Dr. Louis Mortimer, died in the spring of 1912 and Mr. Early is also deceased.

John B., born March 12, 1841, died May 27, 1863. He was a member of Company F, Seventieth Ohio volunteer infantry. His death was the result of an illness, contracted in the service.

Amos A., born April 2, 1843, and died November 24, 1864, at home. He was a clerk in the war department for some time.

Mary, born September 30, 1845, married February 6, 1873, to Mr. Walter Grierson, and they reside at Hiett, where they own a store, which they have conducted for some time.

Isabella E., born March 25, 1849, married on March 28, 1872, to John F. Hawk, of near Ripley, on the Russellville Pike. Her son conducts a livery at Ripley.

Ann Delia, born October 24, 1851, died January 25, 1866.

Joseph H., born February 15, 1854, and married Louisa B. Drago. His death occurred August 1, 1892, and his widow lives in Union township.

Lee Andrew, born October 16, 1858, is a resident of Los Angeles, Cal., where for the past six years he has been engaged as a veterinary surgeon.

in both professional and business life have grown up on farms, and such was the case of Dr. Evans. When he had reached school age, he also assisted his father on the farm, and in the mill, and after completing the district schools, he entered a local grammar school, in company with his twin brother, Abraham F. In this way he acquired a good common school education, which in later life enabled him to broaden his knowledge along other more congenial lines.

On the 23d of September, 1857, William H. Evans was united in marriage to Amanda, daughter of Robert and Johanna (Cooper) Scott, of Brown county. Mrs. Evans died November 1, 1860, at the age of twenty-two years, five months and thirteen days, leaving two children: Samuel Walter, who was born July 12, 1858, died October 6, 1861, and Andrew,

It has often been remarked that most of the successful men who was born in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, October 19, 1860, and died September 19, 1861.

In 1860, Mr. Evans removed from Huntington township, Brown county, to near West Point, Tippecanoe county, Indiana, where he engaged in farming for one season, and also read medicine with his twin brother, who had graduated from

the Ohio Medical College of Cincinnati. After the death of Mrs. Evans he returned to his parents' home with the babes. He then studied medicine with Dr. Denham S. Guthrie, at Aberdeen, until his enlistment in the army of the Civil war.

On April 12, 1862, Dr. William Evans entered the army in Company E, Eighty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and was appointed duty sergeant in the organization of the regiment. He was sent to the front and was active in numerous engagements up to August 14, 1863, when he was commissioned hospital steward of the regiment. He participated in thirty-one battles and skirmishes, his regiment being organized with the First brigade, Third division, Fourteenth army corps, under Generals Thomas and Sherman. Dr. Evans engaged in the famous "March to the Sea," and the engagements included Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Rocky Face, Tunnell Hill, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, Atlanta, Jonesboro, and others. He was never injured seriously nor suffered from any illness to interfere with his duties. On December 24, 1864, he was detailed hospital steward of the Fourteenth corps, remaining in Savannah until the following March, then rejoined the regiment at Goldsboro, N. C., remaining there until Johnson's surrender. The regiment then marched to Washington City, where, on June 7, 1865, he received an honorable discharge. He participated in the Grand Review at the capital, after which he returned to his home.

Returning to Aberdeen, Ohio, after the close of the war, Mr. Evans resumed his medical study with Dr. John W. Guthrie, continuing until the October following, when he entered the Charity Hospital Medical College, of Cleveland, Ohio, and attended the lectures of Prof. R. N. Barr, then surgeon-general of Ohio. On February 21, 1866, he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine and at once began the practice of his profession in Huntington township, removing to Hiatt, on September 30, 1868.

The marriage of Dr. William H. Evans to Maria Power Games occurred on December 5, 1867. She was born in Huntington township, Brown county, Ohio, February 25, 1853, a daughter of Hon. John F. and Amanda (Earley) Games. Seven children have been added to the family of Dr. and Mrs. Evans, two of whom are deceased, Wylie and Nellie H., the latter of whom died in infancy. The others are as follows:

W. T. Sherman and P. H. Sheridan, twins, who were born October 1, 1868. The former resides at home and is an at-

tache of the State hospital at Dayton, Ohio, which position he has filled for the past seven years. The latter is an attache of the hospital of Columbus, Ohio. He married Miss Agnes Shewmaker.

Esther Early, born August 22, 1874, is the wife of William N. Campbell, of Union township, near Ripley, Ohio. He is a grandson of the late Dr. and United States Senator Campbell, of Ripley. They are the parents of five children—Nellie B., Leora N., William Richard, Edwin A. and Evelyn E.

Minnie Myrtle, born February 16, 1876, is the wife of Edwin B. Kinkead, a farmer of Union township. They have two children, Esther Marie and William Glenn.

Wylie Weber, born November 30, 1878, died at Ripley, Ohio, June 24, 1894.

Edwin Glenn was born January 21, 1894. He is at home with his parents.

Dr. and Mrs. Evans reside at their comfortable home at Hiett. Dr. Evans joined the Christian church at Bethlehem, in 1856, being the first of the family to become a member. He was licentiate minister of the Ohio Christian conference for twelve years, when he resigned. Mrs. Evans is also a member of that denomination.

In politics, Dr. Evans has always been an advocate of the principles of the Republican party and has always taken an intelligent interest in all public affairs. He was Republican nominee for sheriff in 1870, and was also nominee for State Senator in the the Fourth district, but was defeated owing to the heavy Democratic plurality.

For a period of four years, Dr. Evans was chairman of the United States board of pension examiners, with headquarters at Maysville, Ky., under President Harrison.

Socially, Dr. Evans is a member of W. Wirt Liggett Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Ripley, Ohio. He served as chaplain and also a surgeon. He served as an officer of the Ohio State organization, department of Ohio.

Dr. Evans has successfully practiced his profession for forty-five years at Hiett, Ohio, and is most highly esteemed as a physician and as a citizen by a very large circle of relatives, friends and acquaintances. He is also widely known as a well informed authority on matters historical.

Benjamin Evans, an uncle of our subject, was justice of the peace for many years, and also served in the capacity of county auditor of Brown county, and later served as State Sena-

tor. A son of his, Andrew Evans, has served as representative of Atchinson county, Kansas.

Dr. William H. Evans is always in touch with the progress of the times in business life, in political thought, in religious sentiment, and in the general movement of the world toward a higher civilization. He is a useful and forceful factor in molding public thought and opinion, leaving the impress of his individuality for good upon many lines of thought and activity. In purity and strength of character, whether as a private citizen or a public servant, he has few equals.

THE JOHN JENKINS FAMILY.

John Jenkins, a native of England, immigrated to New Jersey and settled near Little Egg Harbor, where Tuckerton now stands. Here, he reared a large family, among whom were the sons, Uriah, Isaac, and John, men of sterling worth. Isaac and his wife, Hannah, were noble types of New Jersey Methodism. Isaac was for many years mail contractor and stage owner on the route between Tuckerton and Philadelphia. This couple lived to a good old age, leaving a large property, for that day, his nephew, John Jenkins, of Ohio, being one of the beneficiaries of his will. One daughter of the emigrant John Jenkins married Joseph Adams, a son of whom came to Clermont county. Another married a Mr. Penn. Her life was the tragedy of the family, for becoming insane, in one of her frenzies, she killed her husband. The youngest daughter, Rebecca, married George Peterson. Their bodies lie in Williamsburg cemetery.

John Jenkins, son of the English emigrant, who was born November 20, 1764, and died July 12, 1830, was married to Catherine Vaughan, of Philadelphia. She was of French descent, beautiful in feature, graceful in form, sweet-spirited and gentle, possessed of energy and courage fitting for pioneer times, and a strict Methodist, always wearing the "Methodist bonnet." In 1805 John and Catherine Jenkins came with their eight children to find a new home in the far west, traveling in wagons over the Alleghany mountains, shooting game and catching fish for much of their subsistence, by the way. Sometimes the wagons were separated for days, and even weeks, causing delays and anxiety. Reaching the Ohio river they

floated down on a flat boat, sheltered by a tent for cooking their food, and to furnish their sleeping arrangements. Landing at the mouth of Bullskin creek, they journeyed northward to Bantam, near Ulrey's Run, where they were entertained at the home of David and Nancy White, the latter being a sister of Catherine Jenkins, until their own cabin was prepared. Here, with marvelous energy, they began home making. By their strenuous efforts, they soon became independent, getting their farm in order and, later, building a substantial two-story frame house, which was the pride of the neighborhood. Here their nine children, one born in their new home, grew to lives of usefulness and honor. They were devout Methodists, and were largely instrumental in building the society and the church home called Collin's Chapel, in honor of the pioneer preacher, Rev. John Collins. The name was later changed to Bethel, then to Old Bethel. The old cemetery there contains a monument which marks the burial place of Rev. John Collins. John and Catherine Jenkins are buried there, he dying July 12, 1830, and she July 15, 1840, aged seventy-two years. The children of John and Catherine Jenkins were: Zephaniah, Mary, Elizabeth, Thomas, Susanna, John, Joseph, Rhoda, and Nancy. Zephaniah's first marriage was to Nancy Burnett, and second to Perine Guinup. Mary married Robert Cazel. Elizabeth's husband was Benjamin Barton. Thomas married Permelia Anderson. Susanna's first husband was Robert Wright and second, George Peterson. Joseph married Susan Fisher, niece of Hon. David Fisher. Rhoda married Samuel Cordry, and Nancy married John Harvey.

John Jenkins, third son of John and Catherine Jenkins, was born March 9, 1800, and came with his parents to Ohio in 1805. He made fair proficiency in the meager schools of the time, and, by capability and integrity was, through life, called to fill many places of trust. He lived for a time in the family of the noted Rev. John Collins, for whom and his excellent wife, he ever held the highest esteem, as friends and counselors. On August 23, 1825, he was married to Eliza Homan. They bought a farm near Williamsburg, where they reared their family. He was a true patriot, and was noted as a champion for the abolition of slavery, and for temperance. He died July 15, 1873.

Eliza Jenkins, the daughter of David and Rachel Davis Homan, was born in Camden, N. J., November 17, 1805. When not more than six years old, she lost her mother, and then

lived for a short time with an aunt in Philadelphia, then came west with her father, who died soon after, leaving her dependent upon her own exertions. Her schooling was a term of six weeks, the "quarter" of a subscription school being divided between her and a step-brother. In this time she learned to read and write, all other knowledge of books being acquired alone while working bravely for her own support, and helping a younger brother. She was of modest and retiring nature, possessing strong common sense, was earnest and forceful in her purposes of right and duty. She died November 7, 1879.

Their children were four. George Peterson, born May 22, 1826, after leaving district school, was a student in Rev. Gaines' Select School, in Williamsburg. He began teaching early, and later conducted May Seminary, in Bantam, where he met and married Caroline, daughter of John and Nancy Simmons Hitch. After teaching a high school for sometime in Connersville, Ind., he entered the Southeast Indiana Conference, as a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. Here he labored many years, rising to a first class place in the conference, was given the title of Doctor of Divinity, served as pastor of circuits and stations, as presiding elder and delegate to general conference. The last three years of his active life he was president of Moore's Hill College. Broken in health he retired to his home in Greencastle, where he died, April 1, 1897. The older son of George P. and Caroline Jenkins, Oliver Peebles Jenkins, born November 3, 1850, is a graduate of Moore's Hill College, a post-graduate of Northwestern University and of Johns Hopkins University. He for a time conducted the Indiana State Normal, was a professor in DePauw University, and he entered Stanford University, California, at its institution, as professor of natural sciences, which chair he still fills. He is the author of two text books on physiology, which were adopted in the Indiana public schools, and is an authority on other scientific subjects. Clara, only daughter of George P. and Caroline Jenkins, was born January 26, 1853, and is the wife of Rev. Alfred Kummer, D. D., of Oakland, Cal. Wilbur Olin, younger son of George P. and Caroline Jenkins, born December 28, 1861, is now a leading physician in Terre Haute, Ind.

Joseph, second son of John and Eliza Jenkins, born February 26, 1830, attended May Seminary, taught a number of years, and was married, April 23, 1857, to Elizabeth, daughter of Orson and Hannah Burnett Young, and bought a farm

near Williamsburg, to which he added until it became so large as to claim his whole attention the balance of his life. He possessed more than ordinary mental power, with keen insight, good judgment, and unflinching integrity, he filled many positions of trust. He served as justice of the peace for many years, and was a valued advisor in law and other matters. He died July 28, 1890. Of his children, Mary was born September 26, 1859, and is married to James, son of Joseph and Jane Glancy, and lives at Afton, Ohio. Harvey Edgar, born June 8, 1865, at present owns and conducts a feed mill and store in Williamsburg. Albertine, born April 14, 1873, married Wilbur, son of Frank and Sarah Slade Duckwall, of Batavia, and died at their home in Salina, Kan., April 25, 1912.

Anna, daughter of John and Eliza Jenkins, born January 14, 1834, after leaving public school, attended May Seminary and the Spofford Select School of Williamsburg, taught in Clermont, Brown and Montgomery counties, filling at different times every department in the Williamsburg schools, including superintendent, the only woman who has filled that duty in Clermont county. This life work has included more than forty years of successful labor. Late in life, she was married to Dr. Charles Parker Dennis, son of James and Sarah Parker Dennis, formerly of Batavia. He was born April 8, 1833, at Batavia, Ohio, and died August 5, 1908, at Portsmouth, Ohio. His principal education, after leaving common schools, was at Miami University. While there, he enlisted in Company D, Forty-seventh Ohio volunteer infantry, as a private, and was promoted to second lieutenant, Company D, December, 1861, and first lieutenant, Company B, December, 1862, and to captain, November 26, 1864, but was not mustered. He was discharged by expiration of term of service, November 18, 1864. He served as assistant inspector on the staff of General Ewing, and in division headquarters on the staff of Gen. M. L. Smith. He was in a number of battles, and was wounded four times. He was graduated from the Ohio Dental College and finally located in Portsmouth, Ohio. He was a member of Bailey Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and of the Loyal Legion of the United States. At the time of his death, he was serving on the city board of review of Portsmouth. The home of Anna Jenkins Dennis is now in Williamsburg, Ohio.

John Harvey, third son of John and Eliza Jenkins, born July 30, 1839, was a student in May Seminary. He taught two years, and was looking forward to education for the ministry,

when the shock of the Civil war came. He answered Lincoln's first call for volunteers, on the fall of Fort Sumter, enlisting in Company E, Twenty-second regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry. After that service of three months, he enlisted for three years, in Company B, Eighty-ninth Ohio regiment. He had served half that time, when he received his death wound in the battle at Tunnel Hill, just after passing through the conflict of Chickamauga and Mission Ridge. He enlisted as a private and was promoted, a lieutenant's commission coming to him on his deathbed. He died in Chattanooga Hospital, March 16, 1864. His remains rest in Concord cemetery. He was tried and true. His now aged comrades in arms still speak of him with tears of love and sorrow. In honor of his name, the Williamsburg Post, No. 242, Grand Army of the Republic, bears his name.

HUGH L. NICHOLS.

Hugh L. Nichols, Lieutenant Governor of Ohio, was born at New Richmond, Clermont county, March 25, 1865. He is the eldest son of the late Judge Perry J. and Mrs. Jeannette (Gilmore) Nichols, and through his father a descendant of Col. Jonathan Donham, a man prominent in the early days of the county. His great-uncle, P. J. Donham, was for years recognized as one of the leading and most successful lawyers in Cincinnati, and other members of the family achieved distinction in other lines. Up to his fourteenth year the subject of this sketch lived with his parents in New Richmond, and began his schooling there and even at that early age by proficiency in his studies, gave evidence of his possession of that strong mentality which has been so fully manifested in his later career. Removing with his family to Batavia in 1879, where his father went to assume the duties of the office of probate judge, he completed his common school course in that village, graduating from the high school in the class of 1883.

The year after his graduation he matriculated as a student at Ohio Wesleyan University, where he remained for a year, but desiring to complete the study of the law, which he had already taken up, he entered the Cincinnati Law School, and in due course was admitted to the bar, in 1886. Entering into a partnership with his father, under the firm name of Nichols

& Nichols, he soon demonstrated his ability in the hard contests of actual practice, taking up almost from the beginning, the trial of the cases of his firm. He has perhaps tried more cases in court in the past twenty-five years than any contemporary member of the local bar. About 1900 his brother, Allen B. Nichols, was admitted to the partnership, which continued until dissolved by the death of Judge Nichols, in 1908.

The firm which enjoys a large and lucrative practice, is made up of the two brothers, Hugh L. and Allen B. Nichols. Few cases of great importance have been tried in the Clermont courts for years in which Governor Nichols did not appear as one of the leading counsel. Adhesion to the Democratic faith in politics is a tradition in that branch of the Nichols family to which the Governor belongs, and his interest in public affairs and in politics was early manifested. The qualities of his mind especially fitted him for political management and leadership, and his abilities in that direction first had scope in the campaign of 1890, in which year the Clermont Democracy achieved one of its greatest victories. A result which was justly largely attributed to the efforts of the young leader. Never seeking office for himself, he was nominated and elected as a member of the Ohio State Senate in 1897, and served with distinction, but declined a re-election.

His service and abilities then attracted to him the notice of men of affairs, and in 1898, when only thirty-three years of age, he was made the nominee of his party for supreme judge of Ohio. After this campaign he devoted his attention for several years to the practice of his profession, until called upon by Governor Harmon, in 1910, to take charge of his campaign for re-election. His work in that campaign, when he marshaled the Democratic force of Ohio to their greatest victory, is now a matter of history.

On the election of Lieutenant-Governor Pomerene to the United States Senate, Governor Harmon's tender of the appointment to the vacancy to Governor Nichols, was a graceful acknowledgment of the debt which he felt he owed his manager. During the session of the legislature which followed, he presided over the deliberations of the Senate and showed not only his skill in guiding a turbulent assembly, but also his devotion to those progressive principles to which his party is now so completely committed.

When Governor Harmon cast about for a manager for his

presidential campaign the splendid service rendered by Governor Nichols in the campaign of 1910, pointed to him as a fitting man. His work in that contest from the opening of headquarters until the last ballot was taken at Baltimore, displayed the energy, ability and loyalty to his obligations which are marked features of Governor Nichols's character. While he did not win in the sense of nominating his candidate, he showed those qualities which deserve success.

When the Ohio Democratic State convention met, in 1912, Governor Nichols, yielding to the persistent demand by his party associates in the State, consented to accept the nomination for lieutenant governor, as the running mate of Governor Cox. At the ensuing election, he ran third on a ticket containing ten names, and his majority was over one hundred and fifty thousand.

As these lines are written, he is presiding over the State Senate at Columbus. Governor Nichols was a delegate from the Sixth district to the Democratic National convention in 1900, and in 1912 a delegate at large from the State of Ohio to the Baltimore convention, where he appeared as the personal representative of Governor Harmon on the floor.

His political career has been a brilliant one, and those who know the man and his ability and have watched his career, do not doubt that the future holds greater honors in store for him.

The true estimate of a man is made by those who for years have come in contact with him in his daily life and judged by this test, Hugh L. Nichols comes up fully to the highest conception of citizenship and manhood. The esteem in which he is held by his neighbors and the wide popularity which he enjoys is based not only upon pride in his recognized ability, but in the feeling akin to affection born of a knowledge of his kindly impulses, his quick and sympathetic heart and his generous and unostentatious charities, which are limited by neither creed, condition, nor color. Governor Nichols has been a member of the Presbyterian church since boyhood, and is prominent in its work and faithful in his attendance on its services. His discharge of every duty, public and private, which has devolved upon him has born the impress of that high-mindedness which is a distinguishing feature of his character. Governor Nichols was married in 1887 to Miss Louise Dean Stirling, a daughter of the late W. B. C. Stirling, an amiable and accomplished woman, and their beautiful home on Wood street in Batavia is a center of social activities and the seat of a refined and generous hospitality.

LEONIDAS S. FRIDMAN.

The name which appears at the head of this biographical mention is worthy of a place in these volumes as a representative of a family widely known in connection with the important business interests of Clermont county, Ohio, a family which in its history illustrates those qualities of enterprise, sound judgment and unwavering integrity, which has won recognition in the county of their nativity because of the business acumen of many who have borne the name.

One of the most versatile of the sons of Franklin Fridman, Sr., is Leonidas S. Fridman, whose varied interests have made him an important figure in the business circles of this locality. He is secretary and treasurer of the Fridman Lumber Company, vice-president of the First National Bank, of New Richmond, succeeding his father as director in 1895, secretary and treasurer of the Fridman Seating Company, and is a director of four other incorporated companies, being president of two of them and vice-president of another.

Leonidas S. Fridman was born at Clermontville, Ohio, August 11, 1868, and was reared and educated in the schools of Monroe township, after which he became a student of the noted Parker's Academy. In 1888, he took a business course at the Eastman Business College, of Poughkeepsie, New York, graduating in March, 1889.

At the age of eleven years, Mr. Fridman displayed great ambition toward a business career, which he began by clerking in his father's store at Clermontville. At the age of sixteen years he turned his attention to agricultural matters and assisted in the operation of the home farm, following this line of business until 1888. After his return from business college, he accepted a position with the Fridman-Roberts Company, which he held for six months, resigning to become second clerk on the steamer "Tacoma," which plied the Ohio river from Cincinnati to Chilo. In November, 1891, Mr. Fridman resigned this position to accept a clerkship on the steamer "Bonanza," which was owned by the Cincinnati, Portsmouth, Big Sandy & Pomeroy Packet Company, continuing until June, 1892. He then became associated with the Fridman-Roberts Company, and in March, 1893, purchased the interest of Mr. Roberts, the corporation becoming the Fridman Lumber Company, with our subject as treasurer, which position he held to January, 1896, when he was elected secretary and treasurer, which position he has held continuously since.

From 1901 to 1911, Mr. L. S. Fridman owned and operated a store at Wyatt, Mo., in Mississippi county, and together with his brother, William M. Fridman, bought small tracts of land, adding to until they owned several hundred acres of the best Missouri land, which they finally sold out at a handsome profit, in December, 1910. Mr. L. S. Fridman sold his store and stock in November, 1911, and has since been interested in other and larger enterprises.

On June 30, 1896, occurred the marriage of Mr. L. S. Fridman to Miss Lina Linn, a Brown county lady, a daughter of Carl and Louisa (Hensel) Linn, early residents of near Ripley. Mr. and Mrs. Fridman have had one child to bless their union, Leonidas Linn, who was born June 9, 1902.

In political matters Mr. Fridman is an active Democrat, but has refused public office because of his many private interests. He was appointed by the mayor of New Richmond as trustee of the Electric Light & Water Works Building Company, and served until the plant was completed, when he resigned on account of pressing business affairs.

Mr. Fridman is a member and a trustee of the Presbyterian church, and has been a member of the board of education for several years past. Conscientious in all his business dealings, he has won the respect of all with whom he has been associated.

WILBUR S. STRICKLAND.

Wilbur S. Strickland, a well known educator in Cincinnati, who has been connected with the system of public education in the city for the past twenty-one years, has, since 1901, held the responsible position of principal of the Sherman Public School. The Sherman School is one of the largest schools in Cincinnati, having at times an enrollment of upwards of 1,400 pupils, with a corps of about twenty-five teachers. This school has a number of special features, including the pioneer Mothers' and Teachers' Club, of Cincinnati, introduced by Mr. Strickland, and a movement which is spreading rapidly.

The subject of this review represents a pioneer family in Clermont county, although his birth occurred at St. Louis, Mo., January 16, 1859. His parents were Paul M. and Isabella (Spargo) Strickland, the latter of whom was born at Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1828, and passed to her eternal reward in the year 1871. She was a devout member of the Episcopal



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church and was a lady of very refined and artistic nature. During her active life she did some excellent pencil drawing.

The paternal great-grandfather of our subject, was Michael Strickland, a native of England, who settled first at Cape May, New Jersey, and came to Clermont county in 1809, where he secured six hundred acres of land in Tate township and erected the first brick house on Poplar creek, in 1811. Michael Strickland was a fine mechanic and could construct almost any article made with tools. A fine stone sundial made by him is still in existence. He was also an extensive farmer and stockman and took great pleasure in transforming the wilderness of his possessions into a valuable property. He spent the remaining years of his life in Clermont county, where his death occurred March 8, 1851, at the age of eighty-seven. His wife, Eleanor (Cullen) Strickland, was a member of the original "Bible Society," whose function was the distribution of religious literature, giving Bibles to her sons, Mark, Paul, Daniel, Hope; and her daughters, Sarah (Light), Betsy (Ogden), Maria (Mason), Harriet (McCall), and Hannah (Edwards); and many grandchildren. She was a native of Ireland, and her death also occurred in Clermont county, June 15, 1860, at the age of eighty-five.

Mark Strickland, the grandfather of Wilbur S. Strickland, and a son of Michael Strickland, was born at Cape May, New Jersey, in 1792, and was among the pioneers of Clermont county. He was a noted Abolitionist and his home was a station on the "Underground Railroad," many slaves being assisted to freedom by his help. By occupation, he was a blacksmith at New Richmond, where he had a very lucrative business. He responded to the call of his country for defense at the time of the War of 1812, and won much honor by his brave and courageous conduct. Being possessed of the pioneering spirit, he sold his property in Clermont county and became one of the early settlers of Louisiana, where he owned two hundred acres of land in Caddo Parish. On account of the slavery existing in Louisiana, he returned to Clermont county, where he remained until his death, in 1883, at the advanced age of ninety-one years. He was a most interesting character, very active and high-minded, and upright in all his conduct. He was a devout member of the Presbyterian church, very strict in his beliefs and always ready to assist in all worthy enterprises. He was trustee of New Richmond from 1831 to 1833, and of Ohio township from 1835 to 1836. Mr. Strickland was

three times married, the first union being with Tryphosa Newton, daughter of Ebenezer Newton, a Clermont pioneer, and author of a text book on spelling. To this union were born two sons and two daughters. His second marriage was with Margaret Quinlan and his third wife was Elizabeth Snider, who bore him two daughters, Belle, who married Mel Patchell, of Middletown, Ohio, and Emma, who married Arthur Grant, of Mt. Washington, Ohio. He survived all three wives.

Paul McGrew Strickland, son of Mark and Tryphosa (Newton) Strickland, was born at Monroe, La., in 1821, and passed away in Clermont county at his father's farm, near Owensville, in 1874. He was one of a family of four children; Francis B., his brother, was widely known and prominent as a writer and scholar prior to the Civil war; he published the "New Richmond Advertiser," 1854, was editor of the "New Richmond Weekly Dispatch" for some years, and his death took place at New Richmond in early manhood. One of the sisters, Alice, married first, John Swem, and second, John McDonald, who died recently at Louisville, Ill., at the age of ninety-one years. Two daughters, one of each union, are living: Mrs. Julia (Swem) Swift, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. Laura (McDonald) Barbee, of Louisville, Ill. The second sister, Eleanor, married John Graham. Paul M. Strickland was for many years chief engineer on steamboats plying western rivers. During part of the Civil war, he was chief engineer on the gunboat, "Juliet," under Admiral Porter, making a record for skill and bravery. He married Isabella Spargo at Upper St. Clair, near Pittsburgh, July 5, 1855, and their home was at various places, owing to his profession, and to their union were born five children:

A. Newton was born at Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1856, and became well known as an instructor, having taught schools at Forestville, Maple Grove and Clover, all of which are in Clermont county. His death occurred while teaching at Clover, in 1883, in his twenty-eighth year. He was of an artistic temperament and had he been spared would have developed into an artist of some note. He left a number of fine drawings, showing rare artistic talent, and highly prized by their owners.

Wilbur S., the subject of this mention.

Worden E. was born in Newport, Ky., February 16, 1861, and is a locomotive engineer, of Cleveland, Ohio, and married Irene Quirk in 1905.

Mary died at the age of ten years, in 1876.

Joseph C. was born at St. Louis, Mo., April 13, 1868, and is a graduate of the University of Indiana. He is a Spanish scholar and has held important customs agent positions abroad, in the West Indies and Mexico. He was special agent of the Mexican Central railway at Tampico. On account of ill health, he has retired to his ranch near Tucson, Ariz. He is artistic and highly educated. His sketches, drawings and water colors are admired by critics of art work. He married, in 1899, Helen Endres, daughter of a well known family of St. Louis, Mo.

Wilbur S. Strickland acquired his education in the schools of St. Louis, Mo., Clermont county, Ohio, and at the National Normal University, at Lebanon, Ohio, from which he was graduated in the Scientific Class of 1887. He began his career as a teacher in 1879, near Bethel, Ohio, where he taught for a period of four years in rural schools. He then became the superintendent of schools at Amelia, Ohio, where he remained for three years, following which he filled the position of superintendent of schools at Bethel, Ohio, from 1888 to 1890. The next change was to take charge of the schools at Cheviot, now a part of Cincinnati. From 1892 to 1895, Mr. Strickland was first assistant of the Twenty-second district of Cincinnati and from 1895 to 1901 filled the position of principal of Whittier School, and from 1901 to the present time has held the position of principal of the Sherman Public School. The extremely satisfactory manner in which he has filled these various positions has placed him among the foremost instructors in this section of the State. The progressive measures which he has instituted in bringing mothers and teachers together for the common good of the children have proved to be a great benefit to all.

Mr. W. S. Strickland was united in marriage on August 20, 1890, to Miss Georgie Girardey, a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Light) Girardey. The Light family is a pioneer family of the county and the members have always been prominent in the progress and growth of all its enterprises. Mr. and Mrs. Strickland now own the David Light estate, "Spring Dale," in Williamsburg township, making it their summer home.

Mrs. Strickland's father was George Girardey, Jr., born in 1835, and dying in 1912. He was the only child of George, Sr., and Mary Girardey, both natives of France. George, Sr., was a skilled confectioner and author of a valuable book on confectionery and baking. Losing both parents while very young,

George, Jr., made his home with the family of David Light in 1847, and on the departure of the young men of the family for California, took charge of the estate. He married, in 1864, Elizabeth F. Light, daughter of David and Sarah (Strickland) Light. His great fund of anecdotes and love of fishing made him the "Izaak Walton" of Clover. Mrs. Elizabeth F. Girardey, born in 1828, and dying in 1907, had the remarkable record of having her birth, marriage and death all occur upon the same farm. She had fine literary tastes, and during the Civil war made and embroidered many flags for the Union army, one rare and remarkably beautiful embroidered banner being still preserved by Mrs. Strickland.

Through her mother, Mrs. Strickland is descended from the noted Light family, pioneers of Clermont county. John Light served in the Pennsylvania line three years in the War of 1776, and was the father of Jacob, Daniel and Peter Light, among Clermont's first pioneers, while it was not yet organized. Jacob Light, a Revolutionary soldier, was with the noted O. M. Spencer when the latter was captured by the Indians, as related in Spencer's "Indian Captivity," and later founded New Richmond, in 1814. An account of these early settlers is found elsewhere in this volume and also in Rockey and Bancroft's "History of Clermont County" (1880). Before 1800, Peter Light, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Strickland, settled on five hundred acres of land north of Clover creek. He was county surveyor for ten years. His three children were, George C., David and Susanna. George C. Light was county surveyor for five years, and representative in 1812-1813, and later became a celebrated minister and pulpit orator. He died at Vicksburg, Miss., on his seventy-fifth birthday, February 27, 1860. David Light, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Strickland, died in 1845, his wife, Sarah S., in 1888, at the age of ninety-two years. The children who survived the parents were, George S., William Wayland, Harriet and Elizabeth F. (Girardey). George S. Light became a pharmacist, and originated several excellent remedies. He owned a fine estate, "Light Hills," now in Covington, Ky. Dr. William Wayland Light, who was born in 1817 and died in 1895, became a pioneer of California, and a noted character of Sacramento City. A graphic account of his heroic struggle with a war party of Yaqui Indians, in 1868, after they had slain his brother, Andrew Hopkins Light, and his nephew, Julian M. Light, is found elsewhere in this volume, under the story of the

"Gold Rush." Mrs. Strickland has many interesting relics, collected by her uncle, Dr. W. W. Light. The late R. J. Bancroft said, "The Light family has been one of the most notable in Clermont, and none that ever settled in it has a more famous pioneer record antedated by a splendid history in the Revolutionary and Indian times that tried men's souls."

Two children have come to bless and cheer the union of Mr. and Mrs. Strickland:

Elizabeth Girardey, born in 1892, a graduate of the Walnut Hills High School, has considerable artistic talent, being proficient in pen and ink work, water colors and also in china painting.

David Light, born in 1896, a student of the Walnut Hills High School.

The city residence of Mr. and Mrs. Strickland is at 2005 Hudson avenue, Norwood, Ohio.

Socially, Mr. Strickland has membership in Norwood Lodge, No. 576, Free and Accepted Masons. He is particularly interested in the "Home and School League" movement, humane work, forestry and agricultural work, orcharding and the general improvement of rural life. His interest in these matters is evidenced by frequent addresses before parents and teachers and public meetings. He has given his life to a profession which is of eminent service to his fellow men, and his zeal and enthusiasm in his chosen calling, supplementing a naturally strong mind, have made him an educator whose ability is recognized. He is an active member of the National Education Association, also of the Schoolmasters' Club and Principals' Association of Cincinnati, and was president of the latter organization in 1911-1912.

HARVEY HAWLEY.

Mr. Harvey Hawley, one of the prosperous and substantial farmers and stock raisers of Clermont county, Ohio, has been a resident of Goshen township since 1839, when he was eight years of age. He recalls without difficulty the development and progress of the county and the present generation knows but little of and can hardly appreciate the suffering and labor and privation that brought about the present delightful condition of the hills and valleys of Clermont from the wild untamed forests of "The Northwest Territory." Mr. Hawley

owns and operates his finely improved farm of one hundred and sixty-four acres in Goshen township. He was born near Mason, Warren county, Ohio, October 9, 1830, and is a son of Joel and Mary (Dill) Hawley.

Joel Hawley was a native of Connecticut, a son of John Hawley, who brought the family to Ohio about 1812, settling near Oxford, Ohio. Joel and John, his sons, settled later in Warren county, Ohio, where the former remained until 1839, when he removed to Goshen township, Clermont county, and became a successful and greatly respected farmer. His birth occurred June 12, 1795, and his death took place in the year of 1855. He was a Whig in politics and later a Republican.

Mary (Dill) Hawley was born August 8, 1792, and departed this life in 1842. Her marriage to Mr. Joel Hawley occurred September 9, 1818. They were both members of the Methodist church, he being very active in church and Sabbath school work, and a local preacher. Their union was blessed with five sons, namely:

Hiram W., deceased.

Dr. Albert, a resident of Preble county, Ohio, where for many years, he was a prominent physician, is now in his ninety-second year of life.

Andrew D. was also a physician, and is now deceased.

Joel Franklin, deceased.

Harvey, the subject of this mention.

After the death of his wife, Mr. Joel Hawley chose for his second wife, Mrs. Sarah Lewis, nee Brown, and they became the parents of two children:

Charles E., residing at Ramona, Hamilton county, Ohio.

Julia, who married J. M. Vandervort, and who died in the spring of 1913.

Mr. Harvey Hawley was reared on his father's farm and enjoyed the educational privileges of a school at Milford, Ohio, for two years. He then continued his studies at Antioch College, under Horace Mann, until he was called home on account of the death of his father. Since that time he has managed the home farm, and he is justly proud of the great changes which have been effected on this property through the industry and good management of his father and himself.

The marriage of Mr. Harvey Hawley to Miss Mary E. Lewis occurred in 1859. Mrs. Hawley was born at Lebanon, Ohio, May 16, 1833, and died April 21, 1899. She was a daughter of William and Sarah (Brown) Lewis, the former a manufacturer

of carriages. The Lewises were of Welsh descent and the Brown family were from Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawley became the parents of five children:

Evelyn Sarah, Albert Lewis, who died at the age of eleven months, Lavina Blanche, Cora Mary and Lura Merdith, who is the wife of O. P. Bodley, of Loveland, Ohio. They have two children, Harvey Hawley and Virginia Meredith.

Politically, Mr. Hawley is a staunch Republican, and has refused to accept all proffered public offices. He has, however, served for many years on the school board.

Mr. Hawley is an active member of the Presbyterian church, to which Mrs. Hawley also belonged.

For a number of years, Mr. Hawley was president of the First National Bank of Loveland. As a first class citizen he has cast his influence in the directions of those movements which, in his opinion, have been for the best interest of the township and county, and is considered one of its representative men.

JOHN C. FUHR.

John C. Fuhr, dealer in general hardware, ranges, plumbers' supplies, etc., in Williamsburg, was born in Dieburg, Starkenburg, Hessen, Germany, February 25, 1863, the son of John and Katherine (Deuter) Fuhr. After three and one-half years, his parents moved to Homberg, where John later attended public school, which ends there at fourteen years, when arrangements were made for him to serve an apprenticeship in the tinner's trade for three years, during the first two of which he attended night school for mechanical instruction. During the third year he received wages from his employer, William Kuhl, as he had become a skilled workman. At the same time he learned the work in the other two departments, that of bookkeeping and buying. He set out for America from Bremer-Hafen by the steamer "General Werder," and landed at New York on July 3, 1881, in the midst of the excitement over the assassination of President Garfield. Soon after he went to Piqua, Miami county, Ohio, where he was employed for a year and a half at more per day than his weekly wages would have been in his native land. He learned the language of his adopted country very rapidly, and later worked at his trade in various other shops in Cincinnati, with the idea of increasing his mechanical knowledge.

In 1883 Mr. Fuhr came to Williamsburg, and for a time was employed in a tin and stove business, but in 1886 he bought out his employer, D. R. Rees, and added a stock of hardware, putting in the savings from his earnings, but by efficient business methods he has gradually prospered until he has a large stock and a paying business.

On December 28, 1886, John C. Fuhr was married to Cora B. Walker, of Williamsburg. She was born in Newtonville, Clermont county, Ohio, and is the only child of Ludwell G. and Nancy J. (Smith) Walker. Her father, a veteran of the Union army, is the only living son of William and Mary (Smith) Walker. William Walker was the sixth son among the sixteen children of Hillary and Elizabeth (Snell) Walker. Elizabeth (Snell) Walker was the eighth child of Adam Snell. Adam Snell and Hillary Walker came to Clermont county in 1806, from Pennsylvania. More than a score of their descendants were Union soldiers. Mary (Smith) Walker was a daughter of Captain Stephen Smith, who commanded a noted company from "Old Clermont" in the War of 1812. Captain Smith's wife was Sarah Kain, a daughter of James Kain, the first settler in the East Fork valley of the Little Miami river. Nancy J. (Smith) Walker, on the maternal side, is a granddaughter of Adam Snell, and on the paternal side is descended from Jadhah and Millicent Smith, pioneers in Clermont county from Trenton, N. J. The Kains, Walkers and Snells are elsewhere mentioned. Mr. and Mrs. Fuhr have six living children: John Roy, born December 23, 1887, was graduated from Williamsburg High School in 1905, and from Mechanic's Institute, in Cincinnati, in 1907. He was married August 28, 1909, to Edna B. Davidson, also a native of Clermont county, and a daughter of Joseph M. and Carrie (Knauer) Davidson, and a granddaughter of James Davidson, elsewhere sketched. Stanley W., born April 15, 1889, carries on a job printing establishment at Williamsburg. He married Carrie L. Nichols, of Batavia, Ohio. She is a daughter of Clayton B. and Maude (Hitch) Nichols, of Batavia. Pauline died in infancy. Lida S. graduated from Williamsburg High School in 1913. Ralph D., Mary K. and Helen L. are students in the public school.

John C. Fuhr has been a leading factor in many successful business enterprises. When the Williamsburg Furniture Company was organized he was one of the promoters and stock holders, has served as one of its directors, and at present is vice-president of the company. He was also one of the pro-

moters of the original brick company, and the present brick company is the result of that organization. When the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank was organized, he was one of the original stockholders and is one of the six directors. He was one of the first of the community to start a movement for a telephone, and was the first president of the Williamsburg Home Telephone Company. He has built and owns several properties in Williamsburg. In 1908 he bought ninety-six acres of land in Williamsburg township, which he is developing into a fine farm.

Besides being interested in many business ventures, Mr. Fuhr has been honored by his fellow citizens with many positions of trust, which he has creditably filled. He became a Republican and has served as a delegate to State conventions, helping nominate several governors. He has served on the school board and in city council several times. His son, Roy, is village clerk, and Stanley one of the council. Mr. Fuhr is a director of the Clermont Publishing Company, the Republican organ of the county. He takes an active part in both religious and fraternal life of his community. Although born and baptized in the Catholic church, his mother being a Catholic, he was confirmed a Lutheran, the faith of his father. After his marriage, he became a member of the Presbyterian church, as his wife was thus reared, and has served as assistant Sunday school superintendent. He was one of the prime movers and chairman of the building committee which erected the new modern edifice of that denomination. He became a vice-president of the Clermont County Sunday School Association, and served a number of times as delegate to their State conventions, also a delegate to International conventions at Toronto, Canada, Louisville and San Francisco. Mr. Fuhr became a member of the Angola Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in 1886. He has filled all the offices except secretary, and is past grand. He was a promoter and a charter member of the encampment. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fuhr are members of the Rebecca order, of which Mrs. Fuhr has passed through all the chairs. He is a member of Clermont Social Lodge, No. 29, in which he has served as junior warden. He has taken the Royal Arch degree at Batavia, and is a member of Hanselman Commandery, No. 16, of Cincinnati. He and his wife are members of the Eastern Star.

Mr. Fuhr has been an ardent worker in the cause of temperance, and has long been in the front rank in the battles that

have been fought for that cause. He was chairman of the county local option committee prior to the election of 1908, which resulted in a victory for the "drys." Mr. Fuhr came to this country with no means except his talent, but by patient industry and honest dealings with his fellow men, he has built an enviable position in both the financial and social world. By his public spirit and contribution of time, talent and money he has been a prime factor in the upbuilding of the community. He has been abundantly blessed with this world's goods. His name and his works will be treasured and respected by his children and many friends.

WILLIAM H. MILLER.

William H. Miller owns one of the most up-to-date farms in Clermont county, which consists of two hundred and thirty-two acres of productive land on the Bantam turnpike. Mr. Miller has employed the most progressive and still practical methods, for the operating of his farm with fine success. He was among the first in the county to build a silo and his good substantial buildings are indicative of a keen business mind, as well as a justifiable pride in his possessions. He was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, near Mt. Washington, July 9, 1855, his parents being William L. and Elizabeth (De Bolt) Miller, who were married January 27, 1851.

William L. Miller was born May 2, 1827, and died May 15, 1896. He was a son of David M. Miller, who was a son of Ichabod Miller. Ichabod Miller, from Pennsylvania, was a notable surveyor, much employed on the eastern side of Hamilton county, where he located many roads still existing. He married a daughter of Capt. Aaron Mercer, a relative of Gen. Hugh Mercer, who was killed at the Battle of Princeton. Captain Mercer came from Virginia, and reached Columbia just as the troops returned from the scenes of General Harmar's defeats. Captain Mercer and Capt. Ignatius Ross met James Newell going with corn to Covalt's Mill, at Round Bottom, just before the latter was killed by Indians, in September, 1791. Notwithstanding the great danger of the times, Captain Mercer and Miller in 1792 went three miles up on the eastern side of the Little Miami from Gerard's Station, and there, where fine springs gushed from the gravel bank, they built a palisade

or block house, and laid out a town that was called Mercersburg, until changed some eight years later to Newtown. Another daughter of Captain Mercer married Thomas Brown, Jr., a store keeper, who was a son of Thomas Brown, Sr., who laid out Brownsville, on the site of the historic old Fort Red Stone, on the Monogahela.

William L. was well educated and taught in the schools of Hamilton county, Ohio, for a number of years. He was also a surveyor and in 1863 bought two hundred and eighty-five acres of land in Williamsburg township from Gen. David Bone. Mr. William L. Miller followed farming until within a few years of his death, when he purchased a handsome residence in Williamsburg, but returned to the farm before his death. He was a Democrat and was for years a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He had membership in the Williamsburg Methodist Episcopal Church, to which he gave largely of his means.

Elizabeth (De Bolt) Miller was born in May, 1831, at Newtown, Ohio, and died December 15, 1902. She was a daughter of Michael and Martha De Bolt, of near Newtown, where they were successful farmers. In early life Mrs. Miller joined the Baptist church, of which her mother was a member, but later joined the Methodist church at Williamsburg.

William H. Miller is the eldest of six children:

Mrs. Eva Moore, of Williamsburg.

Leonard E., of Williamsburg.

Frank M., deceased.

Rev. Idelbert B., of New York State, is in the Methodist ministry.

Mattie M., deceased.

Since the age of eight years, Clermont county has been the home of William H. Miller, and here he received his education in the common schools. He chose the occupation of farming, which he has followed continuously, with the exception of six years, when he was engaged in the insurance business.

On December 25, 1878, at Afton, Ohio, he married Miss Deborah Lukemire, who was born in Clermont county, her parents, William and Hannah Lukemire, being early resident farmers of this section of the county. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Miller has been born one son:

William L., who was born November 23, 1879, and is now engaged in mining at Cripple Creek, Colo. He married Irene Burke, of near Bethel, Ohio, and they have two children:

Marie Grace, born August 27, 1904, and George William, born September 20, 1905.

In politics, Mr. Miller is always a Democrat, and served as infirmary director for some six years. He was also a member of the county fair board. In fraternal circles, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias. His farming interests indicate the diligence and judgment which he has employed in the management of his affairs. He is well known as a reliable business man, who is public-spirited in citizenship and loyal in friendship.

JOSEPH AND MELINDA MEDARIS SMITH.

After joining a company, of which he was elected captain, Dennis Smith served in the Revolutionary army, and was granted a land warrant for five hundred acres in the Virginia military district. He lived in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and raised a family, of which the sons were: Peter, Joseph, Dennis, Jr., David, Christopher and Abe; and the daughters were: Elizabeth married Jacob Johns, Polly married James Enis, Susan married James Clark, Hannah married James Huffman, Catherine married James Seals, Rachel married Francis Foster, and Sarah married Jacob Meek. Capt. Dennis Smith's bounty land was laid in Clermont county by his sons, Joseph, David and Christopher, and his son-in-law, James Seals. David Smith lived and died in Clermont county, and so did Christopher Smith, whose children, except Francis, Paulina and Amanda, moved to Shawneetown, Ill. The children of Catherine Seals went to Adams county, Illinois.

Joseph, born August 16, 1779, the second son of Capt. Dennis Smith, came to near Cincinnati in about 1800, and then, on account of sickly conditions, to Clermont county, in 1805, and settled for life in Stonelick township, about midway between what is now Boston and Monterey. In 1818 he built the first brick house in the township and died there September 13, 1824. He married Hannah, a daughter of John Hair, whose wife was Nancy Torbett, of Kennedy Jigg. They came from Greene county, Pennsylvania. Hannah was born September 26, 1783, and died January 10, 1839. The other children of John and Nancy Hair were, as some married, Betsy Burns, Elizabeth, Annie Gibson, James, John, Sarah Ross of Knox county, Amelia Clark, William, Cynthia Clark and Samuel. John Hair's family was prominent and highly esteemed. The ten

children of Joseph and Hannah Hair Smith were: John, born February 20, 1806; Dennis, January 10, 1808; Elizabeth, August 21, 1809; Annie, August 21, 1811; Sarah, September 6, 1813; Joseph, June 22, 1815; Hannah, August 24, 1817; Amanda, September 29, 1819; Martha, October 20, 1820; James Harvey, January 24, 1824. John married Adaline Moore and moved to ten miles south of Lafayette, Ind., where he and his wife died in January, 1856. Dennis married Elizabeth Bigam, lived on the home farm and was prosecuting attorney of Clermont county during 1841-44. One of his sons, Frederick, was the historian of the family. Elizabeth married James Moore and Annie married John Moore, a brother, and both families lived on lower Stonelick with much fraternal pleasure. Sarah married Liel Boyd and both died early. Hannah married Daniel Cover. Amanda married Richard Roudebush, of Goshen. Martha Ann married A. Quinlivan, in California. James Harvey and his wife, Maria, lived in Blanchester, Ohio. The descendants of these people are numerous and widely scattered.

Joseph Smith, Jr., the sixth child and third son, married Mary Fletcher, who died leaving Phoebe and Hannah Louisa. Phoebe married Tolcot and moved to Iowa, where she died, leaving two children. Hannah Louisa, living in Quincy, Ill., married William Wires, who was unfortunately killed in 1897. On September 18, 1844, Joseph Smith, Jr., was married to Melinda G. Medaris, born July 5, 1822, a daughter of Charles and Lydia Gest Medaris. Charles was a son of Malachi Medaris, who was born in Maryland in 1777, of Irish parentage. He married in 1797 and moved to North Carolina the next year, where Charles and Shadrach were born. In 1803 he joined a colony for Ohio, crossing the mountains to Pittsburgh and thence with the cattle by Zane's and Donnell's Traces, and the women and children, on ark's down the river. Their settlement, made near Olive Branch, was the home till 1818, when another was taken below Batavia. Lydia Gest, born February 27, 1801, near Batavia, was a daughter of Enoch and Ida Gest, among the earliest of the early pioneers from Kentucky to that vicinity. The children of Charles and Lydia Gest Medaris were: Melinda; Elliot; Paulina, married to James Roudebush; Enoch, married to Sarah, a sister of Governor John M. Pattison; Emma; and Dr. Leonidas H., married to Ella Roudebush. After the death of Lydia, May 28, 1860, Charles married Phoebe Hill, whose two children were

Elmer, and Louisa married to Edwin T. Ely. On the partition of his father's estate, the farm was bought by David Meek and Joseph, Jr., the latter taking the northern part, which he sold in 1844, and then bought the fine tract on the east bank of the East Fork and south of the Jackson pike. On that farm all the children of his wife, Melinda, were born and lived until the home for well earned retirement was fixed in 1871 on Front street in Williamsburg, from which the large farm was directed, while another was bought on lower Crane Run. Joseph Smith, Jr., died September 30, 1891, and Melinda G. Smith, September 28, 1894. They were excellent examples of an energetic, industrious and successful farm life that gained fine respect. They had thirteen children. Charles Elliott, born June 9, 1845, married Ruth Moorehead, a sister of E. S. Moorehead, elsewhere sketched. Francina Isabel, born August 2, 1847, married Thomas W. Moorehead, a soldier for the Union in Company K, Twenty-seventh Ohio. He was a brother of E. S. Moorehead above mentioned. Mrs. Moorehead died April 9, 1902. Lydia M., born December 18, 1848, died in infancy. Mary Emma, born March 15, 1850, married John Leir. They live in Williamsburg. Amanda, born January 28, 1852, died in infancy. Joseph Harvey. Oizella, born November 20, 1855, married Francis T. Weaver, and died May 8, 1910, leaving four children. Ida Gest, born August 25, 1857, married Al K. Peterson, and died January 31, 1881. Their children died young. Cora, born April 9, 1859, married Robert L. Kain. Lillette May, born April 3, 1861, married Millard F. Peterson, and, after his death, married Francis T. Weaver. They live in Williamsburg. Leonidas Byron. Dennis Howard, born February 14, 1865, married Margaret M. Smith, a niece of Mrs. Joseph Harvey Smith. They live in his parents' old home in Williamsburg. Theodosia, born May 20, 1869, married George Kain. Robert L. and George Kain are sons of Henry C. Kain, elsewhere mentioned, and they live in Long Beach, Cal.

PHILIP G. ARMSTRONG.

Mr. Philip G. Armstrong was a notable representative of an old Clermont county family, and in his business life as general contractor and builder made an excellent reputation for activity, enterprise and reliability. He was a son of Jacob and

Anna (Collins) Armstrong, and was born in Miami township, Clermont county, Ohio, January 27, 1843, and died March 17, 1913, at his home near Milford.

Jacob Armstrong was born in Miami township, 1806, and was a son of John Armstrong and wife, nee Schley, who came to Clermont county early in the Nineteenth century, from Virginia, locating some three and one-half miles east of Milford. In politics, Mr. Armstrong was a Whig and later a Democrat, although not active. His death occurred December 5, 1875, at his fine home farm.

Anna (Collins) Armstrong was a native of New Hampshire, and at the age of seven years, came with her parents, John and Elizabeth Collins, to Clermont county, where they located on a farm in Miami township. John Collins was a prominent Methodist and was a friend of the Rev. Philip Gatch. His death took place at his home and his wife spent her declining years in Clinton county, Ohio. Anna (Collins) Armstrong passed from this life in Clermont county, January 5, 1876, aged about sixty years.

Philip G. Armstrong was one of nine children, of whom three are living:

Mrs. Hill, who is the wife of the Rev. Hezekiah Hill, of Stonelick township.

Miss Anna, residing on the old home farm.

Benjamin, a plasterer by occupation, resides on Woodburn avenue, Cincinnati.

Reared and educated under the parental roof, Philip G. Armstrong took up the carpenter's trade at Cincinnati, at the age of twenty years, and in his business erected many fine residences in Milford, Madisonville and elsewhere.

Mr. P. G. Armstrong chose for his life's companion, Miss Elvira Stuart, who was born at Perintown, Clermont county, a daughter of William and Mary (James) Stuart, early families of the county, the James family coming to this section from Pennsylvania.

In religious views, Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong believe in the faith of the Baptist church, of which she is an active member. He was active in church work for many years. Mr. Armstrong was an independent Republican.

During the active years of Mr. Armstrong's life he accumulated several nice properties in Milford and Cincinnati, and was counted among the substantial men of Clermont county, where he was held in high esteem.

ERASTUS S. MOORHEAD.

Erastus S. Moorhead, who resides on Front street, near Main, has been a prominent citizen of Williamsburg since 1901, at which time he retired from his finely developed farm not far from Williamsburg.

Mr. Moorhead was the sixth child of Fergus and Lorinda Jane (Walker) Moorhead, being born October 10, 1841, in Jackson township, Clermont county. His father, Fergus Moorhead, was born December 7, 1809, in Pennsylvania, but near the town of Hagerstown, Md., and when but seven or eight years of age accompanied his father, Samuel, to Clermont county, Ohio. His father died soon after, but not until he had accumulated some land and other property. Fergus continued in the business and stock raising, being very successful. In politics he voted the Democratic ticket. After spending some time in the West he returned to his old home in Clermont county. He died January 9, 1867, in Brown county, Ohio, a man sincerely mourned by a wide range of friends and associates.

Lorinda Jane Walker, who became the wife of Fergus Moorhead, April 11, 1832, in Clermont county, was born August 12, 1816, in Old Clermont, now Brown county. She was a daughter of Hilary Walker and wife, who also moved from Pennsylvania in the second decade of the Nineteenth century. Nine children were born to Fergus and Lorinda J. Moorhead:

Darwin D., was born April 10, 1833, married Grace Sweet, and died in the West in 1873, leaving a widow and six children, all of whom are living—J. L., Gertrude (Matter), and Charlina (Schultz), all of Kansas; Elizabeth (Murphy), of Highland county, Ohio; Maskal C., of old Mexico, and Miss Zooline, now in the Panama canal zone, but a resident of Old Mexico.

Elizabeth, the second child of Fergus M., was born October 15, 1835, and died in Missouri, September 3, 1849.

Margaret, born May 5, 1837, married Cornelius Holmes, of Williamsburg. They have had two children—Jessie, who died in infancy, and Flavius W., who is married and is a prosperous farmer in Williamsburg township.

Emma Jane, died in infancy.

Mary Jane, who was born March 5, 1840, married D. W. Atchley, in 1863, and died leaving four children—Minnie P.



ERASTUS S. MOORHEAD



NANCY N. (DAVIDSON) MOORHEAD

of Brown county, Ohio, and Corintha (Newton) Davidson, (Terhuna), Maggie P. (White), Charles, and Daisy (McAdams), all of Williamsburg.

Erastus S., our subject.

Ruth W., who was born July 20, 1843, married C. E. Smith, brother of J. H. Smith, mentioned elsewhere in this work. From this union two children were born—Rosa, deceased, and Luna (Marsh), of Williamsburg.

Thomas W., born February 18, 1845, of Williamsburg, who has retired from active business life. As a soldier he was a member of the same regiment and company of his brother, Erastus. He was married to Isabella F. Smith, sister of J. H. Smith. They were the parents of five children—J. E., deceased, Mrs. Alma (Patterson), Jessie (Ashton), deceased, leaving three sons, Chloe (Sentman), now of Williamsburg, and Simeon E., student in the Cincinnati Dental College, class of 1913.

Sarah, the ninth child, was born January 16, 1847, but died in infancy.

After the death of his first wife, Fergus Moorhead was again married, to Mary Jane Arthur. Four children were born to them: Malinda, who died in infancy; Joseph G., who operates the farm of E. S. Moorhead, in Brown county, is married and has a family; Miss V. Belle, who resided with Mr. E. S. Moorhead and wife until her decease, December 23, 1912; and Hester M. (Shough), who, with her husband and family, resides in Missouri.

Mr. E. S. Moorhead, our subject, was reared and has resided practically all his life in Clermont and Brown counties, though he farmed in Hamilton county eight years. He still owns a fine farm of two hundred acres in Brown county. For a time he was interested in the canning business, but has since sold out. He is now a member of the board of directors of the Farmer's and Merchant's Bank of Williamsburg. In 1861 he left his home to fight for his country. He enlisted in Company K, Twenty-seventh Ohio volunteers, and during the three years, eleven months and fifteen days which he served in the Western army, though his clothing was often cut by bullets, he was never injured. He participated in a great many important engagements, was with "Sherman to the Sea," and was also in the Grand Review at Washington. Sometime after being mustered out he was married, on October 11, 1866, to Miss Nancy N. Davidson.

Miss Davidson, who was born January 14, 1845, in Highland county, Ohio, was the second child of Greenwood K., a native of Kentucky. The family moved to Brown county in 1864, and one year later to Hamilton county, where Mr. Davidson died, in 1869, at the age of fifty years. The mother spent some of her declining days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Moorhead, where, in 1894, at the age of seventy-one years, she passed to her reward. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson were members of the Christian church. They were the parents of nine children, four of whom are still living: Talitha Cunie (Goetz), of Indiana, who was born August 14, 1842; Mrs. Moorhead, wife of our subject; Isaac, born October 5, 1847, died April 14, 1883; Alvin, born September 15, 1850, who with his family resides on Price Hill, Cincinnati, is a contractor and builder; Mary (Fox), born September 17, 1853, lives in Iowa, near Danville. She has one son, a young man. Lovina (Walker) was born April 12, 1856, and died December 23, 1891. Her husband and their only son are also dead. Miss Cynthia, for ten years, a teacher in Cincinnati, was born January 24, 1859, and died in November, 1893; Kiles, who was born in February, 1862, died in infancy; Lincoln Ellsworth was born November 4, 1863, and died at the age of eighteen months.

After his marriage, Mr. Moorhead located near Williamsburg, but in Brown county. In 1877 he moved to the farm he still owns and lived there until he came to town. He has greatly improved the place until now it is one of the finest farms of this section.

His success at farming and stock raising and later in active business life is the result of a life where common sense and good judgment were combined with honesty of purpose. Mr. Moorhead is one of that class of people known as self-made men. Though known as a business man his influence is wider than his business acquaintanceship. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, and take an active part, he filling the position of deacon. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and the order of the Eastern Star, of which his wife is also a member. He belongs to the chapter at Batavia, and has filled all the offices of the Masonic order, except that of worshipful master. For over thirty years he has been a faithful member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics, the Republicans claim his vote. His honesty, fairness and sociability have won for him a wide circle of friends.

LEONIDAS BYRON SMITH.

The third son of Joseph and Melinda Medaris Smith, sketched on other pages of this work, is Leonidas Byron, born March 10, 1863, on his father's fine farm in Clermont county, Ohio, just east and south of where the Jackson township pike bridges the East Fork of the Little Miami. Eight years later, he went with the family, when his father retired with ample means to enjoy village life in a most comfortable and hospitable home, while the house full of children obtained the benefits of the excellent schools of Williamsburg. Yet it was not all school and play for "Lon," as everybody called the cheerful lad, who was trained in physical culture by the judicious father and kept too busy for much mischief, by many errands to the farms, where he thoroughly practiced the use of horses, the care of crops and the management of stock. In the meantime, he was kept steadily in school, until the "Call of the West" was followed in 1883 to Adel, Dallas county, Iowa. He there began active employment as a clerk in the grocery business of J. W. Bly, with whom he continued eight years. He then formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, Robert L. Kain, also from Williamsburg, Ohio. That partnership, with the name of Smith and Kain, continued four years, when Kain's interest was purchased. Since then the business has been the property of Mr. Smith, who owns the large and conspicuous block that he built in 1900 to accord with his gratifying prosperity.

In 1888 he was married to Emma, a daughter of Isaac J. and Ellen Bringham Farlow. I. J. Farlow was born April 11, 1827, in Rush county, Indiana, and was a son of Reuben Farlow, who was born in February, 1785, in North Carolina, whence he came, in 1811, to be one of the pioneers of Indiana, where he married Elizabeth Odell, who was born in 1795 in North Carolina. Ellen Bringham was born July 18, 1837, in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, then the pioneer home of her parents, Jesse and Rachel Bringham, whence they came to be pioneers of Cedar county, Iowa. Isaac Farlow attained excellent success in Adel, where he came when there were but two houses on the road to the present city of Des Moines, some thirty miles away. With such long pioneer record on all lines of his family, Lon B. Smith has been pleased with a chance to present his record in Clermont county to his sons, Byron and Lowell, who will thus be taught a fine pride in their honorable ancestry.

ANDREW McGREW.

A name that was to be familiar in northern Clermont and about Cincinnati was brought from the city of Baltimore in September, 1806, to the vicinity of Milford by Andrew McGrew. He had served in the Revolution according to one account, he had married Hannah Rust, and they had a family of seven sons and two daughters. He also had some means for that time, for he bought a large tract of land, stretching toward Newberry, from the house by Matson's Hill, looking upon what is East Milford, but then was McCormick's, the birthplace of Methodistic faith north of the Ohio. He had means to keep one of the early stores. The name soon appeared in the early records. On May 14, 1807, Philip Gatch, M. G., meaning minister of the gospel, married Jonathan McGrew to Ruth Crawford. At the term of the common pleas court, beginning February 21, 1809, the first held in the new stone court house in Williamsburg, Andrew McGrew appeared as one of the grand jurors. Other members of that grand jury were, Capt. Daniel Feagans, the pioneer of the vicinity now called Georgetown; Lieut. Cornelius McCollum, from the John Collins "Jersey Settlement" by the mouth of Clover; Jasper Shotwell, promoted to be an ensign when his captain, Jacob Boerstler, was killed at the battle of Brownstown, in the War of 1812; Henry Zumatt, soon to be a colonel in the War of 1812; Houton Clarke, the tavern keeper from Bethel, and the father of Congressman R. W. Clarke; Jacob Ulrey, the mighty hunter from Ulrey's Run; Isaac Higbee, who came with Rev. John Collins, when he preached the first Methodist sermon in Cincinnati; and Capt. Andrew Harry, from Maryland, who was making hats in Williamsburg. Several wolf scalps were presented at that term for the bounty money paid. Authority to solemnize marriage was conferred for the first time on the wonderfully eloquent Rev. George C. Light, for whom his nephew, Judge George L. Swing, was named. As a thousand times longer has been required to find than to read the items, we hope that some will appreciate the associations of the pioneer McGrew, who was also a Methodist, and no doubt rode to court over the Round Bottom and Deerfield road with his neighbors and brothers in the church, Judge Philip Gatch and Judge Ambrose Ransom, who sat on the judicial bench at that court. Two years later, Andrew "Megrue," who had made a good impression,

was certified for a commission as a justice of the peace for old Clermont from Miami township, which, though on the side of the big county, was getting her share. At the June term of the court in 1812, Andrew "Megrue" made application to alter the road from Milford passing through Ransom's, and the road leading from Harner's Run to Stonelick, near Captain Slone's. He was perparing the ways and straightening the paths through the large tract that was to be partitioned among his children. The children had most of their schooling in Maryland, but a school house on Harner's Run is mentioned in a road description in 1809, on the same line that "Megrue" wanted to change in 1812. The spelling of the name also changed then, and some have never got right since. Yet, the name does not easily take a French style, and no art can change the fine Scotch-Irish cast of the people who should be proud to keep the Gaelic form.

Jonathan, married in 1807, was one of Andrew's seven sons, but William, the eldest, waited longer and then married Rachel, a daughter of Ebenezer Newton, who had come from Cape May to Milford about the same time. Newton had taught along the Ohio river and then in the South, where he gained strong views of slavery. He was the author of a work on simplified spelling, that met the usual fate of such effort.

The third brother among the six sons and one daughter of William and Rachel McGrew, was born on a farm near Mt. Repose, March 3, 1817, and named Andrew after his pioneer grandfather. Soon after, his father kept a store at Newberry, but later moved to Mill creek valley and farmed on what is now a part of Spring Grove cemetery. He learned his trade as an apprentice with Cassett, the edge tool maker on Main street. With fine intelligence and characteristic determination he mastered the machinery and learned the engineering of the establishment. At one time and another he installed machinery on Sugar plantations, and was an engineer on the river. In this way he had a large chance to ponder the force of a never forgotten remark heard in boyhood and made to his father, William, by his grandfather, teacher Ebenezer Newton: "Slavery is a National evil and will bring a National curse. It may not come in my day or your day, but I should not be surprised if these children lived to see it." Andrew McGrew lived to see it, and was only surprised that it did not come sooner—so heinous was slavery in his sight.

He left the river to take the management of John Kugler's

extensive enterprise at "Tippecanoe," which was the facetious name given during and after the "Log Cabin and Hard Cider Campaign" for General Harrison in 1840. The name was suggested by the local preponderance of such sentiment. Before experiment had proved the stability of an earthbed, the Little Miami railway track was a structure of long sleepers and cross ties, and more sills and ties, until a sill held a flat strap of iron that was nailed down, and sometimes curled up at the ends into and through the floor of the cars above with injury to freight and terror to passengers. And, all the while, the wood work below rotted in wet, or caught fire in dry weather. In the lack of better ways, millions of feet of the finest oak were required in the square, which John Kugler contracted largely to furnish. Before the invention of little saw mills that can be taken to the logs, Kugler built a huge steam saw mill, where Glancy's Run is crossed by the Deerfield or Lebanon road, a half-mile north of Williams' Corners. Even the ashes are effaced. But among the multitude of choppers, loggers and mill men, with scores of yokes and teams to haul the logs and deliver the timber, when roads had to be made, the young, large, strong, capable and great-hearted Andrew McGrew went as Kugler's factotum of mechanical and executive detail. Kugler was the successor of Samuel Perin as the commercial master, each in his turn, of his region and time. Their endorsement stands as a prime certificate of the ability and worth of their assistants. The business at Tippecanoe developed the quality of leadership that marked Andrew McGrew for attention and respect wherever he mingled.

A youthful mind cannot at once grasp the progress spanned by his activities. While an apprentice he helped to make the iron work that joined the wooden tubes for the early water works of Cincinnati, and the iron mountings for the cannon sent by that city to aid the independence of Texas. But he lived to the end in full sympathy with true improvement. He lived for awhile at Westboro, and at Columbus, always busy, energetic and useful.

In 1869 he returned to Milford, and in 1873 bought the fine residence of the late Gen. Thomas Gatch, that is still the family home. While withdrawn from the excessive activity of youth, he continued a care for the common good. He helped organize the first building association in Milford. He was many terms a member of the council. He was thoroughly interested in education and served twelve years in the board of

education, and generally as the president. In that time he was earnest in starting and promoting the Milford High School. He was a member of the Odd Fellows. He served almost continuously during his last residence as president of the official board of the Milford Methodist church, and shared in all the activities of that, the oldest of all the Methodist churches north and west of the Ohio river. He was twice married. He died January 24, 1899. The children of Andrew and Sarah Bailey McGrew are Clyde Bailey McGrew, living at Milford, and his three sisters, Mary, Anna N. and Lilla, living with their mother in the family home at Milford. The writer of this sketch knowing him well admired the excellence and dignity of his worth and esteemed him one of the truest of friends.

JUDGE JAMES BLACK SWING
and
THE SWING FAMILY.

Unaware of the future interest and earnest in their struggles for a place in the social scheme, the pioneer Swings did not record what would now be highly prized. Hence, a few words about them must suffice. Two brothers, Abraham and Michael Swing, were born in Alsace and when grown went to the south of France. Thence, after some stay, and about the time of our Revolution, they came to America and settled in New Jersey. A son, most probably of the latter, came soon after 1800 to Clermont county and settled in Tate township, on a considerable tract of land west of Bethel. His children, born in New Jersey, were Samuel, Lawrence, Michael, Wesley and Mary. The father and numerous descendants were buried on his land in the Swing cemetery. After Samuel's death, his family went farther west. Wesley married Nancy Crane and left a posterity still represented in the vicinity. Mary married Zachariah Riley, whence another family of wide extent. Lawrence Swing married a daughter of David Light, who was a son of the pioneer Peter Light, of Williamsburg township, mentioned in the general history of this work. The sons of Lawrence Swing were George Light, William L., Johnston and Charles W., father of F. E. Swing, elsewhere sketched. Many descendants of Lawrence live about Bethel.

George Light Swing went to Hanover College for two years,

and then, while studying law, taught school in Williamsburg, where one of his pupils was a relative, David Swing. After teaching, he went to Batavia, and was admitted to the bar in 1846. He was appointed with N. M. Preble, and H. V. Kerr, then teaching in Williamsburg, and afterwards State librarian, on the first board of school examiners, charged with the introduction of the great school reform of 1853. In discharging that duty, he obtained a scholarship for David Swing in the Miami University, which resulted in the young man's elevation to a Greek professorship, whence he went to his greater work at Chicago, and became famous, thus justifying the judgment that gave the opportunity. In 1854 the position of school examiner was resigned to take the bench as probate judge for three years. After that he held no other office. He practiced law for fifty years in an honest, able, efficient manner, that was feared by those who had a truth to conceal, and honored by all who had rights to defend. In full sense, he was a strong lawyer, and a good man. He married Elizabeth Naylor, at Montgomery, Hamilton county, where her Scotch-Irish parents had immigrated many years ago. Judge Swing's daughter, Mrs. Mary J. McDonald, lives in Norwood. His son, Albert, for many years, has been employed in a responsible position in the office of the clerk of the courts in Hamilton county, and has performed the duties of the position with unusual ability and entire fidelity, and he has the respect and esteem of all the members of the legal profession.

James Black Swing, the other son of Judge George L., was born May 15, 1854, in Batavia, whence he passed from the public schools to Hanover College, where he graduated in June, 1876, and where he has received the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts and Doctor of Laws. He was admitted to the bar in Batavia in September, 1877, and in 1881 was elected judge of the probate court of Clermont county, and, in 1884, re-elected for the same duty, which began February 9, 1882, and closed February 9, 1888. He then went to Cincinnati to practice law and, for that purpose, formed a partnership with Judge Howard Ferris, under the name of Ferris & Swing. In 1903 he was elected a judge of the court of common pleas in Hamilton county, and took the office February 9, 1904, for a term of five years. As that term closed, he was re-elected for a term of six years, the term having been lengthened by law. After serving nine of the eleven years for

which he had been elected, he resigned the judgeship, to take effect January 1, 1913, in order to enter a partnership in the practice of law with L. C. Black and his son, Robert L. Black, under the firm name of Black, Swing & Black.

When that intention was made public, the Hamilton county bar with one voice, and the citizens, without party division, protested and petitioned against the resignation. On Saturday, December 7, 1912, the bar association and many leading people gathered in Judge J. B. Swing's court, in a meeting without precedent in the annals of Cincinnati, and presented their petition for his continuance. Judges had resigned before and the occasion had passed as a matter of course. Now the eloquence of political critics combined with the pleas of personal friends for a recall of the resignation. But prudent regard for days to come required that the chance of a life time for fine financial advantages should not be sacrificed for an extension of an already accomplished service of fifteen years on the bench. The Cincinnati papers of that date contain full details of the affair. While averse to the practice of politics, he was a delegate from the Sixth Ohio Congressional District in 1888 to the National convention at Chicago, that nominated President Benjamin Harrison.

After coming to Ohio with his father, Michael was attracted to the Gatch Settlement, where, on December 6, 1806, he married Ruth, the youngest daughter of the Apostolic Philip Gatch. One son of Michael and Ruth Swing was George S., who married Clarissa, a daughter of William and Elizabeth Metcalf Glancy, and passed his life on a farm about a mile and a half below Perintown. The other son, Philip Bergen Swing, was admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court at Dayton, Ohio. In 1847 he is credited with one year's service as prosecuting attorney, with a residence at Batavia, where he lived to the end. He married Mary Hafer, a daughter of Judge Owen T. and Caroline Huber Fishback, a couple that traces back to Colonial days. Judge Owen T. was the son of Judge John Fishback, who enlisted under Colonel William Washington in General Daniel Morgan's command, fought in the battle of the Cowpens, married Martha Pickett, November 24, 1785, and died in Bracken county, Kentucky, January 22, 1810. Martha Pickett, born in 1760, was the daughter of Capt. William Pickett, who married Elizabeth Metcalf, of Long Branch, Fauquier county, Virginia, served that county as a member of the House of Burgesses, and was under Col. Thomas Mar-

shall in the Revolution. Capt. William Pickett's father was George Pickett, of the same county. Caroline Huber, born July 24, 1800, was a daughter of Jacob and Phoebe Ann Maria Boerstler Huber, who came to Williamsburg in 1806. Jacob Huber, born February 15, 1777, was the son of Col. John Huber, born January 10, 1751, and his wife, Christenia Brinkle, born in 1759. John Huber was captain of a company in the Eighteenth battalion of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, that was ordered under Colonel Grubb to the defense of Philadelphia, June 24, 1776; and he commanded the Ninth battalion of the same county in 1777-78. Phoebe Ann Maria was the daughter of Dr. Christian and Dorothea Miller Boerstler, whose son, Capt. Jacob Boerstler, of the first company from old Clermont in the War of 1812, was killed at the battle of Brownstown. The children of this line in the home of Philip B. and Mary H. Swing were Peter F., Caroline Matson, and Mrs. Elizabeth F. Johnson, living in Cincinnati.

If any reader is weary with waiting for reward, he should remember that Philip B. Swing lived modestly among his neighbors without official prestige for a generation, learning men, forming character, and gaining wisdom, until, when the Nation needed a strong man in a high place, he was supremely ready. In 1871 he was selected by President Grant to be the United States judge for the important district centering at Cincinnati. He had gained the confidence of all before, but as the people at home learned the honor accorded abroad, they came to look upon him as a never failing oracle of benevolent justice.

His daughter, Caroline M., called to rest on June 3, 1911, was for twenty-one years the wife of Judge James B. Swing. Endowed with talent and rarely cultured, her character was noble and full of gentle goodness. They lived in an ideal companionship, that is the choicest memory amid much that is pleasant.

Peter Fletcher Swing, born March 25, 1845, on a farm near Milford, but grown at Batavia, raised a cavalry company in 1863, when eighteen years old, which was a part of the Twelfth Ohio cavalry; but later was transferred to the Ninth Ohio cavalry. He was elected captain of the company, but declined on account of youth, and became first lieutenant. Afterward he was captain and was made an aide on the staff of General Atkins, and served with him until the close of the war. From April, 1865, until August, 1865, he was provost marshal in

South Carolina. He was discharged in August, 1865, and entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, where he graduated in 1869. He was admitted to the bar in September, 1870. In 1884 Capt. Peter F. Swing was elected judge of the circuit court in the first year it was created. Since then, now twenty-seven years, he has been elected and is still a judge of that court. The circuit is composed of the counties of Hamilton, Butler, Clermont, Clinton and Warren. No finer statement of his merit need be made than the simple record of such long service in a high duty with the approval of many State elections.

In 1901 Judge Peter F. Swing's sons, Philip C. and Richard C., both in the practice of law, began to organize the Cincinnati & Columbus Traction Company, which was capitalized in Cincinnati and completed to Hillsboro within three years. Their association with that enterprise was so general that the road is popularly known as the "Swing Line." As the work progressed, Philip C. withdrew; then, after several years, Richard quit his very active share in the management of the road, though still in the board of directors, and both are practicing law in Cincinnati. Through five generations in Clermont from and including Philip Gatch, Peter Light, George Swing, Jacob Huber and other collateral names, this family includes a fine association of energy, enterprise, learning talent, judgement, patriotism and honorable achievement.

JOHN G. BECHTOLD.

Mr. John G. Bechtold is one of the leading farmers of Williamsburg township, Clermont county, Ohio, and owns and operates a finely improved farm of eighty acres one mile east of Williamsburg. He was born in Covington, Ky., January 10, 1855, a son of George and Rose (Moser) Bechtold, both of whom are deceased.

George Bechtold was born in Germany and came to America when very young, in 1821, and died in 1877. He was in the retail liquor business at Covington, Ky., before and after the Civil war, in which he served as a soldier in Company A, Twenty-third Kentucky Federal army, for a three years and three months. About 1869, he became associated with the Mitchell & Rannelsburg Furniture Company—now the Robert

Mitchell Company—and remained with them until his retirement.

Rose (Moser) Bechtold was born near France in 1826 and died in 1891. Her parents were natives of France, near the German border. To the union of George and Rose (Moser) Bechtold were born five children, and all are living: John G., of this sketch; Lucy (Moore), of Covington, Ky.; Rose (Wilderding), of Price Hill, Cincinnati; and Josephine and Carrie, both of Cincinnati.

Mr. Bechtold removed with the family to Cincinnati in 1869, and there remained until 1904, when he purchased his present home farm in Clermont county, Ohio. While he was a resident in Cincinnati, Mr. Bechtold was in the retail liquor business at Fifth and Central avenues, and his later years have been devoted to farming.

The marriage of Mr. Bechtold to Miss Emma Dillman took place in 1893. She was born in Cincinnati in 1866, a daughter of August and Elizabeth (Huhl) Dillman, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Bechtold have reared five children: Lillie and John are attending the Williamsburg High School; Irene and Harry are attending the intermediate school and Jessie is at home.

By his study of the political issues of the day, Mr. Bechtold is led to vote the Independent ticket.

Mr. Bechtold and his family enjoy the high regard and esteem of all with whom they are associated, and are counted among the substantial members of Clermont county society.

FRANCIS WASHINGTON WALKER.

Mr. Francis Washington Walker is a representative agriculturist of Williamsburg township, Clermont county, Ohio, where for the past twenty-seven years he has owned and operated a farm of one hundred and fifty acres of valuable land. It is a good farm and is improved with substantial buildings that stand in the midst of well cultivated fields. He also raises thoroughbred Jersey cattle and Poland China hogs. Mr. Walker was born in Sterling township, Brown county, Ohio, January 19, 1852, and is a son of Michael and Fannie (Bratten) Walker.

Michael S. Walker was born in Brown county, Ohio, March

9, 1813, and lived in that county all of his active life. After his retirement from active labor, he made his home in Williamsburg, Clermont county, Ohio. He was a practical and successful farmer, and died at the home farm October 22, 1889, at the age of seventy-six years, seven months and thirteen days. He was a devout Christian gentleman, and was a member of the Presbyterian church. He was a son of Hillary Walker and a grandson of Adam Snell.

Fannie (Bratten) Walker was a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Robinson) Bratten, and a granddaughter of Elisha Bratten, who was born in 1742, and his wife, Isabella, who was born in 1749. The Brattens were among the earliest of Highland county, Ohio, settlers. Mrs. Walker was born April 15, 1816, and passed from this life January 27, 1865. She was an earnest member of the Presbyterian church. She became the wife of Mr. Michael S. Walker, on October 12, 1837, and was the mother of eleven children, all of whom grew to maturity and married. Eight are still living:

Leander A., born January 8, 1839, and was a farmer of Brown county until his death, August 21, 1896, at the age of fifty-seven years.

Nancy Melissa, born November 5, 1840, and married Henry Runyan. Her death took place January 12, 1909.

Elizabeth Cornelia, born September 13, 1842, married Mr. John Hill and resides at Westboro, Ohio.

Sarah Jane, born January 27, 1844, is the widow of Mr. James Davis, of Union Plains, Brown county.

Mary E., born June 14, 1845, married first, Enoch Hutchinson and second, O. Dailey, and resides at Williamsburg, Ohio.

Minnie A., born January 8, 1847, and married Joe McMullen, of Lerado, Brown county.

Cyrus Bratten, born May 6, 1848, married first, Ella Binghamon, who died, and second, Louella Ferree, their residence being at Wauneta, Neb.

Joshua W., born April 25, 1850, married Lizzie Foster and resides in Brown county, Ohio.

Francis W., the subject of this mention.

William R., born January 22, 1857, married Carrie E. Peterson, and they reside at Peru, Ind.

Joseph B., born December 11, 1858, married Irene Harden. His death took place January 1, 1910, and his widow is a resident of Cincinnati.

Mr. Francis Washington Walker received a good common

school education and began his business life as a clerk in the drug store of his uncle, Capt. H. J. Walker, continuing for four years, thus becoming familiar with all the details of the drug business. In 1877, on the death of his uncle, Mr. Walker became the owner of the store, which he sold later and embarked in the grocery business.

About this time the marriage of Mr. Walker took place, his union being with Annie B. Reed, a teacher in the Williamsburg schools, and the ceremony was solemnized in May, 1878. She was born in Batavia and her parents were Jacob Baker and Francis Ellen (Davis) Reed.

Joshua Davis, grandfather of Mrs. F. W. Walker, was widely known as one of the pioneer stage owners of this section, having run a line from Cincinnati through Clermont county to Georgetown and West Union, with the mails for a period of over thirty-five years. J. B. Reed, father of Mrs. F. W. Walker, was a son of Michael Reed, who was born near Bethel, Ohio, in January, 1806. Michael Reed was a son of Isaac and Margaret (Baker) Reed, the former of whom was a native of Lancaster, Pa., and the latter of whom was the eleventh child of Jacob Baker, who was born in Holland about 1742.

Jacob Baker was one of six brothers and three sisters, who came from Holland to America, and of these brothers, Henry Tillman, William and Jacob were soldiers in the Revolutionary war, Henry having been an officer.

Hannah Sweet Davis, grandmother of Mrs. Walker, was a daughter of William and Elizabeth Sweet, who came from Germany. Michael Reed married Sarah Ann, a daughter of Richard and Jane Trotter Bishop, who were from Bourbon county, Kentucky.

The children of Francis W. and Annie (Reed) Walker are:
Edith Mabel, born June 2, 1879, and died July 24, 1879.

Frances Ethel, born December 4, 1880, was a graduate of the Lebanon Normal School and married on the 4th of June, 1903, Mr. Robert Lee Allen, a graduate of the normal school of Lebanon, Ohio, and of Yale College. He is a lawyer of Owensboro, Ky., and they have three daughters—Dorothy Lee, Annabelle, and Mary Charlotte.

Lillian Estelle, born August 4, 1883, and married Frank Nathaniel Dailey, on November 10, 1909, and they have two children—Earla Virginia and Donald Walker. They are residents of Denver.

Ralph Reed, born June 5, 1886, is a graduate of the Ohio State University in the class of 1912. On May 2, 1913, he was united in marriage to Edith Lytle Foster, a graduate of Wooster, and a native of Williamsburg. They reside at Corsicana, Tex., where he is superintendent of F. N. Drane's stock and grain farms.

Hugh Francis, born June 8, 1888, is attending the Ohio State University, class of 1914, and is preparing for a veterinary surgeon.

Helen May, born September 13, 1890, is a graduate of the Williamsburg High School.

Ruth Pauline, born July 26, 1895, is attending the Williamsburg High School.

Mr. Francis Washington Walker was compelled to give up the grocery business on account of his health. He purchased a farm, which he operated for two years, when he returned to town, and bought out the business of Mr. B. N. Stockton. He continued in this line of work for two years and again returned to the farm. He is very successful as a farmer and stock raiser, and his methods are practical.

Mrs. F. W. Walker is the eldest of four children, the second, Charles, died in infancy; Albert W. is a harness maker of Williamsburg, Ohio; and May, who is now Mrs. M. B. Griggs, of Williamsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker and the family are members of the Presbyterian church, and are active in all affairs of that denomination.

Mr. Walker votes for the men and measures of the Republican party, and is a good citizen in every way, although he does not care for public office.

Socially, Mr. Walker is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Williamsburg, and Mrs. Walker is a member of the Woman's Relief Corps, of Williamsburg.

EVELAND FAMILY.

The first of the Evelands to come to America were three brothers, all being single men. It is not now known to a certainty from what country they came, some of the descendants thinking it was Scotland, while others think it was Holland. Be that as it may, it is certain that they came as early

as Colonial times, and for a time were in New Jersey. One of them, whose name is not now known, went to Pittsburgh, and some of his descendants live in Pennsylvania yet. It is also known that during Revolutionary times one held to the cause of England, and moved to Canada. The other one, Frederick Eveland, remained in New Jersey, where he married, and to him were born children, among whom was John Eveland, who was born there on January 3, 1753. One of his sons was Harmon Eveland, who was born in New Jersey, July 29, 1775. He married Esther Van Buskirk, who was born January 28, 1781. They lived at or near Elizabethtown, and there their son, Peter, was born, in 1808. In 1816 the family moved to Ohio, and settled in Clermont county, and it is from him that the Evelands of Clermont have come.

JACOB LOWELL ROUDEBUSH.

Jacob Roudebush was a great friend of the common schools. With the help of his near neighbors, the Marshes, Ferrees, Pattersons and Hills, a log school house was built on his farm near the present site of the school house in sub-district No. 1, Stonelick township. This gave Ambrose an opportunity to attend school all of the time it was in session. Later he attended a school at Batavia taught by the late Charles Smith, for whom he had a high regard as an instructor and disciplinarian. He obtained a teacher's certificate at the age of eighteen and taught for eight years in Stonelick, Jackson and Wayne townships, with great success. By nature he had the instructing habit and what nature failed to do his own initiative supplied. During these years he farmed in the summer most of the time, clerked in a store one year, and was deputy sheriff for a few months. His integrity was manifest in all that he did. Common honesty and intelligence are a strong combination and are always in demand. On the 28th day of February, 1851, he was united in marriage with Sarah Ellen Patchell, daughter of Edward Patchell and Sarah J. (Brown) Patchell. In this union four children were born: Jacob Lowell, March 6, 1852; Edward M., who died in infancy; Clara Belle, Jan. 24, 1855 (she married S. A. Patterson and died Jan. 21, 1887, leaving one child, a daughter, Minnie, who married Albert Cook, and lives near Goshen, Ohio; and Ambrose Patchell, June 6, 1866,



Lowell Roubalush.

who was married to Lute S., youngest daughter of Isaac and Deborah (Lukemyers) Stark, February 23, 1887. He has two sons, John Lowell and Marshall. The former is married and resides in Cincinnati.

On the marriage of Ambrose Roudebush he purchased that part of the homestead now owned by John Barnacle, and took up the profession of farming. In 1867 he sold the farm on which he was born and moved to the one now owned by Ambrose P. Roudebush, which he had purchased in 1866, where, until his death, February 11, 1875, he lived the happy and simple life of a farmer, honored by his fellow citizens, respected by his neighbors, and loved by his family and relatives. He had ambitions but they were those of helpfulness. Because of his character, because of his superior judgment, because of his intelligence he could be helpful. He had the literary bent of mind. Pure and high ideals were his in all the relations of life. He took up his burdens without a murmur. Though never physically strong, he did the hardest kind of manual labor, did it to set a good example, did it as he thought that his loved ones might not be compelled to labor as he had to do. In the minor public offices which he filled he was painstaking and obeyed the law. He lived and died an honest man, a good citizen.

As already indicated, the subject of this sketch was born on a farm, where he did the many chores all the year and attended the district school until his sixteenth year. For a short period he was a pupil of Professor Stevens of Milford. In May, 1870, he attended the Northwestern Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio, which in September of the same year, was changed to the National Normal University. He was a member of the Scientific Class of 1871, but in March of that year he was called home and did not graduate with his class, though his grades up to that time were exceptionally high. For short periods in 1872 and 1873 he attended the university, taking special work. At the University his standing as a debater was very high, as well as his general information. Few men cared to meet him in a public discussion, though he made no pretensions to oratory. From 1873 until 1879 he farmed during the summer and taught during the winter, in Stonelick, Union and Miami townships. From 1870 until the death of his father he took great interest in the geology of Clermont county and the work of the mound builders. Until the burning of his uncle's residence, in which part of his collection was stored, in some respects, his was the finest collection in southwestern Ohio.

After the death of his father he and his mother managed the farms, and out of a natural liking and a great necessity, he took up the study of agricultural chemistry, soils and plants. During this period he wrote quite a number of articles for the county papers on agricultural practices and the early history of the county. In November, 1878, he began work on a history of Clermont county. In January, 1879, he sold his manuscripts to Louis H. Everts & Co., of Philadelphia, getting credit for the chapters and townships, in which he did all the writing, which by no means represented all his contributions. This work speaks for itself. In March, 1880, he went to Colorado and during the next ten years he traveled from Old Mexico to the Arctic regions. He was a miner, prospector, explorer, bank cashier, bookkeeper, contractor, agricultural writer, and school teacher, teaching with marked success in Barry county, Missouri, and Harper county, Kansas. From the latter place he returned to the old homestead rich in experience and observation, poor in dollars and cents, strong in character and determined in will. No bad habits had been formed, hence he was not ruined in body, mind or morals.

He was now thirty-eight years of age and unmarried. He purposed to make agriculture his profession. He again took up the study of agricultural chemistry, soil fertility, and entomology. He did the first spraying of fruit trees in his township. In 1894 he went to live with his uncle, E. C. Patchell, working on the farm in the daytime, studying along the line of his chosen profession at night. In 1895 he was appointed a farmers' institute lecturer, but did no work until February, 1896, since which time he has worked each year, and in all, in ten different states from the Atlantic to the Pacific, including Maine and Washington. In March, 1900, he was asked to assist in the Entomological Department of the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station at Wooster. In May of the same year he was made State Horticultural Inspector. After serving three months he resigned in favor of Prof. F. M. Webster, by whom he was employed for six months.

On the 27th of March, 1901, he was married to Mrs. Mary A. (Corbin) Jackson, widow of Andrew Jackson, who died December 14, 1896. She was the only daughter of N. D. and Elizabeth (Stelman) Corbin, sister of Clayton H. Corbin, and first cousin of the late Lieutenant General Henry C. Corbin. By her first marriage she had one son, Raymond H. Jack-

son, born October 16, 1888, who is unmarried and lives in Cincinnati. To the homestead, which has been named Spring Grove Farm, there has been added an equal number of acres besides houses and lots in the village of Nicholasville. He now owns one of the largest orchards in the county.

Lowell Roudebush, as he now signs his name, lectures not only on farm topics, but on other subjects. His Uncle Sam's Land of the Midnight Sun, is quite popular. He is a Republican in politics since 1896, a Baptist in faith. He is a member of Hamer Lodge, No. 228, F. & A. M., of Lindale Grange No. 248, Ohio State Academy of Science, State Horticultural Society, and numerous other secret and public organizations. He is a contributor to leading agricultural papers and does more experimental work than any lecturer on agriculture in his State. He has a large library, not only on agricultural subjects, but along general lines. Of him a friend of long acquaintance said: "As a citizen he is fearless, as a public speaker forcible, as a farmer up-to-date—legacies of his father, long since dead, and of his mother, now four-score," whose home is now with her younger son, Ambrose P.

JOSIAH C. LITTLE.

Josiah C. Little, formerly superintendent of schools at Loveland, Ohio, now superintendent of schools at Fosters, Warren county, Ohio, resides at his comfortable home in Loveland, his home for the past fifteen years.

Mr. Little was born at Edenton, Clermont county, Ohio, in 1851, his parents being James and Delia (Wainwright) Little, both members of old Clermont families.

James Little was born at Edenton, 1827, and died, 1910, after having spent practically his entire life in this vicinity, where he was occupied as a farmer. He was a son of David Little, who came to Clermont county from Furquier county, Virginia, and located at Edenton. He followed the occupation of farming and reared a large family.

Delia Wainwright was born at Edenton and died in 1866. She was a daughter of Vincent Wainwright, a native of Scotland, and settled in Wayne township early in the history of the county of Clermont. His death occurred in 1844, in his sixty-eighth or sixty-ninth year.

Josiah C. Little is the eldest of nine children. The others are:

Vincent W., a contractor of Greenfield, Ind.

Jehu, a painter and paperhanger of Lapel, Ind.

George M., of Lapel, Ind.

Chester, a farmer, of Knoxville, Ill.

Miss Jennie, of Edenton, Ohio.

Sarah, the wife of Warren W. Whitaker, a farmer of Monroe, Ohio.

Rachel, wife of Emmerson Crossen, an expressman, of Norwood, Ohio.

Florence, wife of D. M. Ferree, superintendent of schools of Waverly, Pike county, Ohio.

Mr. Little enjoyed the educational privileges of the National Normal School, of Lebanon, Ohio, where he acquired an academic, a stenographic and commercial education. He began his career as a teacher at the early age of sixteen years, and has spent over forty years in the profession, teaching at Loveland, Mt. Carmel, Edenton, Woodville, beside the country schools of Clermont county and for six years taught at Mainville, Warren county, Ohio; the past year, he has taught at Fosters, Warren county, because of the convenience of this school to his home at Loveland.

school to his home at Loveland, and is now assistant postmaster at that place.

During his early life, Mr. Little learned photography and still continues to do a great deal of this interesting work. In his vacations and at other periods, Mr. Little has been associated with the Hudson School Furniture Company.

In 1906, Mr. Little was united in marriage to Mrs. E. L. Dillon, nee Emma Williamson, born at Loveland, Ohio, in 1860, a daughter of Monroe and Hester E. (Eveland) Williamson. The following excerpt from the "Daily Sun," of Portland, Ind., at the time of the death of the former, April 26, 1912, is a fitting tribute to the memory of the aged attorney.

"Pushing out upon the sea of existence on May 19, 1832, at Germantown, Ohio, his bark of life rode the waves with viking pride, weathering the storm of adversity through many a fierce and relentless gale, into a calmer sea. The span of boyhood days opened into manhood with the passing events that clustered about the country lads of that period. Inclination led the way to the school room, where pedagogy became the occupation through the long winter months, soon to be abandoned

for the profession of the law. Donning the cap of alma mater in 1859, he at once laid aside the robe of graduation and embarked with confidence upon the practice of his chosen profession.

"As he roamed the vineclad hills of Goshen with youthful heart tinctured with the nectar of love, he wooed and won to the bosom of connubial bliss the affections of womanly grace and virtue, linking his life with Hester Eveland. To this union there came, mewling into the nurse's arms, eight children to gladden and brighten the home with childhood's cheer and laughter.

"On April 25, 1884, when silvery threads streaked with whitened strands, the raven locks, his affections were plighted to the companion of his declining years, and Marie L. Fogleman, of Loveland, received from his brow the message of the heart throbs that coursed with animated love, consummating the marriage vow. To this union there came the infant cry and a son and a daughter fruited the vintage of the marriage manor. The son, ere his years had ripened into youthful force, was gathered to the God that gave him; while the daughter, Adah Ione Williamson, survives her aged parent, soothing his declining years with her gentle nature, cheering his faltering footsteps with fidelity, purity and virtuous womanly grace.

"To dwell upon the character of the deceased opens a threshold of splendor and magnificence beyond the pale of human delineation. His thirst for knowledge lured him into the fields of research and countless volumes of lore, ancient, mediaeval and current were mastered and treasured until his mind became an immeasurable magazine of historical, canonical and biographical wealth. One could scarcely suggest the event of interest, the name of some long forgotten sage or prophet, ere there gushed forth from his lips, description and detail, at which his auditors marveled in wonderment.

"In the realms of religion, he entered the mystic labyrinths of doubt and prophecy, carrying with him his pugnacious inclination, but in spite of dogma and doctrine he saw through the mists of hope an undiscovered religion, where he might enter into a land not circumscribed by fear and ignorance, where he might dwell in peaceful harmony with an intellectual presence endowed with a broader than human understanding."

Mrs. Little has three brothers and two sisters living:

Albert, a commission merchant of Denver, Colo., was for years proprietor of the old Planters' Hotel, at Denver, and on the present site of the Union depot.

George, an engineer on the Colorado Southern Railway.

Harvey E., proprietor of a hotel at Pagosa Springs, Colo.

Florence, wife of A. C. Chamberlain, an electrician of Denver, Colo.

Minnie C., wife of Charles Blackman, a furniture dealer of Denver.

Mrs. Little was married first in 1881, at Loveland, to I. E. Dillon, a Quaker, and a native of Belmont county, Ohio. Mr. Dillon spent four years and nine months in service during the Civil war, participating in many hard battles and skirmishes. He was railway postal clerk for thirty years, and his death occurred in 1899, at the age of fifty-five years. To this union were born four children, all of whom are deceased.

By a former marriage with Ida B. Marsh, of Edenton, Ohio, Mr. Little has two children:

Vincent Edward, in the traffic department of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railway Company, and resides in Norwood, Ohio. He is the father of three children.

Mae, the wife of Carl W. Fox, a teacher at Blanchester, Ohio, formerly on the police force of Dayton, Ohio. They have two children.

Mr. Little is a staunch Democrat, and has taken an active interest in politics, having been a member of the campaign committee in 1912, assisting in the election of Hon. E. E. Ertel, Governor Cox and others.

Socially, Mr. Little is a member of the Masonic order, and is past master of the Edenton and Loveland lodges, Free and Accepted Masons. Mrs. Little is a member of the Rathbone Sisters, withdrawn from the lodge at Carthage, Ohio.

Mr. Little has always been loyal in citizenship, co-operating in many measures for the general good, and his aid can always be counted upon where the general welfare is concerned. His life has been active, his actions manly and sincere, and he is justly classed with the honorable and prosperous business men of Loveland.

F. E. SWING.

Mr. F. E. Swing, the highly esteemed and popular principal of the Clifton public school, Cincinnati, was born at Bethel, Clermont county, Ohio, in 1854, and is a son of Charles W. and Anna Swing.

Charles W. Swing was born on the old Swing homestead, near Bethel, in 1827, and died in 1905. He was a son of Lawrence Swing, and chose for his life occupation that of farming, in which he met with a measure of success. He was ever active in educational matters, ready always to assist any one desiring an education. Mr. Charles Swing was an active member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and filled the various offices.

To the union of Charles W. and Anna Swing were born six sons:

F. E., the subject of this mention.

C. J., a farmer near Bethel, Ohio.

Louis J., of Bethel, Ohio.

William J., a farmer near Bethel, Ohio.

Albert F., also farming near Bethel, Ohio.

Dr. Frank U., an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, of Cincinnati, whose offices are in the Livingston Building, at the corner of Seventh and Race streets.

The farms of the four brothers all join and are located in the old Swing neighborhood.

F. E. Swing was a student of the schools of Bethel, Ohio, and later attended Hanover College. He further pursued his education at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Mr. Swing taught several terms of school. He spent two years in the schools of Bethel, Ohio, as superintendent, three years as superintendent of schools at Mt. Washington, three years at Mt. Auburn, as first assistant, and is now in his sixteenth year as principal of the Clifton schools, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. Swing was married in Indiana to a daughter of the Rev. G. P. Riley, a former Clermont county teacher, and later a minister of the Methodist church. Rev. Riley served in the Civil war, first as chaplain and later entered the ranks as captain, and came out a colonel. He is now living at Marion, Ind., at the advanced age of ninety-one years.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Swing has been blessed with three children:

Mrs. Raymond Tasker, of Tusculum, Cincinnati.

George B. is at home.

Mary, is also at home.

Socially, Mr. Swing has membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. Mr. and Mrs. Swing are active members of the Methodist church.

SAMUEL R. S. WEST.

For over a third of a century no citizen of Clermont county, Ohio, was more widely and favorably known than Major Samuel Robert Strong West, whose life exemplified true manhood, kindness of heart and Christian sympathy. He was the only son of Rev. Samuel and Rebecca (Strong) West, and was born January 9, 1820, in Chillicothe, Ohio, where his father was presiding elder of the Scioto district of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Maj. Samuel R. S. West acquired a finished education, receiving instruction under the celebrated Prof. Joseph Ray, of Cincinnati, with whom he was a great favorite and subsequently became a student of Meadville (Pennsylvania) University, where he completed his academic studies. He was a student of Latin and Greek from his eleventh to his fourteenth year, and in these ancient language he became very proficient.

On December 12, 1838, occurred the marriage of Mr. S. R. S. West to Miss Harriet Newell Huber, daughter of the noted Jacob Huber, of Williamsburg, Ohio, who was one of the early settlers of that town and one of the most famous abolitionists of Ohio. To this happy union were born the following named children:

Thomas Owens Edwards, who died October 23, 1841, at the age of one year, eleven months and nineteen days.

Matilda Hasselman, passed from this life in the fourth year of her age.

Samuel Adams, whose record appears on another page of these volumes.

Rebecca Strong, who became the wife of Dr. R. C. Belt, of Milford, Ohio.

Anna Maria, who married Thomas A. Lloyd, of Milford, Ohio.

John Kugler, who for many years operated the homestead.

Harriet C., who married Joseph A. Sanders and resides at Milford.

A few years after his marriage, Maj. Samuel R. S. West removed to a fine farm near Olive Branch, which was his home until his death. He took great interest in the agricultural, horticultural and mechanical development of Clermont county; and was instrumental in the removal of the Clermont County Agricultural Society's fair to Olive Branch, on his

grounds, where the exhibitions were held from 1857 to 1864, he being the president of the society, also later being marshal.

In 1847, he raised a detachment of troops for the Third Ohio regiment, for the Mexican war, and was elected first lieutenant; but in the consolidation of the Brown and Clermont county companies he was left out in order to secure the quota of the former, this being done against his bitter protest. He was subsequently a captain in the militia and commanded and drilled the crack company of the county. When the dark cloud of the late Rebellion overcast our National horizon, he left his comfortable home and his loving family and marched to the music of the fife and drum to the deadly conflict. He helped to organize the Thirty-fourth Ohio volunteer infantry (first zouave regiment), recruited a company and went to the front as its captain, and for meritorious services was promoted to the rank of major. This regiment was camped on his farm while its ranks were being filled at Camp Piatt. He bravely stood the hardships of the doubtful army tent for many years in the society of soldiers who loved him for his friendship and respected him for his courage, and no Union soldier served his country more gallantly and faithfully. In the battle of Winchester, Va., July 20, 1864, he commanded the "Old Thirty-fourth Ohio," and while the Union forces, overpowered in numbers, suffered a defeat, he valiantly commanded the rear guard in the retreat. On his death, at a large reunion of his old regiment, resolutions of respect were adopted, showing no soldier in that gallant organization was held in higher regard for his bravery and endearing qualities than Major West.

For many years Major West held membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and was a charter member of Batavia Lodge, No. 136, instituted October 10, 1849, and was its first noble grand. He received degrees in the Milton lodge, No. 99, at Amelia, and was a representative to the grand lodge of Ohio. He was also prominent in the Oleander Encampment, No. 44, of Batavia, Ohio. Post No. 544, Grand Army of the Republic, at Milford, was named in his honor.

Major West was an old-line Whig until the dissolution of that party and naturally went with the Republican party upon its organization, and was a consistent and active worker for this party until the time of his decease. He was never an aspirant for office, but worked for the party's good, being one of its most trusted and ablest counselors.

A firm believer in the truths of the Christian religion, Major West would never rent any of his property, either in Cincinnati or Clermont county for places of selling intoxicating liquors, neither would he sell any of his grain or farm products to a distillery.

Maj. Samuel R. S. West was possessed of acute intellect and sound judgment, added to which were the qualities of truth, and kindly sympathy for the sufferings and distress of others. He was a man of fine physique, being six feet and two inches in height, a pleasant and clear conversationalist, and his life left a deep impress on the community.

John K. West, son of Maj. S. R. S. West and Harriet N. West, and grandson of the Rev. Samuel West, was born and lived all his life in the old West home. He was prominent in the county for many years, being the leader of his party in his township. Few men enjoyed in a higher degree the loving regard of their fellow men. A cheerful companion, a firm friend, and a manly man. The chief elements of his character were generosity, that exceeded the limits of prudence; a loyalty to friends and party that was true as steel—questioned not, doubted not, failed not; a charity broad, a disposition forgiving; he treasured no animosities, sought no reprisals, indulged in no revenges; gentle in manners, quiet in tastes and habits, affectionate and tender, he went quietly on his way, with a smile for those who laughed, a tear for those who mourned, a word of cheer and comfort for the weary and faint-hearted. He was a good man. He loved his neighbor as himself; what was his was his neighbor's.

His death occurred March 21, 1878, at the homestead and he was buried in the Cumminsville cemetery, at Cincinnati, by the side of his sainted mother; and there, too, has since been laid to rest, his beloved father, who passed away at the age of over five score years.

CHRISTIAN DONALDSON.

The death of Mr. Christian Donaldson, in 1868, removed from Clermont county, Ohio, a citizen whose memory is revered in every walk of life; a man who was recognized throughout this section of Ohio as one of its most prominent and influential men. Mr. Donaldson was of English birth,

which took place in London, his natal day being December 13, 1795, a son of Francis and Anna Margareta (Heinekin) Donaldson.

The members of the Donaldson family are descended paternally from illustrious Scotch ancestry, and maternally are of German extraction. The great-grandfather of Mr. Donaldson of this review, was Robert Donaldson, of Fife, Scotland, whose son, William, married Mary Bradley, born in 1725, and passed from this life at Camberwell, in London, England, October 27, 1792. This worthy couple lived temporarily in America previous to the War of the Revolution, and their son, Francis, who afterward became the father of Christian Donaldson, was born September 23, 1752, at New Brunswick, N. J., and passed away January 5, 1824.

Francis Donaldson was educated at St. Andrew's, Scotland, and at Cambridge University, England, after which he became a barrister of London. His marriage to Miss Anna Margareta Heinekin took place on the 14th of January, 1794, she being a daughter of Christian and Ann (Dix) Heinekin. Francis Donaldson practiced his profession in London for some years and attained prominence in this line, but his ideas and convictions of equality, justice and freedom for all, conflicted with the restraints and oppressive inequalities imposed by the aristocracy and monarchical rule of the kingdom, and as his principles were not to be sacrificed to wordly position or advancement, he decided to make a change in his business, and chose farming. He had been brought up without any knowledge of this calling, but he at once entered upon the study and for a period of four years, gave the subject faithful study. He removed with his family to the county of Durham, which originated and raised the Durham cattle of world-wide fame. Mr. Donaldson and his sons attended exhibitions and sales of some of the finest blooded Durham cattle that have ever been produced.

Mr. Donaldson removed to a larger farm in Wales, where he and his family lived for eleven years. But even here the restraints of life in England were felt and led Mr. Donaldson toward the freedom and progress of America, where his sons and daughters might be able to enjoy greater liberties in thought and action.

In 1816, the two oldest sons of Francis and Anna Margareta (Heinekin) Donaldson, Francis and Christian, came to America, they having been educated in London, classmates of the

Baring brothers, who afterward became bankers of great renown. Having been associated with their father in the various branches of farming, they concluded to establish a home for themselves and the family. They located in Clermont county, just below New Richmond, in Ohio township, on the Dandridge survey, being the well known "Haynes Grant" of especial prominence at an early day.

In 1821, the remainder of the family arrived at the new home, erected a homestead, and named the place "Frandon," by which name the old Donaldson farm is still known. The children of Francis and Anna Margaretta (Heinekin) Donaldson were as follows: Francis, born October 10, 1794; Christian, the subject of this sketch; Anna, born June 8, 1797, who died in childhood; William, born September, 1799; Mary, born May 3, 1801, who never married, and died while crossing the ocean to England for her health; Jessie, born November 27, 1802, who died in early childhood; Thomas, born November 27, 1805; and Jane, born February 15, 1808, who married Cyrus McNeely, of Ohio.

Anna Margaretta (Heinekin) Donaldson was a lady of great intellectuality, of singularly gentle disposition, but of strong convictions, which never yielded where principles of right were involved. She possessed grace and dignity in manner and bearing, combined with marked personal beauty. She was a daughter of Christian and Ann (Dix) Heinekin, and was born September 12, 1767. She was christened in the parish of St. John, Hackney, London, and acquired her education in the best English schools of her day, with young ladies of rank, and she became a prominent personage in the society of the great English metropolis. Her marriage to Francis Donaldson, on January 14, 1794, was a great event. With her husband and seven children she left the luxuries of her home in Wales to help establish a new home in America. She took an active part in the anti-slavery agitation and by her means and great social influence contributed to the opposition to negro slavery in America. The Donaldsons—her sons and their families—were among the leaders of the abolition movement in Cincinnati.

The action of Mrs. Donaldson at the time the mob destroyed "The Philanthropist," published by James G. Birney, on July 30, 1836, is worthy of recognition in Ohio's annals. Mr. Birney could not even attempt his paper in Kentucky, his native State, as he had wished, but was promised support and protection by

the Donaldsons if he came to New Richmond, which he did. The paper was later removed to Cincinnati, where it had a wider field for circulation, and was there published for three months, when, July 14th, the press room was broken open and the press and materials destroyed. On July 23d, a meeting of citizens was convened at the lower market house to decide whether they would permit the publication and circulation of abolition papers in the city. At this meeting a committee was appointed, that opened a correspondence with the conductors of "The Philanthropist," the executive committee of the Ohio Anti-Slavery Society, of which William Donaldson was a member, requesting them to discontinue its publication. This effort being unsuccessful, the committee of citizens published the correspondence, to which they appended resolutions, stating that they had used all means for persuasion and conciliation in their power, and deprecated violence, although their tone indicated that it ought to follow and crush out that sheet. On July 30th, a concourse of citizens entered the printing office of the paper and tore down the press, scattered the type in the streets and completely dismantled the office. All residences of abolitionists were visited and these pioneer leaders of freedom and their families were hooted at and threatened. At the Donaldson home the mob made an effort to gain admission, but they were met at the door by Mrs. Donaldson and her daughters, and were assured that the gentlemen were not at home. The firm, truthful manner and quiet dignity displayed, rebuked their rudeness and they left the house unmolested.

Mrs. Donaldson was a Unitarian in her religious belief, she and her family being instrumental in the organizing of the first congregation of that faith in Cincinnati. She was a great reader of the divine word and was well informed as well in current events of her time. She possessed a clear, vigorous mind and was an intelligent and interested observer of the political events of Great Britain and the United States. She passed from this life at her home on the Avondale road, near Cincinnati, April 30, 1844.

Christian Donaldson, the immediate subject of this sketch, was for many years a member of the Donaldson Hardware Company, of Cincinnati, and for quite a time his home was at the corner of Sixth and Vine streets, now the site of the Palace Hotel. He was interested in many prominent business enterprises of Cincinnati, among which was the organization of

the first bank of Cincinnati, known as the Franklin Bank, and later as the Franklin-Lafayette Bank, being a director of that institution. Mr. Donaldson also had a home at Mt. Ephriam—now Mt. Auburn—for some years.

After his retirement from business life, Mr. Donaldson removed to Clermont county, where, in 1840, he purchased a farm one mile below New Richmond, known as "Frandon." He was a man of dignified bearing, a typical, sturdy Englishman. Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson were the parents of five children, three of whom died in early life.

William, born at Sixth and Vine streets, Cincinnati, in 1831, and died at Bethel, Ohio, in 1909. He was a student of Woodward High School; a school mate of Thomas Emery and others, and remained at the parental home until he reached the age of eighteen years. At this age, upon the advice of physicians, his father took him to England, where for three years he spent most of his time at a watering place in Wales, which was celebrated for the cure of tubercular trouble. Early in the 1850's he returned to America, and was sent to the home of an uncle, Thomas Donaldson, who instructed him along the lines of agriculture at the latter's home farm, "Penmaen," just above New Richmond, Ohio.

In March, 1857, William Donaldson was united in marriage to Miss Arabella C. Reakirt, and they located on the old Donaldson farm, "Frandon," which was their home for many years. He finally sold the farm shortly after the close of the Civil war, and removed to New Richmond, where he was active in public life, serving as councilman and in other local offices. About 1869, he purchased a farm in Ohio township, on Twelve Mile creek, naming it "Wildon," and remained there for twelve years. He then removed to another farm in the vicinity of his uncle's home and while residing there took an active part in the township affairs in the capacity of township trustee and other local offices. He again returned to New Richmond and purchased a home in Clifton addition and there made his home for a number of years. Three years before his death, he removed to Bethel, Ohio. His widow resides at Orillia, a suburb of Seattle, Wash. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. William Donaldson were born the following named children: Florence N., who is the wife of Mr. A. L. Carnes, of New Richmond, Ohio; Miss Mary, of Orillia, Wash.; Miss Anna R., who died at New Richmond, Ohio, in 1902; and Jessie Paul, wife of Mr. George M. Clarke, of Orillia, Wash., where he is

engaged in the profession of teaching and in the practice of law.

Frank Donaldson, oldest son of Christian Donaldson, was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, and died in Hopedale, Harrison county, Ohio, about 1875. He was an agriculturist and left a widow, who recently died in California.

Mr. Christian Donaldson was an earnest member of the Presbyterian church, as have been all of the family. He was a man of high personal worth and purity of character, and enjoyed the esteem of his fellow citizens.

WILLIAM B. EVELAND.

Mr. William B. Eveland, who is the senior member of the firm of Eveland & Harber, of Maimiville, Ohio, was born near Miamiville, Clermont county, February 7, 1854, and is a son of Peter and Sarah (Ward) Eveland, the latter of whom was a native of Hamilton county, Ohio, and was born near Miami-ville, in 1814, and died in 1897, in the eighty-second year of her age. She was a daughter of George Ward and wife, who were residents of Clermont county, Ohio, for a time, but who later settled in Hamilton county. George Ward was of English descent, and was engaged in the paper mill business.

Peter Eveland was born at Elizabethtown, N. J., in 1808, and came to Clermont county in 1816, with his parents, Harmon and Esther Van Buskirk Eveland. They purchased a farm in Miami township, which he operated in connection with the carpentering business. His death occurred in 1830, caused by a fall from a mill which he was building. In his early life he also followed the business of mill wright. Peter Eveland was one of several children, one of whom is Mrs. Hannah Paxton, who resides at Loveland, Ohio. He was a carpenter and later purchased a farm, which occupation he pursued until his death, in 1893.

William B. Eveland received his education in the schools of Clermont county, assisting his father on the farm at the same time. For eleven years he followed the occupation of fruit raising in Georgia, where he still has large interests. The chief product was peaches, which grow very plentifully in that State.

Mr. Eveland was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Kel-

ler, who was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, and is a daughter of William T. and a granddaughter of Dr. Keller, who practiced at Milford, Ohio. To this union was born one son: Robert Edwin, married Miss Mabel McCammon, and they have one son, William B., Jr., who was born July 9, 1912. They are residents of Miami, he being a carpenter by business.

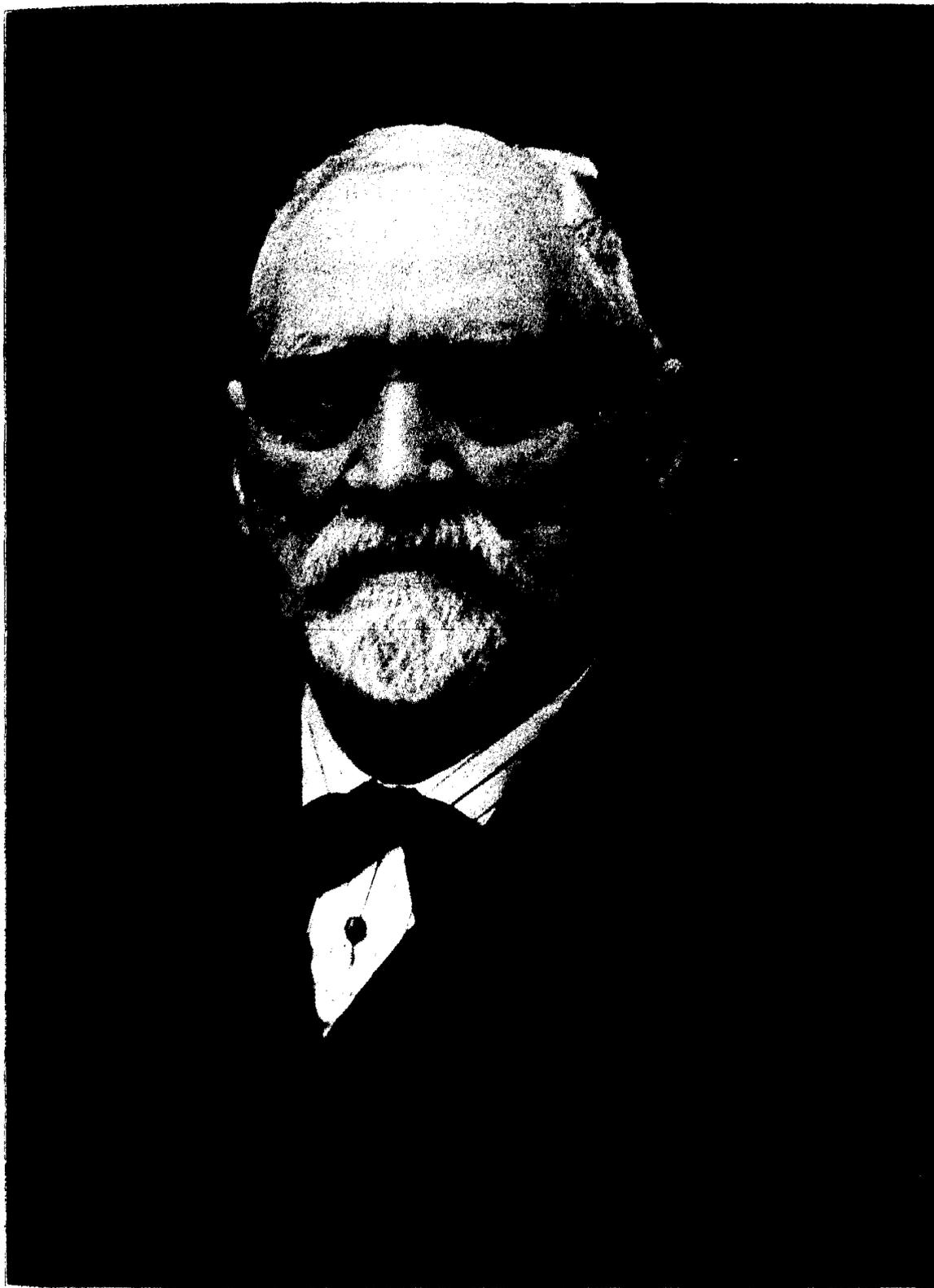
Politically, Mr. Eveland is a Republican, and was commissioned postmaster, June 16, 1897, continuing in that office until the present time. He has also served his party as assessor, and is the present treasurer of Miami township.

Mr. W. B. Eveland has been in the mercantile business at the present location for the past sixteen years, and because of his strict attention to his work, backed by unusual capacity and fidelity, he has been successful in establishing a fine and prosperous business. He has the respect and high esteem of all in the community.

ELISHA HAWKINS.

Elisha Hawkins, a retired steamboat man and veteran of the Civil war, residing at New Richmond, Ohio, was born in Anderson township, Hamilton county, Ohio, at the headwaters of Clough creek, February 11, 1837. He is a son of William and Mary Ann (Lindsey) Hawkins, who were residents of Clermont county from 1846 until their demise.

The great-grandparents of Elisha Hawkins were Richard Hawkins and wife, who were natives of Scotland, coming to America early in the Eighteenth century. They settled in Maryland. They were descendants of the Highland chiefs of Scotland. Later, they came west to Ohio, locating in the vicinity of Linwood, Hamilton county, Ohio, where both are buried. Of their family, three sons left Maryland, Rezin, a bachelor, settling at Bedford, Pa., and remaining there until his decease. William married and located on Four Mile creek in Kentucky and his descendants are scattered over Kentucky, Tennessee and elsewhere. Richard, who was the grandfather of Elisha, was very successful in flat boating, building and owning many flat boats. Three times yearly, he made the trip to New Orleans with these boats and walked the distance back to the mouth of the Little Miami river from which point he loaded. With the proceeds of this business, Richard pur-



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chased large tracts of land, owning some nine hundred acres in Hamilton county, nineteen hundred acres in Brown county, and twenty-two hundred acres of good land near Rockport, Ind., which he later divided among his children. Richard was born June 5, 1779, and died November 24, 1859. His wife, Sarah (Kelly) Hawkins, was born April 13, 1788, and died January 30, 1863. They are buried at Five Mile Methodist Churchyard, near Cherry Grove, Ohio. To the union of Richard and Sarah (Kelly) Hawkins were born the following children:

Elisha, married Leann Bennett and resided at Mt. Washington, Ohio.

William, the father of this biographical mention.

David, was a farmer on Five Mile creek in Hamilton county. He married Ann Bennett, and both are buried there.

Nancy, married Samuel Bennett, and died in Hamilton county.

Rehama, married William Bennett, of Hamilton county.

Mary, married Rev. David Lindsey, and resided at Mt. Pisgah, in Clermont county, for many years, but both died in Hamilton county and are buried at Five Mile churchyard cemetery.

Cassie, married Martin Wheatly, and lived in Hamilton county.

Richard, married Mary Swim and removed to Macoupin county, Illinois, where he was a wealthy farmer and stockman.

Martha, married William Mattox, of Hamilton county, where they resided.

Thomas, married Hester Birdsall, and lived at Forestville, Hamilton county, Ohio.

Rezien, married, and was killed by lightning at the north, or Cincinnati, end of the Union bridge, while going to market in Cincinnati. His widow resides near Amelia, Clermont county.

Sarah M., married Joseph Silver, and moved to Kansas, where they died.

William Hawkins, the father of our subject, was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, March 26, 1810, and died December 31, 1893, in Ohio township, Clermont county. He was a successful farmer and raiser of fine stock and in response to his country's call for volunteers, enlisted in the Federal army at the outbreak of the Civil war, but did not serve, as his son,

Elisha, took his place. His wife, Mary Ann (Lindsey) Hawkins, was born January 19, 1814, and died July 13, 1889, she being a daughter of Edmond and Barbara (Fisher) Lindsey, the former of whom was of Scotch-Irish descent and was born December 17, 1773, and died April 15, 1855. The latter was of Holland parentage and was born December 17, 1788, and died March 23, 1875.

Elisha Hawkins was reared and educated in the common schools and later attended the Farmer's College of Cincinnati three years. In 1852 he removed to Pike county, Illinois, where he spent two years, after which he returned to Clermont and resumed the business of farming.

On August 25, 1861, Mr. Hawkins was united in marriage to Mary Jane Morris, whose demise occurred November, 1892. She left five daughters, whose names follow:

Melvina, died at fifteen years of age.

Mary Ann, became the wife of Harry Townsley, a newspaper man of Washington Court House, Ohio.

Cora B., is Mrs. H. G. Donaldson, of near New Richmond, Ohio. Her first husband was James Cochran, who died leaving one child, Mabel.

Laura, is the wife of John Fowler, a railroad man, living at Newport, Ky.

Bessie, is Mrs. George Shaw, of New Richmond, her husband's occupation being that of insurance.

Mr. Hawkins enlisted October 20, 1861, in Company G, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, and served until November 1, 1864, being mustered out a lieutenant. He was engaged in twenty-one of the hardest battles in the Southwest, including Missionary Ridge. He was in the noted "Army of the Cumberland," and was four times wounded, but never lost a day's duty.

Returning from the war, Mr. Hawkins resumed farming, continuing in this occupation for five years. Following this period, he took up the business of steam boating and for thirty years operated on the Ohio, Mississippi, Arkansas and White rivers, retiring from the river in 1905. He again carried on farming for a time, retiring from active business in 1909.

Mr. Hawkins voted the Democratic ticket until the time of the Civil war, after which he voted the Republican ticket until the election of Benjamin Harrison and has since been a strong Democrat. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, George H. Thomas Post, of Cincinnati. For twenty-

six years he held membership in the fraternity of Odd Fellows. Mr. Hawkins evidences his religious faith by his membership in the Baptist church, in which he has been active for years. He belongs to that class of men who have accomplished many commendable things in life, being ever ready to defend his country and home, at all times doing whatever he had to do with all his might.

OTIS DUDLEY.

Numbered among the enterprising and energetic men of Clermont county, who are able to spend the sunset of life in the enjoyment of a competency, obtained from years of economy and honest toil is Mr. Otis Dudley. Mr. Dudley has resided on his present farm of seventy-five acres in Williamsburg township, since 1876, having made all of the improvements on the property which was originally timber land. He was born at Harper's Ferry, Va., July 29, 1830, and is a son of Otis and Elizabeth (Richardson) Dudley, both of whom were natives of Massachusetts, where they were married.

Otis Dudley, Sr., brought his bride from Massachusetts to Harper's Ferry soon after their marriage, and there engaged in business as a gunsmith. This was their home until 1833, when they came to Cincinnati, where Mr. Dudley became associated with his brother, Elias, in the auction and commission business. In 1836 the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Dudley entered the employ of the firm of Ross & Geyer, as manager for the chair stock. His association with this firm continued until the year 1849, when he embarked in the manufacture of chairs for himself, building his own factory buildings. As his two sons, Otis Dudley, Jr., and William A. Dudley, had reached young manhood, the father established the firm of Otis Dudley & Sons, and this association continued until the death of the father, in 1872, he being in the seventy-fifth year of his age.

The brothers discontinued the business after the death of the head of the firm and Otis Dudley, Jr., purchased his brother's interest in the timber land, which had been bought some years previously for the use of the chair manufactory. He cleared the land and has made a very comfortable home.

In the year of 1854, Mr. Otis Dudley, of this review, was

united in marriage to Miss Viola Sinks, who was born at Bethel in 1832, a daughter of Edward and Sarah (Salts) Sinks. Mrs. Dudley passed to her eternal reward in 1903 and was survived by three sons:

William R., who was born July 19, 1855, resides in Columbus, Ohio, where he is engaged as a salesman in a wholesale house. He was twice married, and is the father of five children: Dudley Brothers (Chester K. and Edwin S.), of Russellville, Ark., engaged in the canning business, and the manufacture of packing cases for canners; Miss Caroline Dudley, secretary of the Sterling Medical College, of Columbus, Ohio; Miss Ruth, attending school at Columbus, Ohio; and Lewis is at home in school.

Charles E., who was born April 2, 1859, married Miss Lizzie E. Moore, and has operated the home farm for a number of years. He has always resided at home with the exception of four years. Mrs. Charles Dudley is a daughter of Lester and Eliza (Rust) Moore. The former was a lieutenant of the Seventh regiment, Ohio volunteer cavalry, during the Civil war. He was wounded in action and was at home while Morgan's raid was in progress. One daughter has been born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dudley—Miss Mabel, at home. Mr. Dudley has been a member of the township school board for the past eight years.

Frank M., who was born June 22, 1867, is vice-president and secretary of the J. H. Day Company, of Cincinnati.

Mr. Otis Dudley has voted the Republican ticket since he reached his majority, casting his first presidential vote in 1852 for Winfield Scott. He has filled many offices of trust for his party, including county treasurer for one term, township trustee, and in the offices of the village of Williamsburg. He was a member of the county infirmary board for nine years, and at all times has given entire satisfaction.

In fraternal circles, Mr. Otis Dudley holds membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Williamsburg, and has been identified with that organization for over fifty-eight years. He is the only one of the original members of the Williamsburg lodge now living. He is also the only one living of the officials of the building committee of the Williamsburg High School.

Mr. Dudley has long been a liberal supporter of the Methodist church, of which he is an active member, and has lived

closely to its teachings. Being a man of integrity of character and honorable and upright in public and private affairs, he is highly respected by all who know him.

HON. E. B. HOLMES.

One of the best known names of Clermont county and one that stands for the best interests of the community in business, social and political circles is that of the Hon. E. B. Holmes. He has built up one of the best mercantile businesses in Clermont county, and in his forty years of active business life has won the honor and respect of all with whom he has had dealings, as well as the accumulation of much of this world's goods. Mr. Holmes was born in Williamsburg township, January 18, 1843, the son of Elkanah B. and Hannah (Stevens) Holmes, the father born in 1799, came to Clermont county with relatives when a child, when the country was rough and wild and still infested with wild animals, in fact he helped to kill the last bear that was found in this county. He spent his boyhood here and later engaged in the occupation of farming and lived to the advanced age of eighty-three years, his death occurring in 1882. His father was a Dr. Holmes, who practiced over a large area of country in this section, coming from Pennsylvania. E. B. Holmes, Sr., married Hannah Stevens, a native of Clermont county, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Stevens, who were natives of North Carolina, moving to Kentucky and then to Ohio in an early day. Mr. Stevens was a shoe maker in this community and died in 1850. Hannah Stevens Holmes died at the age of fifty years, in 1855, and to her union with E. B. Holmes, Sr., were born four sons and two daughters: Lycurgus, deceased; Allen, deceased; Cornelius E., retired carpenter and builder, resides in Williamsburg; Sarah, widow of John Harris, resides at Ansley, Neb.; Nancy, widow of William Taylor, resides at Williamsburg, and E. B., Jr., the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Holmes received his earliest education in the country schools of the county, and later at Todd's Run College at Williamsburg. Mr. Holmes was not yet twenty years of age when our country was called upon to give of both her young and old to preserve the Union, and on August 15, 1862, he responded to the urgent appeal by enlisting in Company D, Seventh Ohio volunteer cavalry, lacking only one month of serving three years.

For a time after returning from the army Mr. Holmes went into the sewing machine business, with the Wheeler & Wilson Company, but soon decided to go into the general mercantile business in Williamsburg, first forming a partnership with D. W. Atchley as Atchley & Holmes, but for the past fourteen years has been associated with T. G. Foster.

Mr. Holmes was first united in marriage to Miss Catherine Burke, born near Bethel, daughter of D. D. Burke, a farmer and native of Clermont county. Mrs. Holmes passed away October 22, 1880, leaving besides her husband two children to mourn her loss:

Addie, married C. A. Frazier, of Williamsburg, proprietor of the Ohio Chair Company, to which union four children have been born: Lucile, Stanley, Bertha and Harry.

Bertha, married E. S. Rush, editor of the "Clermont Courier," at Batavia, and has one daughter, Helen Holmes Rush.

Mr. Holmes was married a second time, his bride being Miss Olivia E. Martin, of Covington, Ky., daughter of C. T. Martin, now deceased. Mr. Martin was an unusually active business man and for many years was stockholder and secretary of a successful gas company. His second wife, step-mother of Mrs. Holmes, was a daughter of Israel Foster and sister of Bishop Foster, of the Methodist Episcopal church, the father was a jailor of his community and the son, Bishop Foster, was born in the jail. The mother was a Miss Ball, of Virginia.

Although Mr. Holmes has lived an exceedingly busy and active life, and been devoted a great deal of his time to his business, he has nevertheless found time to devote to religious, social and political matters, that were essential to the welfare of his fellowmen.

His standing has always been of such a high character among the residents of Williamsburg that they are always ready and willing to elect him to positions of honor, knowing that what he would set his hand to do, he would do well, and for the best interests of those who honored him with their votes. He has filled many town offices, has been a member of the school board and for twenty years was township treasurer. In 1887 he was sent by the Republican party to the State legislature, serving in 1888 and 1889 and being the first Republican elected in Clermont county on the straight Republican ticket. Mr. Holmes has always been a staunch and active member of the Methodist church, and has taken a great interest in work of the Sabbath school. He has served as

president of the Clermont county Sabbath School Union, and also as president of the Methodist Sunday School Union.

He takes great pride in his membership of the J. H. Jenkins Post, No. 242, Grand Army of the Republic, in which organization he has filled all the chairs. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the encampment at Williamsburg, and both he and his wife take interest in the Rebekah lodge, of that place, to which they both belong.

Through efficient and energetic work success has come to Hon. E. B. Holmes, not only in worldly goods, but also in the love, honor and respect that is accorded him by all his friends and acquaintances, and his long record as a faithful public servant is one that any man would be proud to own.

ARTHUR L. CARNES.

The name which forms the title of this article is well worthy of a place on the pages of these volumes as a representative of a family widely known in connection with the agricultural and industrial interests of Clermont county—a family which in its history exemplifies in a most admirable manner the triumph of excellent business capacity, keen discernment and untiring industry.

A. L. Carnes is too well known in this vicinity to need introduction to the readers of this work, having been successfully engaged in the insurance business for many years at New Richmond, Ohio. Mr. Carnes is a native of Clermont county, his birth having occurred in Monroe township, October 18, 1856. His parents were Lewis and Elizabeth M. (Barkley) Carnes.

Josiah Carnes, grandfather of Arthur L. Carnes, of this mention, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in the year 1762. He was bound out in boyhood, his father being a Revolutionary soldier, but as his master was very hard, he determined to seek fortune for himself "way out west," as this part of the country was then called. Settling in Mason county, Kentucky, the young man met and was united in marriage to Patience Marsh, about the year 1785. In 1809, Josiah Carnes removed with his family to Clermont county, Ohio, where they purchased a farm in Monroe township. They were old-time Methodists, their home being the first Meth-

odist church of this portion of Clermont county, where pioneers from far and wide came to worship. Josiah Carnes passed from this life in 1837, at his home farm in Monroe township, and his wife followed him to her eternal reward several years later. This worthy couple reared a large family, all of whom were representative citizens. Among them was Josiah, who removed to Indiana, where he raised a large family, and passed away at a venerable age; William, after a very active business career of years in New Richmond, removed to Olney, Ill., rearing a large family, one of whom, Jesse, who died at Muncie, Ind., was the father of Prof. W. W. Carnes, an eminent elocutionist now living in Chicago—also of Edward K. Carnes, a well known citizen and hotel proprietor of Kansas City. A sister, Sena, married John Browning, a native of Kentucky, who removed to Monroe township, Clermont county, where he and his wife died, the latter at a very advanced age. Mr. and Mrs. Browning were the parents of Hon. Charles N. Browning, a retired newspaper editor and publisher, formerly of the "Courier," of Batavia, Ohio, and latterly of the "Clinton Republican," of Wilmington, Ohio, where he was associated in the publishing business with his brother, Frank Browning, they having been associated for many years and known as the Browning Brothers, publishers, first of the "New Richmond Independence," then of the "Clermont Courier," and the "Clinton Republican." After the death of Frank Browning, Charles N. sold the "Courier," continuing the publication of the "Clinton Republican" until 1910. He still resides at Wilmington, Ohio, past eighty-two years of age. Both Browning brothers were valiant soldiers in the Civil war. Of their three sisters, Minerva died in her young days; Miss Caroline passed away a few years since at Wilmington, Ohio; Derinda is the widow of Dr. Isaac N. Brown, a well known physician and Civil war veteran, who died some years since at Ironton, Ohio, where Mrs. Brown still resides with their only child, John Charles Brown, a well known railroad man.

Lewis Carnes, son of Josiah and Patience (Marsh) Carnes, and father of Mr. Carnes of this sketch, was born at Washington, Mason county, Kentucky, in the year 1799, and after a life of great usefulness and activity passed from this life in Monroe township, Clermont county, 1884. He had followed the occupation of farming mainly, but was engaged to some extent in the handling of horses, having led some fine ones to Baltimore for sale. He also conducted meat markets at New

Richmond, Ohio, and at Alexandria, Ky. Lewis Carnes was twice married, the first union being with Nancy Slater, and to them three children were born, the eldest of whom died in infancy; Patience Ann, became the wife of Isaac D. Williams, residing near Eastern avenue, Cincinnati. Her birth occurred December 24, 1839, died June 30, 1913, and she was the mother of one child, a son, Frank Williams, a wood working mechanic of much ability. He is married and has five children. Elizabeth, who married Leonidas Fisher, died at Knightstown, Ind., leaving one child, Mrs. Nettie Stevens, of Cincinnati.

The marriage of Lewis Carnes to Miss Elizabeth M. Barkley was blessed with four sons and three daughters:

Jesse Luther, died September 1, 1868, at the age of sixteen years.

Charles E., who was born in 1854, died in Monroe township, Clermont county, in 1912. He was twice married, his first wife being Emma Boys, who was the mother of Fred L., a farmer of Champaign county, Illinois, and married Lottie Stout; Grace, who married twice, first to William Wulf, and to their union was born one son, William Wulf, and second to Frank Emmons, by whom she has one daughter, Martha, also Charles Warren and Allen Donald; Abigail married Rezin Hawkins, Jr., and they have three children, Helen, Arthur and Anna. The second wife of Charles E. Carnes was Mrs. Anna (Boys) Gravitt, and to them was born one son, Edwin L., who is attending New Richmond High School.

Arthur L., the subject of this review.

Sena Almira, wife of Nicholas H. Dixon, of Monroe township, is the mother of one child, James Lewis Dixon.

Dora Belle, who became the wife of David Shelton, residing near Delaware, Ohio, is the mother of two sons and four daughters: Guynn died in Oklahoma from an accidental gun shot wound at the age of twenty-one years; Carrie Winona, widow of Ernest Ferrand, who has a daughter, May Ernestine; Haldane, Hazel, Geneva and Maebelle, all at home with their parents.

John Wilson Barkley, a farmer and stockman of Monroe township, is an extensive horseman. For some fifteen years he was a teacher and is now a member of the township board of education, and also president of the farmers' institute of New Richmond, Ohio. His wife was Julia Bettle, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Bettle, mentioned elsewhere in these volumes. Of their four children, Nancy, the youngest, died in

infancy; Mary Marguerite, John, Francis Virgil and Mildred Bettle are at home.

Miss Emma M. is a resident of Lawrence, Ind., where she is a teacher in the public schools.

Elizabeth M. (Barkley) Carnes, mother of A. L. Carnes, was born at New Hope, Brown county, Ohio, December 19, 1830, and passed from this life February 1, 1903, at the home in Monroe township. Her parents were Hugh and Elizabeth (Donham) Barkley.

Mr. Arthur L. Carnes spent his boyhood days on the home farm, which was purchased by his grandfather in 1809, and which remained in the family for a period of ninety-three years. His education began in the "Douglas" district school and was pursued further in the noted Parker's Academy, following which his knowledge was broadened by a course at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, from which institution he received a diploma from the normal department. For twelve years Mr. Carnes devoted his time and energies to the profession of teaching in Clermont county, at the end of which time he engaged as traveling salesman for some three or four years. Tiring of this line of work, he entered upon the life insurance business, which has occupied his attention to the present time. During the years of his activity, Mr. Carnes has accumulated a measure of this world's goods, which includes a well improved farm in the Franklin neighborhood, in his native township.

On September 5, 1894, occurred the great event in the life of Mr. Carnes when he became united in marriage to Miss Florence N. Donaldson, a daughter of William and Arabella (Reakirt) Donaldson, and a granddaughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Paul) Donaldson, whose sketch appears on another page. Mrs. Carnes acquired her preliminary education in the district schools of Clermont county, after which she attended Parker's Academy. She then took a course of study at the Lebanon, Ohio, Normal School, and later became a student at Valparaiso, Ind. Mrs. Carnes taught in the schools of Clermont county for ten or twelve years.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Carnes united two of the most prominent pioneer families of Clermont county, whose histories are closely interwoven with that of the county from the earliest days.

In politics, Mr. Carnes affiliates with the Republican party, to which he has given his support, since he reached his ma-

jority. Mr. and Mrs. Carnes embrace the belief of the Presbyterian church, and are active in all worthy affairs of their community. Mr. Carnes is a progressive, enterprising citizen, lending his aid to many movements for the public good.

BENJAMIN F. DAVIS.

Benjamin F. Davis, a resident farmer of Union township, Clermont county, owns and operates his splendidly improved farm of one hundred and fifty acres of valley land, which indicates the careful supervision of a practical and painstaking owner, who at the same time keeps in touch with the progress that is manifest in agricultural circles.

Joseph Davis, the grandfather of Benjamin F., of this mention, was born in 1782, on a farm near Romney, Hampshire county, Virginia, and immigrated to Ohio in 1803 with his parents, coming down the Ohio river on a flat boat, and landed at the mouth of Crawfish. Joseph settled on Shaylor's Run, in Union township, and with no capital but his willing hands, a strong heart and an ax, went to work. He soon had saved enough money to purchase some land in Hardin's Survey, on the East Fork, between Perrin's Mills and Milford. He put up a log cabin on his new purchase, and on May 1, 1806, was united in marriage to Rachel Fowler, and to begin housekeeping he carried all of the household goods on a horse, the bride following with her dishes of pewter in her apron. There was no floor in the cabin and their beds were made of sticks and saplings, as were also their tables. At that time that part of Union township was a wilderness, but he reclaimed his purchase from the unbroken forest, adding new lands until he possessed four hundred acres at the time of his death, July 18, 1845. He served his country nearly two years in the War of 1812, as lieutenant in Captain Hosbrook's company, raised from around Milford, and in Hamilton county, Ohio, and participated in the siege of Fort Meigs, in the Maumee Valley, and was under Colonel Crogan in his gallant defense of Fort Stephenson, at what is now the city of Fremont, Ohio. His wife, Rachel, was the mother of ten sons, born in the log cabin, all growing to manhood but one. They were, Mathew, Jeremiah, Joseph, Samuel, Thomas, Henry, Robert F., Ira L., George W., and William B. The mother passed away December 25, 1837. On April 16, 1838, Joseph married Rebecca Vail, by whom there was no issue. He was a man greatly re-

spected for his honesty and integrity, and was a good citizen and enterprising farmer. He was liberal in aiding and sustaining the churches and served for many years as justice of the peace and no appeal was ever taken in any case from his docket. He was public-spirited and having risen from a poor boy to one of the substantial men of the county, he took great interest in all public improvements. His seventh son, Robert F., occupied the old homestead after the death of his father.

Robert F. Davis was born July 25, 1823, and died February 2, 1894. He received the best of the schooling advantages of the days when he was of school age, and his life's occupation was along agricultural lines. He served as justice of the peace for a number of years. His wife, Elizabeth (Marriott) Davis, was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, February 27, 1828, and passed away October 28, 1897. She was a daughter of Joseph and Nancy (Bickel) Marriott, early residents of Hamilton county, formerly from Pennsylvania, the father being a successful farmer all of his active life. Robert F. and Elizabeth (Marriott) Davis were the parents of ten children, all of whom are living:

Mrs. Rhoda Moon, of Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Sarah Pierce, of Minneapolis, Minn.

Miss Alba, of Hibbing, Minn.

Mrs. Phoebe Philhour and Mrs. Mary Galoway, of Omaha, Galatin, county, Illinois.

Benjamin, our subject.

Miss Harriet Francis, at home.

Mrs. Wyatt Turner, of Perrintown, Ohio.

Mrs. Isaac Turner, of Miami township.

Charles, of Newtown, Ohio.

Mr. Benjamin F. Davis was born on the farm which is now his home, April 25, 1860, and he is the third of the family to occupy this farm. He was reared on the farm and received a good common school education, residing thus far in the present home. He began the management of the farm at the age of eighteen years, and has carried on general farming, stock raising and dairying, shipping milk and cream to Cincinnati. In all his work he is practical and methodical and is a trustworthy business man, never taking advantage of the necessity of others in his business transactions, and among those by whom he is well known, his word is as good as his bond. Politically, he is a Democrat, but is, however, without political

aspiration, preferring to give his entire attention to business affairs. He is a Mason, having membership at Milford. The family are nearly all members of the Baptist church.

CHARLES ADAMS.

Mr. Charles Adams is the proprietor of the Milford bakery, which was established in 1864 by the late Charles Adams, Sr. The plant is fully equipped with modern machinery, and has local routes established, in addition to which they ship extensively to points on the Swing and Kroger traction lines.

The birth of Mr. Charles Adams occurred at Indianapolis, Ind., June 28, 1857. He is a son of Charles and Frances (Ehret) Adams, the former of whom was born at Strasburg, Province of Alsace, France, in the year of 1832. Charles Adams, Sr., was educated in France, where he learned the baker's trade, and came to America in 1852. He was engaged in the bakery business at Brookville, Ind., until 1864, when he established the business in Milford, Ohio. His death took place in 1907, and until five years before his demise he was active in the business. He married Miss Frances Ehret in 1856, at Cincinnati. She was born at Bruchsal, Province of Baden, Germany, in 1836, and came with her parents to America in 1850, settling at Zanesville, Ohio, remaining there for a period following which they removed to Cincinnati. She was a devoted member of the Episcopal church and her death occurred in 1885, in her forty-ninth year. They were the parents of six children:

Charles Jr., our subject.

Louis, is in the government employ at Denver, Colo.

Theresa, deceased.

Francis, deceased.

Frank, is a dentist of Cincinnati.

Emma, became Mrs. Frank Hollington, and lives in San Francisco.

From the age of seven years, Mr. Adams has been a resident of Milford, where he enjoyed the educational privileges of the public school and practically grew up in the bakery shop of his father, learning the business thoroughly, and continued in the bakery business after his father retired.

Mr. Adams spent eight and one-half years at Columbus, Ohio, where he was foreman of the bakery at the State hospital at that place, returning in 1904, and resumed business at Milford.

Mr. Adams has been twice married, the first time to Miss Belle Euyart, of Milford, who died in 1888, leaving one son, Robert, who was born in 1880, is now a draftsman by profession, residing at St. Louis, Mo.

The second marriage took place in 1889, to Miss Eva Magee, a daughter of the late Robert Magee, of Owensville, Clermont county, where Mrs. Adams was born. The mother is still a resident of Owensville. This union has been blessed with two sons:

Charles Magee, who was born in 1893, is attending the State University at Columbus, Ohio, preparing for journalism and is in the second year. Owing to an accident in his early childhood, he lost his eye-sight, but is exceptionally bright and great things are expected of him when his education is completed.

William Ehret is attending the Milford High School, in the second year.

Mr. Adams gives his political allegiance to the Republican party, and considers it the duty of every citizen to take an active part in political affairs, and has served on the county board of elections and is always well informed on the political issues and questions of the day. He is a member of the board of public affairs at Milford. In social circles, Mr. Adams holds membership in the Laurel Lodge, No. 417, Knights of Pythias, of which organization he has been active for the past twenty-three years, helping to organize the lodge of which he is a member.

The religious faith of Mr. Adams and his family is manifested by their membership in the Presbyterian church of Milford. In business transactions he is the soul of honor, and has a broad humanitarian spirit which reaches out to all his fellowmen.

JAMES H. EWAN.

James H. Ewan, a veteran of the Civil war, and a representative farmer of Clermont county, Ohio, is living in practical retirement from active labors, on his nicely improved farm of forty-two acres in Batavia township, seven miles from Batavia. He is a native son of Clermont county, his birth having occurred near Bantam, in Tate township, December 10, 1838, and is a son of John and Sylvia (Hankins) Ewan.

John Ewan was born at Little Egg Harbor, N. J., in 1801, and died in Clermont county in 1850. He came to the county in 1837, locating in Tate township, near Bantam, where he secured a good farm. John Ewan built six miles of the Ohio turnpike, and he engaged in farming until his death, caused from cholera.

Sylvia (Hankins) Ewan was also a native of New Jersey, her birth occurring in 1805. She was a daughter of Richard Hankins, a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and a weaver by trade. Mrs. Ewan passed from this life November 25, 1877.

James Ewan is one of twelve children, three others are still living, and they are:

Mrs. Abigail Higbee, of Hyde Park, Cincinnati.

Mrs. Ellen Weideman, of Harrison, Ohio.

Samuel J., of 2114 May street, Cincinnati, a mechanic.

James H. Ewan received his education in the district schools and was reared to manhood in Clermont county, where he has always made his home. He remained at home on the farm until the call for volunteers in the army of the Civil war.

On June 3, 1861, Mr. Ewan enlisted in Company C, Twelfth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, serving until July 11, 1864. He served under Capt. Watts McMurchy on the Lynchburg raid and was captured while acting as messenger and mail carrier, on Cotton Mountain, West Virginia, being incarcerated, for a short time, in Libby prison, but was soon exchanged. Mr. Ewan was in several engagements and skirmishes, among them being South Mountain, Antietam, Scary Creek, Bull's Run, Clويد Mountain, and many others of more or less importance.

The marriage of Mr. James Ewan to Miss Elizabeth A. Johnson was celebrated, October 18, 1865. She was born in Tate township, February 12, 1845, her parents being Anderson and Maria (Kellum) Johnson, both of whom were of pioneer, representative families of Clermont county, the first of the family to come into the county being from New Jersey. Anderson Johnson died December 14, 1897, and Maria Johnson passed away March 25, 1872.

To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Ewan were born four children:

William D., is a farmer of Arkansas and married Pearl Oliphant. They have two children—James and Sylvia.

Albertine is the wife of O. S. Gregor, of Macedonia, Clermont county. They are farmers and are the parents of four children—Lora L., Evert, Mary and Jessie May.

Sylvia, who is Mrs. Jesse Gregor, also farmers of the county. They have one son—Richard.

Rebecca, died July 1, 1879, at the age of ten years.

Mrs. Ewan is the second of seven children, one other still living. She is the wife of Ed. Bishop, of Williamsburg, Ohio. One brother, William D., served three years in the Civil war, enlisting in Company E, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry. Later he was in the Ninth cavalry from Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewan are members of the Methodist church of Afton, Ohio, and in political views, Mr. Ewan is a Republican. He is also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic of Williamsburg.

Mr. James Ewan has devoted his entire life to agricultural pursuits, save the period spent in the Civil war, and his labors have been guided by practical judgment, and have been rewarded with a measure of prosperity. He well deserves the release from active life which he now enjoys.

WILLIAM WALLACE BROCK, SR.

Mr. William Wallace Brock, who for many years has been prominently identified with the business and official life of Loveland, Ohio, is one of the city's capitalists and is now living in one of the beautiful homes of the municipality, partially retired from active life. His versatility is equaled only by his capacity for business and the integrity and honor of his business methods. Although Mr. Brock has passed his eightieth milestone on life's journey, he still looks after his extensive real estate, business and residence properties. His birth occurred at Rygate, Caledonia county, Vermont, February 14, 1832.

William W. Brock began his career in the business world at the age of fourteen years, when he engaged in railroading, first on construction work and later as rodman, on the Pocompsic River railroad, remaining until the road was completed. He next engaged with the Boston, Concord & Montreal Railroad Company until his sixteenth year, when he returned to his home, where he attended school for a period. In 1852, he was sent to Chillicothe, Ohio, and was for two years on construction work, building the Marietta & Cincinnati railroad, being foreman of the gang of workmen. Following this



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period, he entered the train service, as baggageman, for the Marietta & Cincinnati Railroad Company, and continued in this capacity for nine months, when he was promoted to conductor and ran a train for some fifteen years. There is only one of his associates in train service now living, an engineer of Chillicothe, retired at the age of seventy-eight years.

In 1862, Mr. Brock purchased property in Loveland and the following year took up his residence at that place. He built his present residence in 1865 and built and operated the first planing mill at Loveland. Later he embarked in the lumber and coal business, which he conducted for eight years, and then sold to his brother, A. B. Brock. He then built four houses in West Loveland, in 1872, there being but two others there at that time, building these houses under contract. He erected his present fine store building, the Masonic lodge, of which he is one of the oldest members, from 1864, completed the second story for a lodge room. Mr. Brock engaged in the mercantile business for a time, which he sold out about 1892. For three years he was occupied in the undertaking business, being the first in this line of business in Loveland, he having purchased his hearse from Sterling & Moore, of Batavia.

Mr. W. W. Brock is one of nine children, of whom are living:

A. B. Brock, for years a merchant of Loveland, Ohio, and now residing at Sanford, Fla.

Edwin Brock, a carpenter and builder, of Iowa City, Iowa.

Martha, Mrs. Brown, is a widow and is residing at Sparta, Wis.

In October, 1856, occurred the marriage of William Wallace Brock to Miss Persis E. Whittier, at St. Anthony (now Minneapolis), Minn. (then a territory). She was born at Grafton, N. H., in 1836. Her father was of the firm Whittier, Balch & Company, railroad contractors, and removed to Minnesota Territory about 1855. It was while in the employ of her father that our subject met his future bride. Of the five daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. Brock, three are deceased, the oldest being killed at the age of seven years, in a railroad accident, another died at an early age, and the other, who became the wife of Ed. Brown, died at Columbus, Ohio. The two living are: Sarah A., wife of Thomas J. Hall, of Washington Court House, Ohio, and Edith, wife of Alvin Dibble, of West Loveland, Ohio. Mr. Brock was a fine railroad conductor. Of the sons, George W. is now with Armour & Company, in Chi-

ago, and was formerly associated with his father and brother, the late Robert Brock, in the mercantile business; the latter was in the railway mail service, and in the postoffice in Cincinnati for a time. He was appointed under President Harrison's administration. He died February 2, 1907, and his widow, a sister of J. W. Emery, resides at the Emery home near Loveland. Harry, another son, is of the firm of Ward, Brock & Company, of Freeman avenue, Cincinnati. Clarence, the youngest son, is a photographer of Marietta, Ohio.

By his study of the political issues of the day, Mr. Brock is in favor of the principles of the Republican party, and was the first treasurer of Loveland, serving for eight years in succession. He finally resigned, but has always taken a very active interest in all party affairs.

Socially, Mr. Brock has been a member of the Masonic lodge since 1864, and is also a member of the Milford Chapter. He is now the oldest member at Loveland, all of the three charter members are deceased, they being George Brown, Dr. John W. Bean and Harmon Eveland. The first meetings were held at the old grist-mill, prior to 1850.

Mr. and Mrs. Brock have journeyed together along life's pathway for over fifty-six years and are now enjoying the evening of their lives in the peace and quiet of their pleasant home, the haven of rest after years of activity in the world of affairs.

BENJAMIN F. WAITS.

Mr. Benjamin F. Wait, a prominent and successful agriculturist and stockman of Clermont county, Ohio, resides at the old Waits home in Williamsburg township, on the East Fork of the Little Miami river, which was built by his father in 1825, and occupies the same room in which his birth occurred, June 5, 1842, a son of Charles and Mary (South) Waits. This farm consists of one hundred acres of fine bottom land, which is under the highest of cultivation.

Charles Waits was born at Cynthiana, Ky., in 1791, and died December 2, 1859, at the home in Williamsburg township, this county. He was a farmer and had, earlier in life, followed the trade of brick layer and stone mason. He served as a soldier (cavalryman) in the War of 1812, and was later lieutenant and captain of militia, in the militia receiving commissions from the State. He built the first brick house in Batavia, which is

still standing. He sold this home to Judge Fishback, who resided there, as did his son-in-law, Judge Philip Swing, and later it became the home of the late Judge John M. Parrot. Later, Charles built many other homes and buildings. He removed from Batavia to the farm, in March, 1821, the farm being one of four purchased with the proceeds of his father-in-law, Peter South's estate, and was deeded to Charles and Mary (South) Waits, thus being in the same family since July 8, 1813. After his sons grew to manhood and could look after his farming interests, Charles Waits again took up his trade of brick laying and stone mason. He was a Republican in political views, and was one of the committee who moved the county seat from Williamsburg to Batavia. He had brothers, Lewis, who lived with the Shakers until his old age; John and Reuben lived in Kentucky, one being quite active in the politics of that State, and was killed at the time of the Morgan raid.

Mary (South) Waits was born April 30, 1798, in Clermont county, near the present site of Perintown, and resided on their farm near Williamsburg, Ohio, until her death, March 7, 1899, at the remarkable age of one hundred years, ten months and seven days. She had never used glasses and could read the papers up to within four days of her death. She was a daughter of Peter and Hannah South, who came to Clermont county in 1790, locating in the vicinity of Perintown. He was a major of "Minute Men" and lost a leg at the battle of Germantown, in the War of the Revolution. Mary South Waits had four brothers, William, James, Peter and Benjamin.

Benjamin F. Waits is the youngest of twelve children, and is the only one now living. Three brothers were in the Civil war:

Malancthon, served in Company B, Eighty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry.

Charles, in the same company with his brother, Malancthon.

Henry C., served in Company G, One Hundred and Fifty-third Ohio volunteer infantry, and passed away September 6, 1912, at the age of almost seventy-three years.

The education of Mr. Benjamin F. Waits was acquired at the select school of Mr. G. P. Riley, for which he paid by working on a farm. He received a scholarship, which gave him the privilege of attending the College Hill School, and others, thus securing a very good education.

On August 7, 1862, Mr. Waits enlisted in Company B, Eighty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, at the old Concord church, and was the first volunteer to enlist in his company, in which he served two years, ten months and twelve days. He was mustered out June 7, 1865, at Washington, D. C. He was with General Sherman on his "March to the Sea," and was the first of Sherman's soldiers to step on the soil of South Carolina, on February 5, 1865. At the battle of Utah Creek, August 6, 1864, and had his right shoulder smashed by the limb of a tree, shot off by a cannon ball, which laid him up for a short time, although he kept active in the command all the time.

Returning from the war, he became united in marriage on September 12, 1866, to Miss Margaret Raper, who was born in Clermont county, a daughter of Wesley Raper and wife, the former being a nephew of the Rev. William Raper, of Cincinnati, for years a bishop of the Methodist church; Raper chapel being named in his honor. The Rapers were early residents of Williamsburg township. Wesley Raper's father, Joseph Raper, was a staunch Methodist supporter of the church. Mrs. Waits assisted in the care of her husband's mother for over thirty years, the latter making her home there after the death of her husband, in 1859.

To Mr. and Mrs. Waits have been born three children:

Rosie, the wife of Charles Sharper, of Lynchburg, Ohio, now residing in Williamsburg township.

Olive Lenora, became the wife of William Curliss, of Williamsburg.

Charles, married Effie McGohan, of Bethel, Ohio, and are residing at home.

Politically, Mr. Waits is a staunch Republican and has served his party in various local offices. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic Post of Williamsburg, and holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Bethel. While the church at Concord was conducted, Mr. Waits and his family were members, but because of the smallness of the congregation there is at present no preacher. Mr. Waits' mother was a member of this denomination for eighty years.

Mr. Waits is highly respected by all who know him, and is warmly esteemed by his hosts of friends, who recognize his sterling virtues. He was a gallant soldier, a loyal friend and is one of the substantial citizens of the county.

JOHN A. LEONARD.

John A. Leonard is the owner of a finely improved farm of two hundred acres, Williamsburg township, Clermont county, Ohio, and is a representative of a family, who for over a century, have made Clermont county their home. The name of Leonard has been prominent in the agricultural circles of this vicinity because of its close identification with the growth and development of the farming interests of Clermont county, almost from its organization.

Mr. Leonard was born at Delapama, about three miles from Williamsburg, May 23, 1857, and is a son of John Wesley and Martha J. (Smallwood) Leonard, who were married June 17, 1852.

John Wesley Leonard was born in the neighborhood of Delapama, February 16, 1827, and farmed successfully in connection with the raising of fine stock, in the county of his nativity until his death, which occurred at Mt. Orab, March 14, 1911. John Wesley Leonard was a staunch Republican, and took active part in all political affairs, never missing an election, and served in all the various local offices for many years, being county assessor. He and all of his family were devoted members of the Methodist church.

Martha J. (Smallwood) Leonard, also a native of Clermont county, was born near Salem church, September 15, 1835, and is a daughter of Levi and Sarah (Thomas) Smallwood, both of whom were natives of New Jersey, not far from Philadelphia. Levi Smallwood owned a large number of oyster beds in the East and came to Ohio early in the Nineteenth century. They located on a farm near Salem church, and there he resided until his death, in 1841. His widow, Sarah (Thomas) Smallwood, later married John Leonard, and died December 12, 1878. To Levi and Sarah Smallwood were born six children, but two of whom are still living. They are:

Martha J., the other of John A. Leonard.

Annie, who is Mrs. Waite, a resident of Brown county, Ohio.

The father of Levi Smallwood was a "Minute Man" in the War of 1812. Martha J. and John Wesley Leonard were the parents of nine children:

Alice, is Mrs. Hans Arthur, of Eastwood, Brown county, Ohio.

Otis, died in infancy.

John A. Leonard, of this mention.

Mary Ellen, died at the age of twenty-two years.

Three others died in infancy.

Dr. Levi Harry, of Mr. Orab, Ohio.

Osa, who died at the age of sixteen years.

John Wesley Leonard was the son of John and Margaret (Smith) Leonard, who came with their parents in their youth to old Clermont, from Pennsylvania, where they were born. They were married near Salem church, in what is now Brown county, February 4, 1816. They carried on general farming until 1858, when they moved to Delapama, there to conduct a general store. He served the public as squire for many years, and was a grand old gentleman. His birth occurred in April, 1796, and his death December 26, 1868. His wife, Margaret, was born in August, 1794, and passed away March 13, 1847. John Leonard was married a second time to Mrs. Sarah (Thomas) Smallwood, who died December 12, 1878. To John and Margaret Leonard were given eight children, all of whom are deceased.

John Leonard was the son of Moses and Elizabeth Leonard, natives of Pennsylvania, and who located near Salem church, early in the Nineteenth century. They were farmers, raising a great deal of fine stock and grain.

John A. Leonard, the subject of this review, pursued his education in the schools of Clermont county, receiving a good common schooling. He was reared to farm life and early became proficient in all the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He has followed farming and stock raising mainly thus far.

On September 5, 1877, Mr. John A. Leonard was united in marriage to Miss Hannah A. Srofe, who was born near Mt. Orab, October 1, 1854, and is a daughter of Andrew and Mary (Callahan) Srofe, who were early residents of Brown county, Ohio. Andrew Srofe served his country in the Civil war, under Capt. Isaac Ross, and died during the war at Memphis, Tenn., being buried there. To the union of Andrew and Mary Srofe were born three daughters:

Hannah A., is Mrs. J. A. Leonard.

Bertha, married Ed. Cumberland, and moved to Nebraska many years ago.

Lizzie, married F. A. Page, of Cincinnati, and died at that place in 1905.

When the girls were quite small, the mother was also taken from them, and they were raised in different homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard have two children, and they are:

Lizzie A., who was born November 17, 1878, married George Cribbett. They are farmers of Williamsburg township.

Cyrus W., who was born September 30, 1888, is now in the real estate business, with offices in the Blymer Building, Cincinnati. He is a graduate of the Williamsburg High School, and of Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Mr. Leonard is a standard advocate of the principles of the Republican party, and has been called to the office of judge of elections, in which capacity he is serving at present. In religious views both Mr. and Mrs. Leonard are members of the Methodist church, in which they have always been active and efficient workers, they having embraced religion when twelve and fourteen years of age respectively. They have the great pleasure of seeing both of their children active in church work, and all work together.

JOHN BURGER.

Mr. John Burger, the senior member of the mercantile firm of Holmes & Burger, at Goshen, Ohio, has been a resident of this village for the past forty-four years, being well and favorably known here and in the country surrounding. Mr. Burger was born near Butlerville, Warren county, Ohio, November 16, 1846, and is a son of Adams and Abigail (Hall) Burger, who were farmers of Warren county, where they both died. Adam Burger was a native of Indiana, while his wife was a native of Warren county. Her people were from Pennsylvania.

Mr. John Burger is the oldest of seven children: Mrs. John Simpson, of Warren county, Ohio; Mrs. Charles Owens, of Madisonville, Ohio; Allen, of Dayton, Ohio; William H., Rebecca and James, deceased.

John Burger was reared in Warren county and cast his first vote in that county, his second, however, was cast in Clermont, where he came in 1868, having married in 1867, Miss Nannie Stibbs, a daughter of John and Maria (Hulse) Stibbs, early resident farmers of Warren county.

Mr. and Mrs. Burger have become the parents of six children:

Walter, of Atwood, Ill., is in the mercantile business.

Edgar C. is associated with his brother, Walter, in business. He married Miss Annie Bass, a niece of Josiah Q. Bass, of Mulberry, Ohio, whose sketch appears in this work. She passed away in June, 1909, leaving one son, John Bass Burger.

Miss Marguerite, of Atwood, Ill.

Josephine, who became the wife of S. L. Turnipseed, superintendent of the New Richmond schools. They have one son, Edward.

Miss Irene, at home.

Edith Hope, married A. A. Elliott, of Atwood, Ill., who is associated with her brothers in the mercantile business of that place. They have had three children, one, Virginia, died in infancy. George B. and Sanford.

Mr. Burger is a Democrat in politics and served as township treasurer of Goshen for eleven years. He is a member of the Masonic order, Blue Lodge No. 119, of Goshen, also of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 232, of Shiloh. In religious matters, both Mr. Burger and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, he having served as trustee for a number of years.

The life record of Mr. Burger is one of great activity and energy. His business career began as a huckster, in 1878, which he followed for three years, entering the employ of Mr. John Holmes in 1871. In 1878, he purchased an interest in the business and has been a member of the firm for the past thirty-four years. He is unfaltering in his allegiance to those qualities of upright manhood which everywhere wins respect and confidence.

JOHN G. HOLMES.

John G. Holmes, senior member of the mercantile firm of Holmes & Burger, of Goshen, Ohio, is well known in Clermont county as a representative of one of the pioneer families in the county. His birth took place at Goshen, December 5, 1865, his parents being John and Mary S. (Gatch) Holmes. The latter was a daughter of the Rev. Philip Gatch, the noted pioneer minister of the Methodist church, whose sketch appears in this work. Her demise occurred in 1893.

John Holmes was born in Clermont county and was a son of Daniel Holmes, who established the family in this county about 1840, began merchandising, and in 1849, located the

store on the site of the home erected by John Holmes, now the residence of John G. Holmes. He continued in the business until the year of 1865, when he was succeeded by his sons, John and George W., who conducted separate stores. In 1878, George W. sold out his business to John Holmes and John Burger, the former of whom continued in the business until his death, which occurred in August, 1889, in his fifty-ninth year of his life.

A new firm was then established under the firm name of Holmes & Burger, John Burger of the other firm being the partner, and John G. taking his father's interest. This store probably carries the largest stock of goods in the village, occupying two floors of the store, which is one hundred and thirty feet deep.

John G. Holmes is the second of seven children: Eudora B., John G., Lura M., Annie S., Daniel P. married Miss Edna Yeomans, residents of Goshen, George C. assists in the store, and Frank E. also assists in the store.

John G. Holmes was reared at Goshen and in addition to the school advantages of their native village, attended the college at Delaware, the Ohio Wesleyan University. He has spent much of his time in the store since his youth, and thus became familiar with all the details of the business early in his youth, which enabled him to take up the work successfully upon the death of his father.

In political matters, Mr. Holmes is an advocate of the Republican party, and has for years served as township treasurer. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias at Goshen and is a consistent member of the Methodist church. Mr. Holmes has taken an active interest in all affairs that affect the community where he has spent most of his life. He has the respect of all of his patrons and friends.

THE PAXTON FAMILY.

The Paxton family is one of the oldest and best in Clermont county, noted for its culture, high character, and social standing. There is no family in the county that has added more to its material, moral and social advancement, having always been foremost in all movements for the development of the beautiful in nature and the improvement of the conditions of society.

The ancestors were of Saxon origin and the present spelling has existed since the year of 1250. Early in the Sixteenth century, members of the family crossed the continent and settled in what is now Berwickshire, Scotland, later settlements being made in central England. After the restoration, in 1660, James Paxton fled to County Antrim, in the north of Ireland, and three of his sons, William, Thomas and Samuel, immigrated to America in 1735. They had land surveyed for for them at Marsh Creek, Lancaster, now Adams county, Pennsylvania. Samuel, of these three brothers, had a son born about 1705, whom he named Samuel, Jr., and who became the father of Col. Thomas Paxton, a gallant officer under General Wayne in his expedition against the Indians of the Northwest in the campaign of 1794. Colonel Paxton was born about 1743, and was a lieutenant in the Revolutionary war, having been commissioned in 1777. He came to Maysville, Ky., from Pennsylvania, by way of the Ohio river, about 1791, and in the spring of 1796, settled in Clermont county, near Loveland. He was the first known actual settler in Clermont county, and put out the first field of corn planted between the Little Miami and Scioto rivers. Col. Thomas Paxton was twice married, having one son and five daughters by the first union and two sons and seven daughters by the second. The daughters all married well and settled near them, and Robert Paxton, one of the sons, remained in Kentucky. The death of Colonel Paxton took place in Miami township, on the farm which is still in the family, in 1813.

Samuel, a son of Col. Thomas Paxton, was born August 7, 1793, and as a youth served in the War of 1812, being in service at the time of his father's death. Samuel made three different enlistments. After the war, Samuel Paxton followed the occupation of farming, and in 1828, built the present home of his children, which has been added to and remodeled in later years. In connection with his farm interests, he made eighteen flat boat trips to New Orleans with produce, walking the entire distance on one return trip. His death occurred December 25, 1880, and his wife passed away, December 23, 1886.

On June 14, 1821, Samuel Paxton was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Weller, who was born in Orange county, New York, and came with her parents to Hamilton county, Ohio, when she was three years of age. Her father was a skilled mechanic and was born in Orange county, New York, and her

mother was a native of Ulster county, New York. Miss Weller was a cousin to the Hon. John B. Weller, the distinguished Ohio politician, prominent later in the politics of California. To Samuel and Eliza (Weller) Paxton were born twelve children, seven sons and five daughters:

Andrew was born May 13, 1827, and is a farmer and stock raiser, operating the home farm; he has never married.

Rebecca was born October 9, 1833, is the widow of Harris Smethurst, who was county auditor of Clermont from 1864 to 1866. She is a devout member of the Presbyterian church.

Miss Martha was born December 21, 1837, and is at the home farm.

Wilson was born December 2, 1840, and has never married; resides at the home farm.

Louisa, who was born June 17, 1842, is Mrs. J. S. Rogers.

Thomas was born December 18, 1822; and was married first to Maria C. Snider, a daughter of Col. Levi Snider, of Warren county, Ohio, and after her death married Miss Emily C. Loveland, of Ashtabula, Ohio, whose parents were natives of Connecticut, her father being a skilled mechanic and prominent in the Masonic lodge of Ashtabula. Thomas died May 15, 1899.

Joseph was born April 8, 1824, and died April 26, 1899.

Harriet was born June 29, 1825, and died March 10, 1910.

John was born July 26, 1829, and died December 11, 1899. He married Jennie Myers, a daughter of George Myers, of Goshen, Ohio.

Charles was born August 4, 1831, and died March 8, 1909. His wife was Miss Elizabeth Ferguson.

Nancy was born January 28, 1835, and died September 7, 1911, her husband being Col. John H. Branch, representative in the Ohio legislature from 1866 to 1869, and her second husband was Rev. William Young, D. D., and her third was G. G. Palmer.

Clinton DeWitt was born April 4, 1844, and died November 18, 1869.

Samuel Paxton possessed to a great degree the characteristics of his ancestors, and was a man of clear perception and intellectual ability. His brother, Thomas Paxton, was born in the northern part of Clermont county, May 4, 1799, and followed farming as a life work. On November 25, 1819, he was married to Miss Rebecca A. Barber, the youngest daughter of Nathaniel and Anna Barber, who came to Ohio from

New Jersey in the year of 1808. Thomas Paxton was a Democrat, and was ever ready to battle for the success of that party. His death occurred in September, 1871, his wife in May, 1862. There were eight children:

Samuel, married Hannah A. Eveland, and resided at Foster's Crossing, Warren county, Ohio.

Mary, married David Crighton, of Loveland, Ohio.

Martha A., married first, Levi Nichols, and second, Adam A. Lever, of Loveland.

Nathaniel B., who married Angeline Hutchinson, resided near Morrow, Warren county, Ohio, for a time, and finally died at Loveland.

James W., who married Agnes Day Buckingham, resided near Camp Dennison, Hamilton county, Ohio.

Thomas B., who married Mary Adelaide Wharton, resided in Cincinnati.

Robert, who married Harriet Hutchinson, resided on the old homestead, near Loveland, Ohio.

Sarah, married Daniel Clarke, of near Loveland, and is now a widow, residing with a son at Chicago.

The members of the Paxton family were and are all of that class of citizens that receive the respect and honor of all in the community in which they live. Their lives are a demonstration to the world, the virtues of upright lives.

On a portion of the land at one time owned by Col. Thomas Paxton was established a private cemetery, in which he lies buried, as do some members of the Ramsey family. A fine, marble slab, handsomely inscribed, was placed over the grave of Colonel Paxton a few years since.

WILLIAM B. APPLGATE.

Mr. William B. Applegate, who has been successfully engaged in the mercantile business at Branch Hill, Clermont county, for the past twenty-eight years, was born in Goshen township on a farm, September 4, 1840, his parents being John and Annie (Emery) Applegate.

The founders of the Applegate family in America were Thomas and Elizabeth, who settled in Massachusetts about 1635, coming with the Puritans from England through Holland, Mr. William B. Applegate being the eighth generation in this country.

The first of the family to come to Clermont county was Elijah, who located in the Harvey Irwin neighborhood about 1817. His father, Andrew, was a soldier in the War of the Revolution, there being over thirty members of the Applegate family in that war from New Jersey. Elijah was born in South Amboy, N. J., and was one of the early Methodists. He died on his farm in Goshen township.

John Applegate was born in Goshen township in 1817, and was one of seven children:

Perrine, Thomas, John, Elijah, Lydia, Sarah Ellen, Nancy Elizabeth, of those but two, Sarah Ellen and Elijah, of Rushville, Ind., are living. John followed the occupation of farming all of his life and was a man of much influence in the community and in public life. He was township trustee and was a member of the agricultural fair board. In politics he was a staunch Democrat.

Annie (Emery) Applegate was born on a farm near Loveland, and is a daughter of Judge John and Deborah Emery, who were among the earliest families of Miami township. She died at an advanced age in 1893, and in religious belief was a Universalist.

William B. Applegate is the eldest of five children:

A. B., of Milford, is mentioned elsewhere in this work.

Mrs. P. C. Hill, of Westwood, Hamilton county, Ohio.

John A., of Springfield, Ohio.

Perrine K., a farmer living two miles east of Miamiville, Ohio.

William B. Applegate was reared and educated in Clermont county and remained at home until he was twenty-seven years of age. After completing the common schools Mr. Applegate attended the Commercial College of Cincinnati, but during the Civil war was captain of militia endeavoring to capture Morgan, the raider.

In 1867, Mr. Applegate became deputy clerk of the court of common pleas, and later served as clerk for a short term, and for five years following he served as school examiner. He then resigned and for some years taught, altogether twenty-four years.

He was united in marriage to Miss Olive Silcott, at Batavia, where she was born and reared, her parents being John W. and Eliza (Davis) Silcott. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Applegate are three children:

John Walter, a dispatcher of Linwood, Ohio, married Clara Rowan, and has three children, Percy, Harold and Irma.

Lillian R., is the wife of Harry E. Stewart, of Woodfield, Monroe county, Ohio, and is the mother of two children, Richard N. and Harry, Jr.

Percy, died at the age of three years.

Mr. Applegate is a Democrat, although he is independent. He has served as county coroner and as clerk of three different townships, Monroe, Goshen and Miami. For over twenty years he has held membership with the order of Odd Fellows. Mr. and Mrs. Applegate are devout members of the Methodist church. They have the warm personal regard of all with whom they are associated. Mr. Applegate is classed with the representative business men of the county and his record shows honesty, integrity and enterprise.

JOSIAH QUINCY BASS.

Josiah Quincy Bass, for many years successfully engaged in the mercantile business at Mulberry, Ohio, was for thirty years the postmaster of that village. He was born near Bethel, Ohio, August 27, 1845, and is a son of Samuel and Mary Ann (Elrod) Bass.

Samuel Bass was a native of Massachusetts, his birth occurring at Quincy, in 1807. In 1832, he came to Cincinnati, where he spent a short time, then went to St. Louis, Mo. Returning to Cincinnati he finally located in Tate township, Clermont county, conducted a store at the village of Pinhook, which he later sold, and in 1850 moved to Bethel. In the fall of 1853, he moved again, this time to the village of Mulberry, Miami township, and for about one year was engaged in the mercantile business, after which he retired, residing there until his death, October 1, 1890. His ancestors were among the pioneers of America, and his mother, whose maiden name was Anna Adams, was a niece of John Adams. Samuel had several brothers and sisters, but was the only one to come to Ohio. He also did some flat boating to New Orleans with merchandise.

Mary Ann Elrod was born in Tate township, Clermont county, in 1827, and passed to her eternal reward in 1905. She was a daughter of Thomas and Cynthia (Frazee) Elrod. Her parents were pioneers of Clermont county, coming from Kentucky. She was a devoted member of the Christian church.

Josiah Quincy Bass is the eldest of three children, the others being:

Thomas, of Mulberry, a retired farmer.

Martha Ann, was born in 1855 and died in 1876.

The early education of Josiah Q. Bass was received in the schools of Tate and Miami townships, and later he became a student of the National Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio. He also attended the Hiram College and after finishing school spent a few years on the farm.

On May 2, 1864, Mr. Bass enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Fifty-third Ohio volunteer infantry, and was mustered out September 20, 1864. He was elected to the Seventy-second General Assembly as a Republican.

The marriage of Mr. Bass to Miss Susan Eunice Warland was celebrated in October, 1871, at Mulberry, Ohio. She was born in Indiana, but has been a resident of Clermont county since 1868, and is a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Nichols) Warland, who were from Maine and Massachusetts respectively. Mrs. Bass is a member of the National organization of Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mr. and Mrs. Bass have four sons and one daughter:

Samuel, of Milford, Ohio, is in the foundry business, and married Edith Petzhold and are the parents of three children, Ethel, Juliet, and John Quincy. He has one son by a former union, Samuel, Jr.

William, of Burnside, Ky., is an attorney, and has charge of the Excelsior Mills. He married Myra Greeno, a daughter of Col. Charles L. Greeno, of Milford.

Harry B., of Yukon, Okla., is a merchant and married Ethel Bowlby, and they have three children, Elizabeth, Boyleston, and George Wilsam.

George Elrod, of Yukon, Okla., is in business with his brother, Harry. He married Emma Sanger, and they are the parents of three children, Eunice, Ruth and Winona.

Mary Edna, at home. She received her musical education at Painesville, the Ohio Conservatory of Music.

Mr. Bass is a member of the S. R. S. West Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and Mrs. Bass is a member of the Women's Relief Committee, of Milford, S. R. S. West Chapter, No. 161. Mr. Bass is enjoying a rest vouchsafed to him by reason of his honorable and well directed labor in former years, and his life has been one of harmony, which has won for him many warm friends.

GEORGE F. ARMACOST.

Mr. George F. Armacost, one of the prominent retired farmers of Clermont county, Ohio, is a representative of one of the oldest pioneer families of the county, and has been a resident of Amelia since 1905. His birth took place a mile and one-half above Point Pleasant, on Big Indian creek, June 20, 1838, and is a son of Isaac and Eliza (Miller) Armacost, the latter of whom was born near Felicity, Ohio, in 1813, and died in 1906.

Isaac Armacost was born one mile from Pekin, Clermont county, in 1805, and after an active and useful life as a farmer and stock raiser, passed away in 1898, at Laurel, where for six years he had lived retired from active life. In his family were ten children, six of whom are living:

George F. Armacost, of Amelia, Ohio.

Frank, a resident of Point Pleasant, Ohio.

Thomas, of Laurel, Ohio.

Jennie, the wife of Frank Fisher, of Laurel, Ohio.

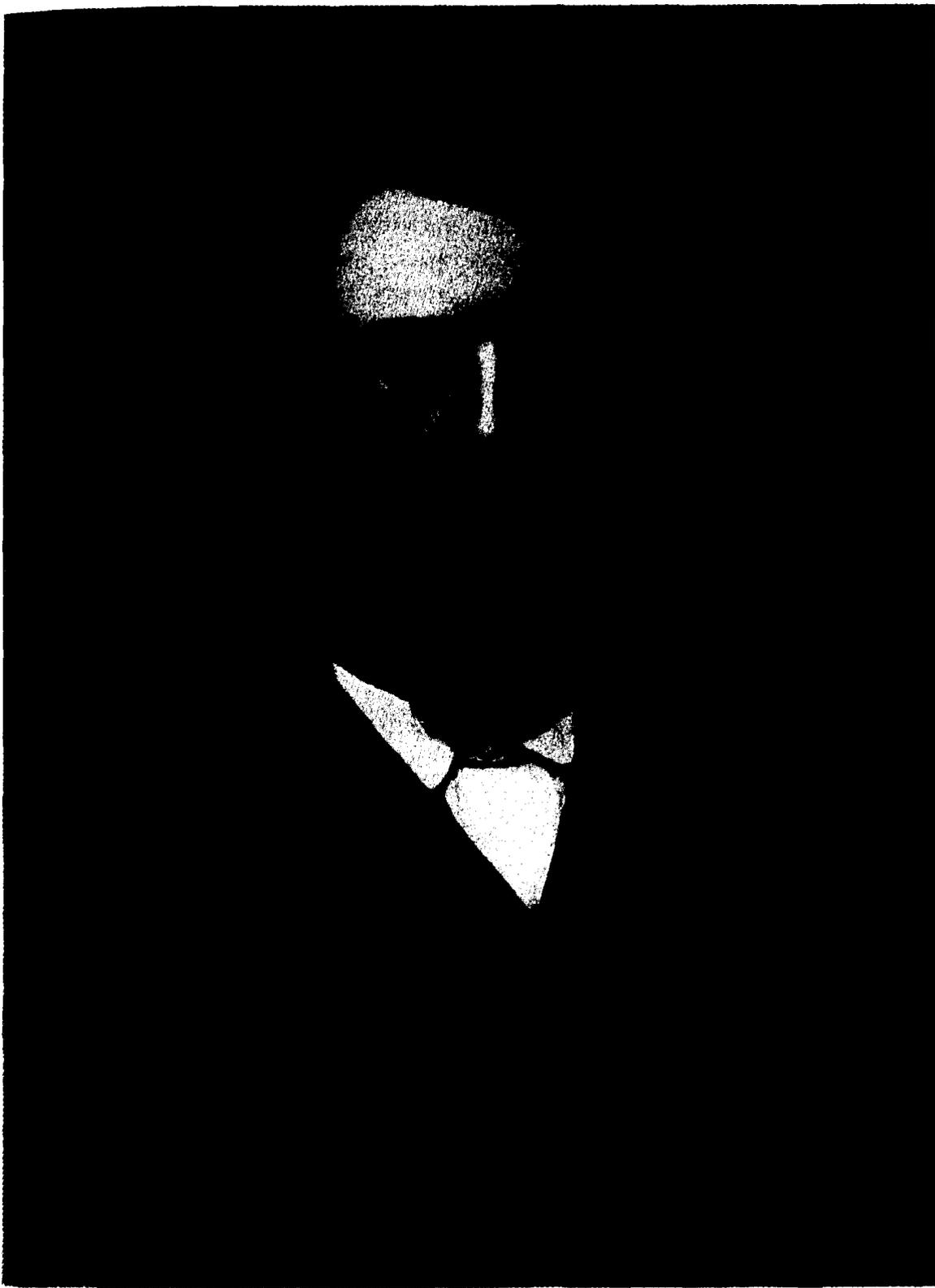
Lina, who is the wife of Jack Morton, lives above Boat Run, Ohio.

Louisa, is the wife of George Cook, of New Richmond, Ohio.

The pioneering spirit led Christopher Armacost, the father of Isaac, to leave his home in Pennsylvania to seek a new home in Ohio, long before the beginning of the Nineteenth century. He was one of the very earliest settlers in this section and located near Pekin, Clermont county, where he purchased land which he cleared and developed. In those early days all the stock had to be closely housed to protect them from the wolves, which were very numerous in that section.

Mr. George F. Armacost obtained his education in the school at Point Pleasant, and was reared to farm labor, gaining proficiency in the work of the fields as the years passed by. He remained at the parental home until 1866, with the exception of the time spent in the service of his country during the Civil war.

At the call of his country for volunteers, Mr. Armacost responded, enlisting May 5, 1864, in the One Hundred Day Service, from Ohio, and when it was found a longer service was needed, Mr. Armacost remained in the army for six months. He participated only in skirmishes along the Potomac. Two brothers, John and Allen, were in the service, the former for four years and four months, enlisting from



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Ohio, in the Fifth Ohio volunteer cavalry. They are both deceased.

The marriage of Mr. Armacost to Miss Sarah Banam was celebrated in 1860. Mrs. Armacost was born in Laurel, Ohio, and per parents were William and Sarah (Corbin) Banam, both of whom were born near Laurel and have been deceased for many years. Of the children born to them, one daughter, Sophia, Mrs. Hewitt, of Bethel, Ohio, is the only one now living.

The union of George F. and Sarah (Banam) Armacost was blessed with two children; the younger died in infancy.

Arthur Clayton, who was born in 1861, died in 1901, and is buried at Laurel, Ohio. He married Anna Weidmeyer, who is also deceased. They were the parents of five children: Mary E., George H. and Emma reside in Cincinnati; Arthur lives with his grandfather at Amelia; Elizabeth lives with an uncle near Laurel.

Mrs. Armacost passed to her eternal reward in 1865. She was a devout member of the Methodist church and was a lady of beautiful character, her disposition was cheerful and helpful, and in church work she was an able and most earnest Christian. Many friends in the county mourned her death.

In 1872, Mr. Armacost was united in marriage to Mrs. Martha (Ironton) Dawson, who was born near Laurel, and was a daughter of Abner and Martha (Marsh) Ironton, both of whom were members of pioneer families who settled near Laurel, which was their birthplace.

Soon after his second marriage, Mr. Armacost purchased a farm near Laurel, where he carried on general farming along practical lines until 1905, when he removed to the beautiful home at Amelia, on the Ohio pike, which he has greatly improved.

In 1910, Mr. Armacost was again called upon to part from his companion in life, when Mrs. Armacost was called to her last rest. Her breadth of character, deep sympathy and strong intellectuality made her a power for good in her home locality, and she did much to mold the thoughts, influence and opinions of those around her. Commanding respect and confidence at the same time she won the deep love of those who came within the circle of her friendship. She was a devoted member of the Methodist church from her young girlhood and her entire life was in harmony with her profession of faith.

Politically, Mr. Armacost is in favor of the principles of

the Republican party, although early in life he voted the Democratic ticket. He has served his party in the capacity of trustee of Monroe township and in other local offices.

Mr. Armacost is a Christian by faith and practice and has led an honorable life in harmony with his profession. He has for sixty years been a member of the Methodist church and given his services to the people as trustee and class leader, as well as his support in a financial way.

AMOS S. HILL.

Numbered among the enterprising residents of Clermont county is Mr. Amos S. Hill, who was formerly engaged in the business of carpentering, but now devotes his attention to the direction of his farming interests in Stonelick township, eight miles southeast of Milford, Ohio.

Amos S. Hill was the fourth in age of a family of six children, of whom three are living, the subject of this sketch and one brother, B. R. Hill, and one sister, R. C. Hill, of Milford. Of those who have passed away, one was killed at the battle of Stone River, in December, 1862. Mr. Amos S. Hill was born in Van Buren county, Tennessee, February 15, 1847, his parents being Benjamin A. G. and Sarah Ann (Combs) Hill, whose demise occurred in 1851, three weeks apart.

Benjamin A. G. Hill was born in Stonelick township, where his father, Samuel, owned a large farm, the latter being also one of the county judges for many years. He was a resident of the counties of Clermont and Hamilton, and was one of six brothers who came to Ohio, probably from Pennsylvania. Samuel was successful as a farmer and died on his farm near Olive Branch. Benjamin A. G., who was a teacher for a number of years, had the following brothers: Amos, who was also a teacher, died in Tennessee; John B., lived in Tennessee and Ohio; Francis Asbury, was a resident of Hamilton county, Ohio; George, was a resident of Clermont county, Ohio; Thomas, was a resident of Clermont county, Ohio; Philip, was a carpenter near Boston, Clermont county. All have been dead a number of years.

Amos S. Hill was but four and one-half years old when his parents died, and he was reared by his uncles. He received a good schooling, after the completion of which he learned the

carpenter's and builder's trade with his uncle, Philip A. Hill, and for the better part of forty-five years he followed his trade. Mr. Hill has resided practically all of his life thus far in Clermont county, having spent over forty-five years in this vicinity. He has occupied his present home for twenty-three years.

The marriage of Mr. Amos S. Hill to Miss Sarah J. Murphy, a daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Anderson) Murphy, residents and occupants of this farm, occurred in 1867. Mrs. Hill's parents were early residents of Clermont county, her father being a tailor by trade, who in his later years followed farming and trucking. Her mother's people, the Andersons, were from Virginia. Both parents were active members of the Methodist church, her father helping to build the church at Mt. Zion. Mrs. Hill has two sisters, Mrs. B. R. Hill, of Milford, and Mrs. Rachel Philhower, of Williams' Corners.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill are the parents of five children:

David E., of Owensville, who is a carpenter by business and married Miss Minnie Miller and has two children.

Seren M., a farmer of Modest, Ohio, who married Miss Hattie Shinkle, and has one daughter.

James C., of Norwood, Ohio, where he is in the plumbing business, and who was formerly with the Union Central Life Insurance Company. He married Miss Edith Franklin, and has two children.

Raymond, at home, a farmer by occupation.

Imogene E., who is the wife of Vernie C. Hair, assistant cashier of the Cincinnati, Lebanon & Northern Railway Company, and resides at Middletown, Ohio. They have one daughter and one son.

In political matters, Mr. Hill gives his support to the Democratic party, although he is liberal and independent. He has served as justice of the peace three years, and was elected the second time but declined to serve, and as notary public for fifteen years, and has discharged his duties with promptness and fidelity. He is a Mason, having membership at Owensville, Ohio. The family of Mr. Hill as well as himself, are devoted members of the Methodist church.

Mr. Hill has led an active life, in which untiring labor has been crowned with success. He has worked energetically and persistently year after year, and though he started life empty handed he is now numbered among the substantial citizens of Clermont county.

Mrs. Hill's paternal grandfather was a native of Ireland, and settled near Goshen, Clermont county, where he died. Jacob Murphy, the father, died in 1891, at the age of eighty-one years, and the mother died in 1893, also in her eighty-first year. The Murphys were old and highly respected residents of the county.

JOHN ROBINSON LONG.

Mr. John Robinson Long, who for many years was familiarly known in Clermont county as "Bob" Long, passed to his eternal reward on March 25, 1905, having spent his entire life in the home where he was born, March 17, 1837. His active life was devoted to fruit culture and farming mostly, although he spent some years in teaching. He was widely known as a worthy and respected citizen of the county, and his personal characteristics won for him the love and esteem of the majority of those with whom he was brought into contact.

Mr. Long was a son of the Rev. Enoch and Elizabeth (Robinson) Long, the former was also a native of Miami township, where he resided all of his life, being a Methodist preacher and farmer. His death took place in 1857, in the forty-fifth year of his life. His father, Frederick Long, came to Clermont county from North Carolina, and was also a Methodist minister and farmer until his demise, residing in Miami township during his activities as a minister.

John Robinson Long was one of six children and was given the advantages of a good education. He remained at the parental home, becoming familiar with the business of agriculture, which he made his life occupation. He was united in marriage on December 12, 1864, to Sarah J. Leaf, who was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, near Clermont county, her parents being Henry and Mary (Turner) Leaf, the father coming to Hamilton county from New York when eighteen years of age, where he was born and reared. He became a progressive farmer and raiser of fine stock, and at the time of his death, in 1871, was a large land owner, having property in Clermont county and elsewhere in this vicinity. Mrs. Long's mother passed away in 1850.

Mrs. Long is one of eleven children, nine sons and two daughters, those living are Isaac, George, Michael and Daniel. She was reared from the age of six years by a sister in Mt. Carmel, Union township.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Long have been three children:

Miss Minnie, at home.

Henry Leaf, is operating the home farm.

Elbertie died at the age of fourteen years.

Mr. Long was a staunch Republican, and was active in all public affairs, serving as township trustee for several years. Although not a member of any denomination he was of good moral character, and was interested in all worthy enterprises tending to the advancement of the community. His life was filled with good deeds, acts of mercy and works of kindness, and there are many who bless his memory because of the assistance he has rendered and the influence he has exerted toward noble living and high ideals.

SUMNER B. MYERS.

One of the successful farmers and stock raisers of Clermont county is Mr. Sumner B. Myers, who for the past forty-two years has resided on his present home farm of seventy-seven acres of highly cultivated land in Goshen township. He is a representative of the earliest of sturdy pioneer settlers in the northern part of Clermont before it was organized as a county. The birth of Mr. Myers occurred in Goshen township, Clermont county, Ohio, July 23, 1848, his parents being Jacob K. and Sarah J. (Wellman) Myers.

The Myers family are of German descent and the name was formerly spelled Moyer, but changed by time to present spelling. The first of the family in this section was Jacob Myers, born at Penn's Valley in the year of 1770, and who immigrated, with his wife, Eve (Frybarger) Myers, and several acquaintances to Lexington, Ky., in 1795. This was their home until 1797, when they came to Ohio, locating at Columbia, then a noted point just above Cincinnati, until a suitable location could be found in the Northwest Territory. A settlement was made the year following, 1798, in the northern part of Clermont, in what is now Goshen township, four years before Ohio was admitted to the Union and before Clermont was organized as a county. Jacob Myers was a shrewd and enterprising farmer and accumulated about fifteen hundred acres of land in Ohio and Indiana. His wife passed away in 1831, and he

was united in marriage for the second time, to Miss Elizabeth Reeder, who died in Iowa. Jacob Myers passed away in 1841, after a useful, active life.

Jacob Myers, the father of the subject of this review, was the son of John Myers, the first white child born in Goshen township. Jacob Myers was born in Clermont county in 1820 and was raised on his father's farm and followed the occupation of farming. He was married December 30, 1841, to Miss Sarah J. Wellman, and to their union were born the following children:

Benjamin F. was a soldier of the Civil war, serving in the Thirty-fifth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry. He died in Defiance county, Ohio, after having followed the occupation of farmer for many years in that locality.

John W., a soldier in the Civil war, serving in the One Hundredth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, resides at Ayresville, Ohio.

Harriet Ann is the wife of F. W. Bolinger, of Williams county, Ohio.

Sumner B., of this mention.

The death of Mrs. Myers occurred in 1848, on the 12th of August, after having lived an exemplary life devoted to her family and home.

Mr. Jacob K. Myers was a second time married—to Miss Elizabeth Wheeler, and to their union were born four children:

Orlando O., of Defiance, Ohio.

Alvaro P., of Defiance, Ohio.

Eliza Ada May, is married and lives at Defiance, Ohio.

William A. Henry, died at the age of sixteen years.

Jacob K. Myers passed from this life in 1904, in Defiance county, Ohio, where he had been a resident since 1850. He was an active Democrat, and served as justice of the peace in Defiance county. He was also postmaster for three years at Ayersville, Ohio, and served as vice-president of the agricultural society.

Mr. Sumner B. Myers was reared to young manhood on the farm of his grandfather from infancy, and obtained good common schooling.

In 1870, Mr. Myers was united in marriage to Miss Mary Irwin, who was born and reared in Goshen township, a daughter of Harvey and Elizabeth (Hand) Irwin, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Myers's two brothers, David R. and R. B., farmers of Goshen township, and one sister are living.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Myers consists of two sons and three daughters:

Effie, who is now Mrs. Lee Hill, of Stonelick township.

John H., a lawyer of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Clifford I., of Oklahoma City, Okla., is in the real estate business.

Mabel, is Mrs. Yeoman, of Oklahoma City.

Mary H. is at home.

Mr. Myers started out in life for himself on his present farm and has followed the vocation continuously to the present time. While he is a general farmer and cultivates nearly all the productions common to Clermont county soil, he has also given considerable time to the raising of stock.

In politics, Mr. Myers is an advocate of the principles of the Democratic party and has served as township trustee, being at present a member of the school board. He was county commissioner from 1903 to 1906 and was nominated and elected to the office in 1912. In all offices of public trust, Mr. Myers has been faithful and his services have been satisfactory.

The fraternal relations of Mr. Myers include the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Masons and the Encampment of Goshen. In all of these orders he is held in high esteem.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers embrace the belief of the Methodist church, and both are generous contributors to all charitable institutions and benevolent movements.

The Myers families from the very earliest of Clermont county's history have been noted for their industry, thrift, business standing and high social position.

CAPT. ROBERT B. SIMPSON.

Capt. Robert B. Simpson, of 2653 Melrose avenue, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, is a first cousin of Gen. Ulysses Simpson Grant, and has been in the United States revenue service for the past forty-two years. That he has performed his duties in an acceptable manner is evidenced by the length of time he has been in the government employ.

Robert B. Simpson is a native of Clermont county, Ohio, his birth having occurred in Tate township, in the home where

the marriage of General Grant's mother was celebrated. His parents were Samuel and Elizabeth (Griffith) Simpson.

Samuel Simpson was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, October 4, 1796, and came to Clermont county, Ohio, in 1818, locating in Tate township, where he purchased a farm. The journey from Pennsylvania to Ohio was made with a four-horse team, in company with his father, John Simpson, who purchased some seven hundred acres of land in Tate township, after which he returned to Pennsylvania, to sell out his property at that place. His father, John Simpson, Sr., was a Revolutionary soldier, being a member of a battalion of the Philadelphia county militia. Samuel was an only son, but had the following sisters:

Mary, who married James Griffith, is the grandmother of Judge Perry Griffith, of Batavia, Ohio.

Hannah, who married Jesse R. Grant, was the mother of U. S. Grant.

Sarah, died in young womanhood.

Ann, a half-sister, married James M. Ross, the pioneer gunsmith of Bethel, Ohio.

Elizabeth (Griffith) Simpson was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, in 1799, a daughter of Thomas Griffith, an early resident of the county. She was the grandaunt of Judge O. P. Griffith, of Batavia. She and Samuel Simpson were devout members of the Presbyterian church.

Capt. Robert B. Simpson is the fourth of seven children:

Sarah E., the widow of William Elrod, of Centralia, Ill.

Melissa J., the widow of George S. Gatch, of Milford, Ohio.

Amanda P., married B. L. Winans, of Bantam, Ohio, and died in 1906.

Robert B., of this sketch.

John, a retired army officer, with the rank of brigadier-general, and makes his home with his daughter, at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Mary, is the wife of Walter E. Burroughs, of New Richmond, Ohio.

Harriet, married C. W. Burroughs, and died about 1902.

The education of Robert B. Simpson was received in the schools of Clermont county, after which he followed the occupation of farming until January 17, 1865, when he enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Eighty-fourth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, serving until September 20, 1865. He was mustered out as first sergeant of his company.

After his return from the war, Mr. Simpson resumed farming as soon as his health would permit, residing at Bethel until he accepted a position in the United States revenue service, when he removed to Dayton, Ohio, June 1, 1869. He remained at Dayton for six years, and since 1875 has been in Cincinnati, serving continuously for forty-two years, in the government service. For the past twenty-eight years he has resided in his present home.

On November 22, 1860, Robert B. Simpson was united in marriage to Miss Sarah M. Fagely, a sister of M. W. Fagely, whose sketch appears elsewhere in these volumes. She was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, but was reared and educated in Clermont county, Ohio.

In the family of Captain and Mrs. Simpson have been born five children, one of whom is deceased. They are:

William H., vice-president of the Central Trust & Savings Bank of Cincinnati. His first wife was a daughter of the late William Shaw. Her death occurred March 23, 1892, leaving an infant child. The second wife was Laura P. Cole, of Springfield, Ohio. They are the parents of three daughters, Eleanor, Virginia Grant and Dorothy.

Ida, died at the age of two years.

John E., living at Los Angeles, Cal. He married Miss May Phelps, and has two sons, Robert P. and John W.

Louise, the widow of LeRoy Hahn, has one son, Wilson.

Edith, is Mrs. Clarence W. Hahn, of New York City, where her husband is a professor of biology. They have one daughter, Sarah Catherine.

By his study of the political questions of the day, Captain Simpson favors the principles of the Republican party. In social affairs, he is a member of the Fred C. Jones Post, No. 401, Grand Army of the Republic, of Walnut Hills, and has filled all of the various chairs of the organization. Mrs. Simpson is a member of the Julia Ward Howe Club, and of the First Presbyterian Church, which the family attends.

SILAS WARBINGTON.

The name of Silas Warbington has been associated with the farming interests of Clermont county, Ohio, for many years, and is a name that stands for honesty and integrity, in both business and social circles. His present home is in Miami-ville,

this county, where, after a life of activity, he is practically living in retirement. His birth occurred one mile from his present home, on February 22, 1842. His father, James Warbington, died when a young man, before the Civil war, and his mother passed away during the war period. They were the parents of two sons and two daughters, Silas being the only one still living.

Silas Warbington attended the schools of the district until he was thirteen years of age, spending the next five years at Clinton, DeWitt county, Illinois, returning at the age of eighteen years.

In response to the call of his country for volunteers in the army of the Civil war, he enlisted in 1862, in Company A, Eighty-fourth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, serving three months and twenty days.

In 1890, Mr. Warbington married again, and his present wife, who was Beulah Fitzwater before her marriage, is a second cousin of his first wife. She was born in Miami township, Clermont county, in 1842, and is a daughter of John and Nancy (Vandervert) Fitzwater.

Returning from the war, Mr. Warbington was united in marriage to Miss Eliza S. Fitzwater, who was a daughter of John Fitzwater, a resident of Miami ville, he being a cooper by trade. The family came to Clermont county from Pennsylvania. Mrs. Warbington passed from this life many years ago, leaving three children:

Emma, who married Lawrence Woodruff, is deceased, leaving six children.

Doyt, a resident of Cincinnati, is married and has three children.

Alice, is the wife of Ed. Drake, residing at Miami ville. They have one child.

In 1864 and 1865 he served in the United States navy, on the gunboat "Benton," the flagship of Commodore McCullough. In all of his service he was never wounded.

Farming has been the principal occupation of our subject in connection with which he has also been a shoe maker. For twenty-two years he was the sexton of the cemetery and of later years has engaged in truck gardening.

Mr. and Mrs. Warbington have a pleasant home in the village of Miami ville, which is situated on an acre of land. Mrs. Warbington owns a finely improved farm two miles from the village. They are devoted members of the Christian church,

and socially Mr. Warbington is a member of the S. R. S. West Post, No. 544, Grand Army of the Republic, at Milford, Ohio. He is a staunch Democrat, although not an office seeker.

During his residence in the county, Mr. Warbington has witnessed many changes in the moral, social, and material conditions, which show a wonderful advancement and progress in the life of the community. It is a great satisfaction to him that he and his family have contributed largely to these improvements.

AQUILLA D. BARROW.

Mr. Aquilla D. Barrow, who owns and operates his finely improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Union township, near Perintown, Clermont county, Ohio, was born near Newtown, Hamilton county, Ohio, March 18, 1843, and is a son of Bennett and Hannah (Durham) Barrow, the former of whom was a native of Montgomery county, Kentucky, where he was born July 30, 1809. He was a blacksmith by trade, which he followed in connection with farming. His death occurred April 15, 1890, in Clermont county, Ohio, at the home of his son, Aquilla D. Barrow. Hannah (Durham) Barrow was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, October 8, 1813, and passed from this life on August 18, 1884. She was a daughter of Aquilla and Harriet (Thompson) Durham. The founder of the Durham family in America was Samuel, who was born in the city of Durham, Durhamshire, England, in 1699, and left England in 1722 for America, settling at Baltimore, Md. He was a ship carpenter of great ability and became very wealthy. His wife was Eleanor Smissen, and one of their sons, Joshua, was given a large plantation, which he sold in 1783, and starting westward resided some years about sixty miles east of Philadelphia. In the fall of 1795, Joshua Durham flat boated from Pittsburgh down the Ohio river to the mouth of the Little Miami river, landing May 13, 1796, and died on a farm near there in 1829.

Aquilla, a son of Joshua and Harriet Durham, was born in Hartford county, Maryland, in 1779, and in 1804 married Harriet Thompson, who was a daughter of Barnard Thompson, a soldier in the War of the Revolution. In 1807, they removed to the Little Miami Bottoms, above Newtown, Ohio, and were among the founders of the Universalist church at

Newtown. Harriet (Thompson) Durham passed from this life in 1868, and her husband, Aquilla, followed her in 1870.

Aquilla D. Barrow, the subject of this review, was reared on the home farm near Newtown, Ohio, and received the usual education given to the young of those days. He became experienced in the business of farming, in which he has been very successful.

His marriage to Martha J. Marriott occurred October 31, 1871. She was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, near Newtown, May 12, 1845, and is a daughter of George and Barbara (McAdams) Marriott, the former a native of Pennsylvania, and the latter a native of Ohio. Mrs. Barrow was reared in Hamilton county to the age of fifteen years, coming to Clermont county in 1860.

Mr. and Mrs. Barrow have had eight children:

Miss Dollye E., at home.

Bertha, who became the wife of William Whitehead, of Norwood.

Howard C., of Milford, Ohio, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work.

Frances, who is the wife of R. E. Hicks, of Wheeling, W. Va.

Lyman K., a farmer, is at home. He married Lelah Tone.

Bessie J., is the wife of Fred Donley, of Norwood, Ohio.

Bennett T., died in December, 1891, at the age of fifteen years.

Eva B., died in 1891, at the age of three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Barrow are members of the Universalist church, although three of the daughters are members of the Methodist church. In political views, Mr. Barrow votes the Democratic ticket. He is justly classed with the representative farmers of Clermont county, and has a wide and favorable acquaintance with the leading citizens of this part of the State.

DANIEL TURNER.

One of those honest, self-made men of our country, who by their industry and judgment have overcome all difficulties, and risen from poor circumstances to fortune and eminence was Daniel Turner, who was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, March 25, 1806, and was the youngest of four chil-

dren, who were brought with their parents, Michael and Elizabeth (Beltz) Turner, to Ohio in 1808.

Michael and Elizabeth (Beltz) Turner left Pennsylvania in the year of 1808 and came down the Ohio river in a flat boat to Columbia, then the most noted place for eastern emigrants to disembark. Michael passed away January 16, 1856, in his seventy-fifth year, and his wife, Elizabeth, passed away September 1, 1824, in her forty-third year. Of their twelve children, the first four were born in Pennsylvania, the rest in Ohio.

Sarah, married Uriah Baldwin and later Henry Leaf.

John, the second in order of birth.

Elizabeth, married William Dumford.

Daniel, the subject of this mention.

Polly, married Henry Leaf.

Anna, married Samuel Perry.

Lewis, died at the age of eight years.

Isaac, who became a Baptist minister, died in Illinois.

Andrew J., died about the age of eighty years.

William, died about the age of twelve years.

Julia Ann, died at an advanced age.

Amanda, married Harrison Carpenter.

Daniel received the ordinary education of the district schools so poorly afforded in the days when he was a boy, and worked on a farm. He started in life with no capital, but his strong muscles, untiring energy and an honest heart. When fifteen years of age, in 1821, Daniel came to Clermont county and on October 10, 1827, married Susan Malott, daughter of Peter and Martha Malott, who was born January 27, 1811. When they were married all the capital in their possession was one horse. About 1831, Daniel purchased twelve acres of land, and from time to time added to his first purchase until he owned at one time, eight hundred and fifty acres of the best bottom lands on the East Fork, in Clermont county, eleven hundred and sixty acres of choice land in the southern part of Clinton county, and two hundred and thirty-three acres in Highland county, in all two thousand and forty-three acres. In later years he built a fine residence at Perin's Mills, on the Milford and Chillicothe Pike, in Miami township. Besides being a large land owner he traded extensively in horses and hogs.

While a member of no denomination he and his family attended the Baptist church and for over a third of a century

he was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to the Clermont Lodge, No. 49, at Milford. He was a strict and positive Democrat in politics, but always refused public office. He frequently served as school director, he, having a large family, was interested in all educational affairs. For two and one-half years he was interested in what is now the Norfolk & Western Railway Company, being a director and extensive stockholder.

Of the nine sons and four daughters who were born to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Turner, but three are now living: Benjamin C. and Peter, of near Lynchburg, Highland county, Ohio, and Mrs. John G. Ragland. Twelve of the children grew to maturity. Mrs. Turner passed from this life in April, 1900, in her ninetieth year, her husband having gone on before, October 26, 1880.

DR. JOHN GEORGE ROGERS.

Dr. John George Rogers was one of the most noted of the physicians and surgeons of the pioneer days of Clermont county, Ohio, who practiced at a time when it was necessary for great sacrifice of personal comfort, for the taking of long, arduous rides over poor roads in sparsely settled districts. The birth of Dr. J. G. Rogers occurred near Camden, New Jersey, April 29, 1797, his parents being Dr. Levi and Anna (George) Rogers, who came to Clermont county in 1804, settling first at Williamsburg. In 1810, the family removed to Bethel, where the father died, April 4, 1815, in his forty-seventh year, and his wife, who was a native of New Jersey, passed away at Batavia October 13, 1856.

After having acquired the knowledge usually taught in the schools of his day, John George Rogers was placed under the instruction of his father at home, where he received most of his literary education, and where the deep and broad foundations of his professional life were laid. His father, having a large practice, was often away from home and many of the duties were placed on his son, who in boyhood acquired great dexterity in extracting teeth, bleeding and many of the operations of minor surgery, as well as dispensing medicine in the absence of the father. When fourteen years of age, William Goble, a farmer near Bethel, Ohio, was severely and thought

to be fatally wounded by a cut from a scythe upon the back and shoulder, which in the absence of his father, the boy was compelled to attend. He took eleven stitches, an inch and one-half apart, in the wound, with such success that the next day, upon examination, his father pronounced a perfect surgical job.

Upon the death of his father, Dr. Rogers applied himself closely to the study of medicine, under the instruction of Dr. William Wayland, for two years, receiving instruction also from Dr. David Morris. He spent two years reading medicine with Dr. Zeno Fenn, an eminent physician of Clermont county. At the age of twenty years, Dr. Rogers settled at New Richmond, June 11, 1818, where he soon became a noted and successful physician.

In 1824, he was appointed by the General Assembly, with others as a censor, to organize the First District Medical Society of Ohio, composed of the counties of Clermont and Hamilton. When the Ohio Medical College of Cincinnati was fully organized, in 1825, Dr. Rogers attended the lectures by Professors Morehead, Slack, Cobb and Whitman, graduating with the highest honors in 1826. He was the main instrument in the organization of the Clermont County Medical Society, on May 11, 1853, and was its first president, in which capacity he again served in 1859 and 1867. He was a member of the Ohio State Medical Society and attended many of its annual meetings, and took an active part in the famous meeting at White Sulphur Springs. He was a member, also, of the American Medical Association, attending the sessions at Washington, Baltimore, Louisville and other points. He performed many important surgical operations, for which he was commended by the medical journals. He was the family physician of Jesse R. Grant and officiated at the birth of Ulysses S. Grant.

On October 19, 1820, he was married to the accomplished daughter of United States Senator Thomas Morris, Julia Morris, by whose death he was left with five small children, who were Eliza H., Levinia, Lydia Ann married Jacob Ebersole, Rachel M. married Theodore Griffis, of Connersville, Ind., and Dr. Levi M.

The second marriage of Dr. Rogers occurred November 19, 1833, to Sarah Ann Molyneaux, of Scotch-Irish parentage, born at County Antrim, Ireland. Her family sprang from the French Huguenots, who escaped from France to Ireland

after the terrible massacre of St. Bartholomew. Her parents immigrated to America about 1820, settling at Point Pleasant, Clermont county, Ohio.

Dr. Rogers was a member of Clermont Social Lodge, No. 29, of Williamsburg, Free and Accepted Masons. He was a member, as was his excellent wife, of the Presbyterian church, and throughout his long and eventful life was identified with all movements for the advancement of Christianity.

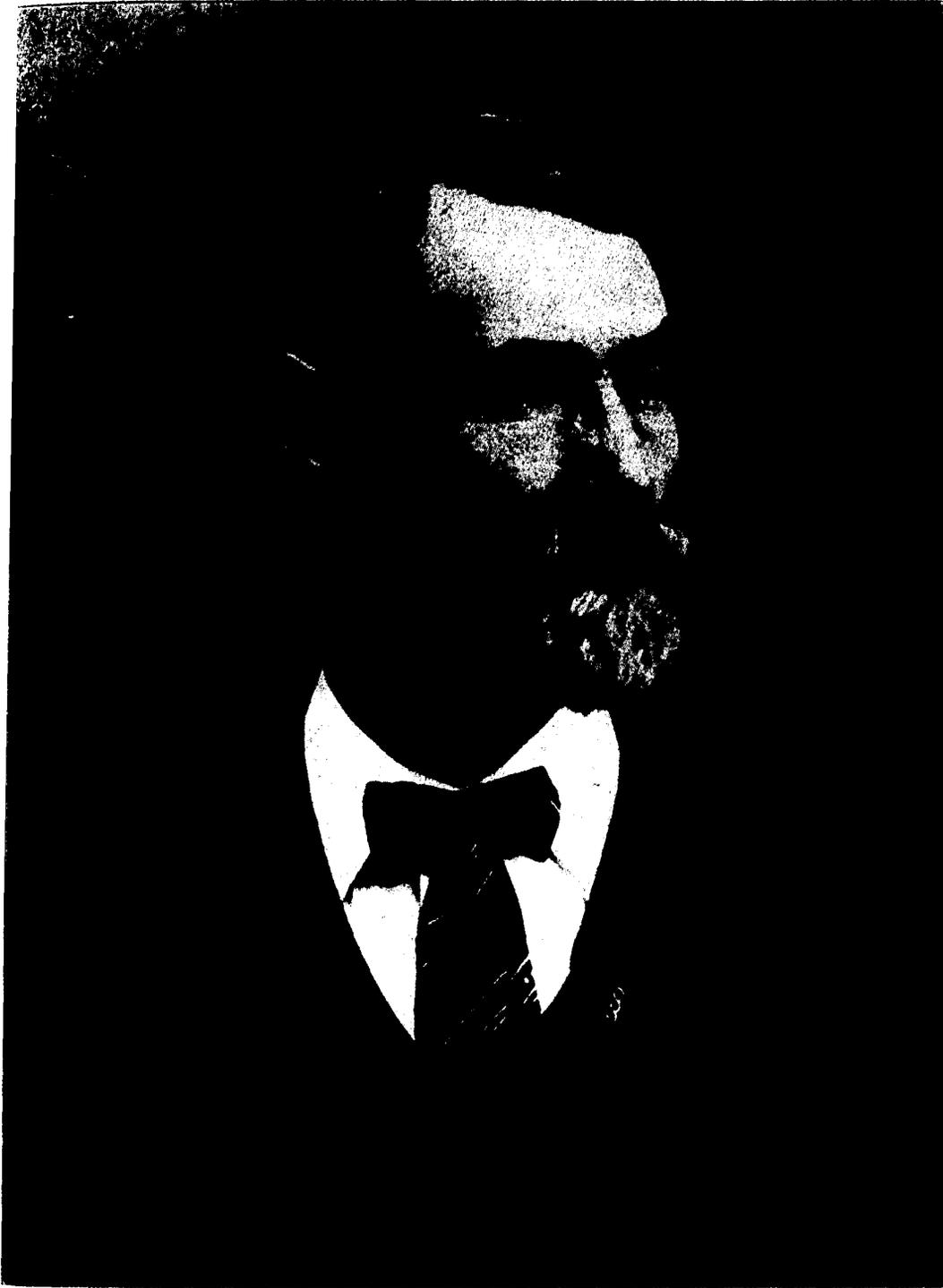
In politics, he was originally a Jackson Democrat, but in his later years was identified with the Republican party. Although he never held office he always endeavored to advance the moral and educational interests of the community in general.

Dr. Rogers was one of the most influential and unflinching opponents of slavery and lived to see his cherished anti-slavery principles adopted and carried out by the government. During his long and honorable career he was an advocate of morality, religion, education, humanity and science and a man worthy of the proud line of which he was an illustrious descendant.

J. D. SORRELL.

Mr. J. D. Sorrell, formerly one of the representative farmers of Clermont county, now engaged in the real estate business, was born in Bath county, Kentucky, November 28, 1851, a son of Elisha and Eliza (McCullough) Sorrell.

Elisha Sorrell, who was in sympathy with the North at the time of the Civil war, was forced to flee from Kentucky in 1863, his property being destroyed, and he was left penniless. Arriving in Brown county, near Feesburg, in the fall of 1863, Elisha began to work for eighty cents per day to endeavor to support his large family of two sons and five daughters. At that time wheat was \$3.00 per bushel, flour \$12.00 per barrel, pork 20 cents per pound, in fact food stuffs were high and scarce, likewise wearing apparel, etc. His wife being ambitious, with the help of the children, pulled the wool from the dead sheep found in the neighborhood, which they carded and made into yarn for the stockings and mittens of the children, exchanged for groceries and drygoods at the country stores. By all working together they managed to exist until they were enabled to rent a farm. In 1869, the mother laid down the



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burden of life and passed to her eternal reward. Two years later, the father, Elisha Sorrell, sold what he had of this world's goods to the children and returned to Kentucky, where he resided mainly until his death.

J. D. Sorrell received a limited education and after his father returned to Kentucky, he, with the sisters, carried on general farming until his twenty-third year, when he became united in marriage to Miss Lizzie C. Reece, the ceremony taking place on December 15, 1874. Miss Reece was born in Brown county, Ohio, and is a daughter of William and Caroline (Savage) Reece. In 1875, all of the family removed to Bracken county, Kentucky, where they farmed for two years. During the time spent in Kentucky, Mr. Sorrell lost three sisters and his only brother by death. A little later he moved to Brown county, Ohio, where he purchased a farm of seventeen acres, which he sold four years later at a profit. For the next four years, Mr. Sorrell rented a large tobacco farm in Hamilton county, near Camp Dennison. The next move of Mr. Sorrell proved very satisfactory and he purchased one hundred acres of land near Loveland, where he remained for many years, making improvements in the home.

There being a valuable stone quarry on his new purchase, Mr. Sorrell engaged in the shipping of building and macadamizing stone. He leased other stone land along the Obanion creek, thus being able to enlarge his shipping business. In addition to this line of enterprise, Mr. Sorrell became interested with C. W. Stokes, a son-in-law, in a grocery and meat market at Loveland. This company purchased cattle by the car load and fattened them on the farm for butchering. When Texas began to boom, Mr. Sorrell added another line of business to his already varied interests, engaging in the selling and trading of gulf coast land. In 1907, he removed with his family to Loveland, where he carries on the real estate business, under the firm name of Hopping & Sorrell, Mr. Stewart Hopping being a partner.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Sorrell are the following children:

Gertrude M., lives at the parental home.

Adah Ethel, is also at home.

Daisy Elva, married C. W. Stokes, and they have one child, Dorothy.

Marguerite is Mrs. Seth Tufts, of Loveland, and is the mother of two children, Martha E. and John Oscar.

Mamie and Hazel are at home.

Two children died in early childhood.

Mr. Sorrell gives his political allegiance to the Republican party. His fraternal affiliation is with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which organization he has filled all the chairs.

The early religious training of Mr. Sorrell has continued with him and his membership with the Methodist denomination is his by birthright. In all of life's relations Mr. Sorrell has merited the trust and confidence so uniformly extended to him. In his business interests he has been found reliable and energetic. His well directed labors have brought him a measure of success which numbers him among the men of affluence in Loveland, Ohio.

JOHN G. RAGLAND.

John G. Ragland, general farmer and stockman, who owns and operates his finely improved farm of one hundred and eight acres near Perintown, Clermont county, Ohio, has been a resident of the county for thirty-two years, and of his present home for the past fifteen years. His progressive spirit and energy are indicated by his beautiful home, which is situated in the midst of well tilled fields.

The birth of Mr. Ragland occurred near Newton, Ohio, January 31, 1852, and is a son of Benjamin F. and Jane M. (Ellis) Ragland, the latter of whom was born near Baltimore, Md., where she was orphaned at the age of six years. She was brought here by an uncle, Mr. Jarrett Cheseldine, who reared and educated her at Mt. Auburn. At an early age her marriage was celebrated and her death took place in October of 1909, in the eighty-first year of her age.

Benjamin F. Ragland was born in Clark county, Kentucky, in 1822, and when six years of age came with his father, Henry Clinton Ragland, to Hamilton county, Ohio, where he was reared and educated, remaining there until he retired, after which he made his home with our subject, John G. Ragland, until his death, which occurred in 1908. The family were originally from Virginia, and of English descent.

John G. Ragland is one of a family of six children:

William T., of Champaign, Ohio.

Lucy, the wife of George Turner, of Perintown, Ohio.

John G., of Perintown, Ohio.

Edmond O., of Madisonville, Ohio, who is a produce dealer.

Emma M., the widow of Lewis Buckingham, of Cincinnati.

Howard C., a retired farmer of Newtown, Ohio.

John G. Ragland resided near Newtown, Ohio, until he was twenty-six years of age, and there received his education and early business training, along agricultural lines. On February 16, 1880, occurred his marriage to Miss Susan M. Turner, a daughter of the late Daniel Turner, and a sister of Ben Turner, of the vicinity of Perintown. Mrs. Ragland was born near Perintown, and was reared there. In Mr. and Mrs. Ragland's family are three daughters and one son:

Edwin Orville, a farmer of Union township, who married Miss Catherine Davis, and they have two children—George Orville and Minnie Hazel.

Susan Jane, is the wife of Clarence High, of Cincinnati. Mr. High is in the grocery business.

Misses Clifford Lorena and Florence M. are at home.

Mr. Ragland has made many noticeable improvements in the home farm, putting up new buildings and remodeling others until the farm has an air of prosperity and thrift that is a compliment to the enterprising management of its owner.

In political views, our subject is a Democrat, and has served an unexpired term as township trustee.

DR. LEVI M. ROGERS.

No biographical review of Clermont county would be complete without mention of the life record of Dr. Levi M. Rogers, deceased, who for many years was prominent in the medical fraternity of New Richmond, Ohio, and the surrounding country, and Cincinnati, where for more than twenty years he practiced in his profession. He was also prominent in military circles, having been a captain of Company C, One Hundred and Thirty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, in the one hundred day service in the Civil war. He was of a family of physicians, his father and grandfather having been distinguished physicians and surgeons.

Dr. Rogers was a son of Dr. John George and Julia (Morris) Rogers, his mother being a daughter of Thomas Morris, who for twenty-four consecutive years was a member of the legislature and senate of Ohio from December, 1806, to 1830.

His residence was at Bethel, Ohio. Mrs. Rogers was an accomplished lady of much intellectuality. The father was one of the most noted physicians of Clermont county in his day, and was a native of New Jersey, his birth having occurred at Camden, April 29, 1797.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, Dr. Levi Rogers, was a native of Maryland, and in early life was an itinerant Methodist minister, who soon after his marriage to Anna George, only daughter of John and Sarah George, relinquished the itineracy and studied medicine, attending lectures at Jefferson College, in Philadelphia, under Professors Shippen, Rush, Wise, Wistar, Barton and other eminent men. He became a surgeon in the Nineteenth regiment in the War of 1812.

The maternal grandfather of Dr. John George Rogers, the father of this mention, was first a private in the First battalion, second establishment in the State of New Jersey, and was sergeant in the same battalion from January 1, 1780, in Capt. Aaron Ogdon's company, First regiment.

Dr. Levi M. Rogers was united in marriage to Miss Anna Ebersole, October 15, 1851, at her father's home at Oakley, Hamilton county, Ohio. She was born at the mouth of the Little Miami river, Cincinnati, a daughter of Christian and Theodosia (Webb) Ebersole, the latter of whom was born at Newtown, Ohio, near Cincinnati, she being a daughter of Gen. Clayton Webb, who served two terms in the Ohio Senate, also prominent during the War of 1812. His wife was a daughter of Bethnell Riggs, who served during the War of the Revolution.

To the union of Dr. Levi M. Rogers and wife were born ten children, of whom four are now living:

Lida H. is Mrs. Cassius M. Fisher, of Cincinnati, her marriage having taken place December 18, 1883. Mr. Fisher was previously married on October 25, 1877, to Julia Ann Rogers, who died December 12, 1882, leaving one son, Willis W., assistant city engineer at the new Cincinnati Water Works. His birth occurred February 7, 1879. Mrs. Fisher is a member of the Daughters of 1812, the Daughters of Veterans, and of the National Red Cross, besides being prominent in other clubs of her home city. She is a devoted member of the Knox Presbyterian Church of Hyde Park.

Charles E., a resident of Cincinnati.

John George, of Brown county, Ohio.

Levi M., a resident of Milford, where he conducts a wholesale confectionary business.

Dr. Levi M. Rogers attained a high rank in his profession and although he was but in his fiftieth year of life when the grim hand of death ended his successful career his fame as a physician and surgeon was far reaching. The memory of his good deeds and upright conduct will ever live in the hearts of his children and the large circle of friends.

HOWARD C. BARROW.

Mr. Howard C. Barrow, who is conducting a prosperous grocery store at Milford, Ohio, is one of the progressive business men of that place who were born in Clermont county, his birth occurring in Union township, September 18, 1878, on the farm of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barrow, resident farmers of Union township.

Mr. Barrow is one of eight children, the others being:

Benjamin and Eva, deceased.

Lyman, who is operating the home farm.

Mrs. W. T. Whitehead, of Norwood, Ohio.

Mrs. R. E. Hicks, of Wheeling; W. Va.

Mrs. Fred Donley, of Norwood, Ohio.

Miss Dolly, who is at home.

The boyhood days of Mr. Barrow were spent on the farm, attending school and assisting his father in the duties of farm life, until he reached the age of twenty-two years. He began his career in the business world as a clerk in a large grocery store in Cincinnati, occupying this position four years. In 1904, he engaged with the H. J. Heinz company, of Pittsburgh, as traveling salesman, continuing with this company until he purchased his present business, July 19, 1909. He succeeds Mr. George Randell, and he has a first class store, handling groceries, fruits and vegetables.

Mr. Barrow was joined in wedlock to Miss Blanche Vogt, of Summerside, who is a daughter of John and Fannie (Dolt) Vogt, the latter a native of Clermont county. The Vogt family is of German descent, and are residents of Union township. Mrs. Barrow is a graduate of the Mt. Carmel High School. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Barrow have been born two children:

Clarence, died in infancy.

Aquilla was born January 12, 1911.

Politically, our subject gives his support to the Democratic party, and was elected to the city council in January, 1912. He is a member of the Masonic Blue Lodge, No. 54, Chapter No. 35, of Milford, also being a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having become a member at Lexington, Ky., which was his headquarters for a short period. Mrs. Barrow is a member of the Order of Eastern Star, of Milford.

While Mr. Barrow is of the younger men of the county, he displays keen discernment in business transactions, sound judgment and unfaltering enterprise, which promises success in his undertakings.

LEVI M. ROGERS.

Mr. Levi M. Rogers, who is conducting a confectionery business in Milford in accordance with the progressive ideas of the modern commercial world, where he is numbered among the foremost because of his unremitting diligence and his employment of methods that neither seek nor require disguise, is meeting with well merited success. Besides the business in Milford, Mr. Rogers makes trips over a large section of Clermont county, handling a wholesale trade. He was the choice of the people in 1913 for county treasurer. He resides on Cleveland avenue, his home for the past twenty years.

Levi M. Rogers was born in the east end of Cincinnati, on the 26th of November, 1870, and is a son of Dr. Levi M. and Anna (Ebersole) Rogers, of whom mention is made elsewhere on these pages. Mr. Levi M. Rogers was reared in Goshen township, Clermont county, where he received his education, remaining until his twenty-second year, when he removed to Milford, which has since been his home.

The marriage of Mr. Rogers to Miss Jennie Mullen was celebrated in Cincinnati in 1895. Her parents were John A. and Louisa (Kincaid) Mullen, the former of whom was a contractor and builder, who was born in 1841 and passed away in February, 1896. His widow is now residing at Milford and is seventy-one years of age, her birth having taken place in 1841. Mrs. Rogers's maternal grandmother lived to the advanced age of ninety-one years, while her husband lived to the age of ninety-eight. Mrs. R. T. Ashurst, of Georgetown, Ky., and Mrs. John H. Stephens, of Milford, Ohio, are sisters of Mrs. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers are the parents of six children, and the family circle remains unbroken. They are as follows:

Louise M., was born in 1897.

Mildred L., whose birth occurred in 1899.

Harold L., was born in 1901.

Anna Catherine was born in 1903.

Kenneth G., was born in 1906.

Wilbur A., was born in 1908.

Mr. Rogers has ever voted in support of men who are pledged to uphold Republican principles. He is deeply interested in all affairs that affect his townsmen and has served as land appraiser and as a member of the board of public affairs. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the United Commercial Travelers' Association. Mrs. Rogers is a member of the Methodist church, of which denomination her paternal grandfather was a minister, in Indiana. They are people who are highly esteemed in the community in which they have lived for so many years, having made a large circle of warm friends. At the election of November 5, 1912, Mr. Rogers was elected treasurer of Clermont county, being one of three Republicans who were elected in the county.

AMOS HIRAM TUDOR.

Mr. Amos H. Tudor, one of the residents of Milford, Ohio, whose business is in Cincinnati, is in the office of the superintendent of the Fifth division, railway mail service, the office being in the government building at Cincinnati. Mr. Tudor has been in the railway mail service for the past thirty years, a major portion of the time on the road. His birth occurred at Windsor, Ashtabula county, Ohio, July 4, 1847, his parents being William and Philena (Griswold) Tudor.

William Tudor was born at Delaware, Ohio, but as a child removed with the family to Ashtabula county, where they resided until 1855. He was a merchant of Windsor, and also a manufacturer of cheese in large quantities in connection with the buying and selling of farm produce as well as honey. He was reared by Mr. Lathrop Rawdon, an extensive merchant, who taught all of the details of the business to the young man as he grew up. Later, when Mr. Rawdon moved to Cov-

ington, Ky., Mr. Tudor continued in the mercantile business alone. Mr. William Tudor located at Union Corners, Clermont county, Ohio, between Mt. Repose and Branch Hill, and there engaged in peach culture. Shortly after the beginning of this business, Mr. Rawdon again joined him and they purchased one hundred and twenty-five acres of land, on which they planted ten thousand peach trees, and he was thus associated with Mr. Rawdon until the death of the latter gentleman. The business established at that time was continued for years, raising immense crops of peaches during the war times of 1861-65. In later years, Mr. Tudor became crippled, which impaired his activity. He died in 1893, at the age of seventy-three years. The father of William died early in life and his mother later became Mrs. Evans, of New Brighton, where she died at an advanced age.

Amos Hiram Tudor is one of five children, of whom one older than he died in infancy.

Frank, married Miss McClellan, and passed away at the age of fifty-five years, his wife having left this life some years prior. He was a resident of California and left two sons and two daughters.

Lewis, married a daughter of Albert Queal, and died at the age of fifty years, at Boulder, Colo.

Ezra, died in 1911, at the old home.

Philena (Griswold) Tudor, the mother of the subject of this mention, was born at Windsor, Ashtabula county, Ohio, about 1825, and was a daughter of Erastus and —— (Bugby) Griswold. The former was a successful farmer and business man. Philena (Griswold) Tudor passed peacefully away at the old home near Mt. Repose, at the age of seventy-two years, about ten years after the death of her husband.

Amos Tudor was reared and educated in Miami township, and completed a business course at Lebanon, Ohio, and entered upon the agricultural business until the call for aid from the country in 1861. He enlisted in May, 1864, when about sixteen years of age, in Company H, One Hundred and Fifty-third regiment, and in September, 1864, joined the Fifty-sixth regiment, Company D, Ohio volunteer infantry, and served until his discharge, in July, 1865, at New Orleans, serving fourteen months in the war without receiving a scratch.

The marriage of Mr. Tudor to Miss Maria Wainwright Megrue, took place in 1868, in the beautiful home overlooking the town of Milford, which later became the home of Governor

Pattison. Her father, William Megrue, passed away in this same peaceful home. Mrs. Tudor is one of ten children, of whom six reached maturity, five sisters and one brother, M. N. Megrue, who was warden of the State penitentiary of Colorado for several years, and was president of the board of managers of the Colorado State Industrial School at the time of his decease. He was a prominent man of affairs, and was commissioner of Pueblo county. He, with his father, William Megrue, helping to organize the First National Bank of Batavia, later organizing the First National Bank of Piqua, Ohio. He secured large farming interests near Buckley, Illinois, which he sold out later and removed to Colorado. He was one of the contractors building the Denver & Rio Grande railroad and started the first overland freight train to Leadville. He owned a large ranch twelve miles from Pueblo, Colo., where his death occurred. The sisters who are living are:

Mrs. Melvina Porter, the widow of Thomas Porter, and resides at Boulder, Colorado, though she owns a home at New Antioch, Ohio.

Mrs. Amanda Barber, who is the widow of Robert Perry Barber, only son of Emley Barber, a pioneer resident and successful farmer of Clermont county.

Mrs. Melissa Harris, the wife of H. H. Harris, of Champaign, Ill., where he is a wealthy farmer and president of the First National Bank of that place.

Mrs. Ella Young, a widow, residing at Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Tudor are the parents of three sons and three daughters:

Ella, who is the wife of Harry B. McClure, of Boulder, Colo., where he is manager for the Gas & Electric Company, of that city. They have one son, George Tubor McClure.

William McGrue, of San Francisco, is an expert accountant and is a member of the Expert Accountant's Association. He married Miss Babcock, of Colorado, who died in 1910, leaving two sons and two daughters, Dorothy, Mary, William, Jr., and Dwight. They resided at Denver until recently, when they removed to San Francisco.

Elbert E., of Oakland, Cal., is in the employ of the Pullman Palace Car Company. He married Miss Grace Glascock, of Milford.

Ezra A., of Portland, Ore., is a general contractor of the firm of E. A. Tudor & Company. He married Miss Ida Gilli-

gan, a Colorado lady, and they have a son and a daughter—Ralph and Barbara.

Anne married Joseph Enigher, of Milford, Ohio.

Miss Melissa, at home.

Mr. Tudor is a Republican, and for years was very active in political affairs. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, being commander of the S. R. S. West Post, No. 544, of Milford. Mr. and Mrs. Tudor are members of the Methodist church.

In business life, Mr. Tudor has held to high ideals, recognizing that every business should be a source of service to the public as well as personal profit. He has never been too occupied with personal interests to perform the duty which each man owes to his fellow men, and with a sense of conscientious obligation, has done all in his power to ease the life burden of his fellowmen.

JEREMIAH PRICE.

Mr. Jeremiah Price, a resident of Milford, Ohio, since 1907, has been an active factor in agricultural circles of Clermont county for many years, his birth occurring in Miami township, this county, opposite Camp Dennison, November 17, 1835, his parents being Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Wiggins) Price.

Jeremiah Sr., was born in Virginia in 1790, and when ten years of age accompanied his father, Daniel Price, to Hamilton county, settling where Camp Dennison now is in 1800, then locally called Germany, on account of so many Germans living there, where Daniel Price conducted a tannery until his death. The Price family are of German descent. Jeremiah Price, the father, followed farming successfully until his demise in 1870, at the age of eighty years. He was an active Methodist, being a licensed local preacher, and was widely and favorably known all over this section of the country.

Elizabeth (Wiggins) Price was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, July 30, 1794, and came with her parents to Terrace Park, Hamilton county, Ohio, in 1797. Her people were prominent in the Methodist church in the early days and were accompanied from Pennsylvania to Ohio by several families, who were natives of Pennsylvania. She died in 1887, after an active life in church work.

To the union of Jeremiah and Elizabeth Price twelve chil-

dren were born, all of whom grew to maturity. One sister, Rachel, who became Mrs. Gebhart, of Middletown, Ohio, and our subject are the only ones who are still living. A brother, John, was a soldier in the Civil war, and died soon after his return from the war.

Jeremiah Price, the subject of this mention, received the usual educational advantages of those days and has followed the occupation of farming all of his active life. He remained with his parents on the home farm until their lives ended, giving them the very best care and attention.

In 1860, in Clermont county, Mr. Price became united in wedlock to Miss Louisa Fitzwater, who was born and reared in Miami township, and is a daughter of Thomas and Anna (Mitchell) Fitzwater, the former of whom was a native of New Jersey, his birth taking place September 12, 1793. When he was eight years of age his parents came to Ohio, locating first near Camp Dennison, but later settled in Miami township, where they entered upon the occupation of farming. His father's name was Thomas also, and was one of four brothers who came from New Jersey and settled in this vicinity, his wife being a native of Scotland, who was Louise Beulah Halstead.

Anna (Mitchell) Fitzwater was born in 1802 in Pennsylvania, and when two years old came with her parents, James and Ruth (Leming) Mitchell, to Clermont county. She passed from this life in June, 1872. This couple raised seven children to maturity, and one to the age of twelve years.

Mrs. Price was reared and educated in Miami township, and is the mother of two children:

William P., who was born April 25, 1861, died December 2, 1901. He married Miss Alma Smizer, of Miami township, who is a daughter of Henry Parker. They had three children: Nellie L., became the wife of Charles Mueller; Edwin, at home, and Louisa, at home.

Elnora, is the widow of Charles Shaw, a farmer of Miami township, where she now resides. She has had three children: Charles Samuel, was born in 1897; Milton, died at the age of six years, and Lenora, died at two years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Price are consistent members of the Methodist church, of which they are active workers. Mr. Price is of the Republican persuasion, although he is not strictly partisan.

In 1906, Mr. Price sold the home farm and purchased the

beautiful home in Milford, which they now occupy. While he is retired from active life he still takes an interest in all the affairs of the town and vicinity. He has a large circle of friends, who have known him for many years, and give to him the honor and respect which he so well deserves.

GEORGE HICKEY.

George Hickey, one of the leading liverymen of Clermont county, Ohio, having a fine stable and equipment at Milford, Ohio, in connection with the sales business, has been engaged in this business since 1877. He was born at Cincinnati, December 16, 1850, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Welch) Hickey.

John Hickey was born in Switzerland, at Condone Baron, and came to America as a young man, finally settling at Cincinnati, where he established a shoe business on Pearl street, being a shoemaker by trade. Tiring of this business he conducted a saloon at the East End Garden for about two years, after which he started the first saloon in Linwood, called the "Cross Key" or "Butchers' Headquarters." He continued here for several years, and then conducted a hotel and bar for one year at Plainville, Ohio. In Columbus he had charge of a saloon on High street and three months before his death, he ran a hotel and bar at Rannelsburg.

Elizabeth Welch was born in Baden, Germany, and came to America at the age of thirteen years. She had nine brothers, of whom Andrew settled at Pleasant Ridge, in the first years of their residence in America. Andrew was a carpenter of that place for fifty years. He was also a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting from Ohio. Mrs. Hickey died in 1901, at Milford, at the age of eighty-two years. She was a Presbyterian in religious faith.

George Hickey is one of five children:

Hattie, died in young womanhood.

Laura, married John Simoaton, and her death occurred at Milford, leaving two daughters.

Eva, married Gus Norz, of Milford.

Carrie, died as a young woman.

George Hickey came to Milford at the outbreak of the Civil war, being a resident for over fifty years. He attended

the common schools and for twenty-eight years was engaged as a carrier of the mail, between Milford and Blanchester, by the way of Newtonville. He carried the first mail to Perintown from Milford, to the Norfolk & Western railway. He embarked in the livery business in 1877, with practically no capital, but in a small way began the business which has grown to large proportions. He keeps about fifteen head of horses all the time and employs seven men. He has all the necessary equipments for the handling of large funerals, and in addition buys and sells fine driving horses.

Mr. Hickey was united in marriage in 1884 to Miss Pauline Van Neally, who was born at Newtonville, Clermont county, and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Van Neally. Mrs. Hickey has two sisters and one brother living. Mrs. Mollie Clemons and Mrs. John Collins, of Wayne township, this county. Charles Van Neally was a soldier in the Civil war.

Mr. and Mrs. Hickey have three children :

Ross and John, of the undertaking firm of Hickey Brothers, of Milford. This business was established in the spring of 1912, and is doing a good business for so young an enterprise.

Eva, at home.

Mr. Hickey is always a Democrat, although he is liberal in his views. In religious matters, he favors the faith of the Presbyterian church, having been reared in that church. He is liberal in the support of this denomination. The family residence is on Mound street, and is one of comfortable proportions.

The success of Mr. Hickey is due to the careful and close attention to all of the details of the business, taking advantage of the opportunities that present themselves to him.

ANDREW BALZHISER.

Germany has furnished to the United States many valued citizens, who have crossed the broad ocean to seek their fortune in the "Land of Great Opportunity" and to this class belongs Mr. Andrew Balzhiser, the genial and energetic proprietor of one of the leading general grocery stores of Milford, Ohio, where for the past twenty years he has served his townspeople with first class provisions.

Mr. Balzhiser was born near the City of Worms, in Hessen

Darmstadt, Germany, January 15, 1844, his parents being Jacob and Catherine (Clauder) Balzhiser, who brought their family to America in 1854, locating first at Cincinnati, and later engaged in farming in Warren county, Ohio. In 1857, they removed to a farm in Hamilton county, Ohio, remaining there until 1860, when they came to Clermont county, where they purchased a farm in Stonelick township, near Boston. The parents remained at this place until their deaths, the mother passing away in 1884, in the seventy-eighth year of her age, and the father in 1887, in his eighty-eighth year. In politics, Jacob was a Republican, and in religion the family were all members of the Lutheran church, in which they were active workers.

Andrew Balzhiser attended school in Germany to the age of ten-years, after which he attended the schools of Ohio and worked on his father's farm, as a boy and youth. He enlisted in Company G, Eighty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, at Boston, Clermont county, August 12, 1862. He served in the "Army of the Cumberland," Fourteen corps, under General "Pap" Thomas, participating in all the engagements with his regiment, but was so fortunate as never to receive a scratch. He was in the engagement at Chickamauga, went into battle with one thousand men and came out one of two hundred and twenty-five. He was with General Sherman on his famous "March to the Sea," during the winter of 1864-65, and participated in the grand review at Washington, D. C. His discharge papers were made out and he was mustered out at Camp Dennison, June, 1865. During the three years of service in the army, he was never ill one day, and was never wounded.

Returning to Clermont county after the war, Mr. Balzhiser engaged in the huckster business, securing produce from Clinton county and marketing at Cincinnati. He continued this business for twenty-one years, and since then has engaged independently in the grocery business at his present stand.

The marriage of Mr. Balzhiser to Miss Harriet Brunare, occurred at Milford, Ohio, in 1871, she having been born at New Orleans. Her father died when she was an infant, and her mother came to the home of the latter's father, Jacob Olige, an early resident farmer of Stonelick township.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Balzhiser has been blessed with eight children, and the family circle remains unbroken by the hand of death. They are as follows:

Catherine, became the wife of Rev. Herbert Shaw, of the Methodist church, and now lives in Michigan. They are the parents of two children.

Miss Harriet is a trained nurse of Lexington, Ky.

Miss Elizabeth, is a trained nurse of New York City.

Fanette, is Mrs. William Monahan, of Cincinnati.

Miss Ella, is at home with her parents.

Miss Jessie, is engaged as bookkeeper with the Gidding Company, of Cincinnati.

Andrew J., who married Miss Jennie Arnold, is associated with his father in the store.

Miss Charlotte, at home.

Mr. Balzhiser owns a comfortable home in South Milford, and has built another home in town, which he rents. He favors the principles of the Republican party, and is a member of the S. R. S. West Post, No. 64, Grand Army of the Republic, of Milford. He and his family are members of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Balzhiser has many sterling traits of character, which have awakened the esteem of the community in which he has made his home for so many years. He is a busy man, whose life is one of activity and usefulness, and his endeavors have been crowned with a gratifying success.

COL. JONATHAN S. DONHAM.

Col. Jonathan S. Donham, deceased, was the father of Robert W. Donham, retired farmer, of New Richmond, and the grandfather of Mrs. T. P. White, of the same place.

The Donham family is of Spanish descent, the original name being "Don Singleton." Toward the end of the Sixteenth century, one of the ancestors became noted as an active Liberal or Rebel, and was arrested, tried and banished. After his sentence he escaped and fled to Scotland, there assuming the name, "Don Ham," later corrupted to Donham. A son or a grandson of his immigrated to America and settled in what is now New Jersey, was twice married and reared several sons and daughters. One of these sons, Nathaniel, the father of Jonathan S., in 1794 moved from Pennsylvania down the Ohio river, settling at the mouth of the Miami river. About 1800, he moved into Clermont county and located on Ten Mile creek,

in what is now Pierce township, where he spent the remainder of his life.

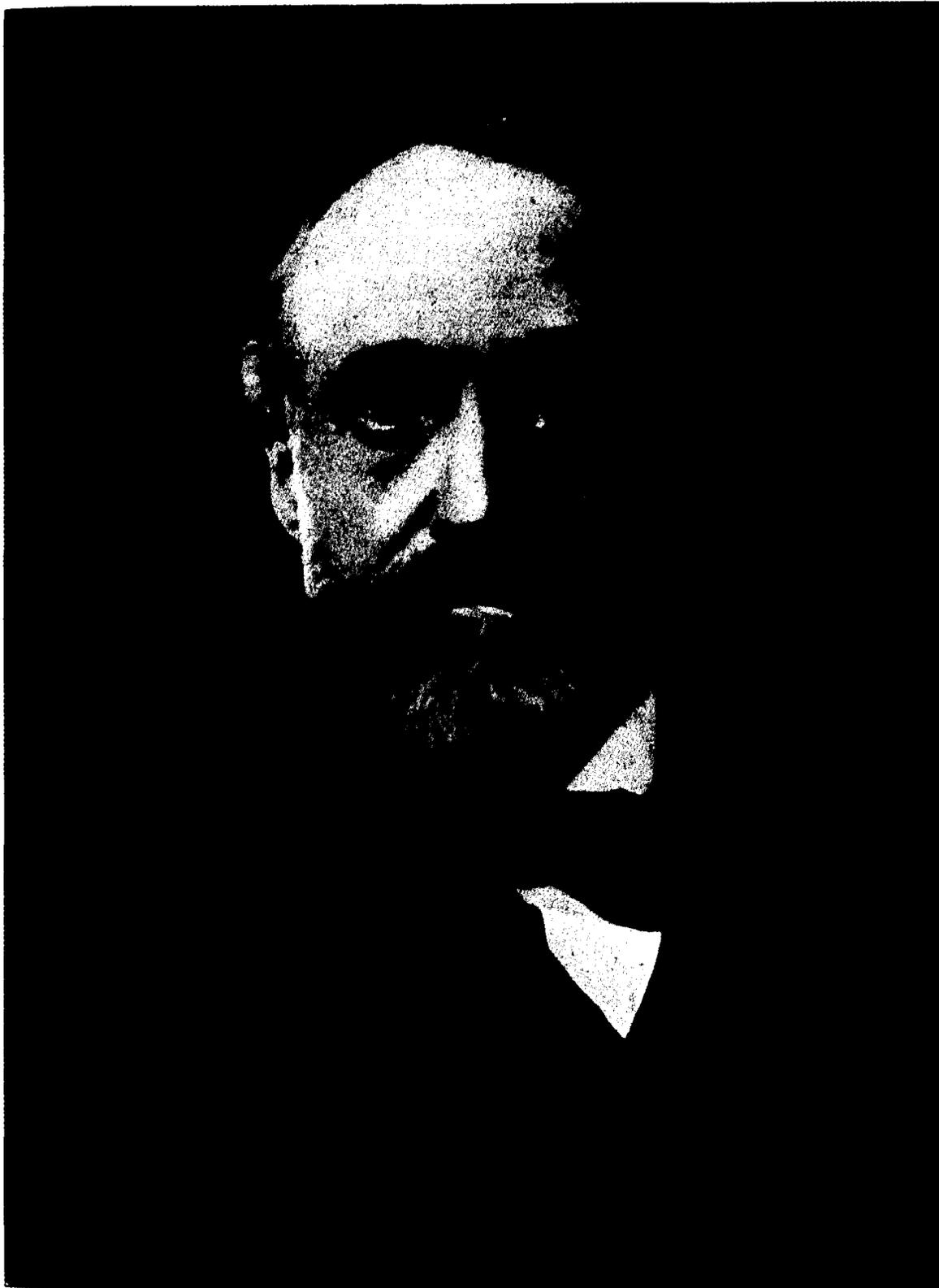
Jonathan S. Donham was the youngest child of Nathaniel and the latter's second wife, and located on Twelve Mile creek, Ohio township. He had an inclination for trading in live stock and in this line was very successful, eventually securing several hundred acres of land, on which he raised fine stock and gaining a reputation for importing in southern Clermont blooded horses, cattle and hogs. His first wife was Hiley Ross, who left no children. He married Miss Elizabeth Ayers, of New Jersey, on April 19, 1818, and they reared eleven children, four sons and seven daughters, of whom one is now living, Robert W. Donham, of New Richmond.

Colonel Donham was an officer in the War of 1812 and was present at the siege of Fort Meigs, now Fremont, Ohio. In after years, he was a general of militia, and was one of the best farmers and stockmen of Clermont county. He was a man of fine personal and social habits, who lived to an advanced age. There are many descendants of this fine pioneer family of Clermont county, who are numbered among the representative citizens.

JOSEPH W. EMERY.

Mr. Joseph W. Emery is the owner and operator of a splendidly improved farm of twenty-seven and one-half acres in Miami township, just outside of Loveland, Ohio, where he carries on general farming and stock raising. His present home was started by his father in 1859 and was completed during the Civil war. It has been improved and added to from time to time and is now a beautiful home surrounded by fine trees, many of them the natural timber. Some pine trees have been set out which adds to the beauty of the place. Joseph W. Emery was born in Indiana, at Knightstown, December 9, 1847, and is a son of Capt. Andrew Barton and Julia Ann (Weller) Emery.

Andrew Barton Emery was born at the old homestead of his father, John Emery, which is situated just across the road from the home of the subject of this mention. At the time of the Civil war, in answer to the country's need, Andrew Barton Emery organized one company of infantry, and the First Ohio cavalry, mainly from Clermont county, being first lieutenant



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in the infantry, but as the quota of seventy-five thousand was full, did not go out. Later, he organized Company G, First Ohio cavalry, which he took out as captain. For five months prior to his death, he was acting major, commanding Companies A, G, and B, of the First Ohio cavalry, and his commission was made out but not delivered when he was mortally wounded at the Battle of Russellville, Alabama, and five days later, July 10, 1862, passed to the great beyond, there to receive the soldier's reward. Capt. Andrew Barton Emery was a physician and surgeon, graduating from the Ohio Medical College of Cincinnati, in the class of 1846. He was a practicing physician for over twenty years beside securing and improving his farm. His wife, Julia Ann (Weller) Emery, was born near Simms Station, Hamilton county, Ohio, and her death occurred in 1901. Andrew Emery had three brothers and four sisters, all now deceased.

John Emery, the grandfather of Joseph W., was born in New Jersey and came to Clermont county as a young man, bringing his wife and children overland and residing here until his death, in 1856. He was county judge, a member of the Ohio legislature, and was a large land owner, raising fancy stock. He was a prominent man and was highly esteemed. His wife was Miss Deborah Waters, a native of England.

Joseph W. Emery is the eldest of four children, the others being:

Charles R., of Seymour, Ind.

Randolph.

Clara, who is the widow of R. B. Brock, and had one son, William Bruce, who died at the age of nineteen years.

Mr. J. W. Emery has always resided at the old home and his marriage to Miss Evangeline Rose occurred in 1880. Miss Rose was born in Dublin, Ireland, a daughter of Arthur and Clara (Lindley) Rose, who came to America in the fall of 1864, locating at Cincinnati, where Mr. Rose was engaged in the drug business for many years. Later, he became the cashier of the United States Baking Company. He died, April 28, 1911, in the eighty-second year of his life and his wife died July 7, 1893, aged sixty-four years. Mrs. Emery is one of six children, the others being residents of Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery have had nine children:

Mima L. married Dan Myers, of Carthage, Ohio, and her death took place February 28, 1910.

Barton died at the age of twenty-two months.

Julia A., wife of Cecil Irvin, of Cincinnati, who has one daughter, Beatrice.

Edna became the wife of Don English, residing near Loveland. They have one son, Edwin.

Andrew, at home.

Erma, wife of Dr. W. D. Howe, prominent surgeon of Carlisle, Ky.

Arthur died at eight years of age.

Evangeline, at home.

Clara Barton, at home.

Politically, Mr. Emery is of the Republican persuasion, and has acted in the capacity of assessor of the township. Mrs. Emery is a member of the Eastern Star of Loveland. The Masonic lodge, of Loveland, is named for John Emery, and the G. A. R. Post is named for Capt. Andrew Barton Emery.

Mr. Emery is warm-hearted and of inflexible integrity, possessing in the fullest degree the confidence and esteem of his neighbors and with all with whom he is associated in business.

JACOB BALZHISER.

Mr. Jacob Balzhiser, who is engaged in the real estate business at Milford, Ohio, is a representative of a family of German lineage, who for the past fifty-two years has been well and favorably known in Clermont county, Ohio.

Jacob Balzhiser was born on the River Rhine, near the City of Worms, Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, March 19, 1846, and is one of eight children born to Jacob and Catherine (Clauder) Balzhiser, whose life record is mentioned on another page of these volumes. Those of the family who are living are as follows:

Catherine, who is eighty-five years of age, is residing at Norwood, Ohio, and is the widow of George Veidt, a Warren county, Ohio, farmer.

Henry, who is a farmer of Stonelick township, lives near Owensville, this county.

Andrew, a grocer of Milford.

Jacob, of this mention.

William, a retired liquor dealer of Dayton, Ohio.

Those of the family who are deceased are as follows:

John, who was a twin brother of Andrew, was a butcher of

Hamilton county, Ohio. His demise occurred some three years since.

Margaret, who became the wife of August Helms, passed away in 1908, her husband having died in 1906.

Anthony, who was a butcher by business, died in 1904 at Milford.

Jacob Balzhiser was reared on the farm of his father and acquired a good common school education and followed the occupation of farming until 1887, when he removed to Milford, where he has since resided. For sixteen years he was engaged in the coal business, but in later years has conducted a real estate business, handling town, suburban and country property, and in this line of business he has met with splendid success.

In the year of 1872, Mr. Balzhiser married Miss Maggie Diebold, a native of Warren county. She died in 1876, leaving three children:

George, became a florist, and resides at Chicago. He married Miss Anna Kruse, and they have one son, George K.

Frank, a resident of Milford, is a bookkeeper at Cincinnati. He married Miss Alice Brower and they are the parents of three children—Roger, Earl, and Margaret.

Catherine, who is Mrs. William Sickenger, of Milford, and to this union has been born one daughter, Ruth.

The second marriage of Mr. Jacob Balzhiser was celebrated in 1882, to Miss Anna Grimm, of Newport, Ky., a daughter of Daniel and Magdalena (Hildabold) Grimm. The former was a veteran of the Civil war, serving in the Ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, having been a prisoner of Libby prison for some time. His death occurred in 1867, and his wife passed away in 1909, in the eighty-sixth year of her age. Mrs. Balzhiser is one of eight children:

George, is now living at the Soldiers' Home at Dayton, Ohio. He was in the one hundred day service.

Those deceased are Louie, Theodore, John, Louise, Katherine, and Elizabeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Balzhiser have four children:

Charles, is a locomotive engineer by business, and is a resident of Lewiston, Mont. He married Miss Esther Slatter.

Albert, is a telegraph operator for the Western Union Company, at Spokane, Wash.

Minnie, is the wife of Gatch Runyan, who is in the employ of the Baldwin Piano Company, at Milford. They have one son, Russell.

Harry, of Elliston, Mont., is an operator for the Union Pacific Railway Company.

Mr. Balzhiser gives his allegiance to the Republican party and was formerly a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Lutheran church, while Mrs. Balzhiser is a member of the Baptist church. Mr. Balzhiser takes an active interest in all worthy enterprises, and has won the high regard of all with whom he is associated in business and social circles as well.

JOHN A. BOYCE.

The subject of this sketch, John A. Boyce, a highly esteemed citizen of Milford, Ohio, has for the past eight years carried on a successful contracting and building business. He employs a large force of skilled mechanics and has erected many fine residences and churches in this vicinity. He was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, in 1853, and is a son of Samuel and Agnes (Arnold) Boyce.

Samuel Boyce was a native of Belfast, Ireland, as was also his wife. He learned the trade of carpenter in Ireland, which he followed until his marriage to Miss Agnes Arnold, in 1840, when the young couple left their birthplace to come to America, locating first at New York, later at Pittsburgh, and finally at Cincinnati. After a time Samuel bought a farm near Milford, and gave his entire time to agricultural pursuits. In 1864, he sold the farm, buying another near Mt. Carmel, Ohio, which was his home until his death, in 1878. He was an active Republican, and was a charter member of the grange at Mt. Carmel, which was organized in his home. He was of the Universalist belief, being an active member.

Agnes (Arnold) Boyce was a daughter of Alexander and Margaret (Houston) Arnold. Her father, Alexander, was a physician in the early part of his life, but did some farming in his later years. His father was one of four brothers who immigrated to Ireland from Scotland, owing to the persecution of the "Covenanters." They located in Northern Ireland, he in County Antrim, where he lived until his death.

Samuel and Agnes Boyce were the parents of three children:

Margaret, married William Crosset, of Cincinnati, who was

in the transfer business. He died in 1909, and she resides on the farm near Mt. Carmel.

Matilda, died on the home farm near Mt. Carmel in 1907.

John A., the subject of this review.

John A. Boyce was educated in the common schools and at the age of twenty years, he decided to learn the trade of contractor and builder, which, when completed, he followed for five years in Cincinnati. With this exception, Mr. Boyce has lived in Clermont county since 1864, and in addition to his business, resided on and operated the home farm near Mt. Carmel, until in 1904, when he took up his residence in Milford.

Mr. John Boyce was married in Cincinnati, in 1881, to Miss Emma Davis, who was born at Bristol, England, and who came with her parents, George and Eliza Davis, to Clinton county, Ohio, when she was five years of age. This was her home until her father died, after which the family moved to Cincinnati. Mr. and Mrs. Boyce have three daughters and one son—Alice, Howard, Agnes, and Margaret.

In political views, Mr. Boyce has voted the independent ticket for the past twenty years, and has always taken an active interest in all political affairs. He and Mrs. Boyce are members of the Grange of Mt. Carmel, and have been identified with this organization for thirty years. Mr. Boyce and his family are members of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Boyce is well known in the county which has been his home for so many years, and is among the foremost because of his unremitting diligence and his employment of methods that require no disguise. He has made a business that is as creditable as it is honorable.

LUDWIG H. FREY.

Ludwig H. Frey, one of the prosperous farmers and large stock raisers of Clermont county, Ohio, owning and operating the Stephen Goble farm of ninety-three acres of well cultivated land northeast of New Richmond, was born in Ohio township, this county, June 13, 1862, and is a son of John Henry Ludwig and Elizabeth (Derachter) Frey, who were natives of Byron, Switzerland, the latter of whom was born in 1831, and died April 19, 1903.

John Henry Ludwig Frey was born July 24, 1831, and brought his family to America, arriving at New York on December 31, 1854, where they remained a short time. From here he went to Massillon, Ohio; spending but two years there, he went to Missouri. At the end of the following year he returned to Ohio, taking up his residence in Cincinnati, where he remained until 1860, at which time they settled in Ohio township, on a small farm they had secured. In August, 1862, J. H. L. Frey enlisted in Company G, Fiftieth Ohio volunteer infantry, and served nearly two years, contracting a disease, from which he died July 31, 1864. He had written a letter home on his birthday, which was the last the family received from him. He was the father of five children, three of whom died when young, and two grew to maturity, Adolph, who was a resident of Washington township, died in 1909 at the age of fifty years, and Ludwig H., the subject of this mention.

Ludwig H. Frey was reared and educated in Ohio township, where he has spent his life thus far, and in 1893 became united in marriage to Miss Lenna C. Goble, who was born in Ohio township January 21, 1862, and is a daughter of Stephen P. and Frances (Ashburn) Goble, the latter a daughter of Richard Ashburn and a sister of the late Judge Thomas Q. Ashburn, mention of whom is made in this work. Stephen P. Goble was born in 1831, and met his death in 1866, by a shot fired from the gun of a trespasser. Frances (Ashburn) Goble was married the second time to William Lillick, and died in 1888, in her fifty-third year.

Mrs. L. H. Frey is one of three children:

Richard, died in his twenty-fourth year.

Miss Bessie Goble, of this county.

The farm which is now owned by Ludwig H. Frey was settled in 1832, by the grandfather of Mrs. Frey, Stephen Goble, who cleared and developed the farm, building first a substantial log house, later remodeling as it is today. Stephen Goble was a steam boat engineer, which occupation he followed until his retirement. He was born in 1804, on the 9th of March, at Bethel, and died in 1889, at his home one-half mile above New Richmond. He left Bethel at the age of fifteen years, and for forty years operated on the Ohio river, between Pittsburgh and New Orleans. In later years, he was a stockholder and treasurer of the Batavia and New Richmond Turnpike Company. His first wife was Elizabeth Brown, and to their union

were born seven children, one of whom was Stephen P., the father of Mrs. Frey. He married a second time a sister of his first wife, Alice Brown, who was born in Clermont county, January 17, 1819, and died in 1879. To this union were born five daughters and one son. The great-grandfather of Mrs. Frey was William Goble, who was a son of a Revolutionary soldier, and was the only one of his family to locate in Clermont county, Ohio. Mrs. Frey's grandmother and her sister were daughters of Rev. George Brown, who was a prominent Methodist minister, and was also one of the early mill owners of Washington township. He became a large land owner, and was one of the substantial men of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Frey are the parents of three children, all of whom have been born at the present home. They are—Harold C., Marguerite, and Dorothy E.

Mr. Frey is an active member of the Republican party, although not an office seeker. He holds membership with the Sons of Veterans, and was confirmed in the Lutheran church, of which his parents were active members, but attends the Methodist church, Mrs. Frey being a member of that denomination.

CAPT. WILLIAM P. FLANEGAN.

Capt. William P. Flanegan is numbered among the successful men of Clermont county, Ohio, who were born and bred upon the farm and who have won the deserved prominence they now enjoy through their own energy and steadfastness of purpose. He is a progressive farmer and stockman, residing in the home of his father and grandfather, the latter, John Flanegan, being a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, who came to America with his wife, Jane (Anderson) Flanegan, in 1800. They resided for a time in Pennsylvania, along the Monongahela river, and later floated down the Ohio river by flat boat to this section.

John and Jane Flanegan settled on a tract of land which is still in the family, and was the first small purchase of "Military Land" here that has remained in the same family to the present time. The title was received in 1812, some six years after the location and purchase was made. John Flanegan died in middle life about 1816, leaving beside his wife, one son and four daughters. Jane (Anderson) Flanegan was a

native of Scotland, and was an active Presbyterian lady. She lived to the advanced age of ninety-six years, her demise occurring in 1858. To this union were born three sons and four daughters, of whom two sons died in their youth. The daughters grew to maturity, married, and lived to advanced ages.

James Flanegan, the father of our subject, William P. Flanegan, was born in Monroe township in 1801 and passed away in November, 1843. He followed the occupation of farming and stock raising all of his life on this same farm. He was a stalwart Jackson Democrat, and was a man highly esteemed in the community. In 1840, James married, in Clermont county, near Moscow, Miss Mary Garrett, who was born in 1810 and died in 1890, aged eighty years. She was a daughter of John Garrett and wife, the former of whom was an uncle of Cyrus Garrett, a successful business man of Cincinnati, and a brother-in-law of Thomas Buchanan Read, the author of "Drifting" and "Sheridan's Ride." The latter famous poem was written at Mr. Garrett's home in Cincinnati, between Walnut and Vine streets, on Eighth street, in 1864. James Flanegan was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church.

Capt. William P. Flanegan had one brother, John, who was a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting first in Company B, Fifty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, later enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifty-third and Sixty-fourth regiments. He was engaged in the battles of Shiloh and many others, including Mill Springs, Nashville and Franklin. His death took place in 1884, in the forty-second year of his age, leaving a family of four children, beside his wife, Nannie (Chapman) Flanegan.

The subject of this mention, Capt. William P. Flanegan, was born in his present home, February 3, 1841, and was reared and educated in the schools of the county, also attending the Clermont Academy, where he was secretary of the lyceum. He spent his youth on the farm and began his business life on the Ohio river, handling corn, tan bark and cord wood. During the thirty years he was engaged in this business he averaged shipping sixty thousand bushels of corn and two thousand cords of wood per year. He was the pioneer shipper of lime stone for building purposes, from his farm to Cincinnati, operating a large quarry on his farm and shipping by flat boat.

Of later years, Captain Flanegan has devoted more of his

attention to general farming, in addition to which he takes contracts with the war department to furnish supplies to the military posts at Columbus, Indianapolis and Fort Thomas.

Captain Flanegan takes an active part in politics, and is an independent Republican, having been a candidate for county commissioner and township trustee, although he does not seek these offices, being prevailed upon by his friends to run for them.

The marriage of Capt. William P. Flanegan to Miss Laura Archard took place in this county in 1865. Mrs. Flanegan is a daughter of James and Jane (Warren) Archard, and a sister of the late Mrs. E. A. Conner, who was a literary woman, and was one of the editors of the "Cincinnati Commercial." She made a trip around the world, including Alaska, Honolulu and Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. Flanegan are the parents of four children, who are:

William A., who graduated from the normal school at Lebanon, Ohio, and is a lawyer of Chicago. He is married and has three children.

Mary, married J. W. Scribner, of near Spokane, Wash. They have five children.

Jennie married Grant Harris, a lawyer of St. Paul, Minn. They have four sons and one daughter.

Laura, married J. K. Day, of near Hamlet, Clermont county. There are six children in this family.

Mr. Flanegan takes a great interest in the farmers' institute, and has presented several instructive papers before the institute. He has also been a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen for many years.

FREDERICK W. FRIDMAN.

Frederick W. Fridman is numbered among the progressive and successful business men of Clermont county, Ohio, whose diligence constitutes the force that has brought to him his present enviable position in commercial circles, and is thus living up to the standard which the men of this family have always maintained.

The subject of this mention was born at the family home near the Ohio river, October 11, 1876, and there grew to young manhood. He pursued his education in the public

schools, after which he became a student at Parker's Academy, this county. He then attended Antioch College, at Yellow Springs, Ohio, later entering the Wesleyan University, where he spent one term.

The business career of Mr. F. W. Fridman began in 1896, when he became associated with his brothers in the lumber business, at New Richmond, Ohio, and for three years continued with this company. He afterward spent eight years with the Fridman Seating Company, residing in the meantime on the farm at Clermontville until the fall of 1906, when his present comfortable home at New Richmond was completed. Since May, 1912, Mr. Fridman has again been associated with the Fridman Lumber Company, as assistant secretary and treasurer. He has also served as director of the First National Bank at New Richmond for the past two years. He is a member of the board of public works of the village of New Richmond.

Mr. Frederick W. Fridman was united in marriage to Miss Clara Bernice Moreton, May 24, 1899. She is a daughter of Isaac Moreton, who was a son of William and Mary (McNeill) Moreton, the latter of whom was a sister of the late Harbison McNeill, mentioned elsewhere in these volumes, and her death occurred March 6, 1884. Mrs. Fridman's father died in April, 1909, in his sixtieth year. Mr. and Mrs. Fridman are the parents of one son, Donald, who was born on January 11, 1901. He is attending school.

Politically, Mr. Fridman is a standard advocate of the principles of the Democratic party and although he is not an office seeker, he is interested in all public affairs of the day.

Socially, Mr. Fridman is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and also of the Masonic order, being past master of the Buckeye Lodge, No. 150. Religiously, both Mr. Fridman and his wife are devoted members of the Mt. Zion Christian church at Clermontville. Mr. Fridman is meeting with success in all of his undertakings and enjoys an unassailable reputation for reliability and enterprise.

LEWIS L. FRIDMAN.

Lewis L. Fridman, well known in Clermont county, Ohio, where for sixty-five years he has been a resident, is one of a family who inherits an unusual amount of executive ability

and business sagacity from their father, Franklin Fridman, and by following his example have earned prosperity as well as universal respect and esteem of all in the community in which they live.

Lewis L. Fridman was born at Clermontville, Ohio, August 25, 1847, and was reared and has since resided in the neighborhood of the village of his birth. He received a good education and was associated with his brothers, Franklin M., George Henry, and Lincoln W., in the mercantile business at Clermontville until they sold out, in 1890, after which, having been reared to agricultural pursuits, he turned his attention to that line of industry.

The marriage of Lewis Fridman and Miss Emma R. Shaw was solemnized in Ohio township, April 20, 1871. She was born in Monroe township and was reared there, she being a daughter of Jonathan and Lina (Wyatt) Shaw. Her education was acquired at Parker's Academy. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Fridman have been born the following children:

Rosamond, died in infancy.

Lina R., who was born September 5, 1873, is the wife of L. E. Rouse, of Cynthiana, Ky., a grocer of the firm of W. B. Rouse Grocery Company. They have two children, William Leonard and Anna Ruth.

Bertha, who was born September 28, 1875, is at home.

Bessie Pearl, born July 31, 1878, is Mrs. Philip A. Ireton, of Laurel. Mr. Ireton was formerly a merchant of Laurel, but is at present engaged in farming. They have two children, Harold and Elsie.

Edith Shaw, who was born April 7, 1885, is at home. She is a teacher in the Cincinnati schools. She has also taught several years at New Richmond, Ohio.

Mrs. Fridman's father, Jonathan Shaw, was born in 1824, in Ohio township, and passed away September 12, 1902. The mother, Lina (Wyatt) Shaw, was born March 22, 1830, and left this life December 17, 1886. They reared the following children:

Dr. William Shaw, now a resident of Idaho, was a teacher in this county for several years, where he owns some five hundred acres of land. He practiced a number of years at Cincinnati.

Mrs. L. L. Fridman, wife of the Mr. Fridman.

Mrs. Tillie Nichols, of Monroe township.

James E., of Fancy Prairie, Ill., is a farmer.

Mrs. Anna S. Houston died December 23, 1911. She was fifty-one years of age at the time of her death. George Houston is in the printing business at Cincinnati.

Laura, born April 17, 1857, died June 13, 1882.

Robert A., of Cincinnati, where for years he was in the grocery business, operating under the firm name of Robert A. Shaw Grocery Company. He is now with the street car company.

Etta, married C. W. Hartman, of Buffalo, N. Y. He has charge of the Indian reservation at Collins, N. Y.

Nora, who married Elmer M. Armacost, of Cincinnati, died February 27, 1896, in her twenty-eight year.

May, who is Mrs. Ernest Armacost, of Point Pleasant, was born April 4, 1872.

Mr. L. L. Fridman is a Democrat in politics and has served his party as township treasurer for two terms, and has been a member of the school board for several years. He and his family evidence their faith in Christianity by their membership in the Mt. Zion Christian Church.

FRANCIS A. McNEILL.

Francis A. McNeill, one of the leading and representative farmers of Clermont county, Ohio, who is living a retired life at Nicholasville, was born in Monroe township, this county, September 20, 1851, a son of Harbison and Susanna (Moreton) McNeill.

Harbison McNeill was born in Monroe township, Clermont county, Ohio, in 1826, and died in 1890. He was one of thirteen children, four of whom are residents of Clermont county. His father, John McNeill, was a native of Ireland. He was a son of wealthy parents, but when a young boy was influenced by sailors to leave home and to take passage for America. He drifted to Clermont county and securing some land was very successful along the lines of general farming, raising hay, grain and general farm produce. He married Lovina Stairs, whose parents were from Pennsylvania and came to Clermont county in the early days. John McNeill died in 1856, leaving quite an accumulated property. Harbison McNeill spent all his life on the old home farm, one and one-half miles from Laurel. Susanna Moreton was a native of Clermont county, having been

born in 1832, and died August 31, 1909. She was a daughter of William Morton, and a half-sister of Mr. William L., known as "Zack" Moreton who lives near Clermontville. Both she and her husband were members of the Methodist church.

Francis A. McNeill is the oldest of eight children, the others being:

Miss Emma D., at present residing with her brother, Francis A.

William, of Loveland, Ohio.

Miss Love, of Hyde Park, Cincinnati.

Robert, is a professor of music, teaching in the schools of Hyde Park.

M. H., is farming the home farm.

Mrs. Libbie L. Simmons, of Laurel, Ohio.

Charles, died in 1890, leaving three children. He was a farmer, thresher and general mechanic.

Mr. Francis A. McNeill pursued his education in the schools of Clermont county, finishing at Parker's Academy. In youth he assisted his father on the farm, familiarizing himself in all the details of the agricultural business, which has since been his occupation.

Mr. McNeill was united in marriage to Miss Lora J. McMurchey, in 1879, she being a daughter of Archabald McMurchey, who was a native of Clermont county, and a successful blacksmith and carriage maker of Nicholasville. His death occurred in 1885. Mrs. McNeill passed away March 11, 1912, in the fifty-seventh year of her age. She was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church.

In political views, Mr. McNeill favors the Republican party and is a member of the Methodist church. His energy and industry have been rewarded by a measure of prosperity, and he is now enjoying the well earned rest from active labors.

T. P. WHITE and SON.

The business of Mr. T. P. White & Son, funeral directors and embalmers, of New Richmond, Ohio, is one of the best and most fully equipped in the State, and have branch offices at Forestville and also at Ross, Ky. They employ three funeral cars, eight rubber tired broughams, an ambulance,

flower wagon, and, in fact, everything that goes with an up-to-date business of this kind. The company is prepared to do carriage painting, trimming and repair work and are recognized as progressive, successful business men.

Mr. T. P. White established a carriage manufacturing business in 1865, conducting the business for many years most successfully, thus gaining an enviable reputation in the commercial world of this section.

T. P. White was born at Bantam, Clermont county, Ohio, March 1, 1837, his parents being Forman and Mary (Rogers) White, the former a veteran of the War of 1812, and the latter a sister of the late Dr. John G. Rogers, a prominent physician of this county for many years. She was also an aunt of Mr. Frank White, of Batavia, Ohio, mentioned elsewhere in these volumes.

The early education of Mr. White was acquired in the schools of Clermont county at the same time assisting on the farm. He afterward learned the trade of carriage builder with his brother, Levi, a manufacturer at Bantam. He attended the first school of embalming at Cincinnati, which was the first school of its kind west of the New England States and still has the diploma received at that time. He served during the closing year of the Civil war in Company L, Ninth Ohio cavalry, and was many years an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic Post at New Richmond.

Mr. White was united in marriage to Flora, a daughter of Thomas L. and Evaline (Donham) Nichols, in 1865. The Nichols and Donham families were early and prominent representatives residents of Clermont county. Mr. and Mrs. White have the following children to bless their union:

Lew F., junior member of the firm of T. P. White & Son, who was born August 1, 1866, at New Richmond, and there received his early education, following which he attended the commercial college at Cincinnati. He then worked with his father for some years, becoming junior partner in 1901, and has since devoted his entire attention to the extensive business of the firm. From 1899 to 1900, Lew F. was an officer in the United States army transport service, on board the transport "Thomas," from the close of the Spanish-American war, in the Philippine insurrection. During his service, he twice circumnavigated the globe, spending nearly two years in the army service. When quite a young man Mr. L. F. White took a complete course in embalming at the New York Embalming

College, and has passed examinations in both Ohio and Kentucky, where he practices. He married Miss Belle, daughter of C. W. and Mary (Walker) Short, in 1892. Mrs. White's mother was a daughter of Caleb Walker, a kinsman of the Ashburn family. Mrs. White was born and reared at New Richmond, and is the mother of three children—Irene E., Pauline J., and Lewellyn T.

Eva, is the wife of F. A. Roberts, a successful lawyer of Missoula, Mont., and they have two sons.

Clifford L., who married Miss Minnie Winspear, of Ten Mile, this county, is engaged in the livery and auto business at New Richmond, Ohio. They are the parents of one son, Clifford W.

John R., is a commercial traveler for the Crane & Breed Manufacturing Company, of Cincinnati, residing at New Richmond, Ohio. He married Miss Dora Darkin, of Yellow Springs, Ohio, and they have one son and two daughters.

Jeanette is the wife of Harry Shaw, a hardware merchant of Texas. They have one son.

Both Mr. T. P. White and his son are Republicans, the latter having taken an active part in the party councils, and has served in the various local offices. The elder Mr. White served as treasurer of Ohio township, and as a councilman of New Richmond several terms, and from 1884-86 was treasurer of Clermont county. These gentlemen hold membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias lodges, the latter being a member of the Modern Woodmen of America in addition. The families are members of the Presbyterian church.

The paternal great-grandfather of T. P. White operated a transport during the Revolution. The paternal grandfather of L. F. White served in the War of 1812; his maternal grandfather, Thomas L. Nichols, was a naval officer in the Civil war, and his own service is already chronicled. The family has thus been well represented in the various conflicts of our country.

Mr. White and his sons are interested in all matters pertaining to the material, political, social, intellectual and moral progress of the community, and have co-operated in many movements for the public good, while in business affairs they manifest that keen discernment and unfaltering diligence that are necessary concomitants to a prosperous career.

THE PARK FAMILY.

As with most of their fellow people, the story of the Park family is one of frequent migration for many and long stay for only a few. Even the name has changed in form, but not in sound. Under an Act of Congress, June 1, 1832, a pension was granted August 9, 1833, for service in the Virginia militia, to John Parke, then for a time living in Brown county, who was the founder of his family in Ohio. His wife's maiden name was Lettice Moseley, who was the only child of a widow, Helen Moseley. Back of that no name has been kept.

Heads of families with the names of Parke and Moseley which came from a stay of quite a hundred years in Windham county, Connecticut, and farther back from England, were associated in the Wyoming Enterprise. That enterprise, from the origin and through a fierce contention, not of State, but of Colony rights, including the "Pennite and Yankee War," until the close in the most awful of all Indian massacres, forms the most tragic episode of all the English settlements. Many refugees from the ill-fated valley boated down the Susquehanna river, with little sympathy from the peaceful Pennites, and found protection south of the Potomac, and along the Shenandoah. A presumption that the Parkes and Moseleys were in the southward flight from the havoc of that first week of July, 1778, is strengthened by the fact that, after much search, no concurrent mention of the names has been found except in the annals of Windham county, Connecticut, the story of Wyoming, and in Hampshire county, Virginia, where John and Lettice Parke partly raised their family. Their sons were Enos, Jesse, David and John. The daughters were Leah, Sarah, Rachel, Lydia, Phoebe and Elizabeth. Lydia was born June 23, 1792, and in her infancy, 1793, the family moved to Tennessee, where they settled near Greenville, Green county, and kept a ferry on the Nollichucky river. There Elizabeth, the youngest daughter, was born, April 20, 1800, and John, the youngest son, just two years later. They were prosperous in Virginia and Tennessee. But they hated slavery so that rumors of freedom and fertility brought them in 1805, to settle in Highland county on Paint Creek, near Iron Furnace. There the family, transferred from mountain airs, suffered so much from fever and ague, that before the War of 1812, the father, with weakened means, brought the younger part of the family to the highlands of Clermont, about Amelia, where



JOHN PARK



ELIZABETH A. PARK

the Malicks, their former neighbors in Virginia, had come. There Leah married David Malick, and Lydia, John Malick, whence a worthy connection in Clermont still continues.

The presence of the family then and there is proved by several graves in the Christian Chapel cemetery, at Mt. Holly, on the Ohio Pike, a little east of Amelia. That cemetery began on the land of Michael Roseberry, with the grave of his wife, Betsey, who died June 14, 1819, the oldest burial date extant in that vicinity. Nearby, the letters H. M. and the figures 1823 can still be deciphered in the inscription on a slab of native limestone. Another similar stone alongside more plainly shows L. Parke, October 5, 1823. They mark the end of the wanderings of Lettice Parke and the Widow Moseley. As described by some aged grandchildren now also long gone, Helen Moseley was "very old" and "upwards of ninety," so that she was a mother of the Revolution. The name is far from frequent. But whether she was one of the small, yet decidedly fine, families of Connecticut or from a line that will never be found, I still like to ponder her marches with the wandering brood of Parkes that made the world for her. "Toiling, rejoicing, sorrowing onward through life," she went with those ten grandchildren, like Ruth of old, going as they did go, lodging where they lodged, with their people for her people. And when the youngest was reared and they were married; and when the mother of them was near to death, she died and they were buried together.

From the marriage record of Brown county, John Parke was married to Margaret Darrell, April 1, 1824, and there was his home until induced by his oldest son, Enos, once more to migrate, in 1834, to Wea Wea, near Lafayette, Ind., where he died, in 1835, leaving other children by his second wife. Of the other first children, David married Matilda Taliaferro and moved near Urbana, whence his children went to Knox county, Illinois. John married Susan Rounds and moved to Griggsville, Pike county, Illinois. Rachel married George Hunt, son of Levi Hunt, a pioneer of Tate township. They and theirs went to Illinois. Sarah married John Allen and died soon after. Phoebe married Christopher Ault and went to Indiana. Elizabeth married Jacob Hair and raised a family on Upper Five Mile, in Brown county. David and Leah Parke Malick eventually settled with their children at and near North Vernon, Jennings county, Indiana. Lydia Parke Malick, after passing into her ninety-seventh year, died November 10, 1888,

at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Maria Baldwin, of Baldwin Station, or East Liberty, northwest of Batavia.

Jesse, the second son of John and Lettice Parke, married Catherine Zimmerman, who had come from Pennsylvania. They remained a while after the rest of the family started north. Their first son, named Lamanda, married Sarah Willis, of Bethel, Ohio, who lived and raised a family in Clermont county. Mary, the only daughter of Jesse Park, married James Vanosdol, in Clermont, and later moved to Jennings county, Indiana, and raised four children. On the way to Ohio, Jesse found fine work at his trade as a wheelwright at Lexington, Ky.; and, while living there, his second son was born, January 22, 1815, and named John. About a year later, Jesse Parke sickened and died rather suddenly, leaving his wife and three small children among strangers. As soon as those slow times permitted, Jesse's brother, Enos, took the widow and little ones to his home between Rainsborough and Bainbridge. After while, the widow of Jesse Parke married a farmer, Isaac Stewart, with whom she had five sons—Daniel, William, Isaac, Barney and James, and one daughter, Ellen. Isaac Stewart died leaving his children well grown, who came with their mother to her first children near Bethel, where Daniel married Hulda Fred, and then Hulda's father married Daniel's mother in 1856, when both couples moved to Perry, Pike county, Illinois, where, shortly after, Catherine Fred, who had been the wife of the early-fated Jesse Parke, forty years before, died from a fall through a trap door of a cellar.

The children of Jesse Parke found early homes with their uncles and aunts in Clermont county. About 1831 Thomas Hunt, the noted rifle maker of that period, and before in Brown and Clermont, and a brother of young John Parke's uncle, George Hunt, took the bright, clear-eyed lad into his gun shop, east of Bethel, and thoroughly taught him gunsmithing, the most exact and best paid art of the time, and an art not then gathered into large factories. On reaching manhood and noting a confused use of the name, such as Parkes, Parker or Parks, he conferred with his brother, Lamanda, and they decided to drop the silent e and use the simple and not easily mistaken form of Park.

Late in 1837 John Park opened a gunsmith shop in Williamsburg, where on Wednesday morning, July 25, 1838, he and Elizabeth Ann Wright were married in the large frame house

of her stepfather and mother, George and Susanna Jenkins Peterson, which they had built diagonally beyond the crossing of the streets from the Williamsburg Flour Mill, then owned by them.

Elizabeth A. Wright was the elder daughter of Robert and Susanna Jenkins Wright. Susanna, born February 5, 1798, was a daughter of John and Catherine Vaughan Jenkins, noted in the sketch of the Jenkins Family. Several sons of John Jenkins went to work for Samuel Perin in the enterprise that resulted in Perin's Mills, or Perintown, and their sister, Susanna, also went as their housekeeper. The Wright family coming from Virginia and settled about Lexington, Ky., furnished several for the same enterprise, among whom was Robert Wright, with his sisters, Sarah and Margaret. His brothers, William, Richard and Zephaniah, either remained in or returned to Lexington. But Sarah married Joseph Harvey, of Miami township, and mothered a fine posterity, including the names of Gatch, McGrew, Lemming and Cazel. Margaret Wright married Christopher Clark and lived about Bantam. Robert and Susanna Wright were married in February, 1818, and settled at Milford, where he was employed in the mill. Their children were: Joseph W., born January 9, 1819, and died April 9, 1822; Elizabeth Ann, born May 10, 1821; John Harvey, born October 29, 1823; and Nancy R., born December 4, 1825, who married Andrew V. Boulware, a noted chair maker, and died December 15, 1891. John Harvey Wright married Mary Ann McNutt, mentioned with the McNutt family and in the sketch of Thomas K. Ellis.

In 1825 Robert Wright gathered all his means, making quite a sum for the time and, taking a partner, loaded a boat for a trip to New Orleans. At Natchez, on August 11, 1825, because of overwork, he died suddenly—so the report came. But no report was ever made of his considerable financial share in the boat load, except a cast iron mess kettle still preserved. The young widow, with three infants, and overcast with suspicion that her husband had been murdered, was taken to her father's home near Bantam. There, on August 7, 1828, she married George Peterson, who owned the Williamsburg Mills, and much wealth for that day. With him she had five children: Charles, who was a soldier from Louisville, and killed in the Mexican war, Angie, Judith, Atlanta and Catherine. Susanna, the mother of these and the children of Robert Wright, died April 10, 1842, and is buried in Williamsburg cemetery.

After living across Front street from the parental home a few months, John and Elizabeth Park moved to Ripley, where their first child, Mary Eliza, was born, June 9, 1839, and died April 9, 1841; and the second, Kirrilla, was born May 16, 1841. They then returned to Williamsburg, and bought the eastern halves of In Lots No. 267 and No. 269 on Main street, that had been the home of Capt. Jacob Boersttler when he went to his death in the War of 1812. And that for over fifty years was to be the Park home, where eight more children were born in the same room. In order of birth they were named: John Quincy A., Katherine, Dora Belle, Elizabeth, Judith Anna, Georgia, Lincoln, and Mary F.

Kirrilla married Thomas K. Nichols in De Soto, Iowa, November 17, 1878. They moved to Des Moines, where she died March 2, 1905, and he, five years before, leaving one child, Stella. John Quincy A., Katherine married to Byron Williams, Elizabeth married to Leroy W. Garoutte, Georgia married to Dr. D. C. Bice, and Mary married to Frank P. Ellis, are all five elsewhere sketched. Dora Belle married E. J. Wade, and died in Cincinnati, December 25, 1888, leaving Eva, Stella, Grace, Ada and Stephen. Judith married Frank Simms, whose children are Flora, Edith, Jessie, Elizabeth and Lela. Judith is living with her daughters in Salt Lake City. Lincoln, living with his children in Chicago, married Emma West, who died in Williamsburg, July 16, 1911, leaving Wilbur, Beatrice, Carl and Helen.

John Park had few rivals and no superior in making the old-fashioned "Squirrel Hunter's Rifle." The quality of his personal hand work is shown in a much admired specimen, now owned by the writer, that took many premiums at the once all popular "fairs." When the gun trade was taken up by the great arsenals during and after the Civil war, he fitted his shop for heavier lathe work, in iron for the manufacture and repair of light machinery, and thus instituted a business of much important convenience for the farms and factories of central Brown and Clermont. He also did much special tool work, among which in particular, in connection with Oscar Snell and Byron Williams, he perfected and patented, in 1872, an improvement known as the American pruner, which was sold with pleasant profit by special agents to many thousands of satisfied purchasers. His quiet life and modest unto diffidence was an every day benefit to his family and community. He was often elected to the council and board of education.

He was a Freemason, and for forty-eight years a member of the Methodist church, in which he was a class leader; and on February 22, 1895, he died in that faith. The wife with whom he lived nearly fifty-seven years, was the mother of a home ruled with love, kept in order and sweetly clean. Despite the care of a large family, she lived with a tender courage and a helping hand that were the first thought of many a neighbor in her hours of trial. In the days of a beautiful girlhood she was quick to learn, and certain to keep the floor to the last of every spelling match. Love for her children's welfare went beyond her own, and joy grew full as they reached a more ample plane of living than was possible among the needs of her large family. Yet, in the final balancings, none of those children have succeeded better or even so well as the parents who raised them to useful lives. After her husband's death Mrs. Park lingered awhile alone in the old home, and then consented to a round of lengthy visits with her children, during which she died on March 29, 1907, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Georgia Bice. Thence she was brought to the home of her daughter, Katherine, for a funeral in the Methodist church at Williamsburg, where she had been a member for seventy-three years, and for many years, the oldest member of that congregation. Then she was buried there, with her daughter, Belle, and with her husband. The golden wedding of John and Elizabeth Park, to which all their children but Quincy came, from far, was a holiday for the neighborhood about the old home, where several came to tell that their wedding fifty years before was another holiday, when all the town came to look at the procession then in vogue. But the funeral of the aged woman was largely attended by those who learned her worth from others.

MRS. ELIZABETH PARK GAROUTTE

Elizabeth, the fifth daughter of John and Elizabeth Park, born October 7, 1851, was trained in the public schools of Williamsburg, which in her time there, without Latin, comprised more of mathematics and science than is reached in the present high school work. On Thanksgiving Eve, November 27, 1872, in the Methodist church that was crowded with the old and young friends of her girlhood, she was married by Rev. Frank G. Mitchell to Leroy W. Garoutte.

Leroy W., born January 27, 1850, and his sister, Lizzie, mar-

ried to Capt. Thomas Montgomery, of the Forty-eighth Ohio infantry, in the Civil war, and residents of Lynchburg, Ohio, are the children of Archibald and May N. Swadley Garoutte. Archibald Garoutte was born in Marietta, Ohio, July 25, 1820, and died December 8, 1900. His wife died in Lincoln in 1891, and both are buried at Lynchburg, Ohio. Soon after their marriage, in 1842, in Clinton county, Ohio, they moved to Cincinnati, where he held various offices. At the outbreak of the War for the Union, he was appointed a captain in the quartermaster's department by President Lincoln. His military service is the subject of a most honorable public document, including an Act of Congress and bears the title of Report No. 438, to the first session of the Forty-fourth Congress, June 28, 1876. During this service, which was emphatically endorsed by Generals Fremont, Cox, Schofield and Sherman, Captain Garoutte bought and sold and was responsible for millions of dollars' worth of military property. Through all, he kept his habits of Spartan simplicity and lived and died a poor man. From the beginning, in 1861, to the close of special service, some five years later, Captain Garoutte kept his son, Leroy W., with him at headquarters, where the uniformed lad acted as an orderly, and was much noticed by various generals. The life was a wonderful experience for a boy from eleven to sixteen, and what was lost from schools was rapidly learned later on.

In 1873 Leroy and Lizzie Garoutte went to De Soto and Adel, Dallas county, Iowa, and later to Lincoln, Neb., when that city was only beginning its fine growth. They have shared the prosperity and now own a fine, large, up-to-date city home, in a choice residence section, with other supporting properties. They have three children. Park Bice Garoutte, born October 10, 1874, was married December 22, 1898, to Myra Dewey, whose four children are, Charles Dewey, Grace Elizabeth, Frances and Olive, and they live in Chicago. Scott J. Garoutte, born July 17, 1881, was married June 6, 1905, to India Bartley, of Lincoln, where they live and have two sons, Scott and Richard Bartley. Gladys Lucille Garoutte was married October 11, 1911, to Frederick Austin Wiebe, and they live in Grand Island, Neb.

For some years Leroy W. has had the rank of colonel and aide on the military staff of the governor of Nebraska. Colonel Garoutte has been in the wire fence trade from the early sales of the Baker barbed wire, a generation ago, to the pres-

ent business of the American Steel & Wire Company, with which he, his two sons, his son-in-law, and his brother-in-law, Captain Quincy Park, hold fine positions. Since the marriage of her children, Mrs. Lizzie Garoutte has spent much of the time in traveling.

MRS. GEORGIA PARK BICE.

Georgia, the seventh daughter of John and Elizabeth Park, was born March 19, 1857, and made such excellent use of her time in the public schools of Williamsburg, that she was employed as one of the teachers for 1875-76. Her teaching was done with a finish that won favor, and she was elected for 1876-77 with an advance in position and salary, and again, the same for 1877-78. Her fine success as a teacher was assured, but fate willed otherwise. In the summer vacation of 1877, she visited her sisters, Mrs. L. W. Garoutte, and Kirrilla, at De Soto, Iowa, where she met a young physician, who persuaded her to consider a partnership with him. She returned to her engagement for the school year in Williamsburg; and on May 8, 1878, she was married to Dr. David Corwin Bice, and returned with him to De Soto, where they lived for seventeen years, in an ideal felicity amid much prosperity. Then, in May, 1895, they moved to Des Moines, Iowa, and there for fifteen years more enjoyed financial gain, social position and high respect, only tinged by apprehension of failing health. In February, 1910, they went to a beautiful home in Denver, Colo., with another enchanting summer home in the not distant mountains. But all this condition, brighter perhaps than he once dared to expect, was darkened in Denver, on November 25, 1911, by the death of Dr. Bice.

Dr. Bice was born April 26, 1852, in Fultonham, Schoharie county, New York. He was the fourth among the six sons and one daughter of Jeremiah and Amy J. Bice, with whom he came, in 1867, to Dallas county, Iowa. He graduated from the medical department of the Iowa State University, in 1876, and began to practice in De Soto. That practice, together with his fine presence, genial manner and nice perception, resulted in rare and gratifying success.

The only child of Dr. D. C. and Georgia Park Rice is Beatrice, born in De Soto, February 16, 1880, and graduated from Des Moines High School, in June, 1899. In June, 1902, she graduated from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. She

then took one year of post-graduate work in Wellesley College; and, on September 6, 1904, she was married to Kay William Hunt, of Omaha, Neb.; and they have since resided in Denver. Kay William is a son of Carey McClennan and Katherine Buel Hunt. He was born March 29, 1871, graduated from Drake University in June, 1892, and then graduated in law at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. Kay W. and Beatrice Hunt have one son, born August 10, 1910, and named Buel Bice Hunt.

SAMUEL F. PETERSON.

Samuel F. Peterson, one of the prominent Civil war veterans of Clermont county, and a highly esteemed citizen of Williamsburg, Ohio, was born one mile southwest of his present home, March 21, 1836, and is a son of George A. and Rebecca (Cade) Peterson.

George A. Peterson, an enterprising and versatile business man of Clermont county, was born near Egg Harbor, N. J., December 2, 1812, and at the age of thirteen years was brought to Clermont county by his parents, John and Sophia (Goforth) Peterson.

John Peterson was born at the old home in New Jersey, March 23, 1788, and died September 21, 1854. He was a son of Charles and Judith Peterson, who came to Clermont county in 1829. Charles Peterson died in New Jersey while there on business, and his wife died at the old home farm near Williamsburg, Ohio. John Peterson purchased a farm of two hundred and twenty-four acres on the East Fork bottoms, just southwest of Williamsburg, for which he exchanged a team of horses brought from New Jersey, and five hundred dollars in money. He also purchased a half interest in a store at Williamsburg and at Bethel and for a time did the hauling for both stores. He soon sold out his store interests that he might devote his entire time to the development of his farm, and in a few years had one of the most highly improved farms in the county. A few years after his decease, this farm was sold for ten thousand dollars. During the War of 1812, he was a captain of a patrol boat and won much praise for his gallant service. He was a prominent Methodist and a local preacher for many years. His wife, Sophia (Goforth) Peter-

son, was born in New Jersey, May 13, 1794, and died August 8, 1875.

George A. Peterson was a stone mason by trade, which he followed in connection with his farming for a number of years. Later, however, he devoted most of his time to his trade, being associated with a brother, Samuel G. Peterson. From 1836 to 1839, Mr. Peterson was connected with the Cincinnati Coal & Fuel Company, as foreman, after which he brought his family to Williamsburg. He then became associated with his brother-in-law, Mr. George Everhart, in the saw mill business, conducting a saw mill near Williamsburg. At the end of one year he sold his interest to a cousin and followed his trade of stone mason continuously for many years. He helped to build the abutments for the first bridge at Williamsburg and built many of the stone houses and foundations in and near Williamsburg. He was a most excellent workman and a skilled stone cutter. He was a consistent member of the Methodist church, and also of the Masonic lodge. In politics he was a "Know Nothing." In 1834, he was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Cade, and to their union were born eleven children, Samuel F., of this mention, being the eldest and one of the four still living. The others are:

E. Lake, a farmer residing eight miles from Fort Collins, Colo., was a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting in Company B, Eighty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry. After the war he engaged with his brother, Samuel F., in a chair shop, which the latter had rented, but remained in this connection but a short time, being one of a party to take up government land in Colorado. He secured one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he has placed in a state of high cultivation, and which is a fine paying property. He returned to Williamsburg and married Miss Mary Foster, a daughter of Israel Foster, and they have reared a fine family.

Joseph T., of Rockford, Ill., is foreman in a large wholesale harness factory. He married Sophronia Greenwald, of Marathon, Clermont county, and he has three children.

Erulia, who is the wife of Nicholas Shafer, of Fort Thomas, Ky. They have reared four children, and one died in childhood. Two daughters are with the Bell Telephone Company, Miss Edith being an expert in the business.

Of the seven children of George A. Peterson who are deceased, James and John lived to reach maturity, the others dying in infancy.

Rebecca (Cade) Peterson was born in Clermont county, November 1, 1814, and died in Williamsburg, January 6, 1889. She was a daughter of Samuel Cade and wife, the former of whom was a native of New Jersey, coming to Clermont county as a young man. He followed the occupation of shoemaker during his active life, and is buried at Williamsburg, Ohio.

Samuel F. Peterson has spent most of his life thus far at Williamsburg, Ohio, where his parents removed when he was three years of age; and he is at present occupying the room in which he was placed at that time. After school days, he learned the trade of stone mason from his father and uncle and for some years followed this line of work, but later devoted most of his attention to brick and concrete work.

In 1858, Mr. Peterson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Rogers, who was born in 1839, near Amelia, Ohio, where her parents, Charles and Mary (Selvidge) Rogers, formerly from near Lexington, Ky., carried on general farming. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers were both born in 1801, and their marriage occurred in 1820. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rogers are laid to rest in the Williamsburg cemetery.

To Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Peterson were born six children, three of whom died in infancy. Those who lived to mature years are as follows:

Harry G. was born September 18, 1859, and died December 25, 1905. He married Miss Eliza Meeker, and to them were born three children: Edith is married and has one daughter; Miss Laura, and Roy. Harry G. Peterson purchased a drug store and the old stone house on Front street near Main, built in 1805 by Mr. Samuel W. Davies. This home was previously owned by his grandfather and great-grandfather, and is still well preserved.

May, was born July 7, 1863, and married Edward Snell, who now resides at Philadelphia, Pa. They had one child, who died at the age of one year and three days. Mrs. Snell died at Williamsburg, Ohio, July 13, 1885.

Laura was born June 10, 1874, and died October 30, 1895. She married Charles Hammond, a reporter on the "Enquirer" of Cincinnati. He is also deceased. They left no children.

Mrs. Mary Rogers Peterson died at Williamsburg in 1886. She was a devout member of the Methodist church from the age of twelve years.

Mr. Peterson was married April 7, 1889, to Miss Mary Ellen Snell, who was born at Williamsburg, August 19, 1845, a

daughter of Peter M. Snell and wife. Mr. Snell was a carpenter and builder at Williamsburg, and also conducted a chair factory for years. A son, Oscar Snell, together with Byron Williams, erected a general wood working plant. Mrs. Mary Ellen Peterson died February 19, 1898.

On September 4, 1861, Mr. Peterson enlisted in the Twenty-seventh regimental band of Ohio, playing a bass horn. By a special act of Congress, he left the service in which he had lost his health. For some twenty years after the close of the war, Mr. Peterson was in very poor health.

For many years Mr. Peterson has been prominent in fraternal circles, and in remembrance of his long membership, regular attendance and most efficient official service of the Clermont Social Lodge, No. 29, Free and Accepted Masons, was presented by the officers of that lodge with a handsome twenty-five dollar gold-headed cane in 1907. He is also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, in which he has held all the offices and is at present serving as quartermaster of J. H. Jenkins Post, No. 242. The ladies of Winona Lodge, No. 134, and the Order of Good Templars presented him with a handsome Bible.

In January, 1912, Mr. Peterson was elected city marshal of Williamsburg for two years and is also serving as curfew officer.

Mr. Peterson embraces the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church, and is active in all affairs of that denomination. He is a man who is very much respected by all who know him, and in every sense is a good citizen.

FRANCIS POHL.

Mr. Francis Pohl, a veteran of the Civil war, died at his home in Williamsburg, September 7, 1911, and his death removed from Clermont county one of its most highly esteemed citizens. Mr. Pohl was a native of Austria, his birth having occurred near Vienna, December 13, 1843, his parents being Dr. Michael and Theresa (Siegle) Pohl, the latter a second cousin of General Siegel, who was prominent during the Civil war.

Dr. Michael Pohl conducted a water resort at Vienna, Austria, and came to America in 1851, locating first in Brown

county, Ohio, near Sardinia, and three years later settling at Williamsburg, which was their home until their decease. Dr. Michael Pohl practiced his profession at Sardinia, and later at Williamsburg, his wife also being a physician and mid-wife. They were the parents of three sons, Francis, Joseph, and Anthony, and one daughter, Theresa, who married Mr. Myers. All are now deceased.

Francis Pohl pursued his education in the schools of Clermont county, where he was reared to manhood. He learned the trade of chair maker and also sold chairs throughout the country in the vicinity of his home.

On August 16, 1861, Mr. Pohl enlisted in Company K, Twenty-seventh Ohio volunteer infantry, and served for nearly four years, being mustered out July 11, 1865. He acted as scout many times in the most dangerous of battle times. He was with the army of the Tennessee, under Brig.-Gen. U. S. Grant, from September 1, 1861, to October 16, 1863; from October 19, 1863, to March 12, 1864, he was under Maj.-Gen. W. T. Sherman; from March 12, 1864, to July 22, 1864, he served under Maj.-Gen. James B. McPherson; from July 22, 1864, to July 27, 1864, he was under Maj.-Gen. John A. Logan, who was in temporary command; from July 27, 1864, to May 12, 1865, under Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard, and from May 12, 1865, to July 13, 1865, he served under John A. Logan. Mr. Pohl served in many important engagements and was on the famous "March to the Sea." After three years of service, he veteranized and served until after the close of the war. He was an orderly under General Sherman and others, and had a conspicuous career as a soldier.

On May 29, 1866, Mr. Pohl was united in marriage to Miss Mary Krieger, who was born at Milford, Clermont county, September 17, 1844, a daughter of Christian and Mary Margaret (Fox) Krieger, who came to this county from Prussia, and were farmers living near Batavia, where they both died. Mrs. Pohl had two brothers and two sisters:

Jacob, deceased.

Frank, of Williamsburg, served for three years in the Civil war, enlisting September 29, 1862, in Company D, Seventh Ohio cavalry, and was honorably discharged July 23, 1865. He was a farmer by business and married Miss Mary Babler, deceased. He was formerly a member of the Grand Army of the Republic of Westchester, Butler county, Ohio, and a member of the Lutheran church.

Mrs. Elizabeth Knauer, of Highland county, Ohio.

Mrs. Adeline Walters, of Cincinnati.

Mrs. Pohl was reared and educated in Clermont county, where she has spent her life thus far. She is a devoted member of the Methodist church, and of the Ladies' Aid Society, taking an active part in all religious affairs, also being a member of the Women's Relief Corps.

Mr. Pohl was at one time a member of the fraternal organization of Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and was prominent in the J. H. Jenkins Post, No. 242, Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Pohl was a typical business man, quiet, conservative and industrious, and as quick to grasp as to see an opportunity. He was a man of highest integrity and his whole life was marked with actions of an upright and honest public spirited citizen. The war record of Mr. Pohl, measured by patriotism, is excelled by few, and Clermont county is proud to number him among its honored dead.

CHARLES P. McKEVER.

Mr. Charles P. McKeever, a leading farmer and stockman, residing at "Fairview Farm," a splendidly improved farm of ninety-one and one-half acres, south of Williamsburg, Ohio, was born at the old home farm two miles north of Williamsburg, September 7, 1854, his father being Lewis McKeever, who is mentioned elsewhere in these volumes.

Charles P. McKeever acquired a good education in the common schools of his vicinity and has followed farming and stock raising since he entered the business world. For twenty-five years, he has been associated with his three brothers, James E., William E., and E. C., all being interested in the raising of fine stock at the old home farm of two hundred and seventy-seven acres. During the past five years, he has handled nothing but registered Jersey stock, with which he is very successful.

In 1902, Mr. Charles McKeever sold out his interests to his brothers, who in turn sold to Col. Ernest Ruffner, of the United States army, now of Newport, Ky. The farm is being operated by a son, Arthur Ruffner.

After the sale of his interests in the old homestead, Mr. McKeever leased his mother's farm for a term of five years, and

before his lease expired he purchased a farm in Brown county, which he sold soon after. In the fall of 1905, the present farm was purchased at an administrator's sale. This is the old Rowan Lytle farm, Rowan being a son of John Lytle, and a nephew of Gen. William Lytle. Mr. McKeever has remodeled the house and has had a new barn erected, removing all of the other buildings and putting up new fences, which has made it one of the finest home farms in this section of the country. He has another farm of seventy-five acres on the Chillicothe pike, not far from Williamsburg, and his entire attention is turned to the management of his farm and tenants. He buys and feeds stock, which he holds until he can sell at a good profit.

Mr. McKeever was married December 29, 1878, to Miss Matilda Jane Creager, who was born in Brown county, a daughter of Elisha and Mary (Reddick) Creager, the latter passing from this life at the home of Mr. McKeever, in March, 1912, where she had resided for the past sixteen years.

Elisha and Mary (Reddick) Creager were resident farmers of Brown county from about 1853, the former being a native of New Jersey, and was a son of William and Katie (Knitzer) Creager, who brought the family to Ohio very early, locating near Loveland. He secured several farms in the county and resided there until his death. Katie (Knitzer) Creager was also a native of New Jersey, and came to Ohio, with her parents, when she was a child. To this couple were born fourteen children, seven sons and seven daughters, all now deceased. Elisha was educated in the schools near Loveland, and as a young man engaged in teaming about the wharves of Cincinnati. He returned to Loveland for a period and located in Brown county about 1853, and there lived until his death.

Mrs. McKeever has four brothers and one sister living:

Richard P., of Logansport, Ind.

Jerome B., of Tonica, Ill.

Robert A., of Brown county, Ohio.

John H., of Franklin, Warren county, Ohio.

Fannie, married Samuel Cobb, of Williamsburg township.

Mr. and Mrs. McKeever had one daughter, Birdie May, born in 1881, and died March 6, 1905. She married John Mehl, a farmer of near Mt. Orab. Mr. McKeever is a Democrat and has served on the school board, and Mrs. McKeever is a member of the United Brethren church of Williamsburg.

Mr. McKeever is numbered among the substantial citizens of the county, having concentrated his energies on his business affairs with exceptionally good results.

WILLIAM E. McKEEVER.

Faithfulness to duty and strict adherence to a fixed purpose in life will do more to advance a man's interests than wealth or advantageous circumstances. The successful men of today are those who have planned their own advancement, and have accomplished it in spite of obstacles. Mr. William E. McKeever began his business career at the early age of thirteen years, when he began buying horses, in which occupation he has continued for forty years. He has made a specialty of high-action harness and saddle horses; for many years training them, having for associates in business, three of his brothers. Believing that he was capable of attending to more than one style of work, he has also followed real estate, as a dealer, with great success.

Mr. McKeever was born in Williamsburg, Ohio, October 9, 1857, and with the exception of twelve years spent in Cincinnati, where he and his brother, E. C. McKeever, conducted a livery and sales stable on Sixth street, between Sycamore and Main streets, he has resided in the town of his birth.

The marriage of Mr. McKeever to Miss Ollie Runyan, occurred in Williamsburg, November 7, 1880. Mrs. McKeever is a daughter of James, Sr., and Laura (Style) Runyan, both of whom were of early Brown county families. Mr. Runyan was a successful farmer, and at the time of his decease, owned a finely improved farm of two hundred acres. Mrs. McKeever was born in Brown county, Ohio, September 23, 1859, and is one of eleven children, of whom five sons and two daughters are living: Henry Runyan, James Runyan, Peter Runyan, Hiram Runyan, all farmers of Brown county, Ohio; William Runyan, a carpenter and builder, of Norwood, Ohio, and Hattie is the wife of George Schilling.

Mr. and Mrs. McKeever are the parents of two children, the elder of whom died in infancy. The younger is Miss Laura Frances, who is a graduate of the Western College for Women, Oxford, Ohio, class of 1909. After spending one year at home after her graduation, Miss Laura accepted a position as teacher

of science, in the high school in Lovington, Ill. She has held this position for two years, with such satisfaction that she has been engaged for the coming two years.

In political views, Mr. McKeever is a Democrat, and is a member of the Knights of Pythias of Williamsburg. The family attends the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mrs. McKeever is a member.

In 1908, Mr. McKeever purchased the beautiful home known as the Amon Reece home, at the corner of Third and Gay streets. It can be said of the subject of this review, that his life record is one of energy and industry, and his diligence has constituted the basis of his success, which is as admirable as it is gratifying. He early realized that if he would work persistently and earnestly he might hope to attain success. With this belief he has carefully directed his labors, and is today counted as one of the prominent men of the county.

MILTON JAMIESON.

A history of Clermont county would not be complete without an authentic record of the life of Milton Jamieson, widely known as a banker and business man. He was a native of Clermont county, having been born at Williamsburg, October 2, 1825, the son of John and Catherine (Perrine) Jamieson. His father was one of the earliest settlers of Clermont county, coming early in the Nineteenth century from Cynthiana, Ky., and was for over sixty years a prominent and influential resident and active business man of the county. He died in 1889, at the advanced age of ninety-four years.

Milton Jamieson came to Batavia with his parents when a child and while still a mere boy was an apprentice in the "Courier" office. Nearly all the type for the first number of that paper was set by him, and for many years almost unaided set the type for its issues. After diligent and conscientious work he eventually became the paper's owner, and for several years its editor. He always looked upon his early training in that office as the most valuable of his life. At the age of eighteen he began the study of law with R. W. Clarke and completed his preparatory education with a course at the Cincinnati Law School, conducted at that time by C. L. Tilford and W. S. Grosebeck, and was admitted to the bar in 1847.



MILTON JAMIESON.

One of the greatest deeds of Milton Jamieson's life and for which his memory will always be revered by his countrymen was his enlisting as a private in the military service, July 28, 1847, later being honored by being chosen as second lieutenant of his company, which was attached to the Second Ohio regiment with the army of occupation under General Scott in the city of Mexico. At the close of the Mexican war he returned to Batavia and resumed the practice of law, being associated for a time with his former preceptor, Mr. Clarke. At the suggestion of friends he wrote and published a book of reminiscences relative to his experiences during the Mexican war. He was one of the youngest commissioned officers in the army at that time.

In 1865 he entered the business world in a manner that was subsequently to make his name known throughout this portion of the State; as one of the most conservative and sound bankers of his time. In that year, together with William Megrue, W. N. Megrue, R. W. Clarke, S. F. Dowdney, A. M. Sinks, J. S. Dustin, T. M. Lewis, P. B. Swing, J. S. Griffith and George W. Hulick, he organized the First National Bank of Batavia, in which enterprise he was the chief promoter and its guiding spirit. Mr. Jamieson was the first cashier of the institution and in July, 1868, was elected a director and its president, succeeding William Megrue. He continued as its president by successive annual elections until a month before his death, in 1907, when he voluntarily retired on account of poor health. His life as a banker was characterized by his conservatism and far-sightedness.

In 1876, Mr. Jamieson was one of the prime movers in getting a railroad connection for Batavia with the outside world, giving freely of his time and putting in hazard his personal means in the construction of the Cincinnati & Eastern railroad, now known as the Norfolk & Western. Later in life he financed the brickyard enterprise, converting it into a paying property, and was also associated in the establishment of the Carroll-Jamieson Machine Tool Company and other local enterprises.

Although a thorough man of business Mr. Jamieson found time in his busy life to devote to religious and social organizations, and through them gave freely of his talent "to serve the present age." In 1867 he united with the Presbyterian church of Batavia, and served as a ruling elder during most of the forty years of his membership. He was also a teacher and

superintendent in the Sunday school. He was made a Mason in Batavia Lodge, No. 104, February 16, 1847, and died on his sixtieth Masonic anniversary. He was probably the oldest Mason in Clermont county, and among the oldest in the State.

Milton Jamieson was united in marriage in 1854 to Maria Titus, to which union four children were born; one dying in infancy and three surviving him: Charles T., Mrs. C. E. Belt, and P. F. Jamieson. Mrs. Jamieson died in 1869. In 1873 he was again united in marriage, his bride being Miss Kate Buvinger, who died in 1889, leaving no children.

When ill health foreshadowed his passing, Mr. Jamieson withdrew from active business and spent his latter days in reading, a favorite pastime with him at all times. In his demise, February 16, 1907, Clermont county lost a most active and enterprising citizen. His life was marked by constant effort to make his personality and gifts yield the best results for the benefit of his fellow men. In business and religion he was positive, aggressive and effective. Among the masses he may pass as most of us do, into the region of the partially forgotten, but his work for his age was well done and will abide through generations.

GEORGE W. MOYER.

George W. Moyer, a retired farmer, residing at Williamsburg for a number of years, was born in Clermont county, Ohio, June 27, 1838, and is a son of Henry and Sarah Jane (Johnson) Moyer.

Henry Moyer, the father of our subject, was born in Clermont county, March 27, 1812, and died in 1890, at the age of seventy-eight years. He was a son of John and Salome (Earhart) Moyer, the former a native of New Jersey and came to Clermont county in the early days, where he followed the occupation of farming.

Sarah Jane (Johnson) Moyer was born in New Jersey, February 20, 1812, and died in 1896. She was a daughter of Isaiah and Mary (Soah) Johnson, who were the founders of the Johnson family in Clermont county. Soon after his arrival in Clermont, Isaiah Johnson purchased land in Williamsburg township, along Todd's Run, and being successful along lines of agriculture became very wealthy. Later he purchased an-

other tract of land in Jackson township and gave his entire time to the cultivation of these farms. He was active in the Methodist church in its beginning. Isaiah and Mary (Soah) Johnson became the parents of five sons and five daughters:

Jonathan was a farmer and served as a commissioner.

Joseph was a farmer and with his brother, Jonathan, conducted a hotel at Batavia, being also a director of the infirmary.

Isaiah, who was a farmer, sold out and removed to Wisconsin, where he died.

Benjamin operated the old farm until his death.

Charles was a farmer and died at a comparatively early age.

Mary, who married Wesley Smith, resided in Williamsburg township.

Jemimah married George Moyer, uncle of the present subject, and resided in Brown county.

Elizabeth married Joseph Kain and resided in Williamsburg.

Lucy Ann married Seth Maker and resided at Cincinnati and various other places.

Sarah Jane, who became Mrs. Henry Moyer.

The wedding ceremony of Mr. Henry Moyer and Miss Sarah Jane Johnson took place on December 31, 1833, and to their union were born four sons:

Mortimer J. was a Federal soldier in the Civil war, and died at La Grange, Tenn., during the war.

E. R., an expert machinist of Cincinnati.

B. F., a retired farmer, residing at Hamlet, this county.

George W., the subject of this mention.

George W. Moyer acquired a good education in the schools of Williamsburg township, which when completed, gave him the opportunity to become a teacher and for six years he followed this profession, from 1856 to 1862. He enlisted in the army of the Civil war from Williamsburg in 1862, in the Fourth independent cavalry, and served four months as a private soldier. Although he was a commissioned officer he did not serve in his official capacity.

The marriage of Mr. Moyer to Miss Elizabeth Weaver was celebrated in 1863. She was born in 1843, near Batavia, where she was reared and educated, and was a daughter of Samuel Weaver, being the youngest of eleven children. Her death occurred March 28, 1911. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Moyer was blessed with two children:

Frank H., a druggist at Cincinnati, was a graduate of the

Cincinnati School of Pharmacy, and died at the age of twenty-five years.

Hattie, is the widow of John S. Davidson, former prosecuting attorney of Clermont county. She is the mother of one son, Hugh, who is a student at the University of Cincinnati, class of 1913, preparing for the practice of law.

Politically, Mr. Moyer is a Republican, and is a devoted member of the Methodist church. He has always taken a very active part in church work, and has served as treasurer for a number of years.

For the past four years, Mr. Moyer has been retired from active life, and is enjoying the fruits of his former labors. He and his daughter, Mrs. Davidson, own considerable property in Williamsburg. Mr. Moyer has had no exciting chapters in his life record, his time being fully occupied with business cares and his courage and determination to face life's obstacles have won universal respect of his fellowmen.

JOHN S. DAVIDSON.

Williamsburg has been called upon on more than one occasion to part with citizens of the very highest type of usefulness, and to hold only in memory, those who, for years, had been familiar figures and closely identified with her dearest interests. This was notably the case when the last dread summons came to that distinguished representative of one of the oldest of Clermont county families, John S. Davidson, who passed to his eternal reward on June 28, 1906. Mr. Davidson had just completed a term as prosecuting attorney of Clermont county, on January 1, 1906. The birth of John S. Davidson occurred February 16, 1866, near Boston (now Owensville), Clermont county, a son of James and Martha (Summers) Davidson.

James Davidson was born in Batavia township, and has followed the occupation of farming all of his life until his retirement five years since. He still retains his farm, but is residing at Bethel, where he is enjoying the fruits of his former years of labor. He is a member of the Methodist church and in politics, is an advocate of the Democratic principles, and in former years served in the various local offices. His father, John Davidson, was a son of James Davidson, who was

born in Ireland, and upon coming to America settled in Kentucky, where he was married and where John was born in 1799. About 1807, the family located in Clermont county, and became resident farmers.

Martha (Summers) Davidson was born in 1832, in Hamilton county, at Columbia, which is now a part of Cincinnati, her parents being John and ——— (Trump) Summers. Mr. John Summers was born in England, and when about twenty years of age immigrated to America, where he was married in Philadelphia to Miss Trump, shortly after which he came to the vicinity of Cincinnati. He was a teacher and in later years purchased a farm in Batavia township, which he operated. Martha Summers taught school prior to her marriage, and her death occurred in 1897, in her sixty-fifth year.

To the union of James and Martha (Summers) Davidson were born nine children:

Joseph M., who was born in Batavia township, is a general merchant of Williamsburg, proprietor of the "Economy" store, located on Main street, between Second and Third streets. He was born June 12, 1860, and remained on the home farm in Batavia township until he was fifteen years of age, when his parents removed to Williamsburg township, which has since been his home. After receiving the preliminary education of the schools of his vicinity, he attended the Lebanon Normal School, and for sixteen years following, taught in his home county. About 1899, Joseph M. Davidson embarked in the mercantile business at Williamsburg and has conducted a thoroughly up-to-date store. In politics, Joseph M. Davidson is a Democrat, and has served in the various local offices, as town treasurer and as a member of the school board. He has membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and both he and Mrs. Davidson are members of the Methodist church. Joseph M. Davidson was united in marriage to Carrie Kanauer, daughter of J. W. Kanauer, a former resident of this county, who died in Highland county, Ohio. To the union of Joseph and Carrie (Kanauer) Davidson have been born the following children: Idelbert B., a graduate of the Y. M. C. A. Law School, has practiced his profession at that place for the past year; Mrs. Roy Fuhr, of Williamsburg, Ohio; Mrs. D. F. Dunham, of Cincinnati, whose husband is in the auto business; Bessie, is at home with her parents; Theresa, at the parental home, and Julius, at home also.

Charles, of Northeast Kansas, is a farmer of that State.

Thomas is a farmer of Williamsburg township.

John S., the subject of this mention.

Emma, who became the wife of John Burnside, of Williamsburg township.

Herman, a farmer of Williamsburg township.

Nellie, of Bethel, is at home with her father, James Davidson.

Alice, is also at home with her father.

Harvey is a farmer of Colorado.

John S. Davidson pursued his preliminary education in the schools of his vicinity and later was a member of the first class graduating from the Williamsburg High School in 1886, under Superintendent Byron Williams, the author of this work. Following his graduation, Mr. Davidson taught school for three or four years.

In 1890, John S. Davidson was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Moyer, and soon after this event, entered the Cincinnati Law School, from which he was graduated in 1893. He at once began the practice of his profession at Williamsburg, continuing until his death.

He left one son, Hugh Moyer Davidson, who was born in 1891, and who makes his home with his mother and his grandfather, at Williamsburg. He and his mother are members of the Methodist church, as was his father.

Mr. John S. Davidson had, in addition to his splendid law practice, a half interest in the feed business at Williamsburg, and owned a fine farm in Brown county. He was a well known practical farmer, as well as lawyer and was a shrewd, successful business man.

In fraternal organizations, Mr. Davidson was a prominent member of the Clermont Social Lodge, No. 29, Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and of the Knights of Pythias. Mrs. Davidson is a member of the Rebekah lodge of Williamsburg, and her son, Hugh Moyer Davidson, is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

REV. ISAAC NEWTON RHOADES.

Rev. Isaac Newton Rhoades, deceased, was a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal ministry in Ohio, and although he has departed this life, his influence yet remains a potent element for good and his memory is yet a blessed bene-

diction to those who knew him. He was born near Lebanon, Ohio, March 12, 1835, a son of Isaac and Tamson (Roberts) Rhoades.

Isaac Rhoades was from New Jersey and came with his widowed mother and the family to Ohio, where they purchased a section of school land, some ten miles north of Lebanon. They brought their possessions in a wagon, with others who came to this locality at that time. He was the oldest child and with the help of his brothers, managed the farm, which they afterward gave to the mother. Isaac later secured a fine farm of his own. He was prominent as a class leader in the Methodist church. He died during the Civil war and left a large family, which is scattered, and but two brothers are now living.

Tamson (Roberts) Rhoades was born in the East and survived her husband about thirty years. They became the parents of twelve children, two of whom are now living.

Rev. Isaac N. Rhoades was reared in Warren county, Ohio, and there began in the public school to lay the foundation of his education. He graduated from the Lebanon College and began teaching his home school at the age of sixteen years. As a young man, he was a local preacher, and in 1867 or 1869, entered the West Virginia Conference, devoting his life until his retirement, to the ministry. In the fall of 1872, he entered the Illinois Conference, becoming a member in 1873. About the year 1877, he was transferred to the Northern Indiana Conference, continuing there until his throat gave out, when he partially retired, in 1886. He then located in Williamsburg and did a great deal of ministerial work as his health permitted. He could easily claim that he was instrumental in bringing some fifteen hundred souls into the kingdom, seven of whom were active ministers and some are still in the service.

On December 25, 1861, Rev. Mr. Rhoades was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Young, who was born in Clermont county in 1841, three miles from Williamsburg, and is a daughter of Orson and Hannah (Burnett) Young, the latter being born in New Jersey and came to Clermont with her parents as a child. She died when Sarah was five years of age. Orson Young was a native of New England, and after the death of his wife he married Miss Sarah Hall, of Williamsburg, and went to Illinois, where they had six children. He

died in Nebraska, at an advanced age. Mrs. Rhoades had one sister and two brothers who died in infancy, and two sisters who grew to maturity, one of these, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Jenkins, resides at the Rhoades home at Williamsburg.

Rev. I. N. Rhoades owned a nice farm near Batavia, which his widow still retains, and which has been leased for several years. He also owned considerable property in Illinois. He had two brothers in the Methodist ministry, one, Rev. Joseph F. Rhoades, is deceased, and the other, Rev. Leonidas Rhoades, is now in the Southern Kansas Conference. The entire family were active workers in the church. Rev. Rhoades voted the Republican ticket.

Mrs. Rhoades joined the Methodist church when she was thirteen years of age, and has always taken a most active part in church work. She still teaches a large Sabbath school class at Williamsburg.

JUDGE WILLIAM R. WALKER.

William R. Walker, probate judge of Clermont county, Ohio, is a representative of one of the oldest families of Brown county, Ohio. He is well and favorably known in the business circles of Clermont county and Batavia, where he has been a leading factor in many and varied progressive enterprises, for the past thirty-eight years. He has won an enviable reputation as an organizer and promoter, as well as in his chosen profession, showing great versatility and efficiency in all that he deemed worthy of his consideration.

On September 12, 1853, at New Hope, in Brown county, occurred the birth of William R. Walker, a son of James and Mary Jane (Dowdney) Walker.

James Walker was born at Georgetown, Ohio, in 1821, and was a harness maker and saddler of New Hope for many years. He had several brothers, one of whom was Thomas, a soldier, the father of Capt. John Walker, who was a nephew of Colonel Fyffe, and a West Point student and Federal officer. James Walker was a staunch Democrat, although he never accepted of any office for the party. Of fraternal orders he was a member of two; the Masonic and the Odd Fellows. For many years he was a consistent member of the Christian Union church. Mary Jane (Dowdney) Walker was born at Bethel, Ohio, in 1824, and was a daughter of William

O. Dowdney, whose mother was a Reed, and who was a native of Philadelphia, Pa., who came to old Clermont county in pioneer days. The grandfather of Judge William R. Walker, John Walker, was a native of New Jersey. He was a merchant of Bethel, and latterly of Georgetown, and in both of these places he conducted a hotel in addition to his regular business. Mrs. Walker had three brothers: Judge Samuel Dowdney, who was a prominent lawyer and politician, serving as probate judge and State Senator for two terms, having been elected by the Democratic party; a younger brother was a soldier of the Civil war, and Christopher Dowdney, of Georgetown, Ohio. Mrs. Walker was a devoted member of the Christian Union church. Her death occurred in 1900, in her seventy-sixth year, her husband having passed away in 1891.

John Walker was a pioneer of Texas, and located there in the early 40's. He owned many thousand acres of land in Texas and conducted an extensive merchandise business, transporting to New Orleans. As the traveling facilities of those days were very poor it was necessary to walk the distance on the return trip. He married a Miss Graham, whose father was a Frenchman and whose mother was from Pennsylvania. John Walker was a contemporary of General Grant's father and his son, James, and General Grant were boyhood friends.

Judge William R. Walker was reared and educated in Brown county until he was twenty years of age. He received a good schooling and when prepared, read law with Judge Dowdney, being admitted to the bar in 1878. He has practiced law continuously since with the exception of the years spent in office. He filled the unexpired term of Sheriff Burvinger, and has filled the office of probate judge since 1909. His services in the latter capacity have been satisfactory in all respects, having the commendation of his fellow citizens.

Besides his professional interests, Judge Walker has given his attention to many commercial enterprises. He organized the Building & Loan Company of Batavia, of which he served as secretary and attorney for twenty-four years. He also helped to organize the Jones Heel Manufacturing Company of Batavia, and in this concern he has large holdings. This company has, beside the plant at Batavia, factories at Williamsburg and Dayton, Ohio. At present, he is president and a stockholder on the Batavia Realty Company, who have recently completed the finest brick business block in Batavia.

William R. Walker has one brother and one sister living: A. R. Walker, who was a lawyer, instructor and merchant for many years before he retired from active service, and Miss Nellie E. Walker, who lives at Felicity, Ohio.

The marriage of Judge Walker to Miss Anna Ashburn, a sister of Dr. A. W. Ashburn, occurred in Clermont county in 1879. Mrs. Walker is a native of Clermont county, having been born at Batavia. Mr. and Mrs. Walker are the parents of four children:

Miss Elizabeth, who is living at home.

Mary Louise, who is the wife of A. E. Keen, residing at North College Hill.

Miss Marjorie A., graduated from the Ohio Wesleyan University, class of 1912.

Penn A. is attending the Ohio Wesleyan University.

Judge Walker has always been a Democrat, and is a member and a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is an active worker. Judge Walker is a popular citizen, having many warm friends, both socially and in business circles.

FLETCHER BUSHMAN.

Mr. Fletcher Bushman is well and favorably known in Clermont county, Ohio, because of his activities along the lines of general farming and stock raising, and as a carpenter and builder. He resides on a fine farm near Point Pleasant, in Monroe township. He is a native of the county, his birth having taken place on June 13, 1855, and with the exception of seven years spent in Shelby county, Ohio, he has been a resident here. He is a son of William Henry and Drucilla (Houseman) Bushman. The former was a contracting carpenter and boat builder.

William Henry Bushman was born in Campbell county, Kentucky, near Belmont (now Mentor), in 1812, and passed from this life in 1882. His parents, Henry and Sophia (De Moss) Bushman, came to Clermont county between the years of 1800 and 1812, locating in Monroe township. They came, early in 1800, down the Ohio by flat boat, stopping at Belmont (now Mentor), Ky., where he was employed building water wheels, dams and mill races; also cut stones for grinding grain. They secured many hundreds of acres of what was called

"Military Land," and there they resided until the death of Henry, which occurred in 1835, in the sixty-ninth year of his life. His wife died in 1837. William H. Bushman had the following brothers and sisters: David, Daniel, John, Lewis, Isaac, Abraham, Katherine (Clark), Elizabeth (Leyfield), and Barbara (Seaton).

Drucilla (Houseman) Bushman was a native born Virginian, her birth occurring March 17, 1815, and her death in 1899. She was a daughter of David Houseman, and was one of six children, five daughters and one son. The names of the others are, John Peter, Mary, Barbara, Susan and Millie. David Houseman had one sister, Catherine, who married Peter De Moss.

Fletcher Bushman was one of nine children:

Millie Ann, married Franklin Fridman, mentioned elsewhere in these volumes.

Miss Frances, who was born in 1836, died in September, 1884.

David H., a resident farmer of Shelby county, Ohio, where he has lived since 1865. He was born January 9, 1840; married Catherine Elliott. David H. and wife have one son and three daughters, Joseph, Mary, Ida and Clara.

Isaac Benton, was born October 21, 1842, and died January 12, 1901.

William Albert was born March 25, 1846, and is residing at the Fletcher Bushman home in Monroe township.

Clayton, died in infancy on July 1, 1851, aged ten months and eleven days.

Mary L. was born June 13, 1852, and died November 23, 1878.

Fletcher, of this mention.

Elon, born August 25, 1859, died October 14, 1883.

Fletcher Bushman acquired his mental training in the public schools and at Parker's Academy, after which he spent seven years in Shelby county, Ohio, where he was married to Miss Ida Burmeister, February 27, 1884. Her birth took place at New Bremen, Auglaise county, Ohio, September 2, 1863, she being a daughter of Henry and Louise (Teabusch) Burmeister, both of whom were born at Rehna Mechlinburg Schrewen, Germany. They came to America in 1862, soon after their marriage, and settled in Auglaise county, Ohio. The father was born July 27, 1837, and is residing near Piqua, Miami county, Ohio. He is a veteran of the Civil war, having served in

the Federal army. The mother was born August 8, 1836, and died October 29, 1898. They were the parents of seven children, three of whom are still living: Mrs. Bushman; George, a farmer of Miami county, Ohio, and Tillie, who married Patrick Mulligan, a farmer of Miami county, Ohio.

Mrs. Bushman received her education in Shelby county, Ohio, where she was reared to young womanhood.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Bushman there have been seven children:

Bessie, who was born December 10, 1884, at Point Pleasant, Clermont county, is the wife of John Thomas West, a farmer residing in Warren county, Ohio, near Loveland. They have one daughter, Mary Gladys, born April 6, 1909, at Wyatt, Mo.

Sidney M., who was born two miles southwest of Anna, Ohio, August 26, 1886, is at home.

Bonnie Blanche, born near Anna, Shelby county, Ohio, March 18, 1888, is the wife of John Sylvester, of Valparaiso, Ind.. They were married June 12, 1912.

Elsie Floy, was born near Anna, Shelby county, Ohio, October 22, 1890.

Louise Charlotte, born at 1209 Main avenue, Sidney, Ohio, April 5, 1892, at home.

Matilda Ann, born at Point Pleasant, Clermont county, October 18, 1894, is the wife of Irwin Guynn, and they have one daughter, Lenora Margaret.

Leonidas Henry, born at the old home farm in Monroe township, March 15, 1909, is at home.

Mr. Bushman is an independent, progressive Democrat, and has served his township as justice of the peace for two terms, also as notary public for three terms. He is a member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics, Oken Council, No. 228, of Moscow, Ohio. Mrs. Bushman is a member of the Daughters of America, Magnolia Council, No. 36, of Moscow, Ohio. They are both members of the Mt. Zion Christian Church, to which Mr. Bushman has contributed largely.

When Mr. Bushman's grandfather left West Virginia on a flat boat, floating down the Ohio river, their intended destination was Bowling Green, Warren county, Kentucky, but on account of sickness they stopped at Belmont, Ky. The grandfather bought and received a deed for six hundred and forty acres of land, where Bowling Green now stands. On this he paid taxes many years. Some times there would come along a traveler and tell him the land was worthless, and he would

quit paying the taxes. Another would come along and tell him the land was valuable and he would then redeem it and pay the taxes again. After the death of the grandfather no one would pay the taxes for a number of years. Later when the heirs concluded to pay the taxes they found it had been sold and had been neglected so long that it could not be redeemed.

Mr. Bushman in looking over his father's day-book notes a few entries that shows that the prices of coffins in the earlier days ranged from \$2.50 to \$8.00. He also remembers well when the cooking for the family was done by the open fireplace of early times. Pots and kettles hung over the fire by a long, swinging, iron crane, and the baking was done by means of the "Old Dutch Oven," and he remembers well when the first cook stove was brought home to take the place of the brick ovens.

The family raised the flax and the wool from which the clothing and necessary bedding was made, being made up almost entirely by the members of the household, his mother being an expert in spinning with the large wheel, as well as the small flax wheel. She was also an expert knitter and nearly up to the time of her death did the knitting for the family. She made her own tallow candles and used the old grease lamp.

In the preparation of the flax it had to be threshed, then the straw spread out to rot, then put through the breaking machine, hackled, carded, spun and woven into cloth.

Mr. Bushman also furnishes the following family record:

Henry Bushman, born March 14, 1768, died April 18, 1835. Sophia (DeMoss) Bushman, born February 14, 1769, died May 27, 1837. They left Martinsburg, Berkeley county, West Virginia, between the years 1800 and 1812.

Peter DeMoss and Catherine Houseman were married May 27, 1777. He was born November 11, 1752, and she was born September 16, 1758. She was a sister of David Houseman, whose son, John J. Houseman, died November 16, 1854.

Catherine (Bushman) Clark was the grandmother of Col. Henry C. Corbin.

Millie Houseman was married twice, first to a Mr. Stevens, second to a Mr. Clawson, of Booneville, Cooper county, Missouri.

Mary Houseman married Christopher Pampell, of Port Jefferson, Shelby county, Ohio. They have the following living

children: G. W. Pampell, Kansas City, Mo.; Dr. Leonidas Pampell, Vermilion, Kan.; John Pampell, Detroit, Mich.; P. H. Pampell, Galena, Mo., and Mrs. Drucilla Bercau, Mason, Warren county, Ohio.

Barbara Houseman, who died December 30, 1878, was never married.

Susan Houseman, who died March 11, 1847, was married first to a Mr. Foulder, by whom she had one daughter, Addie, who married L. M. Crown, Tiffin, Seneca county, Ohio. Susan, second husband was a Mr. Brenner, by whom one daughter, Elizabeth, who married G. W. Ralls, of Nicholasville, Clermont county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Ralls have three daughters, Grace, Addie and Minerva, the last mentioned marrying Charles Calhoun, of Bethel, Clermont county, Ohio.

David H. Bushman, brother of Fletcher Bushman, married Catharine Elliott, March 10, 1865, of Shelby county, Ohio. He died very suddenly at his home, Sidney, Shelby county, Ohio, Sunday morning, June 8, 1913, aged seventy-three years and six months.

JOHN COSLETT.

For many years the late Mr. John Coslett, whose death occurred April 13, 1910, was prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Brown county, Ohio. He was a native of Brown county, his birth having occurred May 2, 1839, in Union township, where, in 1831, his parents, John and Sarah (Potts) Coslett, settled.

John Coslett, Sr., was a native of Pennsylvania and was by occupation a miller. From 1855, he owned and operated a mill known as the "Franklin Mill," which, after his demise, was operated by his son, John, Jr. His wife, Sarah (Potts) Coslett, was a native of Brown county.

John Coslett, the subject of this review, was reared and resided on the farm in Union township during his entire life, and was well educated. After his father's death, he conducted the mill until September, 1903, when it was destroyed by fire. After this event, Mr. Coslett devoted his entire attention to the farm, which since his death, is operated by his widow and the family.

On November 17, 1871, Mr. John Coslett was united in the bonds of matrimony to Miss Hannah Haas, who was born in

Adams county and is a daughter of Gottlieb and Hannah (Plummer) Haas, who were of German nativity, and their marriage took place in the old country. They came to America, locating first in Adams county, Ohio, where they remained for some years, and later settled in Brown county. Mrs. Coslett was but ten years of age when she was deprived of her mother. Her father died in the year 1895, at the age of seventy-five years. She has three brothers living; one in Brown county; one in Adams county, and one at Columbus.

In 1863, Mr. John Coslett entered Company I, Eleventh regiment, Ohio cavalry, in the defense of his country, at the time of the Civil war, and at the close of his services was given an honorable discharge at Fort Laramie.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. John Coslett were eleven children, and with the exception of one in the West, all are residents of Brown county.

Mr. Coslett was a Democrat in politics, and was always active in the interests of his party. He was at one time candidate for sheriff of Brown county, and also served on the board of education. His fraternal connections were with the Knights Pythias, and the Grand Army of the Republic. The religious belief of the members of Mr. Coslett's family were of the Methodist faith.

HON. JAMES E. McKEVER.

One of the most prominent, and at the same time versatile business men of Clermont county, is Hon. James E. McKeever, who is the alert, courteous cashier of the Williamsburg First National Bank, which organization was opened for business, April 19, 1911, with the following officers:

President, N. T. Dailey; Vice-President, J. H. White; Cashier, James E. McKeever; Board of Directors, N. T. Dailey, J. H. White, M. N. Glancy, L. F. Hulick, J. A. Hugo, Dr. J. P. Allen, J. M. Davidson, G. H. Leeds, J. A. Dyer.

This is the first National bank established in Williamsburg and it is capitalized at \$25,000. The banking company erected the building which, with the two lots, is owned by the company.

Hon. James E. McKeever was born February 18, 1856, and was educated in this county, also taking a business course at Lebanon, Ohio. He entered upon his career in the busi-

ness world as a farmer and trader, in connection with his brothers, Charles P. McKeever, William E. McKeever and E. C. McKeever, and was thus occupied until he engaged with them in the stock business, in which they made a specialty of fine horses. For three years Mr. McKeever was engaged in the real estate business, being associated with Mr. C. H. Lockwood.

In the fall of 1879 Mr. McKeever was united in marriage to Miss Ann E. Steward, who was born in Brown county, Ohio, and is a daughter of W. N. and Melissa (Malott) Steward, residents of Brown county, near Williamsburg. Mr. Steward was a general merchant at Crosstown and the mother is deceased.

In political matters Mr. McKeever is a Democrat and has served as supervisor and is now president of the Board of Affairs, of which he has been a member for the past six years. He was elected to the legislature in 1885 to 1887.

Mr. McKeever is a member of Clermont Lodge No. 29, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a past worshipful master. He is also past worthy patron of the Eastern Star, and in November, 1912, was elected for a third term, Mrs. McKeever is also a member of that organization.

Both Mr. and Mrs. McKeever are widely and favorably known in the community where they make their home and a friendly spirit has rendered their home a hospitable one, its good cheer being greatly enjoyed by many who know them.

GEORGE W. SLADE.

Mr. George W. Slade, a most highly esteemed resident of Williamsburg, Ohio, where he now lives a retired life, enjoying the fruits of years of industry and frugality, is one of the best known farmers of Clermont county, Ohio. He was born near Batavia, this county, September 25, 1841, his parents being Ezekiel and Susanna (Monday) Slade.

Ezekiel Slade was born in Brown county, at Georgetown, in 1819, and removed to Clermont county as a young man, following the occupation of farming until his marriage, after which event he engaged in the mercantile business, at Concord, Williamsburg township, being thus employed until the breaking out of the Civil war. He enlisted in and recruited



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Company B, Eighty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, and was appointed lieutenant on the 9th of August, 1862, serving until he became ill, and was discharged on account of disability. As soon as he was able he recruited another, Company G, One Hundred and Fifty-third Ohio volunteer infantry, and served from May 2, 1864, to September 9, 1864, at which time he was discharged, having served during the One Hundred Day Service as first lieutenant of his company. He took part in many important engagements, but was so fortunate as never to have been wounded. Returning from the war, Ezekiel Slade traded his mercantile business for a farm in Batavia township, which was practically his home until his demise, which occurred at Williamsburg, March 5, 1900, past eighty years of age. He was a Republican, serving as trustee of the township and as justice of the peace for over twenty years. He was also an active member of the Methodist church for many years. His father was a farmer, living in Kentucky.

Susanna (Monday) Slade was born in Clermont county, Ohio, March 7, 1823, and died August 18, 1897, at Batavia. She was prominent in the Methodist church and was a daughter of James Monday, a native of New Jersey. He was orphaned at an early age, his parents dying from yellow fever. He was bound out as a child and was too young to remember his proper name. He ran away from his master and hid on board a ship, probably in New York harbor, and was later discovered by the captain, who was kind to him, naming him "Monday" because of the day on which he was found. Later he was taken by another man and his family, who reared him. He married and resided in New Jersey, later removing to Clermont county, where he was a successful farmer. His daughter, Susanna (Monday) was one of several children, of whom now living is Mrs. Ann Willis, of Williamsburg.

Mr. George W. Slade is one of six children, one of whom died in infancy.

James H. was born April 3, 1843, of Batavia township, and was a member of the Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, serving three years during the Civil war. He was never seriously injured, although he had the tip of one finger shot off.

John William, was born March 14, 1845, and died May 4, 1848.

Sarah Elizabeth, was born July 26, 1849, became the wife of F. M. Duckwall, residing now at Abilene, Kan.

Andrew M., was born August 3, 1854, a resident of Brown county, Ohio.

Our subject was reared mainly in Williamsburg township, his home at the beginning of the Civil war, and he enlisted at the first call for three years' service, in Company C, Twelfth Ohio volunteer infantry, being mustered out at Columbus, Ohio, in 1864. He was in different corps and participated in many engagements, among them being Scary Creek, West Virginia; Carnifex Ferry; the second battle of Bull Run; South Mountain; Antietam; Cloyd Mountain; and many others. He never received a wound, although his clothing was pierced with bullets. Returning from the war to his home, he, with a brother, operated the home farm, finally purchasing it and for over forty years farmed at this place. His brother, J. H., still operates it.

The marriage of Mr. G. W. Slade to Miss Olive Wilson occurred in Batavia township, September 3, 1874. Miss Wilson was born in Clermont county, January 11, 1847, and died May 8, 1891. She was a daughter of Joseph and Alice Wilson, both natives of this county. Mrs. Slade had two brothers and one sister, John, Arthur and Lavancia, all now deceased. She was an active Methodist.

On October 2, 1892, occurred the second marriage of Mr. Slade to Miss Georgia Fitzwater, who was born at Batavia, and is a daughter of Albert and Sarah (Davis) Fitzwater. Mrs. Slade has one brother, Mark, a resident of Clermont county, living between Williamsburg and Batavia, and one sister, Mrs. J. H. Burnett, of Clermont, and one sister, living in Brown county, Ohio, Mrs. G. W. McCollum; and another sister, Mrs. Rufus Davison, of Afton, Clermont county.

Of the first union of Mr. Slade there were five children, all born in Batavia township, Clermont county:

Otis A., was born on August 5, 1875. He is a street car conductor, and married Miss Bessie Shields and they are the parents of three children.

Thomas M., was born September 30, 1876, is a farmer of Batavia township. He married Miss Emma Bell Marsh, and has one daughter.

Jacob R., was born October 1, 1878, and is a farmer of Batavia township. He married Miss Lodi Brown.

Albertine, was born June 1, 1880, is the wife of Roscoe Shaw, of Williamsburg township, and has one child by a former marriage.

Susanna, was born May 30, 1883, and is the wife of Otis Kain, a farmer of Williamsburg township, and has three daughters.

One son was born to the second union of Mr. Slade, but died in infancy.

Mr. Slade is an active Republican, and is a member of the J. H. Jenkins Post, No. 242, Grand Army of the Republic, being now senior vice-commander. He is in addition, a member of the Social Lodge, No. 29, Free and Accepted Masons, and has filled various chairs. Mrs. Slade is a devoted member of the Methodist church.

Mr. Slade retired from the farm and removed to Williamsburg in 1904, where he is now enjoying the peace and quiet of home life after a long term spent in fruitful labor. In personal character he has always been one to command respect, and is numbered among the most honorable and upright men of Williamsburg.

WILLIAM D. SIMMONS.

William D. Simmons, a farmer residing at Laurel, Monroe township, is a typical and representative citizen of Clermont county, and possesses the enterprise which has made him a dominant factor in the upbuilding of the country. He was born near Laurel, July 9, 1839, and is a son of Hatton and Esther (Nichols) Simmons, the latter being a grand-aunt of the late Judge Perry H. Nichols, mentioned elsewhere in this work. She was born in 1797, in what is now the city of Cincinnati, and passed away February 16, 1864. She was thirteen years of age when her parents removed to Clermont county.

Hatton Simmons was born on Bull Skin creek, Franklin township, in 1800, and was a son of James and Sarah Simmons, the former of whom came to this locality with his father, Adam Simmons, settling in what is now Monroe township. James was a farmer and a prominent Methodist, having the pleasure of entertaining the first minister of this circuit. He died in 1855, in the seventy-fifth year of his life. To the union of James and Sarah Simmons were born ten children.

The following is a genealogy of the Simmons family in America:

John Simmons was born in England and came to the United States and settled in Pennsylvania, where he had many children born unto him, Adam being the youngest. Adam Sim-

mons was born in Pennsylvania, January 15, 1747. Mary Hatton was born in Pennsylvania, December 1, 1753. Adam Simmons and Mary Hatton were married November 13, 1770, in Pennsylvania.

John Simmons was born November 13, 1771; Leonard Simmons was born December 15, 1773; Benjamin Simmons was born May 31, 1776; James Simmons was born July 30, 1778; Margaret (Lakin) was born September 25, 1780; Mary (DeBruler) was born February 25, 1783; Elenor (DeBruler) was born November 29, 1785; Adam Simmons, Jr., was born July 9, 1788; Sarah (Lakin) was born October 30, 1790; Nancy (Hitch) was born October 10, 1793; Elizabeth (Lakin) was born July 15, 1797.

Sarah Evans was born in May, 1775, and married to James Simmons. William Simmons was born June 2, 1798; Hatton Simmons was born July 26, 1800; Mary (Nichols) was born December 22, 1802; Elisha B. Simmons was born February 13, 1805; James Simmons was born June 15, 1807; Leonard Simmons was born January 3, 1810; Elenor A. Simmons was born April 10, 1812; John B. Simmons was born June 15, 1814; Benjamin H. Simmons was born May 12, 1819.

William D. Simmons is one of five children, of which but one sister, Hannah E., who resides at Laurel, is living. The others were, James Robert Hobson, Nathan Nichols, and Sarah Ann.

William D. Simmons was reared to young manhood in Monroe township, and received a good common school education. Having been trained to farm life he has followed that line of occupation to the present time. Until recently he owned some one hundred acres of fine farm land near Laurel.

Mr. Simmons was married in 1867 to Miss Mary Elizabeth Allen, who was born July 4, 1848, in Oxford, Butler county, Ohio, a daughter of Simeon and Rebecca (Ross) Allen, the latter of whom was born in 1824, and was a daughter of James and Vashti (Bowers) Ross, who came to this locality early in the Nineteenth century. Rebecca was the youngest of thirteen children and died in 1901. Simeon Allen was born in Massachusetts, September 3, 1819, and died in 1869. He came with his parents to the vicinity of Cincinnati, where he passed away.

Mrs. W. D. Simmons is one of three children:

Harriet, married George Price, and died in 1879.

Charles J. has been in the mining business for many years in Portland, Ore.

Mrs. Simmons has resided in Clermont county since she was sixteen years of age, attending the schools of the county and at Cincinnati, having as a teacher, the late John Hancock. She taught several terms of school in Clermont county. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Simmons has been blessed by four children:

Bertha Allen, who is the wife of Morton H. McNeill, a farmer of Monroe township. They have two daughters—Ruth Winnifred and Dorothy Allen.

Charles, a farmer of Laurel, married Elizabeth McNeill. They have one son, Charles, Jr.

Harriet Esther, married George Mofford, of Milford, Ohio. They are the parents of one daughter, Gladys Evelyn.

Anna Rebecca is Mrs. Franklin Tatman, of Salt Air, Clermont county.

Mr. Simmons is a staunch Republican, and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. He was a member of the State guard, subject to call at any time during the War of 1861-65, being called out in 1864 and served through the remainder of the war in Company D, One Hundred and Fifty-third Ohio volunteer infantry, under Capt. Archie McNair.

In religious matters, Mr. and Mrs. Simmons are devoted members of the Methodist church, he being a steward and trustee of the Laurel church. He is also a member of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Association at Laurel, which was organized in the early '60s.

The success in the battle of life which Mr. Simmons has achieved is due to his strict attention to whatever business he had to do, and with the help of his estimable wife has been rewarded with a substantial competence. His dealings with his fellowmen are just and honorable, and he is a gentleman in every sense of the word.

NATHANIEL T. DAILEY.

Williamsburg takes pride in including among its foremost citizens the subject of this sketch, Mr. Nathaniel T. Dailey, who, for the past twenty-seven years has been most prominent in the business circles of the town, where he has conducted a finely and fully equipped undertaking business. He is a native son of Clermont county, his birth having occurred

in Monroe township, six miles northeast of New Richmond, in 1856, a son of Rev. Nathaniel and Emeline Dailey.

Rev. Nathaniel Dailey was born in New Jersey in 1808 and died in 1885 in Clermont county. He came with his father, Rev. Evi Dailey, to Clermont county in 1814, where the family settled on a farm near Batavia. Rev. Nathaniel Dailey was a local minister of the Methodist church and an ordained elder for life, and from the age of twenty-three years to his death, at the age of seventy-seven years, he was actively engaged in preaching the Gospel. During his ministry he preached more funeral sermons than any other minister in this section of the country. In connection with the ministry Rev. Dailey was an active agriculturalist, having secured a fine farm in the county. He was thrice married and was the father of twelve children. The first union was to Elizabeth Winans, and to them were born eight children, of whom two sons and one daughter are now living.

Mr. O. W. Dailey, of Williamsburg.

Benjamin Dailey, of Ringgold, Ga.

Mrs. Mollie Rogers, a widow residing at Bethel, Ohio.

The second union was with Emeline Dailey, very distantly related. She was born in New Jersey, January 23, 1819, and accompanied her parents, Rev. David and Mary (Driver) Dailey, to Hamilton county, Ohio, in 1821. Rev. David Dailey was born April 3, 1761, and on February 14, 1799, married Mary Driver, who was born January 2, 1781. They are buried at Cheviot cemetery, near Cincinnati, their home for years. They were the parents of nine children, Emeline being the youngest. She died about 1870, having been the mother of four children, two of whom died in infancy. The others are:

Nathaniel T. Dailey, of this mention.

Mrs. Emma D. Baber, a resident of California. Mr. Baber was a teacher at Lebanon, Ohio, as was his wife.

Rev. Nathaniel Dailey was a son of Rev. Evi Dailey, also a Methodist minister, who was born in 1774 and died at the age of fifty-five years, in 1829. He is buried at Old Bethel cemetery, having spent fifteen years in the county. He was a carpenter and builder, also a brick-mason, being a fine mechanic. He was also an energetic farmer, securing a splendid farm in the county.

After he had received a preliminary education in the common schools of the county, Nathaniel T. Dailey learned the carriage painting trade, which he followed for eight years with

great success. He then embarked in the undertaking business at Nicholasville, and has taken courses of study in undertaking under F. A. Sullivan, J. H. Clark and Dr. Carl Barnes, and received a State license.

On October 15, 1885, Mr. Dailey came to Williamsburg, where he has had a better opportunity for advancement in his line of work. He has here builded a most flattering patronage and has one of the best and most fully equipped establishments in this part of the State. He is president of the First National Bank, of Williamsburg, being one of the organizers, in April, 1911.

On March 22, 1877, Mr. Dailey was united in marriage to Miss Louie Banks, who was born in Clermont county, and is a daughter of Houghton and Frances (Smith) Banks. The latter was born June 5, 1836, and resides at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dailey. Mr. and Mrs. Banks were of the early settlers of Hamilton and Clermont counties, and Mr. Banks passed away several years since. Mrs. Dailey is one of three children:

Mrs. Anne Hancock, of Lebanon, Ohio.

Walter, died in boyhood.

Mrs. Dailey was reared and educated in Hamilton county, Ohio.

An uncle of our subject, Dr. David T. Dailey, of Cincinnati, was born June 26, 1809, and practiced at 365 West Court street, Cincinnati, for many years. During the Civil war he was a medical student and practitioner and gave his services throughout the entire war. He received his diploma in February, 1865.

In politics, Mr. Dailey is a staunch Republican, and has served two terms as councilman. He is a staunch advocate of temperance and is very active in all movements for the cause of temperance. In fraternal circles, Mr. Dailey is widely and favorably known, having connection with numerous orders. He has membership in the Angola Lodge No. 231 and Angola Encampment No. 248, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is past grand chief patriarch and past deputy chief patriarch. He is past district deputy grand master of District C, Clermont county. He holds membership in the Clermont Social Lodge No. 29, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is past master. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dailey are members of the Order of Eastern Star, Celestine chapter No. 185, of Williamsburg, Mrs. Dailey having filled

some of the chairs. Mrs. Dailey is a member of the Daughters of Rebekah, Lodge No. 203, and of the Woman's Relief Corps, No. 117, of Williamsburg, having served as president of the latter organization. She is a member of the Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Dailey is an energetic worker and supporter.

Mr. Dailey has one of, if not the most complete collection of horns in the country, one that would be the pride of any natural history society or museum. Among this interesting collection are three magnificent pairs of elk horns, twelve-prong; one pair of sacred cow; two pairs of Mexican lambs; one pair of Mazama or Rocky Mountain sheep; several native and one pair of wild goat horns from Africa, Alaska, Switzerland and elsewhere; one pair of Buffalo horns measuring thirty-two inches; horns of water buffalo, deer from the Philippines, our native deer, antelope, and cattle of many kinds. Among Texas cattle are horns measuring nearly four feet, and one pair of Brazilian steer horns that measures seven feet and two inches from tip to tip. In Mr. Dailey's collection are many interesting Indian tools and weapons. He has also a fine collection of swords, pistols and muskets.

PHILIP CHATTERTON.

The death of Mr. Philip Chatterton, at his home in Williamsburg, Ohio, in 1897, removed from Clermont county a man who had been identified with its interests for more than three-quarters of a century, and was one of the most prominent and useful citizens of the great State of Ohio. Mr. Chatterton was a native of New York, his birth having taken place there in 1806, his parents being Jacob and Abigail (Bates) Chatterton.

Jacob Chatterton was born in New York, in 1780, and was a militiaman before the war of 1812, in which he served for about one year. When he was called for the war of 1812 his wife decided that he must have a new suit, and in accordance with the methods of those days, a dark sheep was caught, the wool washed and carded, and being spun into yarn, was woven into cloth. A suit was then made, the good wife having worked day and night to finish the garments in time. In 1815 Jacob brought his family to Ohio, coming down the

Ohio river by flatboat, and landing at Chilo, Clermont county. A few years later he secured one hundred and twelve acres of land between Williamsburg and Bethel, which he cleared and developed, and followed farming as an occupation during his active life. In later life, however, Jacob retired and built a comfortable home on the pike at Clover Church, where he and his wife spent their declining years. They were devout members of the Christian church, Mrs. Chatterton being a great reader of the Bible, in which she was extremely well informed. Mr. Chatterton passed away in August, 1860, in the eightieth year of his life. They became the parents of Abigail, Philip, James, Alvin, Benjamin, Aaron and Horatio.

Philip Chatterton spent the first nine years of his life in New York and came with his parents to Ohio in 1815 and received the education accorded the children of those days, after which he engaged in teaching for a number of years, at twelve dollars per month. He later secured and cleared a large farm near his father's, and during the remainder of his active life followed the business of farming most successfully, becoming one of the substantial men of the county.

In 1832, Mr. Chatterton married Miss Mary Ann Reed, who was born near Bethel, this county, in 1810, and was a daughter of John and Mehetable (Kanaam) Reed, old residents of Clermont, who came from Pennsylvania and New Jersey, respectively.

In the family of Philip and Mary Ann (Reed) Chatterton were ten children:

William, who was born in 1833, died in 1910. He was a soldier in Company G, One Hundred and Fifty-third regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and served in the one hundred-day service. He was a resident farmer of Williamsburg township and married Lavancha Poole, now deceased. They became the parents of three daughters, who also are deceased.

Alvin, who until his retirement was a farmer, died at his home at Fairfield, Iowa, April 10, 1913. He was a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting in the First Iowa cavalry, and spent four years in the service. He married Miss Sherman, of Ohio, and they had five children, four of whom are still living.

Ezra, of Williamsburg, was also a soldier, and served exactly thirty-seven months, having enlisted in Company E, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, and participated in the battles of Shiloh, Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga and

others. A more complete mention appears elsewhere in these volumes.

Orlestus served three years in the Civil war, in Company E, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteers, and was for many years a resident of Clermont county, but during the last fifteen years of his life made his home at Salt Lake City. He never married.

John R. was a soldier in Company H, Eighty-fourth Ohio volunteers, and was taken ill and died at Nashville, Tenn., in 1864.

Amanda died in 1862, as a young lady, and was not married.

Mehetable married Benton H. Medary, both now deceased. They resided on the old home farm and left a family of five children, four of whom are residing near.

Lucinda died in infancy.

Barton married Sophronia Burk and they became the parents of one daughter, Ethel, who is the wife of William Elrod, the druggist, of Williamsburg.

Charles P., whose sketch will appear elsewhere.

Mr. Philip Chatterton, like his father, was a strong Abolitionist, and was one of the operators of the famous "underground railroad." He was a Whig in politics early in life, but became a Republican in later years. He served as township trustee and retired from the farm and active labors, residing during his declining years at Williamsburg. Mr. Chatterton was devoted to his family and his home and was esteemed by his friends and neighbors.

CHARLES P. CHATTERTON.

Mr. Charles P. Chatterton, who for many years has been prominently identified with the business life of Williamsburg, Ohio, is a general merchant of that place, handling groceries, hardware and queensware. He has been in business for the past twenty-five years and enjoys a liberal patronage. He was born in Williamsburg township, Clermont county, September 8, 1854, and is a son of Philip and Mary Ann (Reed) Chatterton.

Mr. Charles Chatterton was reared on the parental farm and was properly educated in the common schools of the vicinity of his home, after which he attended the Lebanon, Ohio, Normal School. When twenty years of age he entered upon

the business of farming for himself and for four years continued along these lines.

In 1875 Mr. Chatterton became the husband of Miss Lorisa Kain, a daughter of J. W. Kain, and then engaged in the management of the home farm, continuing until in 1878, when he removed to Williamsburg, engaging in the flouring-mill business, associated first with three others, his father, Philip Chatterton, W. L. and W. A. Kain, and later with the late Dan K. Peterson. In 1887 Mr. Chatterton sold out his mill interests and engaged in the mercantile business, which has occupied his attention to the present time, buying out Mr. D. K. Peterson. He has increased his business and is assisted by his son.

Mr. and Mrs. Chatterton are the parents of four children:

Orlestus, who is his father's assistant, married Bertha Wean, and they have two sons, Victor, aged sixteen years, and Harold W., aged ten years.

Estelle died at the age of sixteen months.

Edna died at the age of two and one-half years.

Ramona is fifteen years of age and is at home attending school.

Politically, Mr. Chatterton is always Republican. Socially, a member of the Masonic order and of the Eastern Star, of which he went through the chairs and was worshipful master three years and district lecturer for Brown and Clermont counties for three years. He was first worthy patron of Eastern Star, Chapter Celestine, No. 185, of which Mrs. Chatterton is also a member, and religiously both are members of the Methodist church.

Mr. Chatterton is well known in Williamsburg as an energetic and reliable business man, well qualified to conduct his extensive business affairs. While devoting his energies to the welfare of his family, he has never been found wanting in public spirit, and is rightly judged one of the representative men.

EZRA CHATTERTON.

Mr. Ezra Chatterton, who has been a valued citizen of Williamsburg, Ohio, since July 25, 1908, has been a resident of Clermont county since his birth, January 31, 1837, and belongs to a family which has long been conspicuous for its extensive

agricultural operations. His parents were Philip and Mary Ann (Reed) Chatterton.

The education of Mr. Chatterton was acquired in the schools of Clermont county and also at the academy at College Hill, Cincinnati, Ohio. He decided on agriculture as an occupation early in life and immediately after the close of the Civil war purchased a farm adjoining the home farm, where he resided until his removal to Williamsburg.

On January 27, 1865, Mr. Chatterton was united in marriage to Miss Isaphine Everhart, who was born at Williamsburg, January 27, 1845, a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Peterson) Everhart, both natives of Clermont county, the former having been born in 1805 and died in 1853, and the latter, whose birth occurred in 1806, died in 1870. They were the parents of seven children, two of whom died in infancy. The others are:

John, who was a soldier in the Civil war, in Company K, Twenty-seventh Ohio volunteer infantry, served about one year, when he lost his health and died about 1869, at Williamsburg.

Ora was in the three months' service in the Civil war, in the Twenty-second regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry. He is a shoe merchant at Lafayette, Ind.

Mary, deceased, married Dolph Peterson, who is now a resident of Salt Lake City.

Isaphine, who is Mrs. Ezra Chatterton.

Fountain, a mute, who died many years ago in Cincinnati. He was married there.

Mr. and Mrs. Chatterton have had four children in their family, who are:

Harry E., who was born February 7, 1866, married Miss Sarah Moyer, of Lancaster, Ohio. He died in December, 1896, leaving a widow and two daughters, Bertha and Lucile, all now living at Delaware, Ohio.

George Philip, born November 22, 1867, is the principal of the Youngstown, Ohio, High School, where he is a resident. He is a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan University, of Delaware, Ohio. He was united in marriage to Miss May Abernathy, who was an Ohio lady, a daughter of a Methodist minister.

Bertha was born October 20, 1869, married John Moyer, and they are operating the farm of our subject. They have two sons, Richard E. and Robert C.

Leona, who was born November 6, 1872, married Rev. William E. Shriver, who is the pastor of the Methodist church, of Rainsboro, Ohio. Their only child died in infancy.

In politics, Mr. Chatterton is in unison with the Republican party and served for six years as township trustee. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist church. He is an example of the sturdy business man and upright citizen, and to such as he Clermont county owes its prestige.

O. L. PAGE.

Among the native sons of Clermont county who have found here good business opportunity, which, improved, have led to success, is numbered O. L. Page, who has been county recorder of Clermont county since 1908. That he was re-elected in 1910 is a tribute to his efficiency and popularity.

Mr. Page was born in Tate township, Clermont county, January 6, 1874, being a son of S. A. and Mary E. (Kennedy) Page, the latter being a native of Clermont county, a daughter of Samuel Kennedy. Her birth occurred in 1846, she passing away in 1878. Mr. S. A. Page is a native of Union county, Ohio, though most of his life has been spent in Clermont county.

The first fourteen years of Mr. Page's life was spent on the farm of his father in Tate township, where he obtained his early education in the district and public schools. In 1888, the the family moved to Felicity, which is still the home of the father. After the completion of his education, Mr. Page was connected with the Cincinnati shoe concern and with other activities until his marriage, April 4, 1897, to Miss Carrie L. Homan, a daughter of Louis and Elizabeth (Layfield) Homan, the latter residing in Bethel. Mr. Homan died several years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Page have two children, who were born in Bethel:

Mary Lucile, born March 28, 1899.

Julia Elizabeth, born May 2, 1902.

After his marriage, Mr. Page located in Bethel, where he engaged in the real estate and insurance business until he accepted his present office, handling a general line of life and fire insurance, and real estate business.

Mr. O. L. Page has one brother, John E., of Connersville, Ind., a sales manager for the Connersville Furniture Manufacturing Company, having resided there for the past twenty years. He is a graduate of the Cincinnati Business College, and accepted his present position immediately after his graduation. Mr. John E. Page married a daughter of Prof. Saunders, now superintendent of schools in Connersville. They have two children—Elizabeth Ann and Mary Frances.

A baby sister of Mr. O. L. Page died in infancy.

In political views, Mr. Page is a Democrat, and has served his party in the various local offices, in the capacity of a member of the school board and of public affairs.

Mr. Page is a member of the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Bethel. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is loyal in citizenship at all times, reliable in business and faithful in friendship. The strong and salient traits of his character are those which in every land and clime awaken confidence and respect.

JOSEPH F. KNIGHT.

Joseph F. Knight, who is actively interested in several important enterprises at Williamsburg, Ohio, was born in Clermont county, near Branch Hill, Batavia township, September 4, 1849. He is one of the three children born to John and Catherine (Ogden) Knight; the other two being George L., who is a contractor and general mechanic in Pleasant Ridge, Ohio, and Mrs. Martha McNutt, who died leaving her husband, Obediah McNutt, and two daughters, Mrs. Dr. Frank McLean, of Columbus, Ohio, and Mrs. John Hamilton, of St. Louis, Mo.

John Knight was born in 1817 at Frederick, Md. With his twin brother, Joseph, he went to Texas, where they were in the government employ among the Indians. Joseph remained in Texas, where his descendants still are located, but John went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he married and located on a farm in what is now Batavia township, where he was very successful and soon acquired a farm. To John and Mary (Davis) Knight one son was born, William Knight, who died when about sixty-five years of age, leaving a widow in Sardinia, Ohio, who still carries on the undertaking and furnish-

ing business, in which he was engaged; also two sons and four daughters who reside in Clermont and Brown counties.

Catherine (Rogers) Ogden, who, as before mentioned, was the second wife of John Knight, was also formerly married, her first husband being Daniel Ogden. To this union two children were born: Ormel Ogden, who died in the army, and Mrs. Ella Hines, of Williamsburg, widow of Rev. William E. Hines, former minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a member of the Cincinnati conference until his death in June, 1892.

Joseph F. Knight, our subject, has resided at or near Williamsburg since he was four years of age, except the two years he farmed in Preble county, Ohio. He followed the farming business until he was twenty-five years of age. Since then he has made himself very prominent as a business man. He spent some fifteen years in the mercantile business at Williamsburg. He was interested for eight years in the brick plant and has been president of the Williamsburg Furniture Company for years, of which company he was also manager until recently. He has been one of the six owners and directors of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank, of Williamsburg, a private institution, since its organization as the successor of the Lockard Banking Company. He is also interested in and is a director of the Building & Loan Company, and also of the Williamsburg Home Telephone Company. He has also been engaged in the real estate business for years, and owns property in Norwood and Pleasant Ridge and elsewhere. Mr. T. G. Foster was associated with him in the real estate business.

Our subject was married at Williamsburg to Ella M. Stockton, daughter of Volney Stockton, an early resident and chair manufacturer of Williamsburg. She died in 1881, leaving one daughter, Mrs. George Frazier, whose husband is in the mail service. In 1884 he was again married to Mrs. Centrilla (McMillan) Frazier, who by her first marriage was the mother of Charles Frazier, who is engaged with our subject in the chair business at Williamsburg. Mr. and Mrs. Knight are the parents of one daughter, Edna B., who is a graduate of the Williamsburg schools, and is now at home.

Politically, Mr. Knight is a Republican. He has served as city alderman several years, and was for seven years a member of the board of education. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his wife is a member of the Rebekahs. They are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

HIRAM U. MOORE.

Hiram U. Moore, of Batavia, is a descendant of the fifth generation from Andrew Moore, who on August 3, 1723, landed at New Castle, Del., the first of his family to migrate to America. Andrew was born in June, 1688, in County Antrim, Ireland, the son of James and grandson of John Moore, who emigrated from near Glasgow, Scotland, to Ireland, in 1612.

The father of H. U. Moore, James Canby Moore, was born April 19, 1793, in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and was the son of Dr. James and Ann (Starr) Moore. Dr. James was the son of Andrew, the original immigrant to America, and Margaret (Miller) Moore.

On January 3, 1820, James Canby Moore was married at St. Clairsville, Ohio, to Lucinda, daughter of John and Nancy (Nuswanger) Hines, of that place. He had removed with his parents to Belmont county, Ohio, of which county he was surveyor twenty-two years. In 1840 he moved to Clermont county, Ohio, of which county he was surveyor nine years. He owned one of the finest farms in Clermont, and for twenty-four years he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was an active member of the Brotherhood of Free Masons. After a life of service as an able officer, devoted husband, and kind father, a man highly respected and honored by those who knew him, he died, October 4, 1866.

Lucinda Hines was born September 28, 1800, in Wellsburg, Va., and died at the advanced age of ninety-four years. She was a woman of rare traits of character and for over thirty years was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Her parents were farmers, residents of Belmont county, Ohio.

James C. and wife were the parents of twelve children, of which H. U. is the only one living. The names of their children follow:

Jane Ann died at seventeen, from an accident.

John, a physician, who practiced at Moscow, and died from cholera in 1848, at the age of forty years.

James E., for years a merchant at Moscow, but later a farmer in Franklin township, who died at the age of eighty-four.

Dr. A. C., who practiced many years in Clermont county, later going to Wyoming, Hamilton county, where he died at the age of eighty-four years.

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Lysander R., a farmer of Clermont county, died at seventy-four years of age.

The next three children died from scarlet fever while still quite young.

Benjamin H., who was a blacksmith in Hamilton county, Ohio, died at the age of sixty from typhoid fever.

Lucinda C., married Louis Nash, a farmer, who resided near Amelia. She died at the age of seventy-two years.

Hiram Ulysses, our subject, aged seventy-four years, a resident of Batavia.

Dr. Eugene L., who practiced at Amelia, Ohio, and died at the age of sixty-five. His daughter, the late Mrs. Nellie Burrelle, was a brilliant literary woman, being on the staff of the "New York World," later president of the Clipping Bureau of New York, author of the famous Dewey Album. She died in December, 1911.

Jane Ann Josephine, married Lafayette Nash, and died at sixty-five years of age.

Mr. H. U. Moore was born March 22, 1838, at St. Clairsville, Ohio. When four years of age he, with his parents, removed to Monroe township, Clermont county, Ohio. When eighteen years of age he started to learn the carriage maker's trade. After three years he located at Cincinnati, and spent five years more as a journeyman. In 1866 he moved to Batavia and went into partnership with W. B. C. Stirling in carriage manufacturing and the undertaking business. Later they added agricultural implements to their large stock, employing from fifteen to twenty men. The partnership existed for thirty-eight years.

October 5, 1870, our subject was married to Eliza C., daughter of William H. and Nancy (Pompelly) Banister. She was born February 21, 1849. Her parents were early pioneers of Clermont county, coming from Maine. Her father was a fine musician and teacher of music. Mrs. Moore died August 7, 1911.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Moore:

Dr. H. Stirling Moore, a dentist with offices in Batavia, Ohio, was married to Miss Stella Moorman, of Washington Court House, Ohio, and has one son, William S., aged eleven years.

Nancy L., wife of William E. Smith, district passenger agent of the Northern Pacific railroad, who is located at Indianapolis. They have an infant daughter, Lida Moore.

Carrie Dorsey, wife of Fayette C. Dorsey, residing at Louisville, Ky., where Mr. Dorsey is with the Southern National Bank. Of their three children two sons are still living—Hiram Stirling, aged six years, and Fayette C., aged two.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore were both members of the Presbyterian church. Politically, he is a Democrat. For the past twenty-five years he has been a member of the Masonic order, and has filled the various offices of that organization.

On the 23d day of February, 1907, Mr. W. B. C. Stirling died, since which time, and up to the date of his death, on February 11, 1913, Mr. H. U. Moore carried on the undertaking business in Batavia, and his establishment was known as one of the very best in Southern Ohio. Mr. Moore has ministered in times of trouble to practically every home in a radius of several miles around Batavia, and was universally beloved by the people. He has been succeeded in his business by his son, H. Stirling Moore, an experienced undertaker.

THOMAS KAIN ELLIS.

An account of the ancestry of Samuel Ellis is to be found in this work in the sketch of Mrs. Ochiltree. In the first migration of that Ellis family to Ohio, George, an elder brother, is said to have come to Williamsburg in 1806; and that was the reason for the coming of the younger orphaned children at later dates. Samuel, who was born December 12, 1803, came from Virginia about 1825 and learned coopering with his brother, George, who then had a shop a little over a mile from the foot of Main street on the Boston road. Samuel Ellis located his shop on the south side of Main, between Front and Second streets, and eventually employed a number of helpers. The product of that shop was readily sold to the lower mills and in Cincinnati for the down river trade. He married Catherine Ann Kain, who was born March 1, 1808, and was the oldest daughter of Major Daniel and Elenor Foster Kain, as told in our sketch of the Kain Family.

The children of Samuel and Catherine Ellis were: George M., who was born October 15, 1830, married Mary Murphy and died October 26, 1866, leaving a son and daughter, now living in California. Eliza V., who was born June 29, 1833, married William Procter and moved to Paoli, Ind., where she

died leaving nine children. William Henry, who was born November 28, 1835, clerked several years in Cincinnati, and then served in the Union army as the drum major for an Indiana regiment, in which he lost his health, was discharged on account of sickness, and shortly after, on September 2, 1864, died in his father's house. Thomas K. was born November 3, 1839, and named for his uncle, Thomas Kain, the lame teacher. Margaret E. was born September 3, 1844, and died May 12, 1847. Charles R., the youngest, was born August 25, 1847, married Carrie Guy, and is now living on his farm near Spencer, Owen county, Indiana, with a family of seven children.

Samuel and Catherine Ellis were members of the Presbyterian church in Williamsburg during all their married life, and for several years before. The service of that church was one of constant pleasure. He was long one of the elders and took large special interest in the Sunday school, of which he was the honored superintendent more than thirty years. A life more harmoniously devoted to their ideals of duty than is remembered of these worthy people is rarely found. Each lived for the other, and the good they could do. After their other children were gone, Thomas K., on April 15, 1874, married Katie Wright, and they gave such care as made the failing days of the aging couple a fitting close for their useful lives. Catherine Ann died November 24, 1874. Then Samuel said, "My mission is done, I wish to go soon," which happened January 2, 1875.

After school days Thomas K. Ellis learned the trade of harness making. While so employed, the tidings from Fort Sumter changed him to a volunteer in the "Clermont Guards," and as such, he was mustered under the First Call for the Union army, in Company E of the Twenty-second Ohio, which helped to hold the Baltimore & Ohio railroad through Virginia. Then, in the large preparation for the great war, work at his trade was almost as important as duty in the field; yet, in the urgent call of 1864, he volunteered May 2d in Company G of the One Hundred and Fifty-third Ohio, and was posted until discharged, September 9th, at Big Capon, Va. After that he volunteered a third time and was mustered in Company E of the One Hundred and Eighty-seventh Ohio for one year, from February 23, 1865, for a service mainly performed in Georgia. On March 28, 1865, he was appointed second sergeant, and then first sergeant, August 16, 1865. He was recommended for promotion to second lieutenant; but before

action was taken, the regiment was discharged, January 20, 1866. Thus, for nearly five years, either in the field or in the shop, his energy was devoted to military service or to indispensable work for the Union. Since the war his trade has been followed through nice living to the pleasant possession of one of the prettiest homes in Williamsburg.

His wife, Katie Wright, is a daughter of John Harvey Wright, born October 29, 1823, and Mary Ann McNutt, born September 5, 1825, who were married February 1, 1846. They had four daughters. Laura was born January 22, 1847, married Orion E. Everhart, June 8, 1864, and is living with four sons and one daughter, all married, in Lafayette, Ind. Angie, born December 8, 1849, married William P. Terhune, and is living in Cincinnati, with two sons, both married. Katie, the third of the family, was born December 9, 1852. Attie, the youngest, was born December 25, 1856, and married Seba Noyes (deceased), and is living with one daughter in Chicago.

The ancestry of Mary Ann Wright is told in the sketch of M. F. McNutt, and the ancestry of John Harvey Wright is detailed in our sketch of the Park Family, and still further in that of the John Jenkins Family. After living a year or more, about 1836, with his uncle, Richard Wright, near Lexington, Ky., he returned and became a carpenter, but went about 1851 to keep a store in Marathon, whence he returned in 1856 to live happy in the snug home at the north side of the foot of Main street, as an honorably industrious man, as a Mason and as a consistent Methodist, all unconscious of the sad fate coming, which is the most pitiful story of all that Williamsburg suffered for the Union. But the patriotic impulse of the time could not be ignored by the capable, conscientious and rarely unselfish man.

On August 14, 1862, John Harvey Wright enlisted in Company B of the Eighty-ninth Ohio. Other defenders of the flag left parents or sisters or sweethearts for a new life of adventure and for the strange, fierce excitement of glorious war. But he, out of a strong conviction of duty, sacrificed the endearments of a comfortable home made sacred by his wife's dutiful regard and kept delightful by the mirth of four girls of tender age who all needed his constant care. Under ordinary conditions even with the hope of great gain such a departure would have been condemned as unkind and unwise; but, in the glamour of loyal honor, the separation was applauded as the sublimity of patriotic love.

Thirteen months of unflinching marching and guarding brought him into line with his regiment by the banks of the Chickamauga, where the grand central armies of the North and South met in the narrowest margin between defeat and victory of all the long war. On the second day of the battle, Sunday, September 20, 1863, the Eighty-ninth Ohio held the brow of Snodgrass Hill against countless batteries and charges of ever forming lines of Gray. Writers familiar with other scenes of fiercely tragic strife for a decisive point have said that few have equalled and none have excelled the Confederate assaults to gain that crest defended by men gathered largely from Clermont county. Those who saw his conduct told that Harvey Wright was calm and efficient and at his place all through that awful day, until sunset brought the defeat of the regiment which purchased immeasurable advantage for the army elsewhere. For all that afternoon and all the night after, the main Union army was wheeling around and concentrating behind that hill into the fortifications about Chattanooga. They did not know it then, and they only gave obedience to the orders that made them a sacrifice; but it is history now that if the Eighty-ninth Ohio had given way an hour earlier, the battle would have been an utter rout for the North. Instead they did all that was required, and at sunset, when too late for the weary South to advance to a further attack, the position was surrounded and then Wright and his valiant comrades passed into a captivity that shrouded his home with a numb, crushing anxiety.

Four months later, on January 25, 1864, as was told by a comrade, Henry Iler, who survived the horror, John Harvey Wright died in a rebel prison at Richmond, Va., amid the deep despair of starvation. But it was two months more before his dreadful fate was known where old associates grew sick with a realization of the possibilities of the awful strife. There is melancholy pleasure in remembering that he was a hero in the critical hour, and that he did not perish in vain. But the heroic endeavor that honors his name did not end with his life. With every nerve trembling with the unutterable woe, the mother gathered her orphaned daughters and planned for their food, raiment and education, in ways and with results that commanded unstinted sympathy and respect.

After seven years of widowhood, she married Emanuel McKeever, and then enjoyed the abundance of the McKeever farms until his death, in 1895, when she went to the home of Mrs.

T. K. Ellis, where her once clouded life closed in honor and affection, on October 3, 1905. Her ancestral faith in the Methodist church was transmitted to all her posterity.

Thomas K. and Katie Ellis have had six children. Guy Wright was born September 26, 1876, and, while growing into a handsome young manhood with bright hopes for an amiable and useful life he sickened and rather suddenly died, August 17, 1892. Jessie L. was born September 11, 1878, and died August 19, 1879. Charles Harvey was born August 15, 1880. Roy S. was born October 13, 1882, and died July 7, 1883. Laura A. was born April 26, 1886. Louie Wright was born July 23, 1889, and died July 1, 1891. Charles Harvey Ellis, the only living son of the family, has been clerking in Cincinnati since 1901, with pleasing success.

Laura A. Ellis, the only living daughter, was married June 14, 1906, to Spencer Smith Walker, who was born November 12, 1882, and is the tenth of the eleven children of Oliver E. and Elizabeth Smith Walker. O. E. Walker is mentioned in the sketch of the Kain Family; and Elizabeth Smith is a daughter of Joseph and Lovina Sherman Smith. Joseph, born July 17, 1809, at Trenton, N. J., was a son of Joseph Smith, Sr., who came to Clermont in 1814. Spencer S. and Laura A. Ellis Walker have one son, born September 4, 1908, and named Ellis Wright Walker.

Thomas K. Ellis is an Odd Fellow, a Knight of Pythias and a Mason. Katie Wright Ellis belongs to the Rebekahs, to the Women's Relief Corps and to the Order of the Eastern Star, and has served several terms as the presiding officer of each of those societies in Williamsburg.

ALBERT McADAMS.

In popular usage for a hundred and twenty years in Ohio, the name of McAdams has been associated with the strong and lasting characteristics of the family and held to be an example of Irish origin. But to one who has studied the story nothing is more certain than that this usage has taken a special incident for a general condition. Because of political changes, some localities have large influence in determining the origin of families. In no place where English is spoken is this significance more positive than in the north of Ireland.

Because of their sympathy with the French in the long struggle for English supremacy, military necessity decreed the extirpation of the Irish from their strategic advantage in north Ireland. The desolated land was thus opened for a migration from Scotland devoted to the Presbyterian Faith which insured no amalgamation with the people banished southward. When those strangers in Ireland began to seek homes in America, they were called Scotch-Irish, which then explained their relations to other emigrants. After while the sharp lines of that distinction wore away, and not a few deemed themselves Irish, when, except for short residence in the transition, they were pure Scotch. Few people of equal number have had more influence in shaping America; and along the line of migration few places have been more significant of their struggle than the extreme northeastern county of Ireland, named Antrim, where John McAdams was born, May 9, 1737, and the near-by scenes of the famous siege of Londonderry, where his wife, Ann, was born, in 1750.

Ephraim, the eldest of the ten children of John and Ann McAdams, was born May 25, 1767. The other children, with date of birth, were: John, March 28, 1769; James, May 7, 1771; Katharine, September 7, 1773; Hamilton, September 20, 1777; William, September 17, 1779; Armstrong, February 23, 1786; Suter, September 11, 1790; Thomas, November 20, 1793. How many of these were born in Ireland is not known, but the family came to Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, where Ephraim, on December 17, 1793, married Charity M. Birt, and in 1794 moved to Columbia, Ohio. He was a tailor by trade. On December 15, 1796, he bought the first lots sold in Williamsburg, as told on Page 206 of our History; but he did not bring his family here until 1800. The children of Ephraim and Charity, with date of birth, were: Nancy, October 30, 1794; Samuel, July 6, 1797; Hannah, February 7, 1799; Ephraim, October 13, 1800; Hamilton, February 19, 1802; Julia A., December 2, 1803; John A. and James, November 14, 1805; Catharine, April 11, 1808; Delilah, February 15, 1810. After that, Charity died.

Ephraim then married Catharine Hartman, who was born September 27, 1785. Catharine was one of the eight children of Christopher and Mary Hutchinson Hartman. Christopher Hartman was born in 1750, in Swintzburg, Hesse Cassel, Germany, whence he was brought in 1753 by his father, Christopher Hartman, Sr., with three older brothers, to Philadelphia.

Christopher, Jr., served in Smallwood's regiment in the Revolution. His wife, Mary, to whom he was married in 1776, was born March 24, 1755, in Mercer county, New Jersey. In September, 1795, they moved to Lexington, Ky., and in November, 1801, to Williamsburg. In 1802 he settled on five hundred acres in what is Jackson township, where he died, March 16, 1833, and Mary, his wife, August 6, 1839. Christopher Hartman was granted a pension on May 14, 1833, for service in the Revolution in the New Jersey militia. The children of Ephraim and Catharine Hartman McAdams, with date of birth, were: Mary Ann, June 8, 1812; Thomas, June 6, 1813; William, January 5, 1815; Andrew J., October 14, 1816; Isaac Newton, March 14, 1818; Joseph Warren, August 27, 1819. After that Catharine died, and Ephraim married Martha Boyd, with whom he had Manorah, born July 21, 1821; Harvey, January 24, 1826, and Riley, March 19, 1828. Of these, eighteen lived to have families, of which some became numerous and some are extinct.

The pioneer Ephraim McAdams has frequent mention in the early annals of Clermont. On May 26, 1801, he was foreman of the second grand jury of Old Clermont, in the time of the Territory. On December 28, 1803, he was one of the first grand jury convened by the State. In June, 1804, he was a member of the next grand jury, of which Col. Robert Higgins was foreman; and, for the May term in 1806, he served on the grand jury of which Gen. William Lytle was foreman. In reading those old grand jury lists one finds that much care was used in selecting the worthiest for what they deemed an important duty. In 1808 he and his wife, Charity, were in the little band that organized the Presbyterian church in Williamsburg that met for twenty-two years in the stone court house under Rev. R. B. Dobbins. He took the first-three degrees of Masonry in Clermont Social Lodge on February 9 to March 22, 1816; whereupon he was soon asked by the Presbyterian church, of which he was an elder, which would he serve, the church or the lodge? It could not be both. On November 1, 1816, the lodge ordered the purchase of material for a coat for Rev. Dobbins, which was accepted, and probably fashioned by McAdams, the tailor, who remained a firm Presbyterian and a zealous Mason to his death, May 11, 1842. Nine of his name followed him into the same lodge.

Meanwhile, William, a son of Benjamin and Eleanor Smith, was born, January 3, 1772, and married Lucretia, a daughter of William and Elizabeth Johnson, who was born December

5, 1773. William and Lucretia Johnson Smith had thirteen children, named and born as follows: Eleanor, November 28, 1795; Ephraim, September 2, 1797; Elizabeth, March 28, 1799; Delilah, February 2, 1801; Benjamin Thomas, November 12, 1802; Deidaemia, April 2, 1804; Hannah, May 11, 1806; William Taylor, August 17, 1808. The family moved, in 1809, from Monmouth county, New Jersey, and settled on the Xenia road, about three miles north of Williamsburg, in what is now Jackson township, where the children born were Mahala, March 4, 1810; Johnson, October 4, 1811; Sarah, December 5, 1813; Nancy Clark, September 20, 1817, and Alonzo, August 20, 1819.

In 1812 John and Anna Lambkins White came from New York and settled near William Smith with a family, of whom several were born in Ohio, to the number of eleven, named, Ansol, Lyman, Anna, Harriet, John, Sarah, Melinda, Amanda, Lucinda, Bartlett C. and Clarissa. Of these Ephraim Smith and Amanda White were married. She, Amanda, was born May 9, 1803, and lived until April 12, 1881, but Ephraim died May 13, 1854. Their home is the last farm to the north in Williamsburg township on the Xenia road, and their children, as born and named, were: Lavanchia, December 23, 1822; Evaline, August 20, 1824; Amariah, January 10, 1826; Bolivar, January 27, 1828; Sarah Ann, December 20, 1830; Bartlett, November 2, 1832; John Harvey, August 5, 1834; Erastus C., November 5, 1836; Mary Ellen, November 23, 1841; and Melvina, September 20, 1845. All the people so far mentioned in this sketch are dead except Erastus C., who, though severely wounded at the battle of Corinth, October 4, 1862, while a soldier in Company K, of the Twenty-seventh Ohio, is a wealthy farmer in Jewel county, Kansas; and Melvina, who is in Williamsburg as the widow of Francis Hutchinson, a veteran of Company B, of the Fifth Ohio cavalry. The posterity of these families is literally scattered from ocean to ocean.

Isaac Newton McAdams, of the Hartman line, was married May 5, 1843, to Lavanchia Smith. Their children were: Harvey, born January 4, 1847; Albert, born April 4, 1849; Amanda, September 7, 1853, and died September 30, 1853; Riley, December 14, 1854, and Ephraim, March 6, 1858.

I. N. McAdams was one among the first from Clermont to cross the "Plains" to California in search of gold. The trip occupied six months with the ox trains, which so cooled his

“gold fever” that he soon returned and worked at his trade as a cooper. On September 30, 1861, he enlisted in Company F, of the Fifty-ninth Ohio, from which he was discharged on August 18, 1862, on a surgeon’s certificate of disability. After that he went again to the Western gold fields, taking his son, Harvey, who has remained there. About 1867 he returned to Williamsburg, where his wife died December 30, 1880, and where he died September 28, 1891, having been an enthusiastic Mason over forty years.

Albert, second son of I. N. and Lavanchia Smith McAdams, learned the carpenter’s trade, but fortunately, on November 20, 1877, ventured into the carriage trade as a traveling salesman for the once noted Davis, Gould & Co., of Cincinnati, with whom he continued thirteen years, or during the life of their business. In their employ he went to every important place in the United States, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from northern to southern extremes. That business is still continued on broad lines and with a success that has made him the owner of several fine homes in choice places. Quite in accordance with his grandfather and father’s teaching, he became a Mason, April 15, 1870, when just twenty-one years and one day old.

On August 12, 1885, he was married to Mary Gray Jones at Hillsboro, Ohio, where she had been raised and educated. But she was born in 1852 at Norfolk, Va., where her mother, whose maiden name was Mary Ann Gray, was born, in 1824. Her father, Loren Jones, was born in New York, in 1818, and died there, in 1905. Mrs. Mary Ann Jones had two brothers in Norfolk who were each lost at sea with the ships they owned. but she died August 9, 1889, in Williamsburg. The only child of Albert and Mary Gray McAdams was born February 20, 1894, in Williamsburg, and named Joseph Loren, who is now a student in St. Xavier’s College. Joseph’s mother died January 15, 1905, in Norwood, where the family had moved five years before. On November 28, 1906, Albert McAdams married Katherine Friend O’Connor, one of the eight children of John and Margaret Dunn O’Connor, of Portsmouth, Ohio. They have a pleasant home on Clarion avenue in Cincinnati. Of the other children of I. N. and Lavanchia McAdams, Ephraim is not married; Riley married Ella McKibben and has Harry and Lavanchia; and Harvey, living in Nevada, has one daughter, Augusta.

INCREASE SUMNER MORSE.

Anthony Morse and his brother, William, from Marlborough, Wiltshire, England, sailed on April 5, 1635, on the ship "James" from London, and settled in Newburyport, Mass., where he built a house on a slight eminence in a field that is still called Morse's Field. Traces of that old house are still visible. Since then, six generations with large families from that source have helped to civilize the wilderness, to build New England, to shape the fortunes of America, and to give the Nation brave men for great wars.

Benjamin, the fifth son of Anthony Morse, was born March 28, 1640, married Ruth Sawyer and became deacon of the First Church of Newbury. To his son, Philip, he made a deed of gift of his estate with the stipulation that certain sums should be paid to the brothers and sisters of Philip, who was born October 19, 1677, in that part of Newbury incorporated as Newburyport. Philip Morse married Sarah Brown, of Salisbury, and after her death he married Sarah Pillsbury. He died intestate, and his estate was administered by his sons-in-law, Col. Jonathan Buck, of Haverhill, Solomon Springer and Richard Emerson; all to be famous names in New England.

Isaac, the second son of Philip Morse, born November 5, 1714, married Jane, a daughter of Skipper and Elizabeth Lunt. Skipper (or Sea Captain) Lunt built the first Episcopal church in Newbury, of which Isaac became a member. He died September 27, 1754.

Ephraim, the fourth son of Isaac and Jane Morse, was born April 10, 1751, in Amesbury, Mass. He enlisted with his cousins, James and Samuel, and, on August 1, 1778, he was mustered in the Revolutionary army. He married Sarah Clapp, of Salem, and lived at Amesbury, where three children were born: John married Nancy Pillsbury; Sarah married Mr. Bennett, and Hannah married Mr. Hidden. The family then moved to New Hampshire, where other children born were: Henry, who served in the war of 1812 and died at Bristol; Supply, also a soldier in the war of 1812, who lived to die in 1833 at Bayou Sara, La.; Waity, who married Roswell Mansfield and lived in Amelia, her son, William Mansfield, being clerk of the Clermont county courts from 1870 to 1876; Cynthia married William Rollins, of New York; Christina; Increase Sumner and Constantine.

Increase Sumner Morse, a son of Ephraim and Sarah Morse, was born August 25, 1806, in Raymond, N. H. The standards of intelligence in New England, then as ever, were high and stimulating, and his aspirations were thrilled with the accumulating achievement of his own kindred, which numbered Whittier, the Poet of Freedom, and Morse, the inventor of the telegraph, with long lists of otherwise useful and notable people of the name and blood. His inclination was scholarly and his association refined. Much that others sought with painstaking care he seemed to have by nature. In 1827, on reaching his majority, he left New England for Ohio, in company with his dearest friend, Dana Dudley, who was one of the notable Dana family. The cherished ideal of the two was to visit the best of the world together, but their mutual hope was suddenly closed by the death of Dudley, in 1829, at Bayou Sara from an acute attack of yellow fever. The loss of his chosen friend was a lifelong sorrow for Increase Morse, who spent much of his earlier manhood in travel. The years passed in Europe in the midst of old buildings and historical memories still further developed his innate love of beauty and literature. A perception of the beautiful and the spirit of a rarely poetic nature pervade his letters that have been gathered and are treasured by the family. Among many mementos of that travel is a little case of fragments of stone from noted places and ruins that have special historic interest.

After returning from Europe to Cincinnati he was active and prospered in the Ohio and Mississippi river trade. In 1850 he married Caroline, a daughter of James and Nancy Harrison Whittaker, and a sister of the eminent physician, the late Dr. James T. Whittaker, all of Cincinnati. In 1855, on account of his wife's health, Mr. Morse moved to the highlands of Clermont, where he bought the store of W. W. Sutton in Amelia, and continued the business until his death, June 16, 1875; and Mrs. Morse died there December 27, 1892. They had four children: Caroline Louise, John Henry, Anna and Jessie. Caroline, born in Cincinnati, married William T. Carley, of that city, and they live at Mt. Holly. Jessie married Clarence Eckles Shipp, of Walton county, Georgia, and they live in Chattanooga.

John, born, September 15, 1856, was instantly killed, January 25, 1872, by the accidental discharge of a gun in his own hands. The untimely fate of the happy, handsome, studious, finely mannered and rarely talented boy was a misfortune

from which there was no recovery for his father, whose ruling sentiment was a cherishing memory of kindred and friends. A lasting evidence of that sentiment is a monument in the cemetery at Amelia carved with the names he loved to hear, though buried far away. Among that inscription is a tablet with a touching tribute to the youthful Dana Dudley, who had been thrust in a nameless grave by Bayou Sara. Another inscription commemorates the Revolutionary service of his father.

In appearance, Increase Morse was a full sized man, rather broad than tall, with a typical blonde complexion. His manner was urbane, so that those not acquainted often thought him foreign born. He lived much among long remembered scenes that he wished to revisit. His son, John, was being trained in the scenic and historic interest of New England, which they were to visit during the summer that followed his death. Among the choicest memories of his daughter, Anna, is a visit with him to his native town and through New England, in which they went to the home of his cousin, John G. Whittier, who honored her, then a girl of twelve, with the duty of bearing a flower from his hand to his poetical friend, John Mellen, in Amelia.

Anna, the second daughter of Increase Sumner, and Caroline Morse, was married, January 11, 1885, to James Reuben Hicks, who was born November 24, 1850, at Newport, Ky., and is a son of James and Caroline Whetstone Hicks. James Hicks, a native of Clermont county, went to Newport in 1845, where he died just before the birth of his son, James R., leaving a widow with four girls and two boys, with whom she moved to Amelia seven years later. After his schooling in Amelia, James R. Hicks took a course at the National Normal at Lebanon, Ohio. Then, with a trend for commercial affairs rather than teaching, he returned home and started as a clerk in a general store. With some savings and experience, in 1876, he started a small store of his own that has grown to be one of the largest stocks of general merchandise in the county.

In 1876 he was appointed postmaster for the office at Amelia and continued so to act until automatically retired during President Cleveland's administration. With the return of his party to control he was re-appointed for a long succession of duty. His interest in political affairs began before the age for voting had been reached, and in his twenty-second year he was the committeeman for the Republican party in his pre-

cinct, from which he was advanced to larger service that has had many terms as chairman of the county executive committee, besides being a prominent factor of the county, district and State conventions of the last generation. In addition to these interests he has held a half interest in the Colter Canning Company, with canneries located at Amelia and Mt. Washington. He is now president and treasurer of that company. He is connected as a director with several corporations in Clermont and Hamilton counties, where he also has fine real estate holdings.

This gratifying success is due to a combination of business instinct with pleasant manners, good habits and tireless energy. Desiring some relief from such a variety of often perplexing cares he sold his store and resigned the office of postmaster in Amelia, in September, 1912, and has spent much of the time since in travel with his family, which includes two sons, W. Morse and Gordon Benneville. W. Morse Hicks, after taking an academic course at the Ohio Military Institute at College Hill, and a scientific course at Miami University, is a student in the Jefferson Medical College. Gordon Benneville Hicks is at home and helpful in his father's affairs.

WILLIAM HAYS REINERT.

One of Ripley's most enterprising and progressive citizens is Mr. William Hays Reinert, whose entire active business career has been spent at Ripley, and he is widely known throughout Brown county. He is successfully engaged in conducting a general store and handles lime, plaster, cement, tile and roofing. He has occupied his present store on Front street for the past thirty years, and established the business in 1876. Mr. Reinert was born near Philadelphia, Pa., September 8, 1850, and is a son of Louis F. and Mary Jane (Hays) Reinert.

Mr. Louis F. Reinert was a native of Knithling, Wittenburg, Germany, and his birth occurred August 1, 1825. He was a son of Gottlieb Reinert, a native of Germany who brought his family to America early in the Nineteenth century and settled near Philadelphia. He was for many years a manufacturer of rope, which in those days was made by hand. He reared a large family of children, and after a useful and successful life, passed away at Cooperville, near Philadelphia.

Louis F. Reinert came to America with an older sister, in 1840, some years before his father and mother left the Fatherland. He and his sister located at New York, where he learned the baker's trade, which he followed in the various suburbs of Philadelphia. Louis Reinert was united in marriage at Vincetown, N. J., to Mary Jane Hays, a native of New Jersey, and shortly after this event they removed to Cincinnati, where she passed from this life in 1855, at the age of twenty-five years, leaving beside her husband, two children, the oldest of whom is the subject of this review. A daughter died in early childhood.

The second union of Louis F. Reinert was with Fredricka Fredrich, a native of Germany, and of that union there were five children; a son and daughter died in infancy, and the others are: L. F., a druggist of Columbus, Ohio; Dr. Edward, of Columbus; and J. J., of Walnut Hills, engaged as watchman at the Schacht Automobile Works, Cincinnati.

Mr. Louis F. Reinert was a man of versatile talent, and was a liberal contributor to all worthy enterprises. He was for many years engaged in the bakery and confectionary business; was one of the largest stockholders of the piano factory at Ripley; was extensively interested in a shoe factory at Ripley, and built a large brewery in Brown county. He was one of the most substantial and highly respected citizens, being consulted in all important affairs. He was a Republican and helped extensively in the support of the home guards and served as a councilman and township trustee. Mr. L. F. Reinert and his wife were members of the German Lutheran church, and his large contributions to religious organizations were not confined to his own church. He departed this life at Ripley, in 1894, and left a large amount of property and money. His widow resides at Columbus, Ohio.

The original building of the Reinert Hotel, of Ripley, since remodeled, was erected by Mr. Louis F. Reinert and was conducted by him for many years—a noted and popular eating house. It is now owned by Mrs. J. J. Reinert, and is operated as the Reinert Hotel by Mr. William Tweed.

William Hays Reinert was reared at Ripley and enjoyed the educational privileges of Parker's Academy at Clermontville, which has since been made into a home for the working girls of Cincinnati. Mr. Reinert had for a chum and companion during his school days, Mr. William Carnes, a noted elocutionist.

For some years, Mr. W. H. Reinert was associated with his

father in the piano factory and was "German boy" at the Snedeker & Wiles—now the Kirker & Wiles—store at Ripley. In 1876, he entered upon his business career for himself, and has continued the same business to the present time.

Mr. Reinert was married in 1874, his union being with Miss Lucy Theresa Paratonia, of German descent, and to them have been born five children:

Bertha, wife of John Sholl, of Mankato, Minn., who travels for the Milwaukee Corrugating Company. They have one daughter.

Louis, a pharmacist, died at the age of thirty years.

Oscar, a druggist of Ripley.

Miss Lucy, is associated with her father in the store and resides at home.

William Hays, Jr., is in the restaurant and confectionary business on Main, near Front street, Ripley.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Reinert is in the old Thomas McCague property on Front street, between Mulberry and Locust streets, and was probably the first station of the Underground Railroad.

Mr. Reinert is a staunch Republican, and is now serving as a member of the village council. He is a member of the Elks lodge of Maysville, Ky., and of the Knights of Pythias of Ripley. Of the last named he has filled all the chairs, and is past chancellor.

Mr. Reinert and his family are members of the German Protestant church, although they attend the Presbyterian church, to both of which he gives generous support.

CHARLES G. SEDERBERG.

One of the most prominent of the younger business men of Clermont county is Charles G. Sederberg, who by his indomitable energy and fearless spirit has risen from a most modest beginning in the business world to one of importance.

He conducts a prosperous jewelry and optical business in the historic Kugler building, of Civil war fame, at the corner of Main and Elm streets, Milford, Ohio.

Charles G. Sederberg was born at Red Wing, Minn., April 4, 1872, his parents being Alfred and Hilda (Kempe) Sederberg, the former of whom was an artist of great ability.



Chas. G. Bederberg

The early education of Charles G. Sederberg was received in the schools of Red Wing, and in 1887 he began learning the jeweler's trade. While learning, he received two dollars per week for the first year, but as an inducement to continue the trade was given an extra twenty-five dollars at the end of the year, and his salary was increased to twenty-five dollars per month.

He served his apprenticeship with M. Q. Lindquist and Byron Chapman, of Red Wing, for about three years, resigning July 13, 1890, when he accepted a position with Weld & Sons, of Minneapolis. While at the latter city he became a member of Company A. Minnesota National Guard, and attended the dedication of the World's Fair, November, 1892, with the National Guard of that State.

Mr. Sederberg came with his people to Terrace Park the following year, where a brother had made a reputation as an instructor in music in Clermont county, also being an instructor in the Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati.

It was in the fall of 1893 that Dr. R. C. Belt, of Milford, J. L. Galloway, florist, and John F. Robinson, circus owner, of Terrace Park, saw in Mr. Sederberg mechanical genius and helped him to establish his present business by telling him to work on a number of clocks at the great showman's winter quarters. Later he embarked in the jewelry business in S. R. S. West's Building & Loan Building in Milford. Here he worked on a bench which he constructed with a hatchet and saw out of a dry goods box. This he keeps as a souvenir.

The competitor of this enterprising young man intimated that he would last perhaps one month, but instead Mr. Sederberg finally acquired the store of the former. It was in 1898 that he purchased the stock of Mr. A. C. Norton and has been advancing toward the front since. In 1901 the first telephone exchange was established in Milford in his store, he being the first manager. His salary for the first month on a commission basis was considerably less than the cost of maintenance, but it increased to nine hundred dollars per year. His own business was increasing so rapidly that he gave up the telephone so he might devote his entire time to the jewelry business.

In 1904 Mr. Sederberg went into the agricultural business on a farm near Urbana, Ohio, but in the fall of the same year he decided that he was better fitted for the jeweler's business than he was for a farmer, and he again returned to Milford and embarked in that line.

On May 15, 1902, at Urbana, Ohio, Mr. Sederberg was united in marriage to Miss Ella Bishop Dickinson, a great-granddaughter of Governor R. M. Bishop, of Ohio, and a daughter of William and Kate (Blaise) Dickinson, her birth occurring at Cincinnati. To Mr. and Mrs. Sederberg have been born three children: William Alfred, Charles Bishop, and Hilda Catherine.

Mr. Sederberg is a staunch Democrat in his political views and his first ballot was cast for Grover Cleveland. He has served as a delegate to various conventions, and in November, 1911, he was elected alderman to the city council of Milford, and in 1913 became the first treasurer of the Milford fire department, organized in December, 1912.

Mr. Sederberg took an active part in the campaign of 1912, which resulted in the election of Woodrow Wilson as President and of James M. Cox as Governor of Ohio, and on January 13, 1913, had the pleasure of attending the inauguration of Governor Cox at Columbus.

In 1905 he became a member of the Knights of Pythias. He served five years as secretary of his lodge, and in 1911 was appointed county deputy grand chancellor. He was sent as representative to the Ohio grand lodge at Lima in 1910, and at Hamilton in 1911.

He is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity at Milford, and has served as their historian for a number of years. Mrs. Sederberg is a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

In their religious faith both Mr. and Mrs. Sederberg are members of the Episcopal church, of which for the last fifteen years he has served as vestryman. In 1911 and 1913 he was chosen as their representative to the State convention at Columbus.

For the past twelve years Mr. Sederberg has been a member of the Men's Club of Christ's Church at Cincinnati, and special correspondent for the "Cincinnati Enquirer."

For a number of years he has been correspondent at Milford for the "Clermont Sun." He assisted in starting the "Milford Record," securing the very first subscription.

In 1912 he was given a special trip with all expenses paid by the Carnegie Steel Company, on the steamer "Thomas Lynch," to Duluth, Minn., and return, through former mayor of Milford, William Magee.

Mr. and Mrs. Sederberg are charter members of the Miami Grange, organized at Milford, in March, 1913, with one hun-

dred and eighteen members, and is one of the largest ever chartered in Ohio.

The career of Mr. Sederberg should prove an inspiration to the young men starting out in life with very little capital. He has certainly proved that by capable management and close application to business a young man of ambition may make a business record that is as creditable as it is honorable, and in the healthful growth of trade win the success that constitutes the goal of all business endeavor.

AMOS F. ELLIS.

James and Mary Veatch Ellis came from Wales to Maryland, where they raised a family of six sons in the Quaker faith. No tradition has any mention of a daughter. A family register, lost in a fire, was not restored, but a few dates have been kept that help in fixing the localities. The accepted order of the sons is Nathan, Jeremiah, Samuel, Hezekiah, James and Jesse. Nathan was born November 10, 1749, and, in 1770, married Mary Walker, who was born August 31, 1752. They had ten children, the last being born in 1795. Samuel Ellis, Sr., was born October 25, 1754, in Frederick county, Maryland, which at that time—just before Braddock's defeat—was the frontier. In pushing westward they crossed the eastern ridges and no doubt were among those who were repressed by the odious Act of Quebec. For, in the Revolution, Samuel Ellis, Sr., was in Col. John Stevenson's command of Pennsylvanians, who built Fort McIntosh at the mouth of Beaver on the Ohio, and Fort Laurens, where the Big Trail crossed the Tuscarawas river, all as a part of the plan to capture Detroit. For that service, he was placed on the pension roll, April 17, 1834. He married Mary Fry and several of their children were born in the East.

James, the father, died some time after the Revolution. Then the six brothers gathered their families and substance with their mother into a boat at Fort Red Stone, and floated down the Monongahela and the Ohio to Limestone Point or Maysville, which was reached April 27, 1795. The writer of an excellent sketch of the Nathan Ellis Family in Evans and Stiver's History of Adams County gives that date and claims that five hundred Indians were encamped right across the river. It must have been not a war band, but a peace conven-

tion for considering Wayne's recent victory. We cannot admit that the Ellis settlements in Ohio were made until 1796. Then, five brothers started homes within the present limits of Brown county. Nathan chose the site where twenty years later he instituted the town of Aberdeen; and the mother of all, whose maiden name was Mary Veatch, died in 1819, and is buried in Aberdeen cemetery. Jeremiah and Hezekiah stopped by Eagle Creek. The other two went farther down. James located near and above White Oak, where he started a still, but eventually went farther west. The James Ellis who settled near Georgetown was a nephew of Nathan, and a son of Samuel, Sr.

The story of Samuel Ellis, Sr., affords much pleasant incident. After the Revolution, he crossed the Potomac and became a neighbor of Col. Robert V. Higgins, who gradually came to owe him twelve hundred dollars. When the Virginia military district became available, Colonel Higgins came west and personally selected the site and laid his warrant for a thousand acres on the Ohio, including the mouth of White Oak creek. On returning to Virginia with glowing description of his land, Colonel Higgins proposed to pay his debt to Samuel with any two hundred acres that might be selected in a body from his tract. On coming west the land was found to equal the Colonel's praise and the part chosen was a rectangular tract one hundred and sixty-five rods wide by two hundred rods long, slightly rolling and situated so that the waters of the west end flow to White Oak and the waters of the east end flow to Straight creek. The bounding foothill runs parallel with the river bank, with scarcely a break or show of ravine at either end of the scene, which forms one of the most beautiful and intrinsically valuable farms of its size, even in the far famed beauty of Ohio. The high price for the time was wisely paid. This farm, besides the distinction of being the first settlement made in Pleasant township by the white race, also has the rare distinction in this region of being owned and occupied by the same family through a hundred and fifteen years.

Upon this ideal farm, Samuel Ellis lived with such fine, successful management to the age of ninety-four years that he was able to give each of his ten children a fine property. He was a tall, energetic, finely made man, who, with the exception of fifteen months' service as county commissioner, that terminated with the territorial days, had no time for public

affairs. Their children were James, Noah, Abram, Samuel, Matilda, Mary, Christina, India Ann, Nancy and Rebecca.

Upon his father's death, in 1848, the fine old home farm descended to Samuel Ellis, Jr., who married Sarah, a daughter of Amos and Mary McConnell Ellis, whose settlement is noted on page 212, and whose public service is mentioned on page 333 and several succeeding pages of the historical volume of this work. Amos Ellis was from Yellow Creek, Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and he was not related to any others of the name mentioned in this work. The children of his family were William, Amos, Rachel, Rebecca Mary, Sarah and Ann.

The thrifty management of the pioneer Samuel Ellis was continued by his son Samuel, Jr., who largely restored the original survey of Colonel Higgins to the first form through a series of events that included the relations of several notable families. In his earliest days in Brown county, Thomas L. Hamer married Lydia B., a daughter of Colonel Higgins, and, at the outbreak of the Mexican war, Hamer's partner in his law firm was Sanders W. Johnston, a grandson of Colonel Higgins, and the captain of the first company from Brown county in the Mexican war, and also the State Senator from Brown and Clermont in 1852-3. After General Hamer's death, in administering upon his estate, Captain Johnston sold four hundred and thirty acres of Colonel Higgins's original survey at \$40.00 per acre, in 1853, to Samuel Ellis, Jr., who thus came to own six hundred and thirty acres of the tract selected by Colonel Higgins. Upon this homestead he lived as the sole owner until his death, November 20, 1870, in his seventy-seventh year.

Samuel and Sarah Ellis had eleven children. Melissa married David Barr. They left one son and two daughters. America married Henry Remley. They left one son. Amanda married Harrison Barr. They lived in Greenfield, Ind., and left no children. Noah married Elizabeth Frost and left one son and three daughters.

George M. married Emma Jones and has one son and two daughters. Amos F., mentioned below. Samuel, Jr., married Georgia Drake and had two sons and four daughters. Mary Ann married Joseph Heizer and left two daughters living in Greenfield, Ind. Poleman Nelson Ellis married Hannah Pangburn. They had four sons. Of them, the father and two sons are dead, but the widow and the other two sons, Oscar C. and Edgar W., are sketched on other pages of this

work. Eliza married John Steward, lived in Neoga, Ill., and left one son. Alonzo W. died unmarried at Bantam, in Clermont county. Unless otherwise stated these people belong to Brown county; and all of them have had a just pride in the rare beauty of the ancestral farm, which Samuel Ellis, Jr., besides other holdings, was able to enlarge to almost a thousand contiguous acres. He earnestly advised that some one of his posterity should own the first choice of his father.

The old homestead of two hundred acres has thus been owned by Samuel Ellis, Sr., for fifty-two years, or until 1848, and then by Samuel Ellis, Jr., for twenty-two years, or until 1870. In the partition of the estate, the homestead was bought by Amos F. Ellis for \$92.50 per acre, subject to the dower of his mother, who died in January, 1872, in her seventy-third year. In 1879 the property was sold to his youngest brother, Alonzo W. Ellis, from whom it was bought by another brother, Poleman N. Ellis, from whom, upon his death, August 28, 1912, the still cherished old homestead still entire passed by inheritance to his widow, Hannah, and their sons, Oscar C. and Edgar W. Ellis, of the fourth generation.

Amos F. Ellis, sixth child of Samuel and Sarah Ellis, was born July 2, 1831. After the schools at home, he took the scientific course at the Ohio Wesleyan University, and returned to the ancestral home in the summer of 1852, whence he went down the river on the then popular steamboat trip. Over five years were spent in teaching and traveling that included the most interesting points of every Southern State. On March 2, 1858, he married Maria, a daughter of Jesse and Christina Heizer Dugan, as mentioned on Page 244 of our History. Their only child, Frank P. Ellis, was born December 7, 1858. In the Civil war, Amos F. Ellis sternly enlisted in Company K of the Seventieth Ohio, in which he served as a lieutenant and was present both days of the battle of Shiloh in a way that was warmly commended in the official reports.

In 1863 the "Soldier Vote" elected him recorder of Brown county. Amid the promise of financial prosperity, his wife died, October 23, 1873. In 1877 he married Maria, a daughter of Nicholas and Ann Posey Sinks, and a granddaughter of Nicholas Sinks, Sr., mentioned in the sketch of the Sharp Family. Soon after this marriage, Mr. Ellis moved from Higginsport to Williamsburg, where none lived in kinder plenty or finer content till their home was desolated on November 25, 1910, by the death of Maria Ellis. But Amos Ellis is not

lacking in true philosophy. Like his ancestors, he believes in broad acres, and the many he owns keep his thoughts busy.

On November 15, 1882, Frank P. Ellis married Mary F., youngest daughter of John and Elizabeth Wright Park, whose ancestry is detailed in the sketch of that family. Since their marriage Frank and Mary Park Ellis have lived in Athens and Chattanooga, Tenn. They have four daughters, Effie, Marie, Ruth and Frankie. The latter two are at home. Marie married Robert Sayes, of Chattanooga. Effie married Herschel M. Candler, a native of North Carolina, a lawyer, an ex-member of the legislature, and is serving on the staff of Governor Hooper, of Tennessee, with the rank of colonel. They live in Athens, and have one daughter, Mildred.

FRANK C. FETZER.

Frank C. Fetzer, at present serving the second term as clerk of courts of Clermont county, Ohio, was born October 11, 1873, at New Palestine, Clermont county, Ohio, the eighth of a family of twelve children. His parents were Jacob and Elizabeth (Klett) Fetzer.

Jacob was born in Bavaria, Germany, March 9, 1836. At eighteen years of age, he came to America, the first of his family to migrate to "The Land of Promise." He located at once on a farm in Clermont county, and soon established a blacksmith and wagon manufacturing business at New Palestine. Being successful in this he later opened a grocery store. For seventeen years he was postmaster. Though taking an active part in politics in favor of the Democratic party, he never was a candidate for an elective office. He was a prominent Mason and was also associated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His church affiliation was with the German Protestant church.

Elizabeth Klett was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, January 24, 1841. She became a member of the German Protestant church at New Richmond. Her father, John Klett, after coming to this country from Saxony, Germany, engaged in various vocations. For a time he was a farmer at Sweet Wine, Hamilton county, Ohio.

Jacob and Elizabeth (Klett) Fetzer were the parents of twelve children: Rosie and John, both of whom died in in-

fancy; Louise, died of typhoid fever at the age of seventeen; Elizabeth, died of typhoid fever at fourteen years of age; Magdalena, also a victim of typhoid, died leaving nine children; John G., a blacksmith of New Palestine; Jacob, Jr., a blacksmith of Jackson, Ohio; F. C., our subject; Emma, wife of George A. Longhouser, of Amelia, this county; Amelia, wife of C. L. Harcum, of Bloomington, Ill.; William M., who was married at Lockland, Hamilton county, Ohio, holds an excellent position with the Western and Southern Life Insurance Company; Matilda is the wife of Henry T. Tuttle, who is engaged in the preserving works at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Frank C. Fetzer has resided at New Palestine practically all his life. In 1904 he engaged in the trade of cigar maker and followed it for several years. Politically, he is a Democrat and has served as township assessor and township clerk of Pierce township. His wife, nee Rosie M. Abbott, was born in California, Hamilton county, Ohio, the daughter of Thomas M. and Emma (Walker) Abbott, of New Richmond. Edith Mildred, the only child of our subject, was born September 9, 1911.

In religion, Mr. Fetzer is a member of the German Protestant church, while his wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church of New Richmond. Socially, he belongs to the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and both are members of the ladies' auxiliary thereof.

CHARLES W. PEGG.

Charles W. Pegg, now residing as a retired business man in his beautiful home in Batavia, Ohio, was born October 5, 1832, just across the street from his present home. His father, John Pegg, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., August 3, 1793. He made his home in the West, first at Brookville, Ind., and then came to Batavia, where he was one of Batavia's first merchants. He died, July 7, 1834, at the early age of forty years and almost eleven months, leaving his wife, Hannah (Miles) Pegg, with three sons and three daughters, two of whom are still living), viz: Mrs. McEwen, of Falmouth, Ky., who has recently celebrated her ninetieth birthday, and Charles W., our subject. Hannah (Miles) Pegg was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, just back of Mt. Healthy. She was married a second

time to Mr. W. H. Robinson, a resident of Clermont county. She died April 24, 1888, at the age of eighty-four, being born January 29, 1804. She was a cousin of Gen. Nelson A. Miles, United States Army.

Daniel Pegg, grandfather of our subject, was a noted banker in Philadelphia. While his son, John, was living in Brookville, Ind., he made him a visit, making the trip on horseback. It is thought that he was killed by Indians on his return trip, as he was not heard of after leaving his son's home. He was a wealthy man and left a large estate in what is now a part of the city of Philadelphia.

The Pegg family are probably of English descent. Mr. and Mrs. John Pegg were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, as are also Charles W. Pegg and wife.

Charles W. Pegg was educated in the Clermont county schools. December 31, 1852, at the age of twenty, he went to California, where he entered the mines for a short time and later engaged in business. In 1862 he went to Washoe City, Nev., where he was the first Republican sheriff of the county. He always voted the Republican ticket. Later he went to Virginia City, Nev., where he was engaged in freighting and other lines of business. In 1873 he returned to his native town, Batavia, where for many years he has been and is still a stockholder and a director in the John Van Range Company. He was married, June 6, 1858, to Miss Josephine McLaughlin, of Cincinnati, daughter of John McLaughlin, an extensive pork merchant. To this union one son was born, Warren W., who was engaged in the printing business at Garden City, Kan., where he died while still a young man, leaving a wife to mourn his loss.

Mrs. Pegg died November 17, 1905, at the age of sixty-nine years. Mr. Pegg was married again, November 7, 1909, to Miss Laura B. Kain, a representative of a very old family.

JOSEPH L. LARKIN.

Among the wide-awak native sons of Clermont county, Ohio, who have sought and found opportunities for business advancement in their home locality and whose efforts have been crowned with honor and appreciation, is Joseph L. Larkin, a man of large interests, politically and socially. At present there is no indication that the people who elected him to the

official life, for which he is so well fitted, will allow him to retire.

Joseph L. Larkin was born at Neville, in Washington township, January 17, 1857, and is a son of John Wesley and Rachel (Hull) Larkin. John Wesley Larkin was a son of Elijah Larkin, who was a native of Pennsylvania, and when a young man came to Clermont county, where he conducted a grocery store. In his later days he had the distinction of being the oldest justice of the peace in the county, and for many years served as an associate judge. He was a Whig and latterly a Republican. John Wesley Larkin was born and reared in Washington township, and for many years was an excellent blacksmith at Neville. As his name would indicate, he was a Methodist, and was a very active worker in that church. Rachel (Hull) Larkin was born in Mason county, Kentucky, where her father was a prosperous farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Larkin were the parents of nine children, two of whom died when about five years of age:

Charles E., of Glendale, Ohio.

Sarah A. married E. R. Hester, of this county. She is deceased.

John Wesley, Jr., of Paris, Ky., was at one time a distiller, but is now engaged in farming.

George G. conducts a bakery at Eaton, Ohio.

Mary F. is the wife of William Houser, of Mount Holly, this county.

C. C. is cashier of one of the banks of New Richmond, Ohio.

Joseph L., the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Larkin died in 1867 and his wife passed away in 1896.

Joseph L. Larkin was reared at Neville, where he received his education in the public schools at that place.

In 1879, his marriage to Miss Kate L. Lemon took place. She was born in Washington township, and is a daughter of Samuel and Lydia (Milspaugh) Lemon, the former of whom died in 1882, and the latter in 1878. They were natives of Hamilton county, Ohio, but soon after their marriage they moved to Clermont county, where they were successful farmers of Washington township. Five of their children are living:

Elizabeth is the wife of Isaiah M. Johnson, of Helena, Mont.

Miss Prudie makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Larkin.

Lorena C., the widow of J. M. Woods, lives with her daughter in Cincinnati.

E. W. is a business man of Chicago, but his home and family are of New Richmond, Ohio.

Mr. Larkin followed farming until 1894, when he was called upon to act as deputy county clerk, which position he filled until in 1903. He then accepted a position with the Union Central Life Insurance Company, in the loan department at the central office. After four years in this capacity he became deputy county auditor under County Auditor C. L. Ironton. So acceptably did he serve in this office that he was elected county auditor and is at present serving his second term, with credit to himself and his friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Larkin are the parents of one son, Samuel Lemon Larkin, who was born August 29, 1891, and who graduated from the Batavia High School in 1911 and is now his father's assistant.

During his busy life Mr. Larkin has served as township trustee for six years. Politically, he is a Democrat, although he is the only one in a large family who does not vote the Republican ticket. Mr. Larkin is a member of the Masonic brotherhood and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church, of Cincinnati, of the fraternal Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter of Batavia.

Mr. Larkin is a man of great energy and enterprise and well deserves the esteem and high regard of his fellow men. He is a man of domestic tastes, devoted to his family and ever looking to their happiness and well being. He is a man of keen perception and honesty of purpose, combined with every-day common sense, guided by will power, a man of whom Clermont county is and well may be proud.

JAMES B. TURNER.

As a representative business man; as an active and earnest worker in all that tends to promote the best interests of the community in which he lives, James B. Turner, who has been treasurer of Clermont county since September, 1909, stands foremost in the ranks of enterprising men of the county. He was born at Newtown, Hamilton county, Ohio, November 28, 1869, and is a son of James J. and Mary (Forbes) Turner.

James J. Turner was born in Hamilton county in 1846, and now resides in Monterey, which has been his home for thirty years. His life occupation has been along agricultural lines

and is now retired from active work. His father was from Pennsylvania.

Mary (Forbes) Turner is a native of Clermont county, and was born in 1849, a daughter of Eben and Phoebe (Robinson) Forbes, probably an early family in the county. Eben Forbes followed farming most of his life. He and his family were Baptists. Mrs. Turner has two sisters living, one in Kentucky and one in Mt. Carmel, Clermont county.

Mr. James B. Turner is one of four children, of whom two are deceased.

Mrs. Mabel Stockton, died in Clermont county in July, 1903. Annie, died at the age of twelve years.

Miss Stella, lives at home in Monterey.

In 1891 James B. Turner was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Cover, who is a daughter of Daniel Cover, and a native of the county, her childhood home having been in Monterey. To this union have been born five children:

Aurelia, aged fourteen years.

Edwin, aged eight years.

Ralph, died at the age of twelve years.

Erma, died at the age of six years.

Earl, died in infancy.

Mr. Turner followed farming in Jackson township for a number of years, until he was elected to the office of county treasurer. He is a member of the Masonic lodge; also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He is a member of the Presbyterian church.

ALLEN GLANCY.

It is always of interest to the reader of history to examine into the life records of pioneer families, to note those qualities of enterprise, sound judgment and unwavering integrity which have ever been characteristic of those sturdy men and women of the early days, who have left comfortable homes in settled communities to brave the uncertain elements and conditions of a new country. It is of great interest to note how those courageous men and women met and conquered the obstacles and difficulties that arise in the daily life of the pioneer family.

Allen Glancy is a scion of one of the most notable of the early families of Clermont county, and is numbered among the oldest residents of Batavia, Ohio, where for the past forty-two years he has conducted a general merchandise store in his present location. Mr. Allen Glancy was born in Batavia township, one mile from Batavia, and his parents were William and Hester (Fitzwater) Glancy.

The paternal grandfather of the subject of this mention, James Glancy, was born in Pennsylvania in 1791, and upon the death of his parents, he and his sister, Elizabeth, became the wards of their father's elder brother, Jesse Glancy, who came to Clermont county in 1805 from Harrisburg, York county, Pennsylvania, settling on a large tract of land around what is now known as Williams's Corners, in Stonelick township. After James had reached his majority, his uncle, Jesse Glancy, settled him on a fine tract of land in Temple's survey, No. 4459, in Batavia township, which was later occupied by his son, William. James Glancy was united in marriage to Amanda Ashton, whose family were early settlers of Montgomery county, Ohio. She bore him three sons and two daughters, William, Thomas, Joseph, Rachel (McAfee) and Elizabeth (Maham), all of whom are deceased. James Glancy passed from this life in 1839, highly esteemed and respected by all who knew him.

William Glancy was born on the old home farm two miles north of Batavia, in the year of 1812, and grew to young manhood upon his father's farm. After his marriage, he rented the farm on which Allen was born, following which he purchased the interests of the other heirs in the old homestead, and there resided until his death, which occurred in 1891. He followed the occupation of general farming, in connection with which he also worked at the brick laying trade, erecting many fine buildings and homes in the county. In politics, William Glancy was a Democrat, and although he did not aspire to office, served as trustee for many years. In religion, he was at one time a member of the Christian Union church, but mainly favored the belief of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Hester (Fitzwater) Glancy was born in 1824, two miles east of Batavia, and was a daughter of Elias and Elizabeth (Davidson) Fitzwater, the latter being a daughter of General Davidson, a pioneer of Clermont county, and the former accompanied his father to Clermont county from Pennsylvania, driving the entire distance.

To the union of William and Hester (Fitzwater) Glancy were born eleven children:

Allen, our subject.

Amanda, who became the wife of William Kirby, of Dayton, Ohio.

Melvin, deceased, whose family live at Dayton, Ohio.

Elmira (Thompson), deceased, and her daughter, Mrs. Frank Titus, resides at Batavia.

Thomas, a contractor of Batavia, Ohio.

Elizabeth, wife of Louis Rossell, of Dayton, Ohio.

Keturah, who became the wife of Fred Gomien, of Batavia.

Emma, who is the widow of John Gerber, of Dayton, Ohio.

Anna, the wife of Major T. A. Fravell, of Dayton, Ohio.

Elbert C., of Dayton, married a daughter of Judge Ashburn, of Batavia.

Mellie, died in infancy.

Allen Glancy passed through the years of his boyhood and youth on his father's farm, no event of special importance occurring to vary the routine of farm life. He attended the schools of Batavia and having displayed considerable artistic talent during his early years, upon the completion of his course of study at the high school, entered the T. C. Lindsay Art School, of Cincinnati, where he studied landscape work in oil. He has an extensive collection of his work, although he has sold paintings in many cities in various parts of the country. He has exhibited at the National exhibits of Cincinnati and Atlanta, Ga., and while on one of his trips to Georgia, he made a splendid painting of old Andersonville prison, which excited considerable favorable comment from art critics. However, the artistic talent of Mr. Glancy has in no way interfered with his business activity, and he has enjoyed a trade that is indicative of his excellent business capacity, his straightforward methods, and his conformity to a high standard of commercial ethics.

On the 24th of March, 1864, Mr. Glancy was united in the holy bonds of wedlock to Miss Jennie McColm, the ceremony being solemnized at Owensville, Clermont county, Ohio. Miss McColm was born at Rushville, Ind., in the year of 1843, and her parents were John and Nancy (Wilson) McColm, the latter a daughter of a Revolutionary soldier and a major of that war. Nancy Wilson was born in Vermont in 1812, and her forebears came over in the Mayflower, landing at Plymouth. Her death occurred in 1850, at the age of thirty-nine years.

The McColm family are of Scotch lineage, John McColm being born in North Carolina in 1796, two years after his father, James McColm, came to America from Scotland. James McColm later removed to Adams county, Ohio, where he resided until his death. Several of the men of the McColm family for generations have been ministers. John McColm was a farmer by occupation, living in Jackson township, Clermont county, and was one of the pioneers in the Methodist church in this section of the State. His death occurred in 1852. To the union of John and Nancy (Wilson) McColm were born five children, Mrs. Glancy, E. W. McColm, of Carthage, Ill., and David, Louise and Albert, deceased.

Mrs. Glancy was reared and has resided her life thus far in Clermont county. She and her husband have traveled life's journey together for nearly fifty years, their life being one) of extreme harmony. Their union has been blessed with one child, a son, Homer B., lieutenant-colonel of the First regiment, Ohio National Guards, residing at Batavia, Ohio. He enlisted as a soldier in the Spanish-American war, and was made sergeant of the First regiment. After the close of the war, he organized a company of Ohio National guards at Batavia, of which he was elected captain, and was later promoted to the office of lieutenant-colonel. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity. Homer B. Glancy chose for his life's companion, Miss Bessie Denham, of Indiana. Her mother was a daughter of Henry Lindsay, of Clermont county.

In political matters, Mr. Glancy is a Democrat, though not in the light of an office seeker, preferring to devote his time and attention to his business and his painting.

Socially, Mr. Glancy has held membership for thirty-five years with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has satisfactorily filled the office of treasurer of Batavia lodge, No. 136. Both he and Mrs. Glancy are members of the Rebekah lodge, No. 450, and Mrs. Glancy is a charter member of the Batavia Woman's Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Glancy are consistent members of the Methodist church, and are active in all church affairs.

The cause of moral development in his community is of deep and sincere interest to Mr. Glancy, and matters of public welfare elicit his attention. His co-operation is given to every movement which he believes will prove of definite and immediate service or of permanent good.

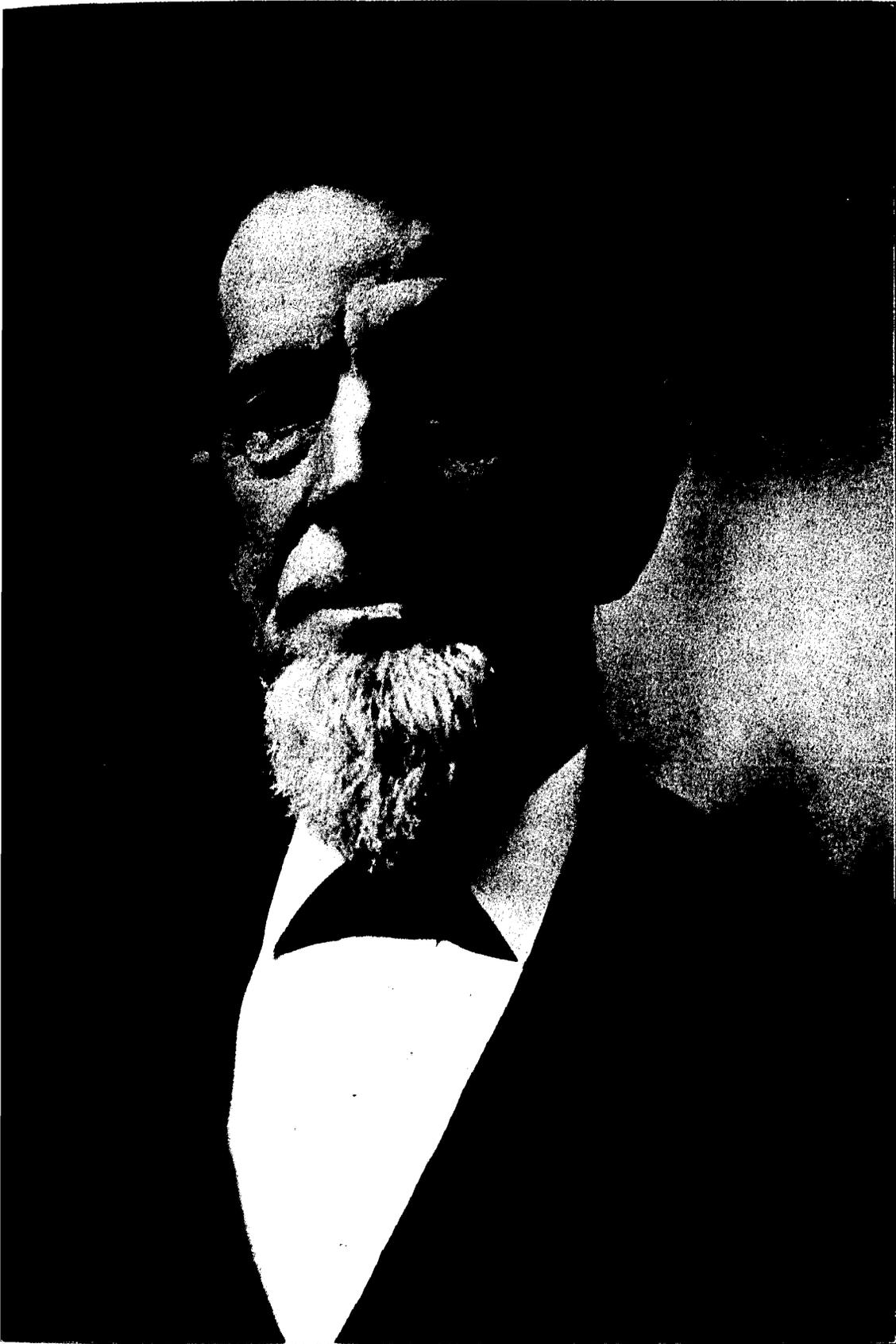
ELDER JAMES HENRY LOCKWOOD.

Clermont county has been called upon on more than one occasion to part with citizens of the very highest type of usefulness, and to hold, only in memory, those who had been familiar figures and had been identified with her dearest interests. In recalling the late Elder James Henry Lockwood, the citizens of the county will remember one who for many years was a prominent minister of the Christian church, and who preached in many of the churches in this vicinity. He was a man whom to know was to respect and honor, and his life history should have a place on the pages of the county's annals. He was born in Green township, Hamilton county, Ohio, September 11, 1822, a son of Ezekiel and Minerva (Trowbridge) Lockwood.

Minerva (Trowbridge) Lockwood was a native of Steuben county, New York, and came to Hamilton county with her father in 1820. In the same year Ezekiel Lockwood, who was born and reared in Greenwich, Conn., came to Hamilton county, Ohio, where he purchased a farm in Green township, and in 1821 his marriage to Miss Trowbridge occurred. They followed farming for two years, after which they removed to the eastern part of Cincinnati, where he engaged in steamboat building, a trade in which he had served a full apprenticeship in New York City. He continued in this business as contractor and master builder, in Cincinnati and Fulton, until in the spring of 1846. In the meantime, Minerva (Trowbridge) Lockwood had passed away and Ezekiel had married the second time, Miss Ann Medary, the ceremony taking place in 1841.

The early education of Elder J. H. Lockwood was received in the common district schools until in 1839, when he entered Woodward College, of which Prof. B. P. Aydelott was president. He continued in college for three sessions of six months each, reaching his sophomore year, when his health failed and he was forced to discontinue his studies for a time. To regain his health, our subject helped his father in steamboat building for two years.

In 1842, Elder Lockwood became a member of the Christian church of Fulton, being baptized by Elder James Challen. He joyfully engaged in the church work as a teacher, later becoming superintendent of the Sunday school, continuing until in February, 1846, when the family removed to Nicholasville, Clermont county.



J. W. Lockwood

In the fall of 1845, Elder Lockwood had the pleasure of a visit to the native home of his father, spending six weeks with relatives there. The enjoyment of this visit was ever a delightful memory.

The two years after the family settled in Clermont county were spent by our subject and his father in putting the home into good repair and by this time his health was sufficiently recovered so that at the earnest solicitation of his friends, Elder J. T. Powell and Elder George Campbell, he entered the school at Fairview, Rush county, Indiana, in charge of Prof. A. R. Benton. It had long been a cherished wish of our subject to prepare himself for the ministry, that he might accomplish a greater good. He was in attendance at this school for two years, making his home with Brother Campbell, while there, and having the advantage of his counsel and advice as well as access to his library, which was a great help to him in his studies. During the years of 1850 and 1851, while attending school at Fairview, Elder Lockwood began sending out appointments to the neighboring churches for Sunday services, and in this way commenced his ministerial life, walking from four to six miles to address congregations at four different points.

In the summer of 1851, he returned to Clermont county, and was engaged to preach at Bethel twice each month and a little later he was engaged at New Richmond on alternate Sundays, also holding services at Neville and other points until the spring of 1854. In the meantime he taught school in the home district for six months, at a salary of 25 per month, which was the highest salary ever paid in that locality at that time to teachers in the country schools.

On the morning of March 30, 1854, occurred the marriage of Elder Lockwood to Miss M. E. Holland, the officiating minister being Elder J. T. Powell. Elder Lockwood and his bride went at once to Madison, Ind., where he had accepted a charge. He continued at this place for eight years, where he was held in the highest esteem. During these eight years he had the joy of seeing two hundred and forty-seven members added to the church, and was called upon from time to time to preach in Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio and Ripley counties, Indiana, and also at Bethel, Ohio, being instrumental in bringing many into these churches.

In April, 1862, Elder Lockwood was engaged to take charge of the church at Bethel, preaching semi-monthly at this place

for forty-two years, and at New Richmond on alternate Sundays, for twelve years. In addition to the work in these two churches, he preached for a number of years at Felicity, Georgetown, Moscow, Mt. Orab, Dayton, Hamersville, Liberty, Ripley, Russellville, Fincastle, Monterey, and other points.

By the choice of the churches in the Twenty-eighth district of the Ohio Christian Missionary Society, he was made secretary for twenty-six years, being instrumental in organizing and building neat church houses at Georgetown, Bethel, and Mt. Orab.

Beside the ministerial work mentioned in Ohio, Elder Lockwood has held meetings and helped to organize churches in Kentucky, at Ghent, Liberty, Cynthiana, Mt. Bird, Brooksville, and Covington.

Elder and Mrs. Lockwood were the parents of seven children:

Edward A., whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work, was born at Madison, Ind., January 19, 1855.

Walter E., was born at Madison, Ind., and died at Greenville, Ohio, in 1909. He was a merchant at that place for many years.

George M., was also born at Madison, Ind., and was a partner of Walter E. at Greenville for years.

Charles H., was born in Clermont county, and owns and operates a large restaurant at Buffalo, N. Y.

J. Harry, a native of Clermont county, has been a reporter on the "Cincinnati Enquirer" for the past twenty years.

Anna M., is the wife of A. C. Crone, a partner in the Whitaker Paper Company, of Cincinnati.

William T., is an extensive real estate dealer in Redcliffe, Canada, which town he built.

The lives of Elder and Mrs. Lockwood were spent in harmony, each devoted and sacrificing in the trials they were called upon to bear, being true and earnest helpmates. Mrs. Lockwood passed away in June, 1890, at their home in Monroe township, near Nicholasville.

After the death of his wife, Elder Lockwood removed to Cincinnati and made his home with his daughter, Anna, now Mrs. A. C. Crone, still continuing his pastorate at Bethel. He passed from this life June 17, 1903, in his eighty-first year.

Elder Lockwood had the joy and pleasure of seeing not less than two thousand souls brought into the Kingdom by his

efforts in the ministry. His sermons were characterized by great forcefulness and plainness of speech, proclaiming man a sinner, and Christ a savior, calling upon all to repent at once and believe in the Master. Heaven was presented as the sure inheritance and future home of penitent believers. His was a life worth living, pure, earnest and peaceful.

Anna:

Autograph, I most gladly now write,
Not because I have much to indite,
Nevertheless, with others kind and true,
Anna, I inscribe this affectionately to you.

Your father, J. H. Lockwood.

March 30, 1883.

THOMAS C. TEAL.

One of the well known men of the official life of Clermont county, Ohio, is Thomas C. Teal, who is the county sheriff. He is keenly alive to the interests of the community and is possessed of all the qualities and characteristics that are the making of the man of affairs. Mr. Teal holds the record for length of service, having served two terms in succession at two different times. He began his public life as deputy sheriff, serving two years under George H. Keen. In appreciation of his services at that time he was elected to the office of sheriff in 1893, beginning the activities of the office in January, 1894. That he performed his duties acceptably to the majority of the citizens of the county was evidenced in 1908 when he was again elected to the same office he had previously held. He has always given to the county his best endeavors.

Thomas C. Teal is a native of Clermont county and was born May 1, 1848, a son of Jacob L. and Lydia (Dimmitt) Teal. Jacob L. Teal was born in Maryland in 1795 and was a son of Jacob Teal and wife, who came to Clermont county from Maryland in 1799 and who died about 1848. Jacob L. Teal was a carpenter and also taught school, but in later years he followed farming, residing on his fine farm of six hundred and twenty acres in Union township. He was a Whig and later a Democrat. Lydia (Dimmitt) Teal was born in Clermont county in 1800 and was a daughter of Ezekiel Dimmitt, a pioneer of an early day in the county. He was a contractor and builder and built the county court house

and Methodist Episcopal church. He died at Batavia at an advanced age. Jacob L. Teal died in 1869 and his wife followed him in 1875. They were both active and prominent members of the Methodist church.

Mr. Thomas C. Teal is one of twelve children, the father having been twice married. Those of the first family are: Jessie L., Burris W., and Sarah. Of this family all are deceased.

Those of the second family are:

Caroline, deceased.

Marcella, deceased.

Keziah, deceased.

Jennie, Mrs. Brancomb, of Cincinnati.

Amanda, deceased.

Granville is a farmer living in Union township, this county.

Thomas C., the subject of this review.

Viola, Mrs. Mohr, of Hyde Park, Cincinnati.

Mary, deceased.

Thomas C. Teal was reared on the home farm of his father in Union township, and farming has been his occupation for the greater part of his life. His educational privileges were rather limited, attending only the district schools, but he has always been a close observer and has learned many things not taught in books.

On December 26, 1866, the marriage of Mr. Teal to Miss Martha E. Patchel took place. She was also a native of Clermont county, her birthplace being Stone Lick. Her death occurred July 14, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Teal had born to their union four children:

Anna is the widow of Louis Maher, a railroad man. He was killed on the road about ten years ago, leaving one son who is a street car conductor at Cincinnati. Mrs. Maher resides with her father at Batavia.

William P., of College Hill, Cincinnati, is superintendent of free-hand drawing at the Hughes High School, Cincinnati. He also instructs on Saturdays at the Woodward High School. He married a daughter of Mr. John Ferenbach, superintendent of the Cincinnati Hospital and a civil engineer.

Miss Mary E., a musical instructor of Covington and Cincinnati. She has a fine contralto voice and has traveled quite extensively as a singer and pianist. She is a graduate of Clara Bower's School of Music at Walnut Hills, Cincinnati.

Edward L., who died at the age of nine years.

Mr. Teal owns a hotel at Batavia, which he conducted for several years. He is a staunch Democrat and has been trustee of Stone Lick township for a number of years. He is a member of the Masonic lodge at Batavia. He has taught a class of young ladies in the Methodist Sunday school for a number of years and is a great favorite with all of them. He has led a useful life filled with good deeds, belonging to a class of citizens who shed around them much of life's sunshine.

Prior to his election as county sheriff, Mr. Teal was night watchman for the United States Treasurer's office at Cincinnati, which position he held for three years. His work has always been done in an honorable and straightforward manner, no matter what was before him to do.

WILLIAM H. BAUM.

William H. Baum, now cashier of the German American Bank of Batavia, which was organized November 10, 1910, was born May 6, 1854, in Batavia, in the house in which he still lives with his mother, who is eighty-four years of age. His father, William Baum, was born and reared about Zanesville, Ohio, leaving his home upon his father's second marriage at the early age of twelve, with a very limited education. He spent some six years in Cincinnati, Ohio, learning the plane making trade, which trade he followed until the advent of machinery made his trade useless. In 1851 he moved to Batavia, where he went into the wholesale business, hauling and delivering immense loads of merchandise. He was engaged as a sutler in the army during the Civil war.

He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a charter member of Old Washington Lodge No. 2, Cincinnati, until he demitted to the lodge at Batavia. While still in the wholesale business he died, at the age of sixty-eight years.

Matilda C. (Kain) Baum was the daughter of Col. Thomas Kain, whose ancestors were pioneers of Clermont county. In 1846 she was married to William Baum, to which union six children were born; Emma died at the age of four; Thomas C., a professional man in Philadelphia; William H., our subject; George F., of Batavia, who is in the express business; James A., a traveler from Cincinnati for Peck-Williamson

Company, died at the age of forty, and Miss Louise, of Batavia.

William H. Baum, our subject, was educated in the public schools of Batavia. He did his first work in a general store, but desiring something better, he went into the sewing machine and bicycle business, which trade he followed for about thirty years. Desiring something still better, about ten years ago he entered the Independent Telephone Company, which company was succeeded by the Bell system, and he is now, as before mentioned, the cashier of the German-American Bank.

Politically, Mr. Baum has always been a Republican and has taken an active part in political affairs. He has served in local official capacities, and as delegate, and was postmaster for seven and one-half years. Socially he is a member of the Masonic order; Blue Lodge and Chapter, of Batavia. He has never married.

JOSEPH GAYLEY.

Mr. Joseph Gayley, a retired carpenter, contractor and builder, of Decatur, Brown county, Ohio, and most highly regarded citizen, was born in Castlederg, county Tyrone, Ireland, in March, 1835. He is a son of John and Ruth (Thompson) Gayley, both natives of county Tyrone, Ireland.

The father of our subject was raised in county Tyrone, Ireland, and became a manufacturer of linen in connection with the occupation of farming. Both he and his wife were of the old school Presbyterians, and of that denomination he served for many years as elder. They had ten children born to their union, whose names follow: William, born in 1815; Margaret, who was the wife of Alexander Hill, near Baronscourt; John, who died in America in 1860; Ruth, who married John Gailey; Rhoda, who died at the age of two years; Andrew, who was born in 1828, in Castlederg, Ireland, and is still a resident of his native town; Robert, born in Cavnabun; Matilda, who married a Mr. Gilmore; Mary, who married John Cooper, and they died in Philadelphia, Pa.; and Joseph, our subject. John and Ruth (Thompson) Gayley both departed this life in the country of their nativity after useful and honorable lives.

Mr. Joseph Gayley was fifteen years of age when he sailed for America, in 1850. He received a good schooling in Ireland and attended a number of classical schools. Upon his arrival in America the young man spent one year in Chester county,

Pennsylvania, with an uncle, Daniel Gayley. He then went to Homesburg, a suburb of Philadelphia, where he engaged in the making of dry goods boxes for a calico print establishment, and was thus occupied until the great panic of 1857 in the United States.

In 1857, Mr. Gayley came to Ohio and settled at Decatur, which has been his home since that time. He first took up the business of carpentering and later undertook some contracting and building. His success in this line of endeavor led him to continue in this business until 1904, when he was able to retire from active labor and to enjoy the well earned ease of the prosperous business man.

Mr. Gayley is also an honored veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Sixty-second regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and served with the one hundred-day men, not quite four months. His military career was served at Columbus, Ohio.

On the 18th day of September, 1865, Mr. Joseph Gayley was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Amanda Shofstall, daughter of Florence and Sarah (Smith) Shofstall, and for nearly half a century this worthy couple have traveled together on the journey of life. One daughter has blessed this union, Florence, now the wife of Dr. James H. Hamilton.

Mrs. Gayley was born on the hill south of Decatur, Ohio, January 14, 1841. Her father was born in Hagerstown, Md., her mother in Maysville, Ky. They were early settlers in Brown county, Ohio, leaving Kentucky on account of the slavery agitation. They settled on a farm adjoining Decatur on the south, which he improved and there raised his family. Her father died November 8, 1872, on Presidential election morning, seventy-nine years of age, and her mother passed away at the age of fifty-two years. They were the parents of twelve children, eight of whom lived to mature years: Nancy, who married William Campbell; Clarissa, who married Frederick Elifritz; David Shofstall; John Shofstall; Julia Ann, who married D. B. Kirker; William Shofstall; Elizabeth Amanda, wife of our subject; Margaret Faris, wife of Albert Liggett, both now deceased; and Richard Henry Shofstall, of Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Gayley are both earnest and active members of the Presbyterian church, of which denomination he is serving as elder and clerk of the session.

In politics, Mr. Gayley is an advocate of the principles of

the Republican party and has served his party as township trustee for nearly thirty years.

Mr. Gayley has always been known as a man of high personal character and is one of the most public spirited citizens of Brown county.

WILLIAM H. SMITH.

One of the most public spirited men of Clermont county, Ohio, and one who takes an active interest in all political affairs, is William H. Smith, who was superintendent of the Clermont county infirmary for three years and ten months, during which time Mrs. Smith was matron, located near Batavia on the Batavia & Milford pike. The farm consists of one hundred and twenty acres.

Mr. William H. Smith is a native of Clermont county, his birth having occurred in Franklin township, near Felicity, July 8, 1864. He is a son of Peter C. and Mary J. (McKibbon) Smith, who were prosperous farmers of the county. They had born to their union five children, of whom our subject is one. Mrs. Smith died April 30, 1875, and Peter Smith married a second time. To this marriage were born three children.

William H. Smith spent the first twenty-five years of his life on the farm of his father, attending the schools in his district, finishing in the high school at Felicity, Ohio, under Professor William H. Ulrey and Professor G. W. Witham.

On March 26, 1893, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Stella Etta Trees, who is also a native of Clermont county. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Charles F. Park. Mrs. Smith is a daughter of James and Paulina (Sapp) Trees, who were both born and reared in Clermont county, and who were thriving farmers living in Washington township, near Moscow. Mrs. Smith's paternal grandparents came to Ohio from Pennsylvania in an early day and her maternal grandfather came to Ohio from Kentucky. Her father was twice married and Mrs. Smith is the youngest of fifteen children, of whom thirteen grew to maturity. Mrs. Smith received a good education and taught school for five years. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have one son born to them:

Parker McKibbon, who was born near Felicity, Ohio, July 27, 1897. He is a student of the Felicity High School.

In 1899, Mr. Smith purchased a farm of sixty-eight and one-

half acres north of Felicity, where he lived and carried on general farming until he was appointed superintendent of the infirmary, which he filled acceptably to all the community until January 1, 1913, when he resigned to return to his farm.

Mr. Smith is an active Democrat and served his party as delegate to the county conventions and as trustee of Franklin township for nearly four years. He served as assessor for two years. He has been a member of the Christian church since he was twenty-one years of age and when very young manifested an especial talent for music, learning to play the cornet. He soon became a member of the church choir and orchestra and of the Military Band, being at present a member of the Batavia Band and Orchestra. He is a member of the Felicity Camp, No. 8762, Modern Woodmen of America.

GEORGE A. KEEN AND BROTHER.

George A. Keen and Thomas A. Keen, members of the firm of George A. Keen & Brother, of Batavia, Ohio, are men of exceptional business ability and have met with success in whatever they have undertaken. Their methods are practical and honorable and their conduct upright and conscientious.

George A. Keen was born in Covington, Ky., November 26, 1851, and is a son of Archibald and Rebecca (Kirkpatrick) Keen, the former of whom was born in Newport, Ky. He was a manufacturer of brick and had a very prosperous business. Rebecca (Kirkpatrick) Keen was born in Kenton county, Kentucky.

Mr. George Keen received his education in the public schools of Covington, Ky. When he was eighteen years of age he began his life career as a business man. For twelve years he was employed by the Covington cold storage plant and during this time he was married to Miss Elizabeth Waterfield, the date being November 21, 1876. She is a native of Clermont county, Ohio, and is a daughter of Edward and Lucinda (Plank) Salt. She was adopted, when quite young, by William and Minerva Waterfield, of Covington, Ky., who reared and educated her in the Notre Dame School, Reading, Ohio, and at Ohio Wesleyan College at Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Keen's health failed in 1881 and his physician advised a change of employment. He moved to Chilo, Clermont county,

where he opened a general merchandise business, and although he was new to this occupation, he was very successful, building up a splendid patronage.

In 1889 Mr. Keen was elected sheriff by the Democratic party, taking office January 1, 1890. He sold out his business at Chilo and moved to Batavia. He served in this office for two years.

At the close of his term of office as sheriff Mr. Keen bought out the coal and lumber business of J. W. Duckwall & Bro., and in 1892 a partnership was formed with his brother, Thomas A. Keen.

Mr. and Mrs. Keen are the parents of three children:

William W. was born in Covington and is a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan University. He is now assistant secretary of the Mobile Gas and Electric Company, of Mobile, Ala. He married Miss Sarah Greeno, of Milford, Ohio. They have one child, Alice.

Ginevra was born at Chilo, a twin of Minerva, who died when she was two and one-half years old. She is a graduate of the Batavia High School and married Everett Shipp, living at Washington, D. C., where he is chief photographer in the Forestry Department of the United States Government. They have two children—Elizabeth and Virginia.

Archibald E. was born at Chilo and received a common school education. He is in the coal and lumber business at Mt. Healthy, Ohio. He married Miss Louise Walker, a daughter of Judge Walker. They have one child, Ann Elizabeth.

Mr. George Keen is a Democrat in politics. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, is a trustee and a teacher of the Men's Bible Class in the Sunday school. He became a member of Felicity Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and was demitted to Batavia. He has filled the various chairs and has also taken Chapter and Council degrees, at New Richmond.

Thomas A. Keen, of the firm of George A. Keen & Brother, was born at Covington, Ky., October 21, 1857, a son of Archibald and Rebecca (Kirkpatrick) Keen. He was reared and educated at Covington, attending the public schools of that place until he was sixteen years of age, when he entered the brick manufacturing business of his father, following this occupation for four years. He then took up the cold storage business and continued in this employment for fourteen years.

In 1892 the partnership with his brother, George, was formed. Mr. Keen was never married.

The firm of George A. Keen & Brother deals in coal, lumber, lime and cement. They enjoy a liberal patronage and are well known in the county.

CAPT. CHARLES H. MURRAY.

Capt. Charles H. Murray was a native of Hamilton, Butler county, Ohio, and on January 30, 1861, was united in marriage to Miss Amy J. Huling, who was born in the old log house in Monroe township, which was built by her grandfather, William Huling.

William Huling came to Clermont county from New Jersey in 1803, traveling the distance by horseback, and on the way looking at many locations that might be suitable for a future home, but he was not entirely satisfied with all surroundings until he reached the county of Clermont. He kept a diary of the trip and could have settled on the site where Cincinnati is located. The interesting diary is still in the family. After finding a location that desired for a future home, William Huling returned to New Jersey for his family and in 1810, settled on the farm which is the present home of Mrs. Murray. He erected a log house, in which the family resided for many years. He became a large land owner in this section, and died in 1826, in the prime of life.

The parents of Mrs. Murray were Jacob and Amy (Ware) Huling, the former of whom was born in New Jersey in 1800 and died in 1881, and the latter of whom was also a native of New Jersey, her birth occurring in 1807, and who died in January, 1889. Jacob Huling was twice married, there being three children by the first union and three children by the second, Mrs. Murray being the youngest child of the second marriage. He was in early years a Whig, and later a Republican, although he would never accept of an office. He was a devout member of the Methodist church.

Capt. Charles H. Murray received a fine education and was attending Miami University, of Oxford, Ohio, at the time of the first alarm of the Civil war. He at once offered his services and assisted in forming a company, of which he was made lieutenant. Later, he became captain of the Fifth Ohio

cavalry, and was in the service from 1861 to 1865. Soon after his return from the war, Mr. Murray removed with his family to Clay City, Illinois, where he purchased forty acres of land adjoining the town. This was their home for some years, Mr. Murray following the occupation of a farmer until he became a prospector of Colorado. Mrs. Murray remained in the home in Illinois until the death of her father, in 1881, when she returned to her girlhood home to care for her mother in her declining years. This has been her home all her life, with the exception of the fourteen years spent in Illinois.

To the union of Captain and Mrs. Murray have been born two daughters:

Maude, who is single, lives at home with her mother.

Jessie, married Leslie D. Spence, a dentist of Amelia, Ohio.

Mrs. Murray occupies the old home farm of her parents and grandparents. The old log house in which she was born and spent the first two years of her life was standing until 1885. She is highly esteemed in the community where she has lived for the most of her life, and has a host of warm friends and acquaintances.

WILLIAM H. H. HENNING.

William H. H. Henning, a highly respected and prosperous farmer and dairyman of Batavia township, Clermont county, Ohio, where he jointly owns and operates the old Lytle homestead, with John Ethelbert Lytle. These two families are a refutation of old theory, that "no roof is large enough for two families," as they have for years lived and farmed together as one family, rearing their children in peace and harmony. They carry on the business of general farming and dairying as partners, along scientific lines.

William Henning was born July 2, 1874, in Batavia township, and is a son of Henry D. and Mary (Eichner) Henning, the former of whom is a native of New York City and who came to Ohio with his parents, when he was thirteen years of age. He worked in a store in Cincinnati for a time and afterward worked on a boat, plying the river between Cincinnati and New Orleans. Later he became a photographer, working at that business until his marriage, when he purchased the farm where our subject, William Henning, was born, and which they still own. Mary Eichner was a native of Harris-

burg, Pa., coming to Ohio with her parents, who located at Dayton, Ohio. To them were born five children: George, who lives in Batavia township; William H. H., our subject; Stella; Clarence, who lives at Norwood, Ohio, is married and has one daughter, Florence, and Harry D., also a resident of Norwood, Ohio, who married Kathern Ellabach, December 31, 1909.

Mr. Henning is a Republican in politics, and is a member of the Christian church, a Christian by faith and practice, contributing largely of his means toward the betterment of mankind.

JOHN ETHELBERT LYTLE.

John Ethelbert Lytle, a prominent farmer and dairyman of Clermont county, Ohio, whose home is on the old Lytle homestead on the Bantam pike, was born in the county of Clermont. He is a son of Nelson and Betsey (Wheeler) Lytle.

Nelson Lytle was born at Batavia, Ohio, July 1, 1827, and was a son of William and Annie (Kinnan) Lytle, the former of whom was a carpenter by trade. When quite young, Nelson went to live with his paternal grandfather, William Lytle, who gave the boy a good common school education, which, when completed, was turned to scientific farming under his grandfather's instruction. He followed this vocation in various places until his death. His father, William Lytle, met his death in 1856 by the falling of bark from a tree in the timber. It is a curious coincidence that both the father and the mother of Nelson met death by accident, the latter being thrown from a buggy shortly after the death of her husband. Nelson Lytle was twice married, the first to Miss Elizabeth Harris, October 28, 1848, and the second to Miss Betsy Wheeler, on September 18, 1864. To the first union, six children were born, four of whom are living, and to the second union were born five children, four of whom are still living. Of the second family are the following:

George O., who is a fruit grower near Seattle, Wash.

Emma J., who married William Henning, and has one son, Earl, born July 21, 1902.

Horace M., a farmer of Monroe township, this county, and has four children.

John E., our subject.

Clifford, who died at the age of twenty-four years.

Nelson Lytle was a successful farmer and was a Republican but not an office seeker. He was a consistent member of the Christian church of Mt. Holly, and served as treasurer for years before his death, which occurred August 8, 1901, his wife passing away July 2, 1892.

John Ethelbert Lytle grew to manhood on the home farm, receiving a good education in the common schools of his locality. He married Miss Stella Henning, September 18, 1900. She is a daughter of Henry D. and Mary (Eichner) Henning, and was born at Batavia, Ohio, September 15, 1877. Mr. and Mrs. Lytle have two children:

Clarence, who was born November 13, 1901.

Walter, whose birth occurred June 13, 1905.

Mr. Lytle is a Republican, although not an office seeker, and is interested in all political questions of the day. He is a member and a trustee of the Christian church, also being superintendent of the Sunday school.

A. B. APPLLEGATE.

Among the oldest residents of Milford, Ohio, Mr. A. B. Applegate is numbered, having for many years been identified with the agricultural, professional and public life of Clermont county. He is the present mayor of the thriving town of Milford, having been elected in 1911, and his term has been one of progression.

Mr. Applegate was born on a farm near Goshen, Clermont county, Ohio, August 10, 1842, his parents being John and Anna (Emery) Applegate, who were successful farmers of the county for many years. His maternal grandfather was Judge John Emery.

The boyhood of Mr. Applegate was spent on the farm, attending the schools of the district, later becoming a student of the Lebanon, Ohio, Normal School, and, in 1861, engaged in the profession of teaching. After two months he thought himself a failure and gave up his position and, in September, 1864, enlisted in Company E, Seventy-first regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, being sent at once to the front. He was under fire at Nashville, Tenn., and remained in the service until June, 1865.

The following fall, after his return from the war, Mr. Applegate attended spelling school in the same district in which he had taught and was asked to pronounce the words, which he did with so pleasing a manner that the directors of the school asked him to teach the school for the winter term. Remembering his former unsuccessful venture in this line of work, he refused. However, his refusal would not be accepted, and even though he had no certificate, he was urged to take the position, which he finally did. Instead of using Professor Holbrook's methods he used a little army discipline, with such success that he was engaged to teach the school for five consecutive years.

In the year of 1872, on the 8th of May, Mr. Applegate was married to Miss Amelia Boutell, of Charleston, Goshen township, where she was born and reared, having been a former pupil in his school. She was a daughter of Capt. George and Marietta (Brooks) Boutell.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Applegate were born five children:

Marietta was born in 1873, her sweet life ending in 1876.

A. B., Jr., was born at Belfast, Clermont county, June 7, 1878, was graduated from the Milford High School, after which he taught school four years. He crossed the ocean six times as an employee of the United States Government, on a mail steamer. He was also employed as clerk in the postoffice at Cincinnati for one year, later becoming a clerk for the Adams Express Company, which position he holds at the present time. He married Mrs. Pearl Jones, and they have no children.

Florence, who was born at Milford, was married to Jacob Brauer, their home being at Covington, Ky. She has two children, Florence and J. Barton.

George W. was born at Milford and is a graduate of the high school of that place. He has been bookkeeper and cashier of the Mutual Banking Company, of Cincinnati, for the past eight years. He married Miss Valerie Trauth and they have one child, George Barton.

Anna Amelia was born in Milford and took a business course in Cincinnati. March 9, 1913, was married to Robert H. Drews, of Iowa City, Iowa, on her mother's sixtieth anniversary.

Mr. Applegate has always been a Democrat, though not an extreme partisan. He served as constable and justice of the peace, and although he has tried many cases, and some were

appealed, none was ever reversed. From 1885 to 1889 he was postmaster at Milford and for six years was township clerk, also being the township treasurer for four years. Being interested also in educational matters he was a member of the school board for six years and also served as treasurer of the board for five years. Mr. Applegate was secretary of the Milford Building & Loan Association for eight years. He was elected to the council at different times and during his term began the paving of the streets.

Mr. Applegate is a member of the S. R. S. West Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and has been commander and adjutant, being privileged to attend some of the National reunions. He was a delegate to the State encampment in 1911, held at Lorain, and was alternate to the National encampment, held at Los Angeles, Cal., in 1912, and aid to Commander Blodget in 1913.

For the past thirty-four years Mr. Applegate has been active in the interests of Milford, and his influence has been one of progression, and his many good traits of heart have endeared him to all with whom he has come in contact, and at seventy-one years of age is hale and hearty.

MAJOR DION WILLIAMS.

Major Dion Williams, United States Marine Corps, was born in the Williams homestead, at Williamsburg, Ohio, on December 15, 1869. He is the only son of Byron and Katherine Park Williams. He received his earlier education in the public schools of Williamsburg, graduating from the high school in the class of 1886.

Appointed a naval cadet on July 16, 1887, he graduated from the United States Naval Academy, on June 1, 1891, and for two years thereafter served as a midshipman on the United States steamer Atlanta, one of the cruisers of the Squadron of Evolution, known throughout the country as the "White Squadron." During this cruise, the Atlanta visited the West Indies and South America, and cruised along the east coast of the United States, touching at most of the important ports between Maine and the straits of Magellan.

On July 1, 1893, having passed the final examinations for his class, with a good standing, he was commissioned a second



MAJOR DION WILLIAMS
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS.

lieutenant in the United States marine corps. The marine corps, which is an integral part of the navy, is the oldest branch of the government service, having been organized at Boston in 1775 pursuant to an act of the First Continental Congress. In every war in which the United States has taken part, the troops of the marine corps have taken part in the first engagement, and so well has the duty been performed that they have well won the title of the "Ever Faithful," and the official motto of the corps is "Semper Fidelis."

After receiving his first commission Lieutenant Williams was ordered to the Officers' School of Application, Washington D. C., graduating from that institution in June, 1894, at the head of his class. June 30, 1894, he was promoted to be a first lieutenant, and was ordered to the marine barracks at the navy yard, New York, where he served as adjutant of that marine battalion.

On February 20, 1895, he was married at New London, Conn., to Helen Mar Ames, only daughter of Col. Nathaniel H. and Elizabeth McDonald Ames. Colonel Ames was for years the colonel of the Third regiment of the Connecticut National Guard, and a leader among the military men of New England. Mrs. Williams' mother is a member of the noted McDonald and Crawford families of Scotland.

In October, 1895, Lieutenant Williams was transferred to the marine barracks at Mare Island Navy Yard, San Francisco Bay, California, where he served until September, 1897. During this time he studied law with especial reference to military procedure, and was appointed judge advocate of many important naval courts martial. In September, 1897, Lieutenant Williams was ordered to duty on the United States cruiser Baltimore, then flagship of the United States Pacific Squadron. The Baltimore proceeded to Honolulu, Hawaii, then an unstable republic, and remained there through the winter of 1897-98, protecting American interests. When the sinking of the Maine, in Havana harbor, made war with Spain inevitable, all the available naval ammunition on the west coast was rushed to Honolulu and loaded into the Baltimore, and she proceeded with all despatch to Hong Kong, where Commodore Dewey's United States Asiatic Squadron lay anxiously awaiting permission to sail for Manila. The Baltimore arrived just in time to transfer the ammunition to the other ships, don her war paint of sombre grey and sail with the squadron for Manila. In the battle of Manila Bay, May 1, 1898, Lieu-

tenant Williams, in charge of the forward 8-inch gun of the Baltimore, fired the first shot from that ship, and he was officially commended for his conduct in the battle by Captain N. Mayo Dyer, the intrepid commander of the Baltimore, who had himself commanded a small ship on that famous "August day with Farragut" at Mobile Bay.

On May 2d, the Baltimore forced the surrender of the Spanish forts on Corregidor at the entrance to Manila Bay, and on May 3d, under direct orders of Commodore Dewey, Lieutenant Williams, in command of a company of marines and sailors from the Baltimore, landed and took charge of the Spanish Navy Yard and Arsenal at Cavite. This was the first landing of American troops on Spanish soil in the war, and Lieutenant Williams at once disposed his force to establish order and protect the innocent inhabitants, and then raised the Stars and Stripes over the captured arsenal, this being the first American flag raised on Spanish soil in the Spanish-American war. For his energetic and efficient work on this occasion Lieutenant Williams received the official commendation of Admiral Dewey, who since that date has been his highly valued friend. As a result of the Spanish-American war Lieutenant Williams was promoted to a captaincy on March 3, 1899. He served in the Philippines until May 1, 1900, serving on board the Baltimore, the battleship Oregon, and the flagship Olympia, and also on land with the army. During the Spanish war and the resultant Philippine insurrection, Captain Williams took part in some thirty engagements in various parts of the islands, and commanded the marines at the capture of Olongapo and at the capture of Vigan, in the latter affair retaking from Aguinaldo's army ninety American and Spanish prisoners. During the latter year of his service in the Philippines, Captain Williams held, in addition to his regular command, the position of assistant judge advocate general on the staff of the admiral commanding the fleet.

On May 1, 1900, Captain Williams was ordered to duty on the staff of Admiral John C. Watson, and sailed from Yokohama, Japan, on board the United States flagship Baltimore for New York, by way of China, the Malay Straits, India, the Suez and Europe, arriving in New York in October, 1900. He was immediately ordered to the marine barracks, Boston, Mass., where he served for two years, in charge of the United States Naval Prison, as military and technical instructor of a class of second lieutenants newly appointed from civil life, and for half

of the time as acting commanding officer of the post. For this duty Captain Williams was twice officially commended by Major General Charles Heywood, then commandant of the marine corps, in the annual reports of the Navy Department. From September, until December, 1902, Captain Williams commanded Company "A" of the marine battalion serving in Panama for the protection of the Panama railroad and foreign interests during a serious revolution. During this service Captain Williams was commended in orders by Admiral Casey, commander in chief of the United States Pacific Fleet, by Col. B. R. Russell, commanding the United States forces on the Isthmus, and by United States Consul-General Gudger, the latter commendation being transmitted to Congress by the State Department.

From Panama, Captain Williams was transferred to Culebra, West India Islands, and appointed adjutant of the First provisional regiment of marines engaged in fortifying that island. But this was to be a brief detail, as within two weeks he was selected to be fleet marine officer of the Atlantic battleship fleet, in command of the battalion of marines attached to the ships of the fleet. In this capacity he served until October, 1904, seeing service aboard the battleships Maine and Kearsarge, in the West Indies, South America and Europe. On this cruise he was presented to the late King Carlos of Portugal, and King George of Greece. In January, 1905, Captain Williams was selected as a member of the staff of instructors of the United States Naval War College, at Newport, R. I., where he delivered lectures on military subjects and prepared important papers for the country's naval war plans.

In February, 1905, he was promoted to be a major, and when the revolution of 1906 made American intervention necessary in Cuba, he commanded a battalion of marines, 450 strong, which were among the first landed in Cuba in September that year. Landing at Havana this battalion crossed Cuba to Cienfuegos and for one month kept peace and order in that important city. In October, 1906, General Franklin Bell, then chief of staff of the United States Army, detailed Major Williams to the staff of the Army of Cuban Pacification, and by orders of President Roosevelt he was temporarily transferred from the marine corps to duty with the army. For nearly a year Major Williams was first assistant to the chief engineer of the Army of Cuban Pacification, his principal duties being in charge of the field work of the military map of Cuba, which

was carried rapidly to a successful completion. For this work he received the official commendation of Major General Franklin Bell, Major General G. F. Elliot, then commandant of the marine corps, and Colonel Langfitt, the chief engineer of the Army of Cuban Pacification.

Major Williams was selected by the late Admiral Robley D. Evans, to be fleet marine officer of the Atlantic battle fleet for the famous cruise around the world in 1907-08-09, and in December, 1907, he joined the flagship Connecticut. All through that cruise of the battle fleet, Major Williams commanded the marine regiment of the fleet, 1,300 strong, which paraded on shore at San Diego and San Francisco, Cal.; Seattle and Bellingham, Washington State; Sydney, Melbourne and Albany, Australia; and at the Hudson-Fulton celebration in New York in 1909, and on many occasions for drill. He was commended by Admiral R. D. Evans in an official letter to the Navy Department, for his efficient performance of duty during the cruise of the battle fleet from Hampton Roads, Va., to San Francisco, Cal., and also by Admiral Sperry, who commanded the cruise of the fleet from San Francisco, via the Suez to New York. Major Williams was also chief intelligence officer of the fleet, and in October, 1909, was detailed to duty in the office of naval intelligence of the Navy Department, at Washington, D. C., where he remained until March 15, 1913, when he was ordered to Peking, China, as commandant of the American Legation Guard, which consists of 350 men, comprising infantry and artillery and a mounted section, and is a very important foreign post of our armed forces.

Major Williams wears the following government medals: Congressional medal commemorating the battle of Manila Bay, May 1, 1898, the Spanish war medal, the West India campaign medal, the Philippine insurrection medal and the Cuban pacification medal. He has taken a constant interest in rifle firing and marksmanship and wears the government silver sharpshooter's badge.

Major Williams has devoted considerable attention to literary pursuits, and has written several books on subjects pertaining to the naval profession, among them being "Naval Reconnaissance," a manual of instruction for the reconnaissance and survey of harbors and surrounding country; "The Port Directory," containing valuable information concerning all the principal ports of the world; "The Uniform Regulations, United States Marine Corps," and many articles for the

press, the magazines, and the service journals. In the cruise of the battle fleet around the world, by special authority of the Secretary of the Navy, he acted as special correspondent for the "New York Times" and the "London Daily Mail."

DR. C. A. BENNETT.

Dr. C. A. Bennett, a well known physician and surgeon, whose home and office are at Withamsville, Clermont county, Ohio, was born in the village where he now resides. He is a son of Dr. Elisha and Hannah (Smith) Bennett, who were also natives of Withamsville. In the '50s the former served two terms as a member of the Ohio legislature.

Dr. Bennett grew to manhood in this vicinity, attending the district schools until he entered the high school at Mt. Washington, which he attended for two terms. When he was about nineteen years of age, he and an older brother conducted a store at Withamsville, continuing for several years in this occupation. In September, 1873, Dr. C. A. Bennett was married to Miss Louisa Whitaker, of Withamsville. This union was blessed with one child, Lela Irene, who married Rev. Asa Kestle. They are the parents of two children, James Allen and Lois Winifred, and reside in Lebanon, Ohio.

When about twenty-five years of age, Dr. Bennett began to read medicine with his father, later attending the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, graduating in 1878. He began the practice of medicine with his father, who was a prominent physician of the county for nearly fifty years, and has followed his profession in this vicinity continuously to the present time.

The second marriage of Dr. Bennett took place in 1882 to Miss Sarah Laidley, who was born at Jeffersonville, Ind. They are the parents of one child, who died in infancy.

Mr. Bennett owns a farm of twenty-three and one-half acres, which came to him from his father. Politically, he is a Democrat and fraternally holds membership with the Free and Accepted Masons at Withamsville, having joined J. B. Covert Lodge, No. 437, in 1875. The lodge building was burned several years later and the lodge has since been located at Tobasco. Dr. Bennett has served in the various offices in the lodge. In addition he is a member of the order of United American Mechanics.

During the years he has spent in the village of Withamsville, Dr. Bennett has made many friends, both professionally and socially, and has the warm regard of the entire community.

GEORGE G. JONES.

Mr. George G. Jones is known throughout the manufacturing circles of Clermont county, Ohio, as a man of unquestioned integrity and sound business judgment, combined with a never failing courtesy to all with whom he is called upon to meet. The present prosperous condition of the Jones Heel Manufacturing Company, of which he is president and active general manager, is largely due to his energetic efforts.

Mr. Jones is not a native of Clermont county, his birth having occurred at Fishing Creek, Pa., on December 5, 1872. He is a son of Francis W. and Monema (Gregory) Jones, the former of whom was a miller of Fishing Creek, Pa.

George G. Jones was reared and educated at Fishing Creek, until he was about eighteen years of age, when he entered the Valparaiso University, in the class of 1892, and was graduated from the scientific department with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He then entered upon the study of civil engineering, which he followed for a short period.

The real business career of the subject of this review began at Orangeville, Pa., in 1894, when he entered into a partnership for the manufacture of shoe heels. In this venture he met with a reasonable success until in 1903, when he was visited by an unfortunate fire, which carried away his entire business. He was only partially reimbursed by insurance, but with his accustomed optimism did not allow his misfortune to master him, for in 1905 he was again in business.

Mr. George G. Jones was married in New York City, on December 4, 1897, to Miss Ruby Jean DeLong, of Orangeville, Pa., where she was born and received her education. She is a daughter of Jerome B. and Flora (Golder) DeLong.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones are the parents of four children:

Mabel Jeannette was born at Orangeville, Pa., May 20, 1902.

Rebecca Jean was born at Orangeville, Pa., December 30, 1903.

Frances Louise was born at Batavia, Ohio, December 22, 1905.

George G., Jr., was born at Batavia, Ohio, February 7, 1911.

In political views, Mr. Jones is a Republican, but is not an office seeker, preferring rather the quiet and peace of the private citizen. His first ballot was cast for President McKinley.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Jones are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in his former home he was a teacher of the normal class in Sunday school. In 1907 he became a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Batavia, of which he has served as senior warden and has taken the royal arch degree.

Although he has been in Clermont county but seven years, Mr. Jones has made himself a leading figure in the affairs of the county, and the town in which he is making his home.

FRANK L. COOK.

Frank L. Cook is a member of an old Ohio family and was the cashier of the Milford National Bank, which position he held for eighteen years. He was born at Lebanon, Ohio, September 18, 1859, and is a son of James and Mary E. (Jameson) Cook, the former a farmer living near Morrow, Ohio.

The boyhood days of Frank L. Cook were spent on the farm, where he attended the common schools, and at the age of eighteen years he passed the teacher's examination, although he never used his certificate. He engaged on a farm for nine months at eighteen dollars per month and board, which he considered better remuneration than the salary of a teacher. At the end of nine months he accepted a position with Mr. John A. Jameson, at South Lebanon, who was the agent and operator for the Pennsylvania Railway Company. Here he did general work around the station and learned telegraphy in spare time. He was in this apprenticeship for two years, after which he became night operator at Foster, Ohio, and served in this capacity for eighteen months, when he was promoted to assistant agent and baggage master at Morrow, Ohio.

On the 22d of November, 1881, he was married to Miss Emma B. Greely, the ceremony taking place at Morrow. She was born near Maineville, Ohio, a daughter of Boardman and Elmira (Fouche) Greely. Two years later Mr. Cook removed to Milford, where he had been engaged as agent and operator for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

He held this position until in 1893, when he resigned to accept a position with the Union Central Life Insurance Company, in the actuary department, at the time when Mr. John Pattison was president. The following January he accepted the position of cashier of the Milford National Bank and served in that capacity continuously until July 19, 1912, when he became vice-president of the Second National Bank of Cincinnati, after it was reorganized.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cook have been born seven children:

Lillie D., a graduate of the Milford High School.

Leonard E., a graduate of the Milford High School and of the Mueller School of Business, of Cincinnati. He died at the age of twenty-one years.

Howard B., a graduate of the University of Cincinnati, co-operative class of June, 1912, and is assistant chief engineer of Brownell Company, of Dayton, Ohio.

Mary, who after graduating from the high school of Milford, was for two years a student of Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, in the fall of 1912 entered the Cincinnati Missionary Training School.

Ruth is taking a course in domestic science at Miami University, Oxford, after graduating at the Milford High School.

Charles Wesley and Esther are students of the Milford High School, class of 1914.

Mr. Cook cast his first Presidential ballot for James A. Garfield, being a Republican in politics, until recently he became an advocate of the principles of the Progressive party. Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Cook became members of the Methodist church, of which he has served in the capacity of trustee, treasurer and a teacher in the Sunday school. He is an enthusiastic worker in the church and is widely and favorably known as a representative of one of the oldest of Ohio families. His district conference sent him as a delegate to the general conference at Minneapolis in 1912, and both he and his wife are people of genuine worth and have many friends in this part of the State.

H. H. HILL.

Among the self-made of this generation Mr. H. H. Hill is one of those keenly alive to all of the possibilities opening before him, industrious and upright in character, and although

still a young man in years, he has achieved remarkable success. Mr. Hill is a member of the Hay and Grain Company, of Milford, Ohio, buyers and shippers of hay and grain, handling in addition the best grade of farm implements.

Mr. Hill was born at Cincinnati, June 24, 1872, and is a son of Jacob and Barbara (Wilde) Hill, residents of Withamsville, Ohio, who conducted a grocery at Cincinnati for many years. Our subject received his education in the public schools of Cincinnati and at the age of nine years began assisting his parents by selling the "Evening Telegram." He continued in the newspaper business for two years, turning his earnings over to his parents, and when fourteen years old left school, after which he entered the employ of Mr. Prescott Smith, a lawyer of Cincinnati, as office boy. He remained in this position but a short time, leaving to accept a position with Granger & Hunt, leading lawyers, and continued there for two years. During his engagement with this law firm he took up the study of shorthand and typewriting, which he learned without a teacher. In 1889, Mr. Hill engaged with the firm of Orr & Granger, grain dealers, as stenographer, and in this office learned the grain business. He was in the employ of Mr. Granger for fourteen years, and while managing a grain elevator at Dayton, Ind., he met and married Miss Della Thomson. Mrs. Hill was born at Dayton, Ind., January 3, 1875, and is a daughter of A. J. and Annie (Casner) Thomson. In 1893, Mr. Hill embarked in the grain business for himself in Cincinnati, and for a time the family resided at that place, coming to Milford in 1905, from which place he still conducted his business in Cincinnati. Since 1909 he has been in the grain business in Milford.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Hill are three children:

Forrest, who was born at Dayton, Ind., is a graduate of the Milford High School and has attended the Ohio State University for one year.

Esther was also born at Dayton and is a graduate of the Milford High School.

Elizabeth was born at Cincinnati.

Evelyn died in infancy.

In political views Mr. Hill favors the principles of the Republican party and cast his first Presidential vote for William McKinley, in 1896. He has filled the office of mayor by appointment, and was elected to that office for a two-years' term.

Mr. Hill holds membership in the Free and Accepted Masons of Milford, having become a member first in the Hoffner lodge at Cincinnati. He is serving his second term as high priest in the Milford Chapter. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the Clermont Lodge No. 49, and is right supporter to the vice-noble grand and has served as left supporter to the noble grand. Mr. and Mrs. Hill are members of the Eastern Star, of which the latter has been worthy matron and the former worthy patron. In religious matters they are believers of the Universalist faith and are active in the church affairs of that organization.

Mr. H. H. Hill began his business life with no capital, but a strong heart and a clear brain, and by his genial manner, unfaltering courtesy and deference for the opinions of others, he has not only made himself popular in a social way, but has made many business friends.

GEORGE McCAMMON.

Mr. George McCammon, now living retired at Milford, Ohio, after an active and honorable connection with the farming interests and business affairs of this vicinity, was born at San Francisco, Cal., August 14, 1860.

The family was originally from the north of Ireland, the grandfather having emigrated to America when a young lad. He settled at Cincinnati when that city consisted of some half-dozen houses. He became a contractor and shipbuilder and amassed a large fortune by reason of his industry and keen management. He married Miss Ellen McGinnis, and one of their children, William McCammon, who was born at Cincinnati, learned the saddlery and hardware business at that place, and later he engaged in business on his own account. Subsequently he removed to San Francisco and conducted a hardware store for about fifteen years. At Sacramento, Cal., on the 14th of August, 1856, was celebrated the marriage of William McCammon and Miss Mary Ann Burke, of New Orleans, and to their union were born four sons, two of whom died in childhood. The other sons, George and William P., came with their parents to Ohio, in 1864, settling on a farm of one hundred and thirty acres in Warren county,

not far from Hopkinsville. The parents lived on this farm for twenty-four years and in 1888 returned to Cincinnati, where the father engaged in the real estate business until his death, May 26, 1909. His widow has since resided at 406 Broadway, Cincinnati, keeping up the home where for twenty-one years she and her husband spent many pleasant hours.

George McCammon grew to young manhood on the farm, receiving a good schooling and practical experience. While paying a visit to his mother's people at New Orleans he became acquainted with Miss Anna McCann, whom he afterward married. They are the parents of the following children: George R., William H. and John A. McCammon.

George R., who was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, February 25, 1892, was a student of the public school and later attended Miller's Business College. He was married at Newport, Ky., October 14, 1911, to Miss Mabel E. Prather, who was a native of Clermont county. They have one child, named Viola Marie McCammon, born July 13, 1912.

William H. was born at Hopkinsville, Ohio, March 27, 1893.

John A. was born at Milford, Ohio, November 15, 1894.

Mr. William P. McCammon, brother to our subject, is the enterprising editor of the Milford Record.

In political views Mr. George McCammon was reared a Republican, although he has never accepted office. He is a Catholic in religious faith and has reared his children in the same faith. Mr. McCammon is a good citizen, a loyal friend and a splendid neighbor. His kindly manner and friendly disposition have made for him lifelong friends.

WILLIAM J. LOCKWOOD.

William J. Lockwood, one of the leading and substantial business men of Milford, Ohio, is the junior member of the Milford Hardware Company, whose place of business is located on Main street. Mr. Lockwood was born on Betts street, Cincinnati, May 3, 1860, and is a son of Augustus and Anna (Lightner) Lockwood, of whom the former was a leather dealer.

William Lockwood attended school until about the age of fourteen years, when he became an apprentice in a plumbing

establishment, receiving three dollars per week for the first year, which was raised to seven dollars per week for the second year, and at the end of the fourth year he was earning eighteen dollars per week and was considered a journeyman. He held a position with one man for seven years, after which he embarked upon the plumbing business for himself on Western avenue, where he continued for six years.

The marriage of Mr. Lockwood to Miss Anna Louisa Denier was celebrated August 27, 1884, at Cincinnati, where Miss Denier was reared. They became the parents of five children:

Amelia, who was born at Cincinnati, is the wife of George Molitor, and resides in Miami township and has five sons.

Clara was born in Cincinnati, became the wife of Frank Farson, of Cincinnati. They have one child.

Edwin A. was born in Miami township, married Abbie Kilinger, and they are residents of Cincinnati, where he is an engineer.

Ada, who was born in Miami township, is at home.

James is also at home.

In 1891 Mr. Lockwood removed with his family to Miami township, where he purchased a farm of one hundred and two acres, near Mt. Repose, following the occupation of farming continuously until in 1904, when he entered into partnership with A. W. Dietrich in the business in which he is now engaged. The company enjoys a liberal patronage and has one of the most complete stores of the kind in the county.

In political views, Mr. Lockwood favors the Democratic party, but in no sense a politician. He was elected a member of the council in the spring of 1912.

He is a useful citizen, an honest, upright business man and a loyal friend and neighbor. He is interested in his home town and is active in all public affairs.

JACOB WOLFER.

The German element is an important one in our American citizenship. The sons of Germany have come to the new country, and have readily adapted themselves to the conditions in the new world, manifesting habits of industry and perseverance that is ever characteristic of the race. To this class of

citizens belongs Mr. Jacob Wolfer, the prosperous proprietor of one of the first class meat markets of Milford, located on Main street.

Mr. Wolfer was born at Wirtemberg, Germany, March 30, 1836, and is a son of John and Christina (Walz) Wolfer. The father was a highly educated man, and held many government offices, including county surveyor, treasurer and other important offices.

Jacob Wolfer attended school until he was fourteen years of age, studying German, Latin and French. When fourteen years of age, Jacob became an apprentice in a butcher shop, and later traveled from place to place working at his trade. When he had reached the age of seventeen, he and a younger brother, John C., but fourteen, set out for America, arriving in New York after a storm tossed voyage, in which masts were lost and there was great danger of ship wreck. At once upon their arrival in New York, our subject engaged in a shop, working at his trade, while his brother found employment in a grocery. The brothers had studied English on the way over so they learned the language very rapidly. After a year spent in New York, the brothers came west as far as Philadelphia, where the younger brother learned the wagon maker's trade and Jacob worked at the butcher business. There they spent three years, coming to Warren county, Ohio, about 1857 or 1858, and settling at Morrow.

Mr. Jacob Wolfer was married to Barbara Soth at Morrow, May 20, 1860. Miss Soth was born at Baden, Germany, and is a daughter of David and Barbara (Pfrimmer) Soth, who came to America when she was about fourteen years of age, and settled on a farm near Pleasant Plain, Warren county, Ohio, in 1860.

To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Wolfer have been born four children :

William Frederick is not yet married and is at home.

Emma Wilhelmina, was among those of the first class to graduate from the Milford High School. She also took a course in kindergarten work at Cincinnati, where she is now teaching.

Charles Jacob, died about the age of thirty-four years, leaving a wife, but no children.

Edgar David is married and has one child. He is an assistant in his father's market.

Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Wolfer located in

Milford and in 1863 engaged in the business which has grown to substantial proportions. Everything in the market is first class, consequently gives entire satisfaction.

Mr. Wolfer is a Democrat and has served for several years as councilman of Milford. In 1868, he became a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, filling all the chairs and representing his local lodge at the grand lodge, being deputy grand patriarch.

Although both Mr. Wolfer and his wife were reared in the Lutheran church they have since maturity embraced the faith of the Methodist church, being active workers in all worthy affairs. They are both pleasant people to meet and show great attachment for the home and family, also being interested in the development of their town and the surrounding country along progressive lines as well. They are greatly respected and enjoy the hearty friendship of their townspeople.

JOHN G. ERION.

John G. Erion is well and favorably known in this section of the country and as the superintendent of the Milford Water Works, and as a first class engineer, whose home is on the corner of Council and Beach streets. He was born at Foster's Landing, Bracken county, Kentucky, November 14, 1854, his parents being George and Ann (Neable) Erion.

George Erion was born and partly reared at Wiltemberg, Germany, where he learned the stone mason's trade, and at the age of sixteen years settled in Clermont county, where he married a playmate of his childhood, who was also a native of Wiltemberg, Germany, and came to America when she was eighteen, with her parents. They settled on the Judge Norris farm near Williamsburg, and resided there for about seven years, and for one year lived near Camp Dennison, moving to the Griffith farm near Batavia, remaining there three years. Their next move was to Spencer county, Indiana, where they purchased a farm and there they spent their declining years.

In 1871, John G. Erion entered a machine shop as an apprentice, receiving for the first year, three dollars per week, the second year he was advanced to five dollars per week, the third year his wages were again raised to twelve dollars. He spent three years and eight months in this shop, and when he

left was drawing eighteen dollars per week. During the time he was learning his trade, the father died and his brother, Christian, operated the farm for one year, when he passed away, which made it necessary for John to return home to look after the farm and his mother. In a short time he and his mother sold the farm and returned to Clermont county in 1878, purchasing a small home at Batavia, where, July 10, 1879, he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Walker, of Madisonville, Ohio, who is a daughter of Benjamin and Rachel (Matz) Walker.

In 1879, Mr. Erion went into the grocery business and for seven years he was very successful. He sold out in 1886 to engage in the threshing business, which he conducted several years, and also had a saw mill, and at the end of ten years he found himself swamped. He then hired out to run an engine and to do whatever he could find to do. He became engineer of the Batavia Electric Light & Water Works and held that position more than three years, resigning to accept his present position, moving his family to Milford.

Mr. and Mrs. Erion became the parents of twelve children, of whom seven are living:

Anna, died at the age of six years.

William, died when two years of age.

Christian H. B., is a graduate of two schools of correspondence, and is the present chief engineer of the Cincinnati, Georgetown & Portsmouth Railway Power Plant, at Highland Park. He married Miss Ola Bryant, of Williamsburg, and they have had six children, four still living.

Mary, married Charles Williams and resides at 1535 Jones street, Cincinnati. They are the parents of two children.

Dora, married Charles Herman, who is chief gardener at Rest Home, at Wyoming, Ohio.

Albert, is an electrician at Cincinnati.

Frank died in infancy.

Raymond, at home, is studying electrical and steam engineering.

Wright is a student in the high school at Milford.

Bessie R., at home.

James and Julius died in infancy.

In politics, Mr. Erion was reared a Democrat, although he is independent in his views. He cast his first presidential vote for Samuel J. Tilden in 1876 and was twice elected assessor of Batavia township. He is a Mason and has filled all the

chairs in his local lodge, his membership being at Batavia. Mr. Erion and his family are members of the German United Brethren church of Batavia, and are liberal in their support of all worthy enterprises.

JOHN B. WINSPEAR.

The character of a community is always judged by its representative citizens and to this class Mr. John B. Winspear belongs. He is a prominent and enterprising man of affairs in Clermont county, Ohio, where he has made his home since 1876.

John B. Winspear was born at Ashland, Ky., June 17, 1873, and came to Clermont county, Ohio, with his parents, Wheelock and Ellen (Rowe) Winspear, who previously settled in Pierce township in 1858. Wheelock was, however, engaged in business for some two years, 1872-74, in Ashland, Ky.

Wheelock Winspear is a native of New York, his birth having occurred at Buffalo. He is a son of John and Catherine (Wheelock) Winspear, the latter of whom was born in England. John Winspear was a tailor by trade, but followed the occupation of farming after his settlement in America, and passed away in Clermont county, in 1877, in his sixty-ninth year. Catherine (Wheelock) Winspear was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1817, and died July 9, 1892. They were both members of the Christian church. To their union were born three sons and two daughters:

James H., who was a lawyer by profession, died in Omaha, Neb. He was prominent in politics, having served his party in the State senate of Nebraska.

Kate, who is the wife of Dr. Joseph T. Ricker, of Mt. Carmel, Ohio.

Wheelock, who is the father of the subject of this sketch, is retired from active labors and is a resident of Lindale, Ohio.

George, who was formerly a farmer near Buffalo, N. Y., where he now resides, is also retired from active life.

Maria, married J. W. Moss, a druggist of New Richmond, Ohio.

John, is in the real estate business in Cincinnati.

Ellen (Rowe) Winspear was born in London, England, and came with her parents to America when she was fourteen years of age, the family settling in the vicinity of Cincinnati. Three



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brothers served in the Federal army, two of whom were lost on the Magnolia, and one died in Andersonville prison. One brother is still living, and is a resident of Princeton, Ind.

John B. Winspear has one brother and four sisters:

Wheelock, Jr., a farmer and dairyman of Pierce township, this county.

Minnie, the wife of Clifford White, of New Richmond, Ohio.

Nellie, married Elton Montjar, who is in partnership with her brother, Wheelock Winspear, in the dairy business.

Marie, is Mrs. Wiley Riffle, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Catherine, makes her home with her father at Lindale, Ohio. She has for several years taught at Middletown, Ohio, and is now teaching at Norwood, Ohio.

John B. Winspear acquired his education in the school at Mt. Carmel, from which he graduated. Following his graduation, in 1891, he taught in the schools of Clermont county for thirteen years, the last two at Point Pleasant, his present home.

On December 27, 1899, occurred the great event of his life, when he was united in marriage to Miss Myrtle Armacost, a daughter of Ephraim and Martha (Cooper) Armacost, the latter born in Monroe township, Clermont county, in 1839, and died February 20, 1913, a daughter of John Cooper, also born near Point Pleasant, a merchant and postmaster of that place over forty years, his death occurring in 1899. His father, James Cooper, was a resident of Monroe township for many years, and was born in Ireland, coming here as a young man. He was a farmer by business and farmed near Clermontville, where he met with great success. He passed away at Jeffersonville, Ind., where he is buried, and where he spent the latter years of his life. Ephraim Armacost was born in Monroe township, 1841, and died in 1893, being buried at Mt. Zion Cemetery. He was a boat owner and operated on the Ohio river. He was a son of John Armacost, a pioneer settler of Clermont county.

Mrs. Winspear has two brothers:

Robert, of Greenville, Mich., is in the commission business. He married Miss Edith Wells.

Ernest, of Point Pleasant, married Miss May Shaw, a daughter of the late Jonathan Shaw.

To the union of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Winspear have been born two children, and their family circle is as yet unbroken by the hand of death. They are:

Gertrude Elizabeth.

Edith May.

In political matters, Mr. Winspear favors the Republican party, and has served as township clerk of Monroe township for the past seven years. He has been postmaster of Point Pleasant, since commissioned, July 27, 1908.

Socially, he holds membership in the Masonic lodge of Tobasco, the Knights of Pythias, of Milford, and the Junior Order of American Mechanics of Moscow. The religious faith of both Mr. and Mrs. Winspear is demonstrated by their membership in the Methodist church at Point Pleasant.

Since 1904, Mr. Winspear has devoted his time to the store which Mrs. Winspear started the year previous, while he was employed in the profession of teaching. In addition to the general merchandise business Mr. Winspear is a large manufacturer of elm blocks for wagon and carriage hubs, employing from twenty-five to thirty men and putting out from two hundred thousand to three hundred thousand blocks annually, which he supplies to the various manufacturers. He has ample warehouses, in which the blocks are stored and seasoned.

It was due to his initiative and management, incurring the expense of freight, that the fine fourteen-foot cannon was shipped from Philadelphia and installed in the street on Big Indian creek, directly in front of the site where General Grant was born. The cannon was dedicated October 2, 1907, at the time of the "Home Coming" celebration, attended by nearly ten thousand people, including the late Gen. Fred D. Grant, the late Lieut.-Gen. Henry S. Corbin, U. S. A., the retired Governor Harris, of Ohio, Congressman Nicholas Longworth and many other notable men and citizens. The inscription on the cannon, in large raised type, is as follows:

Ulysses Simpson Grant, Lieutenant-General United States Army, and twice elected President of the United States, was born on April 27, of the year 1822, in a home located on this spot.

GEORGE WILLIAM GATCH.

Mr. George William Gatch, one of the native sons of Clermont county, who has sought occupation in other fields, is a mail carrier of Cincinnati, residing on Cleveland avenue, Mil-

ford, Ohio. He is a son of Rev. George Gatch and was born on the old Gatch farm, near Milford, Ohio, November 6, 1842. He is also a grandson of the Rev. Philip Gatch, whose life record appears in these volumes.

The children of the Rev. Philip Gatch were:

Precosia, whose first marriage was to Mr. Garland. She was again married to a Mr. Osburn.

Conduce, married Peggy McGrew.

Thomas, married first, Miss Barber, and second, Miss Lucinda McCormick.

George, married Sarah Jones.

Ruth, married Michael Swing, and a son of theirs. Philip B., became United States district judge.

Elizabeth, became the wife of Aaron Matson.

Philip, first married Miss Dimmitt, and second Miss Susan Ulrey.

George Gatch, the father of our subject, was born on a farm near Fredericksburg, Va., and was two years of age when his father, the Rev. Philip Gatch, came to Ohio, making the trip from Pittsburgh to Cincinnati on a flat boat. He was reared and educated in the schools of Clermont county, where the family finally located, and when quite young began his life in the ministry as a circuit rider. He married Miss Sarah Jones and settled on the "Old Gatch Farm," becoming a local preacher. He was the father of the following children:

John Jones, who died at the age of twenty-two years.

Asbury Phillip, married Etta Hopper, and died in 1911, leaving two children. He was a captain in the Ninth Ohio cavalry during the late rebellion, and served until the close of the war, going with General Sherman to the sea.

Rachel, passed from this life at the age of twenty-two years.

Elizabeth, died in early life.

Virginia, married Charles J. Buckingham, and died in 1868, at the age of thirty-five years.

Precosia, passed away in early life.

George William, the subject of this mention.

Mahala, married Charles J. Buchingham, and died when a young woman, leaving two children.

Samuel, married Lillian Wiggs. They live in Los Angeles, Cal., and have one child.

George William Gatch grew to young manhood on the home farm and received a good common school education, learning the details of farm life. November 30, 1871, he was united in

marriage to Mary E. Boyer, of Milford, who is a daughter of Thomas Wallace and Eunice (Condit) Boyer. They have had two children born to their union :

Fannie B. is at home.

George W., married Miss Emma Vogt, and is a farmer of Montana. They have two sons, George Albert and Wallace B.

From the "Old Gatch Farm," George William inherited one hundred and sixty-six acres on which was the house built by his grandfather, Rev. Philip Gatch, and was the first frame building in this part of the country. It was used as a meeting place for the Methodists believers and sheltered many of the circuit riders of that day. In 1885, Mr. Gatch sold all of this farm with the exception of forty-six acres surrounding the home, and in the same year received an appointment as carrier of the mail in Cincinnati, and is still in the service.

Mr. Gatch was reared a Republican, but has taken no active part in politics. He and his charming wife are active members of the Methodist church of which Mrs. Gatch has taught in the Sunday school for many years, and has been most successful in this line of church work, she being popular with the young people. In 1867, Mr. Gatch became a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, of Milford, Ohio, and has filled all the chairs of his local lodge. In the latter years of the late war he joined the army, enlisting in Company H, One Hundred and Fifty-third Ohio volunteer infantry, and was in the service of his country until the close of the war.

the librarian.

ABRAM BROWER.

One of the best and favorably known citizens of Milford, Ohio, who for years has been identified with the business affairs of Clermont county, belongs to one of the pioneer families of the county and is now retired from active life. His home is on Mound street, where he is spending his declining years.

Mr. Brower was born at Montgomery, Hamilton county, Ohio, April 3, 1838, and is a son of Charles H. and Anna B. (Branch) Brower, the former of whom was born at Brunswick, New Jersey, February 22, 1812. He came with his parents, Dr. Abram and Elizabeth (Stoutenburg) Brower to Ohio, when they were quite young. The journey was made from Bruns-

wick to Pittsburgh by teams, and from there to Cincinnati by flat boat, soon after settling at Montgomery, Ohio, where Abram became a ruling elder in the Presbyterian church. He later moved to Lawrenceburg, Dearborn county, where he was very active in church work, and his demise occurred at Lawrenceburg, at a ripe old age of eighty-six years.

Charles H. Brower, the father of our subject, grew to manhood on the home farm at Montgomery and there married the daughter of Joseph Branch, a native of Western New York, who purchased six hundred acres of land in Clermont county in the early days. While a new house was being erected on the home farm, the Branch family lived at Montgomery, and there the marriage of our subject's parents took place. The father of Mrs. Brower, Joseph Branch, died of that dread disease, cholera, and "Branch Hill" is named for him. They remained at Montgomery until 1838, when they removed to Branch Hill, where the mother had inherited a portion of the Branch estate.

Abram Brower remained at the home farm of his parents at Branch Hill until he reached the age of twenty-three years, receiving a good common school education and good practical experience in the business of agriculture. His first venture in the business world was in the employ of W. W. Glenn & Company, wholesale grocers. He was thus occupied about one year, when he resigned from this company to accept a position with W. W. Hanley, wholesale grocer, and was with this company two years.

In 1861, Mr. Brower enlisted in the One Hundred Day Service, in Company E, One Hundred and Thirty-seventh regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and although his regiment was ordered at once to the front at Petersburg, they went into quarters at Baltimore, and was mustered out at Camp Denison.

Mr. Abraham Brower was married at Branch Hill, to Miss Anna M. Armstrong, on February 12, 1868. She was a daughter of A. E. and Priscilla (Skillinger) Armstrong, and was born at Cincinnati, where she received a splendid education for her day. Soon after their marriage they moved to a farm in Warren county, Ohio, where they carried on general farming for four years. About the year of 1873, Mr. Brower purchased a farm at Mt. Repose, Clermont county, Ohio, residing there for about six years, after which they lived at Branch Hill for a period of three years, moving to Milford in 1881. He then entered the employ of the Russell & Morgan Printing

Company, of Cincinnati, remaining in that establishment for six years, which was his last active position.

To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Brower have been born three children:

William W., whose home is in Milford, Ohio.

Alice E. became the wife of F. D. Balshiser, resident of Milford, Ohio.

Arthur Howard is in the office of the Adams Express Company at Cincinnati.

Mr. Brower was reared a Republican, but by his study of the political questions of the day he became a Democrat, and cast his first presidential ballot for Steven A. Douglas. He has served at different times as township trustee and has attended the various conventions as a delegate. He has filled the various chairs of the Knights of Pythias organization, of which he has been a member for many years, representing his local lodge at the grand lodge a number of times. He is a member of the S. R. S. West Post, Grand Army of the Republic, serving as adjutant of the post for several years. He has attended the reunions at Columbus, Ohio, and a number in Indiana. He is by birthright a Presbyterian, having membership at Milford, Ohio, and has served as trustee and as elder.

HARRY S. STEVENSON.

Mr. Harry S. Stevenson is one of the prominent attorneys of Clermont county, practicing in State and Federal courts, chiefly at Cincinnati. Mr. Stevenson is self made, having fought his way up from his early youth, occasioned by the loss of both his parents, and deserves much credit for his present enviable position in the professional circles of Clermont, Hamilton and Warren counties.

John Stevenson, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Ireland and a lieutenant in the Irish army. He came to America as a refugee, leaving Ireland on the day Robert Emmett was hanged, settling in Adams county, Ohio. He had twelve sons, who became prominent men of affairs in southern Ohio.

Harry S. Stevenson was born in Adams county, Ohio, near Manchester, June 20, 1866, and his parents were David and Elizabeth (Halbert) Stevenson, the former of whom was born

in Adams county, where he grew to maturity, becoming a farmer.

The education of Mr. H. S. Stevenson was acquired under difficult conditions. He was employed as a section hand, deck hand and farm laborer until he became of age, and he was forced to work his way through school. He walked to and from West Union for a teacher's examination, the distance being thirteen miles. He taught school for ten years. Mr. Stevenson graduated from the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio, class of 1899, holding the degrees of Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws.

At one time in his life the subject of this article was a minister of the Methodist church and would have made this his life work, but being too liberal in his views he thought best to give up that profession and to take up instead the profession of law.

On August 10, 1899, Mr. Stevenson was united in marriage to Anna M. Dunlap. Miss Dunlap was born and reared in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Henry B. and Mary E. (Crawford) Dunlap. She was a teacher in the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' School at Chester Springs, Pa., holding one position continuously ten years, and while attending the normal school at Lebanon met Mr. Stevenson. She holds the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson is one son, David H., who was born at Lebanon, Ohio, December 24, 1900.

Mr. Stevenson graduated from the law school at Lebanon, Ohio, in 1901, and in 1903 moved with his family to Loveland, where he has resided ever since.

Although reared a Democrat, by his study of the political issues of the day Mr. Stevenson votes for Republican principles. He has served his party in various local offices and was nominated for prosecuting attorney of Clermont county in 1912. Fraternally, Mr. Stevenson is a Mason, Odd Fellow and Junior.

There is particular satisfaction in reverting to the life history of Mr. Stevenson because of the untiring energy and courage displayed in overcoming difficulties and obstacles in fulfilling his ambition to follow the profession that appealed to him. His loyalty to his friends is one of his most engaging qualities, and his character is beyond reproach. He has established a large clientele and his constant attention to business has made him a pronounced success.

THOMAS H. FLINN.

Thomas H. Flinn, one of the successful and highly progressive young business men of Loveland, Ohio, is senior member of the well known firm of Flinn & Ertel, grocers, whose up-to-date and thoroughly equipped place of business is located at the corner of Broadway and Railway avenue, was born at Loveland, February 28, 1882, his parents being Stephen and Susan (Terrill) Flinn, still residents of this village.

Stephen Flinn, for the past twenty years watchman and flagman at the Baltimore & Ohio railroad crossing at Loveland, during which time he has never been suspended nor has anyone been injured at this point, was born in county Meath, Ireland, near the city of Dublin, May 25, 1847, son of Thomas and Margaret (Melady) Flinn, who came to America in 1856, when Stephen was about nine years of age. The sailing vessel on which they took passage was nine weeks on the ocean and encountered a severe storm before landing at New Orleans. They came to Cincinnati, and on to Loveland. Thomas Flinn was a stonemason, and after a time entered the employ of the old Hillsboro railroad, building stone bridges, and later worked in Loveland and vicinity, finally becoming a contractor. Subsequently he purchased lots in Loveland, on which he erected houses, selling the properties to incoming residents. He lived to the age of seventy-four, while his widow survived him some fifteen or sixteen years. Both are buried at Milford.

Stephen Flinn received a fair common school education and worked on the farm in his youth, also starting in to learn the shoemaker's trade. During the Civil war, at the time of Kerby Smith's raid, he was called out and served for ninety days, receiving an honorable discharge, and afterwards spent nine months more in the Government service as a teamster. Shortly after the close of the war he entered the employ of the Marietta & Cincinnati railroad, now the Baltimore & Ohio, working on the section for years, finally becoming a section foreman. His marriage to Miss Susan Terrill was solemnized at Loveland, she being a native of Perry county, Ohio. Their two children are: Thomas H., of this review, and Margaret, who is the wife of Charles Roush, of Norwood, Ohio.

Thomas H. Flinn graduated from the Loveland High

School in the class of 1901 and for one summer was employed as a book solicitor, in which he proved himself a success, incidentally receiving a training useful in after life. Was for a short time engaged as bookkeeper at King's Mills, in Warren county, Ohio, resigning to accept a position as assistant agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Loveland. One year later he resigned, and on February 28, 1903, formed the present partnership with Hon. Earl E. Ertel, the present representative from Clermont county to the Ohio Legislature. The business of this firm has been most satisfactory, having grown rapidly under their progressive management.

Mr. Flinn was married at Cincinnati, February 12, 1907, to Miss Nellie M. Daly, who was born, reared and educated in the Queen City, a daughter of Timothy and Mary (Linsky) Daly, residents of Cincinnati. Both are natives of Ireland, coming to America prior to their marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Flinn have two children: Roland Earl and Thomas Charles.

Although reared a Democrat, Mr. Flinn is a staunch Republican and cast his first Presidential ballot for Theodore Roosevelt in 1904. He was reared in the Catholic church, being confirmed at fourteen under Bishop Elder. Socially he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, of which he served as clerk for three years and for six years as a member of the official board of the local camp.

STEWART HOPPING.

Among the younger business men of Loveland, Ohio, is numbered Mr. Stewart Hopping, who, although not long a resident of the county, is one of the substantial and energetic men of the village where he now resides. He is considered one of the best auctioneers in this section. He is a native of Greene county, Ohio, his birth taking place at Clifton on the 24th of August, 1881, his parents being David R. and Flora C. (Campbell) Hopping.

He grew to manhood in his native county, attending the public schools and graduating from the high school at Jamestown, in the class of 1900. His business life began when thirteen years of age, in the employ of a cider mill company, and at the age of eighteen engaged with a telephone company as trouble shooter, and for nine years he continued in this busi-

ness. He was made manager at Jamestown and held this position for twenty-eight months, after which he took up construction work in Ohio and Kentucky, becoming very proficient in all lines of the telephone business so that he could construct and operate a new line.

However, he tired of the telephone business, and concluded to fit himself for the auction business, and to this end took a regular course in auctioneering at Chicago, where he worked his way through the Jones National School of Auction, and graduated in 1909. In January, 1910, Mr. Hopping came to Loveland and on March 17, 1910, was united in marriage to Pearl Timmons, of Rensselaer, Ind., where she was born and reared. She is a daughter of Joseph and Ellen (Payne) Timmons.

In politics, Mr. Hopping votes the Republican ticket. He was reared in the United Presbyterian church and is a member of the church at Sycamore, and his wife was reared in the Methodist church, but both attend the Presbyterian church. As one of the reliable and honorable men of this section, Mr. Hopping commands the respect of all who know him, and his success in this locality is assured.

JAMES WESLEY McKIBBEN.

Mr. James Wesley McKibben, an honored veteran of the Civil war, is living retired from the active duties of life, in his home in Monroe township, between Clermontville and Point Pleasant, which consists of some four acres on the Ohio river. He was born in Clermont county, Ohio, March 5, 1842, and is a son of George and Emeline (Fisher) McKibben.

George McKibben was born along the Little Muskingum river in 1813 and died in Clermont county, May 9, 1895, at the age of eighty-two years. He came to this county as a young man and settled in Monroe township, where he conducted a wood yard. He served in the Civil war, enlisting in Company B, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, serving as a private for two years. He was a Republican and formerly a Whig. His father was Joseph McKibben, who was a native of Scotland, and came to America when quite young. He passed away on his farm on the Little Muskingum river.

George McKibben had several brothers and sisters, all of whom are deceased.

Emeline (Fisher) McKibben was born in Clermont county, in Washington township, in 1818, and died in September, 1902. She was a daughter of Peter Fisher and wife, whose parents were natives of Germany, and who came to Clermont county from Pennsylvania. Peter was a son of Adam Fisher and a brother of the late David Fisher, formerly police judge and hotelman, of Cincinnati. Other brothers of Peter were ministers of the Christian church. Emeline (Fisher) McKibben had the following brothers and sisters, all now deceased except one sister, Mrs. Lizzie Corbin, residing in Monroe township:

David, Samuel and Ben, all resided at Moscow, Ohio.

Peter died at Covington, Ky., in 1912.

Mrs. Polly Tattman lived at Moscow, as did Mrs. Lovina Armacost.

James Wesley McKibben is the eldest living of nine children: David, James W., Mary, George, Frank, Albert, John, William Tell, Belle, Jane.

James W., the second child, was born and reared in Monroe township and with the exception of the years spent in service in the Civil war has always lived in the county. He enlisted in Company C, Twelfth Ohio volunteer infantry, and later in Company K, One Hundred and Tenth regiment, Ohio volunteers, being three years in service. He was mustered out as sergeant of Company C, Twelfth Ohio volunteer infantry, at the close of the war. He received wounds near Winchester in the Shenandoah Valley, and has been more or less disabled since that time.

James W. McKibben was united in marriage, in January, 1869, to Miss Mary E. Keplinger, who was born in Crawford county, Illinois, October 7, 1848, a daughter of Noah and Mary (Watts) Keplinger, the former of whom was a native of Virginia, and the latter of Illinois. The education and early training of Mrs. McKibben was received in Illinois, where she resided until a short time prior to her marriage. She is the mother of eight children:

Charles is a resident of the South.

Walter, of Columbus, Ohio, is interested in a sanitarium at that place. He married Amelia Hoelcher and they have one son, J. Morton.

Viola, of Cincinnati.

Nina is a bookkeeper for the Citizens' Telephone Company, of Lawrenceville, Ill.

Watts is at home.

Robert, Clarence and Paul, all have passed away.

In politics, Mr. McKibben is a Progressive Republican and cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln and for all the Republican candidates. In fraternal organizations, his son, Walter, has membership with the Odd Fellows, of Columbus, and the Masonic lodge. James W. McKibben and his estimable wife are members of the Christian church, of Mt. Zion. They are people of integrity, intelligence and high moral standing.

WILLIAM O. ROBINSON.

William O. Robinson, the enterprising and energetic merchant and postmaster of Perintown, Ohio, was born in Batavia township, Clermont county, Ohio, March 20, 1862, his parents being Oliver and Laura A. (Lytle) Robinson.

The boyhood days of Mr. Robinson were spent on the farm and he was educated in the country schools of the county. He then taught school one term, after which he went to Lebanon, Ohio, where he attended school in the summer, but taught during the winter terms in the country schools. He kept this up for three years, having for a teacher, "Daddy" Holbrook." He continued teaching, later attending the summer school at Valparaiso, Ind., for two summers. By constant application to his work, Mr. Robinson earned a first class life certificate to teach, in which profession he was engaged for twenty-one years in Clermont county.

In 1904, Mr. William Robinson desiring a change of occupation became an employee of the Union Central Life Insurance Company, when Mr. John G. Pattison was its president, and at the time the latter was elected governor of Ohio. After spending three years in the insurance business Mr. Robinson came to Perintown, where he purchased a stock of merchandise and was appointed postmaster.

In 1864, when Mr. William O. Robinson was two years of age, his father died, leaving two children, our subject and a sister, Lillian. His mother married again and her second husband was James Hitch. To this union two children were born, Harriet and Frank. The stepfather being an invalid, it became

necessary for William to help in the support of the family when he was quite young, which he did by teaching.

Lillian and Harriet became teachers, the latter following the profession until her marriage to Monroe Wiseman, of Iron-ton, Ohio. She has two children, Franklin and Robert. The half-brother, Frank, is a graduate of the State University, and is city engineer of New York City.

The mother and step-father of Mr. Robinson are still living in Batavia, Ohio.

Mr. William Robinson is not only a staunch Democrat, but has been a delegate many times to the various conventions, and refused the office of county treasurer in 1912. He is a member of the Methodist church, and has for many years been a teacher of the Bible class. He is well known in the fraternal circles of the county and State, holding membership in the Free and Accepted Masons, and is past worshipful master, representing his lodge at the grand lodge for two years. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Amelia, No. 99, being past grand and representing his lodge for three years at grand lodge. He was district deputy for two years, installing officers all over the district, including Cler-mont and Brown counties.

Mr. Robinson is not only a self-made man, but he has been the main support of the family as they grew up, helping ma-terially in educating those younger than himself. He yet contributes to the needs of his mother and step-father, and to any who are in need of assistance. He has been a great benefit to the young of his locality, is very well read, and is informed on all the subjects of education and political interest.

HORACE J. BECK.

In Mr. Horace J. Beck we find a splendid representative of the self-made man, a man who without any special pecuniary advantages has worked his way steadily upward in the com-mercial world. Mr. Beck was born in the house which is his present home, at Bethel, Ohio, July 9, 1837, his parents being John D. and Eliza (Edwards) Beck, the former a native of Ohio. He was a blacksmith at Bethel and died in 1861, aged fifty-two years. Eliza (Edwards) Beck was born in Essex county, New Jersey, and died in 1889, aged eighty-four years, and to this union were born ten children:

Timothy E. was a resident of near Bethel, Ohio, until his death.

William Gerard remained with his father in the shop until his death.

Caroline C. was the wife of Miller W. Fagely, of this county.

Horace J., our subject.

Marcus A. died at Bethel and was a blacksmith.

Samantha, deceased, was the wife of Reuben White.

Amos, deceased, was a farmer in Illinois.

John H. is a resident of Amelia, Ohio.

Moses died when a young man, at Bethel, Ohio

Edwin, passed away at Bethel, Ohio.

Horace J. Beck was educated in the schools of Bethel and assisted his father in the shop for a time, after which he accepted a position as clerk in the general store of Sinks & Clare, at Bethel, and was thus employed for some thirteen years.

In 1880, Mr. Beck was united in marriage to Miss Phoebe Winterrowd, who was born in Indiana in 1852, and is a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Hagerman) Winterrowd, both of whom were natives of Indiana. They were the parents of eight children, four still living:

Phoebe, Mrs. Beck.

Peter is operating the old home farm in Indiana.

Clara is the wife of George Muck, of Indiana.

Julia is Mrs. Charles Klein, of Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Beck have had four children, all being born in the same home in which their father first saw the light of day. They are:

Estel, whose birth occurred in 1882, lives next door to his father in a substantial brick home. He is an employee in the shoe factory at Bethel, Ohio. He married Louise Reed and has one son.

Angie C. is the wife of Oliver House, a brickmason, of Cincinnati. Her birth took place in 1884.

Clara was born in 1886 and is Mrs. Allen Harris, living near Bethel, Ohio.

Florence was born in 1888 and lived but four months.

For the past fifteen years Mr. Beck has been engaged in the insurance business, representing the Phoenix Insurance Company of New York, with office in his home. He has a nice farm of eighty-seven acres near Bethel, which he has kept rented.

In religious matters, both Mr. and Mrs. Beck are consistent

members of the Baptist church, of which he has for many years been a deacon, also superintendent of the Sunday school, until he was unable to attend to the duties of that office.

JOHN H. BECK.

John H. Beck, retired, residing in the village of Hamlet, Clermont county, Ohio, is a native of this county, born January 1, 1845, son of John D. and Eliza (Edwards) Beck. The father was a blacksmith at Bethel for years, being a son of Levi Beck, a veteran of the war of 1812. John D. Beck died March 29, 1861, while Mrs. Beck passed away June 12, 1889, she being the last representative of the Edwards family in this section. The Becks are of English descent.

The maternal grandfather of our subject, Capt. John Edwards, was a Revolutionary soldier and lived and died in New Jersey. He was a warm personal friend of Gen. George Washington, who often dined at the Edwards home. A son, Timothy Edwards, accompanied by his wife, nee Martha Miller, came from New Jersey to Ohio very early in the nineteenth century, settling on the Miami river. Later removed to a farm near Bethel, in Clermont county.

John H. Beck is one of twelve children, of whom but one other is living, Horace Beck, of Bethel, Ohio. Mr. Beck received his schooling at Bethel and before coming of age enlisted in the One Hundred and Eighty-fourth Ohio volunteer infantry, spending a year with the Army of the Cumberland. Returning to Bethel, he attended school for a time and then engaged in farming with one of his brothers. Was married, November 21, 1877, to Miss Alice S. Gardner, born December 16, 1851, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Eppert) Gardner, both natives of Clermont county.

The Gardners are of Welsh descent, while the Epperts are of Pennsylvania German extraction. Mrs. Beck's grandfather, Samuel Gardner, was born July 22, 1785, and died in 1879, aged ninety-four. He came to Ohio while the Indians were still plentiful, being on friendly terms and trading with them, also hunting a great deal. His parents, Nathan and Pattie Gardner, lived to be one hundred and three and one hundred and one, respectively. George Gardner was born near Mt. Pisgah, May 6, 1824, and died August 13, 1908, while his widow, who resides at the old home in Mt. Holly,

was born April 20, 1834. He enlisted, in November, 1861, in Company K, Fifty-second Indiana infantry, being discharged from hospital in 1862. A brother, Nathan G. Gardner, served in the army, also three brothers-in-law—Samuel Eppert, who died in Andersonville prison, Madison and Perry Eppert, besides several cousins. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner were members of the United Brethren church. Ten children were born to them, of whom six are living: Alice S., wife of our subject; Carthena, wife of Uriah Butler, residing at Mt. Pisgah, Clermont county; Martha, now Mrs. Lewis Furlong, of Newtown, Ohio; Laura, Mrs. Harmon Fagin, of Plymouth, Ill.; Edgar B., of Terre Haute, Ind.; and Elmer C., who resides at Los Angeles, Cal.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. John H. Beck settled on a farm near Bethel, their home for twenty-four years. Then Mr. Beck purchased the pretty home at Hamlet, on the Ohio turnpike, where they have since resided. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and a Prohibitionist. He and Mrs. Beck are both members of the Baptist church, of Amelia, Ohio, of which Mr. Beck is now serving as a trustee. Their four children, all born in Clermont county, are living: Elsie V., born January 31, 1879, was married May 24, 1900, to J. Paris Goodbar, and they have one son, Paul Beck Goodbar, born September 4, 1908, and their home is in Dallas, Tex.; Gordon C., born June 20, 1881, a graduate of Bethel High School and of Dennison University, taught a year at Pin Hook, Clermont county and is engaged in real estate business at Pittsburgh, Pa.; Ellsworth, born September 16, 1884, is an artist residing at Westerville, Ohio, having been with the Culver Art and Frame Company the past nine years—married Miss Lenore Jenkins, July 28, 1907, and they have one son, Marston Keith, born January 28, 1913; and Miss Ethel May, born May 16, 1887, is at home. Mr. and Mrs. Beck are enjoying their comfortable home, which is one widely known for its hospitality and pervading spirit of good cheer. They number their friends by the score.

ALBERT W. FRANCIS, M. D.

Dr. Albert W. Francis, a prominent physician and surgeon of Ripley, Ohio, associated with Dr. Robert T. Prine, is not only eminent in his profession, but has been closely identi-

fied with the city's material development since 1889. Dr. Francis was born at Russellville, Brown county, Ohio, and is a son of Wilson W. and Hannah (Bower) Francis.

Wilson W. Francis was born at Ash Ridge, Brown county, Ohio, about 1823, and died in 1890. He was a son of Edward and Jane (Wilson) Francis, both of whom were natives of county Caven, Ireland, and who came to America about 1816, bringing several children with them and locating at Ash Ridge, Ohio, where they resided until their deaths. Wilson W. Francis was a farmer and a substantial citizen, who filled many offices of trust in the township and county. He gave his services to his country in her time of need, during the Civil war. He was a member and an elder of the Presbyterian church, of Russellville, for many years before his decease.

Hannah (Bower) Francis was born near Russellville, in Brown county, Ohio, in 1825, and died in 1892. She was a daughter of Robert and Sarah (Smith) Bower, the latter born in Pennsylvania and the former was born in county Down, Ireland, and he came to America about 1799. He was a successful farmer and owned large property in the vicinity of Russellville, where they resided for the greater part of their lives. They were staunch members of the Presbyterian church.

Dr. A. W. Francis is the fifth of seven children, namely: Mrs. Eleanor Kendall, a widow, resides with Dr. Francis. Mrs. James Porter, who died at Russellville, Ohio, in 1888. William, a contractor and builder, of Wichita, Kan. He is married and has a family of two children.

Charles W., a painter and decorator, of Shreveport, La.

Dr. A. W.

Two others died in infancy.

Dr. Albert W. Francis received his early education in the Russellville schools and later at Lebanon, Ohio. He then taught school for six years in Brown county, after which he studied medicine with Dr. J. N. Salisbury, of Russellville, and then entered the Ohio Medical College, of Cincinnati, from which he graduated in 1889. He entered upon his professional career at once, associating with Dr. W. A. Dixon, of Ripley, and this connection continued for eleven years. Since 1899 Dr. Francis has been associated with Dr. R. T. Prine.

Dr. Francis is a man of progressive ideas and professional ability. He is vice-president of the Ripley National Bank

and president of the People's Building and Loan Association. For the past sixteen years he has served his towns people on the school board.

Fraternally, Dr. Francis is the high priest of Ripley Chapter No. 82 and is a member of Union Lodge No. 71, Free and Accepted Masons. He is also a member of Ripley Lodge No. 84, Knights of Pythias.

The religious connections of Dr. Francis are with the Presbyterian church.

Dr. Francis is a member of the American Medical Association, of the Ohio State Medical Society, and has just recently retired from the office of president of the Brown County Medical Society, having served in that capacity for a period of seven years. He has contributed articles and papers to the county and State societies.

Dr. Albert W. Francis is very highly esteemed by his fellow citizens, which fact is evidenced by the extensive practice he has obtained in this vicinity. Possessed of all the qualities which go to make a useful life, Dr. Francis has added the graces of culture and professional attainment, which have brought to him much personal affection.

ROBERT T. PRINE, M. D.

Dr. Robert Tomb Prine, of the firm of Francis & Prine, physicians and surgeons, who has been a resident of Ripley, Ohio, since 1899, is engaged in the general practice of his profession, in which he has attained unusual prominence. He is a native of Ripley, Brown county, Ohio, his birth having occurred October 13, 1875, his parents being Robert T. and Anna (Sutherland) Prine.

Robert T. Prine, Sr., was born in Flemingsburg, Fleming county, Kentucky, in 1835, a son of Henry Prine, who located at Russellville, Ohio, before the Civil war, and there conducted a hotel for many years. Robert T. Prine, Sr., was for twenty years engaged in the banking business at Ripley, being associated in the First National Bank, now the Ripley National Bank. His death took place in 1882.

Anna (Sutherland) Prine, a native of Brown county, Ohio, died in 1905 at the age of nearly sixty-two years. She was a daughter of Isaac and Sarah (McConaughy) Sutherland, both

of whom came to Brown county when young. Mrs. Prine was a devout member of the Presbyterian church.

Dr. Robert T. Prine is an only child and was reared in Ripley, where he attended the public school and graduated therefrom. After completing his preliminary education he entered the Medical College of Ohio at Cincinnati, graduating in the class of 1897. He then practiced his profession near Cincinnati until 1899, when he located in Ripley, and the present partnership was formed.

Dr. Prine chose for his life companion Miss Bessie Garoutte, a native of Eaton, Ohio, and a daughter of Rev. C. W. and Elizabeth (Sheldon) Garoutte, the former a minister of the Christian church, of Ripley, Dayton, and elsewhere. Mrs. Garoutte was a sister of Dr. S. B. Sheldon, of Five-Mile, Ohio. Both Rev. and Mrs. Garoutte are deceased.

Politically, Dr. Prine is a staunch Republican and has served as councilman, and is at present a trustee of the water works committee. He was also candidate for State representative.

Fraternally, Dr. Prine is present master of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Union Lodge No. 71, of Ripley, and is a member of Ripley Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, No. 82. In addition, he has membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a past noble grand of Lamartine Lodge No. 118, and a past chief patriarch of Ripley Encampment No. 295.

Dr. Price is a member of the Ohio State Medical association and of the Brown County Medical Society.

Religiously, Dr. Prine is a member of the Presbyterian church.

Dr. Prine is a man of Statewide reputation in medical circles and has always been a constant student and keeps thoroughly abreast of the times, and there are few engaged in general practice with so broad and comprehensive a knowledge of the medical science in its entirety.

MICHAEL GERMANN.

Mr. Michael Germann, for many years prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Brown county, has been a resident of Ripley, Ohio, since 1906, and is enjoying the retirement from active labors, surrounded by all that tends to

make the evening of life often the most pleasurable. Mr. Germann was born in Bavaria, Germany, July 12, 1834, a son of George and Mary (Mathias) Germann, the former of whom was a maker of wooden shoes and passed away in 1838, aged thirty-two years, and the latter of whom was about fifty years of age at the time of her death, in 1860, at Boston, Mass.

Michael Germann is one of four children, whose names are as follows: Barbara (Hoover) died at Cincinnati in 1911; Elizabeth (Heitz), a widow, of Cincinnati; Mary (Lang), a widow, residing at Ripley.

In company with his sister, Barbara, Michael Germann set out for America in 1852, and, settling at New York, he learned the trade of a wagon maker. Three years later the rest of the family came to New York, and soon after their arrival they removed to Boston, the home of our subject until 1862, when he located at Ripley, Ohio.

His marriage occurred at Boston on the 4th of May, 1858, his union being with Miss Frances Thrane, who was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, March 9, 1836, a daughter of Joseph and Barbara (Beier) Thrane, both of whom died in Germany, the former being a tailor by business. Mrs. Germann is one of six children, all of whom are deceased: Frank; Joseph; Christoff; Barbara, and Kate. Mrs. Germann came to America when eighteen years of age, with her brother, Christoff, and remained a short time in New York and Buffalo, after which they came west to Boston, Mass., where she was married. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Germann have been ten children, of whom nine are living: Frank and George, of Ripley, Ohio; Frances, wife of Frank Schwalia, a farmer of Union township; Lizzie (Lang), farmers; William died in the fall of 1911 at the age of forty-three years; John, a farmer; Katie (Haucke), farmers; Lawrence, a farmer; Michael, Jr., and Miss Anna, at home.

Mr. Michael Germann opened a wagon shop at Ripley, in 1862, making the first spring wagon in Brown county. He continued in this business until 1865, when he sold out to Mr. Reinert and purchased a small farm in Huntington township. He sold this farm and bought another, a larger one, and until 1906 he carried on general farming at this place, which he still owns. Removing to Ripley, he purchased the Renolds home on Third street, which was erected in 1855.

In politics, Mr. Germann votes the Democratic ticket. He is a member of St. Michael's German Catholic Church, of Ripley, and to this denomination he gives a generous support.

Mr. and Mrs. Germann have fifty-six living grandchildren, and three besides this number are deceased.

Mr. Germann and his family are much respected and esteemed by all with whom they are associated, and are in every sense good citizens.

JOSEPH H. EVANS.

Mr. Joseph H. Evans, deceased, was long connected with the agricultural interests of Brown county, Ohio, and was one of the most highly esteemed and substantial citizens. He was born on the Evans homestead in Huntington township, Brown county, February 15, 1854, a son of the Hon. Andrew Evans, extended mention of whom is made on another page of these volumes.

Joseph H. Evans attended the school in his neighborhood and remained under the parental roof until his twenty-second birthday, and under his father's instructions grew into a thoroughly practical farmer, able to cope with almost any agricultural situation. For years he was considered one of the best farmers in his locality.

Mr. Evans was united in marriage on his twenty-second birthday to Miss Louisa B. Dragoo, who was born March 22, 1857, a daughter of Samuel and Amanda (Day) Dragoo, of Union township. One year after his marriage Mr. Evans removed to the farm, where Mrs. Evans still resides, and which consists of two hundred and sixty-nine acres. This farm Mr. Evans improved and cultivated during his life and the family continue to keep it in excellent condition. The home is in Union township and was built in 1821.

Four children were added to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Evans, whose names follow:

Charles P., born November 9, 1876, is operating the home farm. He married Miss Audrey Shank, who died October 14, 1901, leaving one son, Richard N., thirteen years of age. Mr. Evans is a member of Lamartine Lodge No. 118, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Ross H., born March 17, 1879, is in the United States mail service and resides at Kansas City, Mo. He married Cordie Christopher.

Archie L., born June 18, 1881, is a jeweler of Kansas City, Mo. He married Sadie Marshall.

Estelle V., born August 10, 1855, and is the wife of Evert R. Fennan, a farmer of Jefferson township, living near Russellville, Brown county.

Mr. Joseph Evans and his family are members of the Presbyterian church, and he was a man of integrity of character, and honorable and upright in public and private life, he was highly respected by all who knew him.

He was a member of Union Lodge No. 118, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Ripley, Ohio.

THE MEFFORD & GRIM COMPANY.

The Mefford & Grim Company, furniture dealers, funeral directors and embalmers, of Ripley, Ohio, is the largest and most widely known furniture and undertaking establishment in Brown county. The company has done a large business in Brown and Adams counties in Ohio and also in Kentucky, and is incorporated for ten thousand dollars.

The business was established about 1876 by Mr. L. Grim, Sr., as a general store and funeral directory, in the present location, the coffins and furniture being manufactured in the same building, which has since been remodeled. Later the firm name was changed to L. Grim & Son, and in 1906, when Messrs. Harry L. and Thomas L. Mefford became interested in the company, the firm name was changed to the Mefford & Grim Company, by which it has since been known.

Mr. Grim has retained his interest in the business, but it is managed by the Mefford brothers. The business has steadily increased during the past few years and the building has been remodeled and modernized to take care of the extensive trade.

It is interesting to thus note the gradual growth of a large enterprise and it is easy to feel enthusiasm for the minds who have not only the ability to plan, but also to execute so great an undertaking. The firm was doing a very nice business prior to the time the Mefford brothers became interested, but upon entering into the firm they combined youthful energy and persevering activity with rare administrative skill and thorough knowledge, which has made possible a larger increase. The mutual confidence and esteem which has always existed among the members of the firm has had its influence, and all are men of highest business integrity as well as commercial perception.

FRANK E. BOYD.

Mr. Frank E. Boyd, general manager of the People's Coal Company, of Ripley, Ohio, has occupied the present position since July, 1910, to the entire satisfaction of his employers. The company is owned by Mr. J. T. Hatfield, of Covington, Ky., Mr. Fred Eversbach, of Pomeroy, Ohio, and Mr. Gottlieb Hardwig, of Cincinnati, and does the largest retail business on the Ohio river, with the exception of the cities.

Frank E. Boyd was born at Levanna, Brown county, Ohio, February 10, 1871, and is a son of the late Capt. Charles W. and Margaret Frances (McMeekin) Boyd. The latter was a native of Adams county, Ohio. Her death occurred May 12, 1897, at the age of sixty years. She was a devout member of the Christian church.

Capt. Charles W. Boyd was born in Lewis county, Kentucky, in 1834, and died in 1894. He was a very active and successful business man and conducted a lumber saw mill and boat building business at Ripley, Levanna and Higginsport, Ohio. In his later years he was active in politics and served as deputy collector of internal revenue under President Harrison. Upon coming to Brown county, Captain Boyd became associated with his uncle, Samuel Horn, a merchant and boatman, for some time. After becoming thoroughly familiar with this line of business he purchased the business from his uncle and conducted it with the assistance of a brother, Samuel, who is now in the lumber business in Cincinnati. The firm operated under the name of C. W. & S. G. Boyd and later as the Boyd Manufacturing Company, with head offices at Ripley. This venture proved very successful and they continued this association until the disastrous fires and floods of the early '80's. Captain Boyd then turned his attention to general farming on his farm in Union township, four miles from Ripley. In 1861, at the first call for volunteers, he enlisted in the Thirty-fourth regiment, Ohio volunteers. He re-enlisted and served until the close of the war. He won much admiration by his gallant service and was promoted at various times, leaving the service as major, although he was always known as captain. He participated in many important engagements and was wounded at Fayetteville, W. Va.

Socially, Capt. Charles Boyd was a member of the Masonic order, Blue Lodge and Chapter, of Ripley, of the Cincinnati

Commandery. He was also a member of the Loyal Legion and the Blaine Club. He served in the various offices of the Wirt Liggett Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and as commander in the State department.

Mr. Frank E. Boyd, the subject of this mention, is the youngest of six children living, the youngest having died in infancy. The others are:

Alice K., wife of A. E. Humphreys, of Denver, Colo., where he is engaged in the mining and real estate business.

Alberta Lee, widow of T. S. Thomson, who is residing with her daughter at Canton, Ohio.

Mattie A., wife of W. O. Saum, Charleston, W. Va.

James P., of Ripley, Ohio.

W. C., a miner of coal in West Virginia and until recently superintendent of stores of the Carbon Coal Company.

The education of Frank E. Boyd was acquired in the public schools, after which he entered upon his business life in the livery business, continuing for a period of fourteen years.

Upon reaching the age of his majority he chose for his companion of future years Miss Esther Ladenburger, a native of Brown county, and a daughter of Mr. Louis Ladenburger, of Ripley. Their marriage has been blessed with one son, Charles W., who is eight years of age, and is in school.

Mr. F. E. Boyd votes the Republican ticket and has always taken an intelligent interest in all public affairs. He has served for the past twelve years as township trustee of Union township.

The fraternal relations of Mr. Boyd include the Blue Lodge and Chapter of the Masonic order, of Ripley, and the Modern Woodmen of America, of Ripley.

Mr. Boyd has membership with the Christian church, while Mrs. Boyd is a member of the Presbyterian church.

B. R. CRISWELL.

Mr. B. R. Criswell, a member of the drug firm of Criswell & Bristow, at the corner of Second and Main streets, Ripley, Ohio, is one of the city's most prominent and substantial citizens. He was born at Ripley, August 14, 1866, and is a son of R. M. and Ellen (Donaldson) Criswell, the latter of whom is a resident of Ripley, and is eighty years of age.

Mr. R. M. Criswell was reared in Pennsylvania, his parents being of an old Bradford county family. His grandfather was of English lineage, and his grandmother was of Irish parentage, and many of the family now reside in Central Ohio. R. M. Criswell came to Brown county from Washington Court House, Ohio, and settled in Ripley in 1860, where he embarked in the carriage manufacturing business. For many years his carriage factory was the only one at Ripley. He was widely known and enjoyed an enviable reputation because of the excellent workmanship on his carriages and surreys. His demise occurred in 1894, at the age of sixty-three years. He was a Democrat in politics, and both he and his wife were devout members of the Methodist church.

Ellen (Donaldson) Criswell was born at Zanesville, Ohio, and was practically reared there until her marriage. She was a member of an early and prominent family of Muskingum county. She became the mother of four sons and one daughter, whose names follow:

James M., who owns a farm in Union township, near Ripley, and is successfully engaged in general farming.

C. D., has charge of a department in a large store in Decatur, Ill.

B. R., who is the subject of this mention.

One son is deceased.

Mrs. W. P. Reynolds, wife of a printer of Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. B. R. Criswell was reared and educated at Ripley, graduating from the high school, after which event he entered the business world in the confectionery and restaurant business at his present stand. Prior to starting out in life for himself, Mr. Criswell was associated with his father in the carriage manufacturing business.

The present partnership in the drug business was formed early in the year of 1912. Mr. W. H. Bristow is a graduate pharmacist, and has been a resident of Ripley for the past year. He was formerly from Covington, Ky. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian church, and he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Masons.

In politics, Mr. Criswell is a staunch Democrat and takes an active interest in all public affairs.

The fraternal relations of Mr. Criswell are with the Ripley Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of which organization he has filled the office of high priest for the past three years, and

with the Knights of Pythias, of which he is past chancellor commander.

In religious belief, he is a member of the Methodist church, to which denomination he gives liberally of his means.

For the past year, Mr. Criswell has given his entire attention to the drug business, and has met with a large measure of success. The firm enjoys a fine patronage and Ripley is proud to number it among the business enterprises of the town.

POLEMAN NELSON ELLIS.

The death of Mr. Poleman Nelson Ellis, on August 28, 1912, at his home in Higginsport, Ohio, removed from that town a valued and well known citizen. Mr. Ellis was a successful farmer and progressive tobacco dealer, during his active life, and because of the energetic labors of his younger years was enabled to spend the sunset of life in the calm and peaceful enjoyment of the fruits of his endeavors. Mr. Ellis was born in Lewis township, Brown county, Ohio, March 4, 1838, and was a brother of Mr. Amos F. Ellis, of Williamsburg, Ohio.

On the 2d of December, 1862, Mr. P. N. Ellis was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Hannah Pangburn, who was born in Brown county, June 16, 1838, a daughter of John and Sarah Jane (Hodkins) Pangburn, both natives of Brown county. Mr. Pangburn was a farmer by business and also flat boated on the Ohio river, carrying produce to the South. He was a son of Lyons Pangburn and Rebecca (Applegate) Pangburn, who were born in Pennsylvania, and were among the earliest resident farmers of Brown county, of near Lavena. Mr. John Pangburn died at the age of seventy years, while his wife passed away at the age of sixty-three years.

John and Sarah Jane (Hodkins) Pangburn were the parents of the following sons and daughters: Ruth Hannah, Mary Ann (deceased), Martha (deceased), James E. (deceased), Winfield Scott, Lines Albert, Alexander B., Alfred (deceased), Calvin, William (deceased), Washington and Grant (deceased).

Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Ellis were the parents of four children: One child which died in infancy unnamed.

Oston, died March 20, 1865, aged eighteen months.

Oscar C., who is in the tobacco business at Ripley, Ohio.

He has two daughters, Elizabeth Virginia, born on Easter Sunday, March 27, 1910, and Ruth Evelyn, born August 24, 1912.

Edgar W., of Avondale, Ohio, who is now in Florida, where he recently purchased twenty thousand acres of land on Indian river, and has laid out a town there. He has two daughters: Edna, born March 30, 1890, married Paul L. Henkel. Their wedding was a society event in Avondale. Mr. Henkel died December 24, 1912. Marie was born September 2, 1913.

Mr. Ellis was a staunch Republican, and was active in all worthy enterprises in his locality. During the Civil war, he was a member and captain of the home guards.

In religious faith, Mr. Ellis and his family embraced the belief of the Christian church. The place he occupied in the hearts of his many friends can never be filled. Known alike to rich and poor, he was esteemed by all and many were the touching expressions relative to the general loss.

SAMUEL B. MEFFORD.

Mr. Samuel B. Mefford, one of the best known citizens of Union township, Brown county, Ohio, who has proved himself a successful farmer and stockman, owns and operates two hundred and thirty acres of the old Mefford farm, which was settled by John Mefford, the great-grandfather of Mr. Samuel Mefford of this mention. Mr. Mefford was born on a farm adjoining his present home, December 7, 1854, he being a son of John Walker and Annie (Pangburn) Mefford.

John Walker Mefford was also a native of Brown county, his birth having taken place in Union township, February 3, 1814, and his death, May 17, 1891. He was a prosperous farmer, which occupation he followed during his entire active life. In politics, he was a staunch Republican, and both he and his wife were consistent members of the Christian church. He was a son of George and Polly Mefford.

George Mefford was born November 22, 1786, and departed this life, October 30, 1872, while his wife was born October 20, 1793, and passed away, May 16, 1832. He was engaged in the produce business and in connection with this line of business, made eighteen trips to New Orleans. He and his wife were active members of the Baptist church, and were prom-

inent in the community in which they lived. George was a son of John Mefford, who was also the great grandfather of Mr. Samuel B. Mefford.

John Mefford was born in Pennsylvania, April 19, 1764, and came to Mason county, Kentucky, from his native State in 1787. Shortly after, he removed to Brown county, locating near Levanna, where he purchased five hundred acres of land and there carried on general farming until his death, April 21, 1834. He made the trip from Pennsylvania to Kentucky by flat boat, then the common means of travel.

Samuel B. Mefford is one of fifteen children, of whom thirteen grew to maturity. One died at the age of fourteen years, and one at two years of age. There are eight still living, namely: George W., L. P., Melissa (Drake) and Mrs. Flora White, all of Higginsport; William P., of Felicity, Ohio; Emma (Burgett), of Dayton, Ohio; and Clamenza (Smith), of Ripley, Ohio.

Mr. Samuel B. Mefford has resided thus far on the old home farm, and has been engaged in the business of farming along general lines. He has made many improvements during his residence as owner, including a handsome home, which was erected in 1910.

The marriage of Mr. Samuel B. Mefford and Miss Albertine Loudon took place on the 2d of April, 1879. She was born in Union township, Brown county, Ohio, September 25, 1852, and is a daughter of W. P. and Eliza J. (Rogers) Loudon. The birth of the former occurred in February, 1827, and he passed away November 27, 1903. The latter was born in 1832 and died June 8, 1911, both natives of Brown county.

Mrs. Mefford's grandfather, Charles Loudon, was a brother of Gen. James Loudon, who came to Brown county together, from Mason county, Kentucky. Her maternal grandfather, Ezekiel Rogers, was born in Brown county, and was a son of Thomas Rogers, who settled in the county soon after the Revolution. Mrs. Mefford is one of four children, two sons and two daughters, the others being: W. B. Loudon, of Union township, a farmer on Pizgah Ridge; E. W., a tobacco man of Cincinnati, whose office is at No. 10 East Front street; Rachel (Myers), of Union township, a widow of William Myers.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Mefford consists of the following children: Bertha, who died in infancy; Harry L. and Thomas L., furniture dealers and undertakers of Ripley, Ohio; and Earl L., a traveling man of Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. Mefford takes an intelligent interest in politics, and has served for the past six years as township trustee of Union township.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Mefford are active members of the Christian church. He is a thoroughly respected citizen and all who know him appreciate his many noble traits of character.

J. H. NEU.

Mr. J. H. Neu has been prominently identified with the commercial interests of Higginsport, Ohio, since October, 1895, as a dealer in hardware and farm implements, carrying an extensive line of goods and implements. Mr. Neu is a native of Brown county, his birth having taken place in Pleasant township, November 6, 1869, his parents being Jacob and Margaret (Wolfe) Neu.

Jacob Neu was born in Brown county in 1845, and passed from this life in 1907, while his wife was born in Germany in 1851, and is a resident of Higginsport. She was a daughter of Louis Wolfe, who came to America when his daughter was three months old and settled in Brown county. Jacob Neu was a very successful farmer of Pleasant township, where he was highly esteemed by all with whom he came in contact. He was an active member of the Democratic party and his religious belief embraced the faith of the Lutheran church, and his wife was a member of the Christian church. He was a son of Jacob Neu, who came to America when he was eight years of age with his father, Conrad Neu, who settled in Brown county.

Mr. J. H. Neu is a member of a family of nine children, of whom three sons and four daughters are living:

Charles E., a farmer residing in Lewis township, Brown county, Ohio.

Louella (Shelton), of Xenia, Ohio, married first, Mr. Robert Armstrong.

Ada M. (White), is a resident of Pleasant township, where her husband is engaged in farming.

Stella C. (Shelton), of Dayton, Ohio, where her husband is engaged as superintendent of the Prudential Insurance agency.

Minnie, who died in 1895, at the age of eleven years.

Clarence, is a farmer of Pleasant township.

Edna died in 1895, at the age of five years.

Miss Nellie, at home.

Mr. J. H. Neu acquired a good common school education in the schools of his locality, and remained at the home farm until he was twenty-six years of age, thus gaining a good practical experience in the occupation of farming.

Mr. Neu married Miss Emma M. Sontag, who was born in Brown county, and is a daughter of Richard and Catherine (Gross) Sontag, a native of Germany, now of Hamilton county, Ohio.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Neu are four children, and the family circle remains unbroken by the hand of death. Their names are as follows: Mabel L., Ruth A., Mildred M., and John H., Jr.

Mr. Neu affiliates with the Knights of Pythias, of which organization he is past chancellor, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is past grand, and of the Rebekahs.

He gives his support to the Democratic party and has served three terms as township treasurer.

Mr. Neu is interested in various prosperous enterprises, including the Higginsport Independent Telephone Company, being vice-president and general manager of that company, and he is also a director of the Citizens' Bank of Higginsport.

Mr. Neu has met with an unusual degree of success in his undertakings, and is deserving of all the praise implied in the term, self-made. His energy and perseverance are salient features of his success, and he has won the esteem and high regard of his fellow citizens.

Mr. Neu and his family attend the Christian church.

MRS. HELEN BEASLEY.

Mrs. Helen Beasley, widow of the late John Beasley, resides three miles from Ripley, Ohio, on a beautiful farm on the Ripley and Hillsboro pike, Union township, Brown county, Ohio. Mrs. Beasley is held in high esteem in and about Ripley, and in this section she has spent her life thus far. She is a daughter of John M. and Mary (Baird) West.

John M. West was born in Byrd township, Brown county, Ohio, April 10, 1832, and resided on the home farm where his birth occurred until his death, July 15, 1873. He was a son

of John M. West, who was a native of Virginia and came to Brown county in pioneer days, locating in Byrd township, and there remained until his demise at the age of eighty-five years.

Mary (Baird) West was born in Jefferson township, Brown county, Ohio, in 1844, and died in 1898, and was a daughter of John Baird, who was an early settler of the county. To her union with John M. West, five children were born:

George B., who was born July 14, 1852, has resided at the old home farm in Byrd township and followed the occupation of farming. In later years, he has resided with his sister, Mrs. Beasley.

Levina became the wife of Samuel Edinfield, a farmer of Jefferson township.

Joseph E., has been a resident farmer of Nebraska for the past twenty-five years. He has reared a nice family.

Helen, our subject, married John Beasley, who died in 1903, at the age of forty-nine years. They were the parents of two children: Grace, a graduate of the Ripley High School, class of 1913; and Nellie J., who died in 1905 at the age of eight years.

William Rufus, operates the old home place in Byrd township.

The politics of the family is mainly Democratic.

Mrs. Beasley and her brother, Mr. West, reside on the farm in Union township, and are progressive farmers along general lines.

In religious belief, Mrs. Beasley and the family are members of the Christian church, as were also her parents. Mrs. Beasley is well known in Brown county and her home is always open for the entertainment of her friends and neighbors.

WILLIAM NIMON WEST.

Mr. William Nimon West, one of the prominent farmers and stockmen of Union township, Brown county, Ohio, owning a well cultivated and valuable farm of ninety-six acres on the Arnheim pike, was born May 17, 1863, in Byrd township, and is the son of Rev. Joseph S. and Susanna (Dixon) West.

Rev. Joseph S. West was born in Byrd township, December 7, 1825, and passed to his eternal reward in 1892. He was a

minister of the Christian church for many years and filled the pulpit of Liberty Chapel from 1855 to 1890. His father, John West, was born in Pennsylvania, January 1, 1797, and came with his parents, John and Eleanor West, in 1798, to Kenton Station, Ky., where they spent a short time, coming on to Brown county and settling in Byrd township. The great-grandparents of our subject, William Nimon West, secured land and became successful farmers of the county. They passed away at the old West homestead, between Decatur and Russellville, which is now owned by Mr. Rufus West.

Susanna (Dixon) West, the mother of Mr. W. N., of this mention, was a daughter of William and Mary (Carr) Dixon, of Union township, and her birth occurred April 28, 1833, and her death in 1897. She was an active member of the Christian church and was an able assistant to her husband in his ministerial work.

William Dixon was a native of Kentucky and accompanied his father to Brown county in 1793. He was a general farmer and was prominent in politics, serving as justice of the peace for many years.

William Nimon West is the fifth of twelve children, all of whom are living: Louie, Sadie, Susie and James H. reside in Norwood, Ohio; Dr. John W., of Philadelphia, Pa.; Mary Lovina married William Smith and lives near Mt. Hope, Kan.; Thomas A., a minister of the Christian church, of near Wichita, Kan.; Joseph S., a banker, of Russellville, Ohio; Oscar A. resides on the home farm in Byrd township; Martha E., who married G. H. Buchanan, lives in Jefferson township; Elizabeth married Archibald N. Leggett, a farmer of Jefferson township.

Mr. William Nimon West was reared on the farm and grew to be an intelligent and practical agriculturist, but his beginning was in a small way and his success is the result of his own industry and enterprise.

In 1890, Mr. W. N. West was united in marriage to Miss Lou Esther Kearns, who was born in Union township, Brown county, in 1866, a daughter of Samuel and Elmira (Martin) Kearns. Her death occurred April 19, 1900, leaving five children, all of whom are at home: Florence, William Earl, Joseph N., Archie S. and Alonzo K.

Mr. West is an advocate of the men and measures of the Democratic party, and although not an office seeker, he takes an active interest in all questions of the day.

Fraternally, Mr. West has membership with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Ripley. Religiously, he and his family are devoted members of the Christian church, of Ripley, and is a most liberal supporter of all worthy enterprises.

MARION ALONZO KEARNS.

Numbered among the substantial agriculturists of Brown county, Ohio, is Mr. Marion Alonzo Kearns, who is a representative of an old family of Brown county. He owns and operates a well tilled farm of one hundred and thirty-three acres on the Arnheim pike, in Union township. Mr. Kearns recently sold another farm of one hundred and nine acres in Jefferson township. He was born in Jefferson township, one and one-half miles southwest of Russellville, October 18, 1850, and his parents were Samuel and Elmira (Martin) Kearns.

Samuel Kearns was born in Pleasant township, Brown county, March 24, 1824, and his death took place in Union township July 9, 1899. He was a son of Daniel Kearns, who died when Samuel was a youth. Daniel's parents immigrated from Pennsylvania and settled on the Little Miami river. Some of the family located in Cincinnati, where they were prospered as business men.

Samuel Kearns, having been reared to the pursuits of agriculture, continued in this vocation. He was a soldier in the defense of his country during the Mexican war, and was in the battle of Monterey. He was also active in the home guards during the Civil war and made several trips into Kentucky. Thus, from experience, he was known as a man of military knowledge. Samuel Kearns was a Republican in politics and for over forty years was a very active member of the Christian church.

Elmira (Martin) Kearns was born in Franklin township, Brown county, June, 1826, and died September 26, 1904. She was a daughter of Joel and "Jennie" (Brown) Martin, the former of whom was a Scotchman, who emigrated to Brown county, locating in Franklin township, where he died after a useful and active life. The mother was one of nine children, four of whom lived to be over eighty years of age.

Marion Alonzo Kearns is one of six children, whose names follow: Lizzie (Myers), a widow residing at Georgetown,

Ohio; Taylor died at the age of twenty-three years of small-pox; M. A., our subject; Belle J., wife of J. W. Work, of Union township; Anna died at the age of five years; Lou Esther, deceased wife of W. N. West, a sketch of whom appears on another page.

The marriage of Mr. M. A. Kearns to Miss Nancy Purdum occurred October 17, 1876. She was a native of Brown county, her birth occurring in Pleasant township, her parents being Isaac W. and Hannah (Hodkins) Purdum. Isaac Purdum was born in Brown county and carried on the business of farming all his life. He was an active politician and served in the various local offices of the township. He died December, 1911, at the age of eighty-two years. Hannah (Hodkins) Purdum was also born in Brown county and was a daughter of Samuel Hodkins, who was a Revolutionary soldier. Isaac W. Purdum was one of sixteen children, of whom one was a soldier under General Sherman.

Mrs. Kearns has three brothers: John W. Purdum, of Kansas; James, of Indiana, and Jesse Lee, of Georgetown, Ohio.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Kearns are three children: Jesse Lou, who is married, is a merchant at Russellville; Minnie L., is a resident of Jackson township; and George T., is at home.

Mr. Kearns is a standard Republican, and is active in the interests of the party, having served as supervisor and a member of the school board. He was chairman of the board of education in Jefferson township.

Mr. and Mrs. Kearns are members of the Christian church at Russellville and their children are members also. The reputation of Mr. Kearns in his neighborhood is that of a man of sterling worth and a farmer of excellent agricultural ability.

ROBERT W. MILLER.

Mr. Robert W. Miller has made farming his occupation throughout his entire life and has attained a high degree of success in his chosen pursuit. The home farm of Mr. Miller is located on the Arnheim pike, on the old Dixon ridge, in Union township, Brown county, Ohio. He was born in Pleasant township, Brown county, March 15, 1849, and is a son of Robert S. and Mary J. (Evans) Miller.

Robert S. Miller, the father, was born in Pennsylvania, November 22, 1817, and died November 20, 1901, at his home in Union township. His father, Robert Gillen Miller, came to Brown county from Pennsylvania, locating first in Lewis township and was active in the operation of the famous Underground Railroad. He finally located in Pleasant township and was living in a log house, now the home of Albert H. Moore, at the time of his death, aged sixty years. He was a captain of the Home Guards. Robert devoted his attention to farming and was considered among the most successful in his locality.

Mary J. Evans was born in Brown county, December 12, 1821, and was of Scotch-Irish descent. She was a daughter of William and Mary (Patten) Evans and was an aunt of Capt. Nelson W. Evans, of Portsmouth, Ohio. Her death occurred January 24, 1875. She and her husband were consistent members of the Christian church.

In the family of Robert S. and Mary J. (Evans) Miller were nine children, of whom five sons and two daughters are now living: George, of Thorntown, Ind.; John W., of Byrd township, Brown county; Robert W., our subject; William W., of Bethel, Clermont county, Ohio; James E., of Clark township, Brown county; Jane (Tweed), of Dayton; Sarah F. (Cox), of Union township; Anna C. (Carr) died in 1880; and Emma died in infancy.

Mr. Robert W. Miller has been a resident of Union township since he was five years of age and has been a successful farmer practically all of his active life.

Mr. Miller was united in marriage in 1881, in Lewis township, to Miss Addie L. Cahall, who was born in Lewis township, in November, 1853, and departed this life June 8, 1902. She was a daughter of James and Fannie (Drake) Cahall, an old family of Lewis township. She was survived by three children:

Everett J. P., at home.

Miss Mary B. was born in 1883 and died in December, 1907.

Miss Sadie L., at home.

By his study of the political issues of the day Mr. Miller is a Republican.

The religious views of Mr. Miller and family are in favor of the Christian church, of which they are active members.

Mr. Robert W. Miller enjoys the high regard and esteem of the community in which he has lived for so many years, be-

cause of his many sterling qualities and excellent traits of character. By the many years of practical experience in general farming and stock raising he has become proficient along those lines and has met with well deserved success.

GREENLIEF NORTON COX.

Mr. Greenlief Norton Cox, deceased, was one of the most prominent and influential farmers of Brown county, Ohio, was also a carpenter by trade, and his death, on October 17, 1912, removed one of the most prominent workers in the up-building of this county. Mr. Cox resided on a well cultivated farm on the Arnheim pike in Union township. He was born in Jefferson township, on Eagle creek, Brown county, Ohio, December 6, 1832, his parents being John and Freelope (Bennett) Cox. The father died March 9, 1859, and the mother December 30, 1872. They both were natives of Virginia, John having served in the war of 1812. He was a large landowner and dealer in horses, selling to Cincinnati markets, residing near Russellville, Brown county.

Mr. G. N. Cox was one of eleven children, all of whom but one sister are now deceased. He spent his boyhood on the farm and obtained a good practical education and grew up with the rude health an active, busy life on the farm produces. At the outbreak of the Civil war Mr. Cox was one of the first to offer his services in behalf of his country, enlisting in 1861, in the Fourth Independent Ohio cavalry, serving from July 10, 1861, to February, 1862.

Returning from the war, Mr. Cox was united in marriage on December 11, 1862, to Miss Sarah A. Henry, who was born in Pleasant township, Brown county, September 27, 1843, a daughter of James and Ruth Ann (Day) Henry, both natives of Brown county.

James Henry was born in Byrd township, Brown county, April 22, 1820, and died January 9, 1889. He was a resident of Jefferson township for the most of his life, but in his later years he resided in Union township. He was very successful in his chosen calling, owning five farms, comprising some five hundred acres, and his success was due entirely to his own efforts and endeavor. His father, James Henry, was a son of James, who came from County Down, Ireland, and was among the first settlers of Brown county; he was among

the first members of the First Presbyterian congregation of Ripley. All the members of the Henry family were Presbyterians and the men favored the principles of the Republican party.

Ruth Ann (Day) Henry, mother of Mrs. Cox, was born July 10, 1822, and is a resident of Union township. She is a daughter of John and Rachel (Dye) Day. The former died at the age of seventy-five years, his birth having occurred in Maryland, and the latter, who lived to the advanced age of ninety-three years, died in 1873. She was a daughter of John Dye, a soldier of Revolutionary fame.

Mrs. Cox is one of eleven children, including one pair of twins, eight of whom are living: Mrs. Cox, the eldest; Rachel M. died at the age of fifty years; James C., a farmer of Union township; Ethelinda, wife of Alonzo Geeslin, resides in Union township; John D. resides with his widowed mother in Union township; William Frank, of Union township; Joseph B., a farmer of Brown county, residing in Union township; Edward died at the age of two months; Charles F., of Georgetown, Ohio, and Mrs. Lucy Ann Benner, of Dayton, Ohio.

Mrs. Cox is the mother of four children:

William C., of Union township, married Sarah Miller, a sister of Robert W. Miller. They have one son, Albert H.

Lola died April 28, 1900, at the age of thirty-three years.

Charles H. operates the home farm.

One child, who was the second in order of birth, died in infancy.

Mr. Greenleaf Norton Cox was a prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Georgetown Post. During the war he was a bugler in the army under Captain Foster. He was prominent in the agricultural and social circles of Brown county and always took an active interest in all enterprises which tended to promote the public weal.

S. CARY BEASLEY.

Mr. S. Cary Beasley, one of the best known citizens of Brown county, is a representative farmer and stock raiser of Union township, where he owns a nicely improved and productive farm. He is a native of Brown county, his birth hav-

ing taken place on June 12, 1865, his parents being Stephen Alfred and Nancy J. (Cluxton) Beasley.

Jeptha Beasley, great-grandfather of Mr. Beasley of this mention, with his brothers, John, Benjamin and Nathaniel, left their native State of Virginia and came down the Ohio river in 1789. John Beasley settled and remained in Kentucky, while the others came on to Brown county. Jeptha settled in Union township in 1798; Benjamin settled on what is known as Beasley's Run in 1796, and was the first settler in Huntington township; Nathaniel located at Decatur. They were prosperous in their various lines of endeavor, and were a credit to their father, Benjamin Beasley, a soldier of the Revolutionary war, whose gallant service won much admiration and praise.

John Beasley, a son of Jeptha Beasley, was a justice of the peace for eighteen years in Union township, and married many couples. He was a cousin of the late Squire Massie Beasley, of Aberdeen, Ohio, who is reputed to have married some seventeen hundred couples during his service as justice of the peace. John Beasley married Miss Matilda Hamer, of a noted family of pioneers of Brown county.

Stephen Alfred Beasley was born May 1, 1825, and departed this life April 14, 1910, his parents being John and Matilda (Hamer) Beasley. He was an energetic and prosperous farmer, which business he made his life occupation. He was in favor of the principles of the Republican party, to which he gave his support during his entire life. Although his parents raised him in the belief of the Christian church, he later embraced the faith of the Methodist church. He was also a member of the Union Lodge, No. 71, Free and Accepted Masons.

Nancy J. (Cluxton) Beasley was born in Adams county, Ohio, January 1, 1832, and still resides on the home farm, enjoying most excellent health for one of her years. She is a daughter of John and Nancy (Page) Cluxton.

John Cluxton was born in County Down about 1790 and came with his parents to the great America when about nine years of age, or about 1800. His father passed away during the year of their arrival in Pennsylvania, and his mother brought the family west to Adams county, Ohio, where she died. The death of John Cluxton occurred in Adams county in 1852.

Nancy (Page) Cluxton was born in Pennsylvania, at Con-

nellsville, which town her maternal grandfather, Zachariah Connells, laid out on land which he owned. Her parents were Rev. William and Mary (Connells) Page, the former of whom was a minister of the Methodist church and during his ministry assisted in the organization of many churches in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Stephen Alfred and Nancy J. (Cluxton) Beasley became the parents of four children:

Adeline, who was the wife of John Garrett, of Toledo, Ohio, died in 1896, leaving two children, Orville and Raymond.

Miss Celestia is at home.

John, whose death took place November 5, 1904, left a family, whose sketch will appear elsewhere on these pages.

Samuel Cary, the subject of this review.

The details which have reached us concerning the boyhood and early youth of Mr. Beasley indicate that he was favored with the best educational advantages which his native locality afforded, and that he was reared in a home where frugality was encouraged and moral virtues extolled.

In 1891, Mr. Beasley was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Martin, of Union township, a daughter of Samuel P. Martin. The family circle of Mr. and Mrs. Beasley consists of two children:

Esther Rae, who after graduating from the Ripley High School, spent two years at the Ohio Wesleyan University, taking a course in art, giving especial attention to china painting.

Martha, who is also a graduate of the Ripley High School, is at home, as is also her sister.

The family home has been the present one since the year of 1889, the old home having been near the Mt. Air school house, in the eastern part of Union township, where Mr. Beasley was born. The present home was formerly the George Snedecker place, and was later owned by Lovell and Greenleaf Pickerell. The property is finely improved, Mr. Beasley and his father having done a great deal of it. Mr. Beasley devotes his time to general farming, raising grain and tobacco in connection with the raising of good stock.

Mr. Beasley gives his political support to the progressive Republican party, and is well informed on all questions of public interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Beasley and their daughters are active members of the Methodist church, to which they give liberally of their means.

Mr. S. Cary Beasley is the last of the name now living in this section, where his forebears were among the pioneers. He is an exemplary citizen in both public and private life, and his friendly attitude to all has won him much esteem and admiration.

THOMAS WHISNER.

Mr. Thomas Whisner, whose splendid farm of one hundred and eighty-five well cultivated acres in Union township, located on the North Pole pike, Brown county, Ohio, proves his efficiency as a farmer and tobacco raiser, was born on Howard Ridge, on the lower Ripley and Bradyville pike, June 5, 1853, a son of Alex and Dicy Ann (Martin) Whisner.

Alex Whisner was also a native of Brown county, his birth occurring in Union township in 1826, and his death, January 28, 1885. He was a son of Thomas Whisner, a cabinet maker, who also made coffins, and followed his trade for many years at Ripley, where he had a shop. Thomas Whisner was from Pennsylvania, and came from there to Brown county, others of the family following later. In later years, he devoted his attention to his farm, where he died. His wife was formerly a Miss Porter, and her death occurred in 1850, from cholera.

Alex Whisner was in the vineyard business, having some six acres of grapes, from which he made a great deal of wine, making large shipments. He also had a large peach orchard. He was always an advocate of the principles of the Republican party and served in the home guards during the Civil war. He was one of the early Masons of Ripley.

Dicy Ann (Martin) Whisner was born in Huntington township, Brown county, Ohio, November 17, 1825, and died November 19, 1911. She was a granddaughter of Absalom Martin, who was among the first settlers of Brown county, and was a great Bible student, and a member of the Methodist church, as was also his granddaughter. Her union with Mr. Alex Whisner was blessed with five sons and six daughters, ten of whom are living and are as follows: Clarinda, now Mrs. G. H. Smithson, of Birdsey, Ind.; Miss Isabell, still at home; Thomas, our subject; John, of Russellville, where he owns a large farm; Miss Elizabeth, who is conducting a dress making establishment at Dayton, Ohio; Samuel, a farmer of Union township; Miss Ellen, died at the age of twenty-two

years; Calvin, who is interested in the livery business at Ripley, operates the home farm; Miss Anne, at home, as is also Miss Fredericka; and Alexander, who is in the livery business at Ripley, and his wife was formerly Miss De Vore.

Mr. Thomas Whisner was reared on the farm in Union township and has resided at his present home since 1882. He has spent the greater part of his life in farming, and at present has one of the finest and best cultivated farms in the county. He started in with his brother, John, with fifty acres and later bought him out. During the years that have followed, Mr. Whisner has added to his acreage and has made all the valuable improvements; his fine farm giving all the appearance of careful management.

On October 6, 1882, Mr. Thomas Whisner was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Wiles, who was born in Union township, September 15, 1855, her parents being Joseph and Mary Ann (Kimball) Wiles. The Kimball family are now mainly in the west and are very successful in business. They were among the early settlers of Brown county, the family coming to Ohio from New Hampshire. Mary Ann (Kimball) Wiles passed from this life in 1906, at the age of eighty years.

Joseph Wiles was born in Union township, a son of Christian Wiles, who came to Ohio from Pennsylvania, of Pennsylvania German descent. He flat boated down the Ohio river to Brown county.

Mrs. Whisner is the oldest of six children: Carrie, died in infancy; Sarah Ellis, at home, single; Joseph Wiles, died at the age of seven years; George, is a farmer of Union township; Moses, is operating the home place.

Mr. and Mrs. Whisner have had born to them the following named children:

Joseph E., aged thirty years, is at home. He married Miss Hattie Henry, and they have two children, Imogene and Helen.

Audrey and Ora, twins, are twenty-eight years old, the former of whom was married March 22, 1913, to William Buchanan, a farmer in Huntington township, and the latter is the wife of Clifford Radabaugh, residing at Sharonville, Ohio, he being a bookkeeper and general manager of a storage business at Cincinnati; and they have one child, Eda May.

Harriet, twenty-four years of age, is the wife of John Heglin, of Detroit, Mich., where he is engaged in a detective office as a bookkeeper.

Albert, eighteen years old and Roy, fifteen years old, are at home.

Orville, died at the age of eighteen months.

In politics, Mr. Whisner is a zealous supporter of the Republican principles, and his worth has been recognized on more than one occasion by his party.

The social relations of Mr. Whisner are with the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and Chapter of Ripley. The daughters, Audrey and Harriet, are members of the Order of Eastern Star of Ripley.

The family of Mr. Whisner attend the Methodist church at Fitch's chapel in Union township. Mr. Whisner is a man of wide acquaintance throughout the county, and is held in the highest esteem.

SAMUEL HIETT MARTIN.

Mr. Samuel Hiett Martin, a progressive farmer and stock raiser of Brown county, Ohio, owns and operates a splendidly improved farm of one hundred and two acres on North Pole pike in Huntington township. He was born in Union township, Brown county, May 6, 1867, a son of Ephriam and Ruth (Hiett) Martin, the latter of whom was a daughter of Major and Sarah Hiett, and died in September, 1907.

Ephraim Martin was born in Union township, Brown county, June 22, 1836, and is now living in retirement at his home in Huntington township, where he has resided for the past thirty-eight years. He is a son of Samuel and —— (Campbell) Martin, who were from Kentucky.

Mr. Samuel H. Martin is one of seven children, of whom four brothers and two sisters are living, namely: Elijah, who was born in 1863, died in childhood; William, born June 2, 1865, is a farmer of Huntington township, Brown county; Samuel, our subject; John C., who was born August 13, 1869, and George W., who was born September 7, 1871, are operating the home farm in Huntington township, the latter of whom married Miss Laura Arn, daughter of John Arn, an early resident of Brown county; Sallie, born July 28, 1876, wife of Joseph Cooper, a farmer of Huntington township; Lorena, born January 5, 1880, is the wife of James Stephenson, of Dayton, Ohio, with the National Cash Register Company.

Mr. Samuel Hiett was reared on the farm which was his

home for twenty-five years, and received a good common school education. He was united in marriage to Miss Clara Jane Fulton, on the 21st of December, 1892, she being a daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Cooper) Fulton, both of whom are deceased. They were resident farmers of Huntington township, Brown county.

Mrs. Martin is one of seven children: Cora, who was born in 1862, is at home with her brother, Joseph; Cooper, born in Huntington township, in 1864, married Grace Sutton; Titus B., born in 1866, is a farmer of Huntington township, and married Jennie Ellis; Margaret, born October 13, 1868, died November 24, 1911; Clara J., wife of Mr. Martin of this review, was born November 3, 1870; Charles D. Fulton was born in 1872, and married Annie Griffith, he being a farmer of Huntington township; Joseph C., born 1877. The mother had three children by a former marriage to William Riggs, and they are, Emily, now Mrs. John Buchanan; Samuel, of Huntington township; and Wylie, deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin are the parents of twin daughters, Cora Belle and Ruth Lee, the latter of whom died when an infant; birth occurred December 15, 1899.

In politics, Mr. Martin is an active Republican, as have been all the family. Both Mr. and Mrs. Martin are members of the Christian church, Hiatt's chapel.

The years spent in Brown county have been profitable ones for Mr. Martin, and he enjoys the respect and esteem of the community in which he lives.

SAMUEL DRAGOO.

Mr. Samuel Dragoo, deceased, was for many years a prominent farmer and stockraiser of Brown county, Ohio, and was held in high esteem by the citizens of his community for his many sterling traits of character. He was born in Union township, March 16, 1816, and passed from this life June 18, 1884. He was a son of Daniel and Susan (Bayne) Dragoo, both natives of Virginia, and born in the same year, 1780.

Belchazzer Dragoo, great-grandfather of Samuel, was born in Virginia and removed at a very early age to Mason county, Kentucky. Later he located on three hundred acres of land in Brown county, which he donated to the Shakers, which

organization he and three daughters and one son joined. The son, Benjamin, was reared by the Shakers and in early manhood came to Ripley, Ohio, where he resided until his death, at the age of seventy-seven years. His parents both died with the Shakers near Cincinnati, aged ninety-seven and ninety years, respectively. Daniel Dragoo died September 1, 1837, and his wife departed this life June 12, 1854.

Samuel Dragoo was reared on the farm and was married, February 8, 1837, to Miss Rachel A. Day, daughter of John and Rachel Day. Her birth occurred June 20, 1820, and to her union with Mr. Dragoo were born nine children, of whom six are living: George, of Tarkio, Mo.; Scott, of Langdon, Mo.; Samuel, of El Paso, Tex.; Daniel, of Kansas; Mrs. Thomas Shelton, of Adams county, Ohio, and Mrs. J. H. Evans, of Union township, Brown county, Ohio. Those deceased were: John; William S.; Jane (Dragoo) Lawrie, all of whom were residents of Brown county.

Mr. Samuel Dragoo resided on the old Dragoo homestead for a period of sixty-six years, removing to the home on the Russellville pike in the spring of 1882, where he remained until his death. This farm consisted of two hundred and fifteen acres and was a finely cultivated property.

He was a standard Republican and he and Mrs. Dragoo were members of the Christian church.

JOHN BUCHANAN.

Mr. John Buchanan, who owns one of the best and most highly cultivated farms, consisting of one hundred and fifty-eight acres, on the Ripley & Bradyville pike in Huntington township, Brown county, Ohio, possesses the respect and esteem of the entire community in which he lives. He was born July 2, 1853, in Huntington township, and is a son of Thomas and Ellen (Hiett) Buchanan, a more extended mention of whom appears on another page of this history.

The boyhood and youth of Mr. John Buchanan was spent on the farm of his father and as the years passed became proficient in all the details of farm life under his father's instruction. He received a good education in the schools of his native county.

Mr. Buchanan was united in marriage, January 16, 1876.

to Miss Emily C. Riggs, who was born in Moundsville, W. Va., but whose childhood was spent in Huntington township, where her parents, Mathias and Catherine Ann (Cooper) Riggs, removed when she was a babe. She has one brother, Samuel Riggs, who is a resident farmer of Huntington township.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan consists of ten children, of whom one daughter, the seventh in order of birth, is deceased. The others are as follows:

Charles Foster, a druggist of Los Angeles, Cal., married Miss Emma Markwell, of California, and they have one child.

Catherine Ellen is the wife of James Brookover, of near Manchester, Adams county, Ohio.

Chester Arthur, of Adams county, Ohio, is a farmer and married Miss Faye Shelton, daughter of Thomas Shelton, and is the youngest of twelve children, all of whom are married. They have one son.

Ruth, wife of Fred K. Rousch, of Manchester, is the mother of two children.

Cora, wife of Douglas Hall, of Newport, Ky., where Mr. Hall is associated with his father in the coal and gravel business. They have an infant daughter.

Roy is attending the Columbus Agricultural College.

Mabel died in infancy.

Ola, William H. and Joseph Thomas are at home.

Mr. Buchanan is a staunch Republican and is interested in all questions of public good, but does not care for public office.

Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan are members and liberal supporters of the Hiatt's Chapel Christian Church.

MRS. IDA DRAGOO WILSON.

Mrs. Ida Dragoo Wilson, widow of the late Mr. W. K. Wilson, is a representative of a prominent family of Virginia, her parents being Jonah and Sophia (McCoppin) Cadwallader. Her birth occurred at Lynchburg, Highland county, Ohio, in 1864.

Jonah Cadwallader was born at Lynchburg, Va., in 1816, and when two years of age was brought by his parents to Highland county, Ohio, where he was reared and educated.

He became a teacher, which profession he followed for thirty-five years. He was a thoroughly self-made man and was a great student and reader. He filled the position of principal of the Lynchburg schools for several years. He died at the age of fifty-nine years, in 1875, and his wife, who was born in 1831, departed this life in 1874. They were members of the Methodist church and were active in all worthy enterprises.

Mr. W. K. Wilson was born December 30, 1865, and was a son of Cornelius and Josephine (Games) Wilson, the former of whom is deceased and the latter is now the widow of the late Thomas Bick. She resides at the home of Mr. Homer Wilson, in Huntington township.

W. K. Wilson was an extensive stockman and gave especial attention to the raising of fine draft horses. He resided at the Cornelius Wilson homestead until about eleven years prior to his demise. He was a Democrat and took a citizen's interest in political affairs. He favored the Christian church and gave liberally to the support of that denomination.

Mrs. Wilson's first marriage occurred on November 3, 1889, to Mr. John H. Dragoo, son of John M. and Amanda J. (Hiatt) Dragoo, both of old families mentioned elsewhere. To this union were born two children, one of whom died in infancy, and Frank C. is at home. Mr. Dragoo was a successful farmer and owned a large part of the old Hiatt farm in Huntington township, and it is still owned by Mrs. Wilson and her son, Frank C. Dragoo. Mr. Dragoo was a member of the Odd Fellows and belonged to the Hiatt Chapel Church. He was a grandson of Samuel Dragoo.

The union of Mr. W. K. and Ida Wilson was blessed with one son, Edwin Glenn, who is still at home.

Mrs. Wilson is well known in Huntington township and enjoys the respect and esteem of a large host of friends who admire her for her sterling qualities.

HOMER G. WILSON.

Mr. Homer G. Wilson may be classed among the most prominent and enterprising young farmers of Brown county, Ohio, where he owns and operates a finely improved farm about three-quarters of a mile east of Hiatt's Chapel, in

Huntington township. Mr. Wilson is a native of Brown county, his birth having occurred on the old home farm, January 3, 1874, a son of Cornelius and Josephine (Games) Wilson.

Cornelius Wilson was born in Huntington township, January 29, 1829, and departed this life April 3, 1894. His parents were Stephen and Mary (Laney) Wilson, both natives of Virginia, where they were married and were among the first of the early settlers of Brown county, locating in Huntington township, where they resided the remaining years of their lives. Cornelius Wilson was a successful and progressive farmer and business man and owned two hundred and twenty-five acres of land, which he put into a high state of cultivation. His marriage to Miss Josephine Games occurred in 1858, and they resided mainly on the farm in Huntington township. He was a member of Hickory Ridge Christian Church and was a man of sterling worth.

Josephine Games was born in Huntington township, May 27, 1843, a daughter of John W. and Sarah (Haynes) Games natives of Maryland and Virginia, respectively. John W. Games was born March 22, 1785, and died August 22, 1856. His wife, Sarah, was born December 27, 1803, and passed from this life January 4, 1874. Seven children came into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Wilson:

Lillie Lee, born November 21, 1859, became the wife of Charles Howland, and her death occurred March 1, 1897, leaving seven children.

Sallie Mary, born August 25, 1861, died at the age of eleven months.

John M., born August 12, 1863, died August 5, 1909, leaving a wife, nee Miss Sallie, and three children, now of Cleveland, Ohio.

William K., born December 30, 1865, died in March, 1908, leaving a widow, Mrs. Ida Dragoo Wilson, and one son, Edwin, a sketch of whom will be found on other pages of these volumes.

Annie L., born April 8, 1868, is now in California.

Lucinda R., born January 3, 1871, died August 20, 1896.

Homer G., our subject.

Mr. Homer G. Wilson spent six years in Warren county, but most of his life thus far has been spent in Brown county on the farm. He received a good common school education and has devoted most of his attention to the pursuits of agriculture.

The marriage of Mr. H. G. Wilson to Miss Essie Geeslin occurred October 22, 1905. She is a native of Byrd township, Brown county, her natal day being January 20, 1876, and her parents being Albert A. and Phoebe (Milligan) Geeslin, who reside near the Campbell school in Byrd township. In the family circle of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are two children:

Howard Jennings, born April 4, 1908.

Woodrow, born November 2, 1912.

In politics, Mr. Wilson is in favor of the men and measures of the Democratic party.

JOHN BURBAGE.

Mr. John Burbage, one of the extensive stock raisers and farmers of Brown county, owns a beautiful tract of two hundred and ninety-six acres on Hickory Ridge, near Fellowship Chapel, in Huntington township. He raises a great deal of stock and has two hundred and fifty acres in fine pasture. Mr. Burbage was born in Adams county, Ohio, near Decatur, March 14, 1871, and is a son of Stephen and Lydia (Reeves) Burbage, both residents of Decatur, where they are conducting farming and stock raising, the former born in 1846 and the latter in 1848.

John Burbage is the eldest of three children, the others being: James F., who was born February 29, 1875, is a farmer of Adams county, Ohio; Mary, who was born in 1873, married first, John Rickey, and later married again and resides at Detroit, Mich.

Mr. Burbage spent his boyhood and youth on the farm of his parents, remaining at home until he had reached his twenty-first year. When he had reached mature years, he was united in marriage to Miss Bettie Jenkins, the ceremony being solemnized on the 18th of January, 1893. She was born on the farm which is her present home, and is a daughter of William and Eliza (Butts) Jenkins.

William Jenkins was born in Pennsylvania, March 27, 1818, and at the age of four years came with his parents, William and Hannah (Jury) Jenkins, to Ohio, where they located in Huntington township. The father and mother conducted a farm in connection with a hotel on Hickory Ridge. William Jenkins, Sr., donated the first acre and his two daughters the

remainder of the Hickory Ridge cemetery, which is well cared for and kept up by a cemetery association.

Eliza (Butts) Jenkins was born in Jefferson township, Brown county, June 16, 1835, and died February 12, 1910. She was a daughter of Aaron and Betty (McCarthy) Butts, the latter of whom was born in 1804, and died in January, 1896. Eliza Butts married first, Mr. Eli Carter, and to their union was born one child, Ida, who is now Mrs. George Morris, and is residing near West Union, Adams county, Ohio.

Aaron Butts was born in 1814, and resided with his father, Samuel Butts, and the family, near Georgetown, Ohio, where the latter owned a farm. Aaron Butts died in February, 1894, having followed farming as an occupation all of his active life.

Mrs. John Burbage had nine half-brothers and sisters, of whom six are living. Her father's first marriage was with Olivine Redman, and their children are as follows: William, deceased; Martha J. (Bowman), of Adams county, Ohio; Lucinda, deceased; Maurice L., of Huntington township, Brown county; Bell (Brumley), of Liberty township, Adams county, Ohio; Henry, of Huntington township, Brown county, Ohio; Olivine (Adamson), of Spriggs township, Adams county, Ohio; Abner, of Adams county, Ohio; and Minerva, deceased. Mrs. Burbage is the oldest of the second family and was born July 29, 1874; Aaron, born October 10, 1876, died February 16, 1879; and Edgar, born July 8, 1877, died September 28, 1883.

Mr. and Mrs. Burbage have resided at their present home farm since their marriage, and to their union have been born eight children, of whom six are now living, the names being as follows:

William Arthur, who was born May 7, 1894, died July 29, 1895.

Le Roy, born October 22, 1895.

Etta Mirl, born February 6, 1898.

George Ernest, born April 4, 1901.

Ruth Ellen, born August 16, 1904.

Thomas J., born October 3, 1906.

Eldon Lloyd, born July 10, 1909.

Morman, born June 12, 1912, died June 15, 1912.

Wayne F., born June 24, 1913.

Mr. Burbage votes for the men and measures of the Democratic party, and served as land appraiser in 1910. He ap-

praised Huntington township, which was the first appraisal in ten years.

The social relations of our subject are with the Masonic order of Aberdeen, the Knights of Pythias and the Odd Fellows, also of Aberdeen, Ohio.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Burbage attend the Christian church, he giving generously toward the support of that denomination.

Mr. John Burbage is recognized in his locality as an authority on stock raising, his success in this line of business has been so very marked. He is a good citizen, and takes an active interest in all that tends to promote the welfare of the community.

WILLIAM M. GARDNER.

Mr. William M. Gardner, one of the prominent and reliable farmers and raisers of fine stock in Brown county, is a resident living near Decatur in Byrd township, on a farm which has been in the possession of some member or descendant of the Henry family since 1854. Mr. Gardner is an energetic and representative agriculturist and is well and favorably known throughout this section of the county. He was born in Union township, Brown county, September 18, 1868, and is a son of John W. Gardner, whose life record appears on another page of this work.

William M. Gardner resided at the home of his father until his marriage, and thus obtained a good education in practical farming, which has been of great help to him in his occupation of farmer.

Mr. William M. Gardner was united in marriage on December 7, 1904, to Miss Agnes Stevenson, who was born in 1874, her parents being John and Mary Adeline (Henry) Stevenson, the latter of whom was born in Brown county in October, 1834, and died in June, 1908, a daughter of Samuel and Phoebe (Moore) Henry, the former of whom was born in 1798, and died in July, 1864, and the latter of whom was born in 1808, and died in September, 1892. She was a daughter of William and Mary (Curry) Moore.

John Stevenson was born near Decatur, Ohio, April 3, 1834, and departed this life February 19, 1903. He was a man of more than ordinary literary ability and was a contributor

to the "Ripley Bee" for over forty years, under the non-deplume of "You Bet!" He was prominent in public life in Brown county for many years, and was well versed in the law, although he did not engaged in the practice of the profession. He served for years in the capacity of justice of the peace in a most satisfactory manner. September 16, 1861, found Mr. Stevenson a member of Company C, Fifty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteers, and for three full years he served his country faithfully and well. In 1865, he united with the Presbyterian church, and became one of its most active and useful members. He was a son of Joseph and Nancy (Geeslin) Stevenson, the latter of whom was born in 1812, on Lee creek, near Washington, Mason county, Kentucky, and came with her parents to Ohio, in 1818, where she died in 1898.

Joseph Stevenson was born in Brown county in 1804 and died in 1882. He was a merchant and postmaster of Decatur and was the youngest son of Robert and Elizabeth (Baird) Stevenson, the former of whom was born in Maryland in 1759, and the latter of whom was born in 1761. They came to Brown county from Hagerstown, Maryland, and settled near Decatur, bringing with them one child, the others in the family being natives of Brown county.

Mrs. Gardner has the following named brothers and sisters: Luella, who married Charles Henry, resides in the home erected by Samuel Henry, although there is no relationship; Helen, who married C. P. Neel, he being deceased; Samuel Henry; Joseph, of near Decatur; John W.; and Phoebe, wife of Earl Jackson, of Morocco, Ind.

JOSEPH A. DYER.

Among the prominent and energetic farmers of Sterling township, Brown county, Ohio, none is more deserving of honorable mention than the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. Mr. Dyer owns a well improved farm of one hundred acres, which he has put in a splendid state of cultivation. He was born on this same farm, December 3, 1862, a son of Benjamin and Jane (Addenbrook) Dyer.

Benjamin F. Dyer was born in Henry county, Virginia, in 1836 and died December 1, 1894. He was reared until the age

of sixteen years in Virginia, and there acquired a good common school education. He then ran away from home, joining the John Robinson circus, with whom he traveled for a period of four years. He finally tired of this life and located on a farm adjoining the Addenbrook farm, and there met and married, in 1861, to Miss Jane Addenbrook. He followed the occupation of general farmer and stock raiser, being also a turnpike, bridge and mail contractor. From January, 1879, to May, 1880, he filled the office of warden of the Ohio penitentiary, and served again from 1890 to 1892, under Governor Campbell. He served in the capacity of treasurer of Brown county from 1882 to 1886, and his residence during the terms of office was at Columbus and Georgetown, Ohio. His declining years were spent at Georgetown, where he rested from active labors until his decease. Benjamin F. Dyer was a Democrat in politics, and fraternally was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was in favor of the faith of the Baptist church, and was in every way a most highly esteemed citizen of the county.

Jane (Addenbrook) Dyer was a native of Brown county, her birth occurring in 1839, and her death in 1900. She was a daughter of Henry and Louise Addenbrook, both of whom were natives of Staffordshire, England, where they were married. About 1830, they left the home of their nativity and coming to America located on what is now Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, where they secured one hundred acres of land. He sold this property for two thousand dollars—now worth many hundred times as much. He invested in this farm in Sterling township, Brown county, Ohio, and the land has since been in the family. Mr. Addenbrook followed the occupation of general farming during his active life, and met with a good degree of success. He was a consistent member of the Christian church, and was active in all worthy enterprises.

The union of Benjamin F. and Jane (Addenbrook) Dyer was blessed with four children, of whom Joseph A., of this mention, is the oldest; Mary L., wife of William M. Thompson, a lawyer and ex-State Senator, residing at Columbus, Ohio; Thomas H., of Allegheny, Pa., is associated with the Nelson-Morris Packing Company, and married Miss Eva Yohe, and Hattie, who married first Dr. J. A. Parker, who died in 1900, and she married a second time, and is now residing in Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Joseph A. Dyer received a good education in the high

schools of Williamsburg and Columbus, Ohio. He spent most of his active life in Brown county, thus far, and by his study of the political issues of the day has always taken an active interest in politics. He served as deputy county treasurer from 1882 to 1886, under his father, Benjamin F. Dyer, and has also filled the various township offices, including the county blind commission. He was associated with the Swift Company from 1892 to 1894, and for the past eighteen years he has given his entire attention to the management of his farm and the raising of a good grade of stock.

Mr. Joseph A. Dyer married in Clermont county, Ohio, Miss Emma Britton, who is a native of Brown county, and a daughter of Burwell Britton, a prominent lawyer and farmer. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Dyer has been born one daughter, Clara A., wife of Homer A. Martin, residing on the home farm. They have an infant son, Joseph Dyer Martin, born April 7, 1913.

The improvements on the farm of Mr. Dyer were made by his maternal grandfather, and the barn, which was erected in 1837, is in fine condition. He is interested in various enterprises, including a directorship in the First National Bank of Williamsburg.

Socially, Mr. Dyer has membership with the Clermont Social Lodge, No. 29, Free and Accepted Masons, of Williamsburg. Mr. Dyer and the family attend the Methodist church.

Mr. Dyer is thoroughly practical in his methods and understands his business in every particular, hence meets with success. He is a useful citizen and an honorable man and enjoys the high regard of all with whom he is associated.

JAMES A. CUMBERLAND.

Among the successful citizens of Brown county, Ohio, whose prosperity is due largely to their own energy and perseverance, are James A. Cumberland and wife, who own and operate a well cultivated farm of four hundred and fifty acres in Pike township. In connection with his business as general farmer Mr. Cumberland gives much attention to the raising of good grade stock, more especially to Shropshire and Delane sheep. He was born in Highland county, Ohio, near Sicily, January 5, 1851, and is a son of Thomas and Sarah (Starr) Cumberland.

Thomas Cumberland was born in Highland county, Ohio, January 15, 1817, and died November 23, 1863, after a useful and active life as a general farmer, in which business he met with well deserved success. He was a staunch Republican in politics and was a devout member of the Presbyterian church. He was a son of Thomas Cumberland, who was born in western Pennsylvania, near Pittsburgh, and came to Brown county before 1800, residing on Red Oak creek for a time, then removing to Highland county, where he lived until his death, in 1857, at the age of about eighty-three years. He was a soldier in the war of 1812 and was a son of the first of the name in America, his father having been born in Ireland, settling first in Pennsylvania.

Sarah (Starr) Cumberland was born near Hillsboro, Highland county, Ohio, in 1821, and died in her native county, July 14, 1898. She was an earnest member of the Presbyterian church and was a daughter of John and Rebecca (Walker) Starr, both natives of Greenbriar county, Virginia. They came to Ohio in youth, in 1818, with their parents and grandparents, and their marriage occurred at Hillsboro, Highland county. John Starr was a son of Aleck Starr, whose wife was a daughter of Alexander Hanson, who also lived in Highland county. Sarah (Starr) Cumberland was one of eight children, one of whom, Mrs. Julia Garner, of Lynchburg, Ohio, is living.

A brother of Aleck Starr owned some six hundred acres of land situated on the site of the present city of Baltimore, Md. He leased this land for ninety-nine years, about 1804. After the expiration of the lease the courts advertised for heirs and thousands of "Stars" responded.

In the family of Mr. Thomas and Sarah (Starr) Cumberland were eleven children, whose names are as follows:

William, of Mobile, Ala., aged seventy-two years.

John, of Salina, Kan., is sixty-six years of age.

Joseph, of Lynchburg, Ohio, is sixty-four years of age.

James A., the subject of this mention, is sixty-two years old.

Granville B., of Columbiana county, Ohio, is sixty years old.

Samantha, aged sixty-eight, is the widow of Riley Hall, of Sardinia, Brown county, Ohio.

Sarah Belle, aged fifty-seven, is the wife of Robert Peddicord, of Sicily, Highland county, Ohio.

Mary, widow of Dr. M. W. Hayes, resides at Norwood, Ohio, and is fifty-one years of age.

Three children died in infancy.

James A. Cumberland was reared to farm life, and as the years passed, became proficient in the labor of the fields. He remained at the parental home in Highland county until his marriage, which occurred in 1876, after which event he removed to Brown county. The union of Mr. Cumberland and Miss Caroline Dunn was solemnized in Brown county, where she was born, February 20, 1856, her parents being James H. and Elizabeth (Day) Dunn, both early residents of Brown county and both now deceased. Mr. Dunn was born in north-eastern Ohio, in 1808, and died at the age of ninety-one years.. Mrs. Dunn died at the age of seventy-seven years and was a native of Clermont county, Ohio.

Mrs. Cumberland is the youngest of eleven children, all of whom lived to a marriageable age and all had families before the death of either parent. They are as follows: Ira died recently at the age of seventy-eight years; Abbie (Calvin) resides at Mt. Orab at the age of eighty past; Julia (Tracy), aged seventy-eight years, resides at Georgetown, Ohio; Elizabeth (Courts), aged seventy-three years, died near Georgetown, Ohio, in 1912; Perry T. died in 1911, about seventy years of age, near Mt. Orab, Ohio; Orman, of Georgetown, is sixty-nine years old and is retired; Ellen (Vance), aged sixty-seven, resides at Macon, Brown county, Ohio; James, who is sixty-five, years of age, resides at Washington Court House, Ohio; John, who is sixty-two years of age, resides in Sardinia, Ohio; Joseph, aged sixty years, resides at Georgetown, Ohio; and Mrs. Cumberland, wife of our subject.

Mr. and Mrs. Cumberland have three children:

Vida Belle, wife of Charles Muir, of Indianapolis, where Mr. Muir is a wholesale milliner. They are the parents of two children, Dwight and Dorothy.

Fannie, wife of W. L. Plummer, a druggist of Sardinia, Ohio. They have one child, Thomas.

Clark D. is a farmer and is associated in the operation of the home farm. His wife was formerly Miss Alice Hauk, who died in 1912, leaving one daughter, Virginia Ruth, aged four years.

In this sketch are mentioned seven generations.

When Mr. Cumberland came to Brown county, in 1876, he had very little capital with which to begin farming, but his wife inherited two hundred and fifty-eight acres of land, to which they have added at different times until they now have

a fine farm, which Mr. Cumberland has greatly improved. He has devoted his entire time and attention to the business of an agriculturalist and is recognized as a first-class farmer and stock raiser.

Politically, Mr. Cumberland is an old-line Republican and has served on the school board, being interested in educational matters, having taught school in Highland, Adams and Brown counties in his younger days.

Socially, Mr. Cumberland is a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 434, of Mt. Orab, and is past master. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, also, at Mt. Orab.

Religiously, Mr. Cumberland embraces the faith of the Presbyterian church, while Mrs. Cumberland believes in the creed of the Methodist church.

S. B. SHELDON.

S. B. Sheldon, M. D., one of the prominent physicians and surgeons of Brown county, Ohio, and one who has reached this position through manly endeavor and a most strenuous life, is a citizen in which Brown county takes great pride. Dr. Sheldon has practiced his profession at Five-Mile, Sterling township, Brown county, for the past forty-four years, and by his skill, attention and fidelity, he has endeared himself to all with whom he has been associated. The birth of Dr. Sheldon took place at Bantam, Clermont county, and his natal day is December 16, 1842. He is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Bradbury) Sheldon.

Thomas Sheldon was a native of New Jersey, his birth having occurred August 11, 1807, and his death on the 31st of March, 1884. He came west when about the age of seventeen years, locating at Cincinnati for a time, and later removed to Bantam, Clermont county, Ohio, where he read law. He was admitted to the bar and practiced his profession in the county court; was one of the three judges of the county court for some two terms. Mr. Sheldon was a minister of the Christian church for many years and held the office of clerk of the Southern Ohio Christian Conference for over thirty years, the oldest clerk in the State at the time. He removed to Brown county, in 1853, and purchased a farm in Sterling township, his home until his decease. He was a Whig and an old-line

Republican in politics and held the various offices in the township, including justice of the peace. He was a son of Thomas and Mary (Burr) Sheldon, who came from New Jersey to Darke county, Ohio, where Thomas Sheldon, Sr., conducted a grist and saw mill at Eaton, Ohio, until their passing. The Sheldon family is of English descent, three brothers of the name coming together to America from England. The Sheldons in America are all related and all had large families.

Elizabeth (Bradbury) Sheldon was from New England, coming to Clermont county, Ohio, with her parents, Samuel Bradbury and wife, the former of whom was probably a farmer, and died in the 1830's. Elizabeth Bradbury was born in 1811 and died in November, 1866. She was the mother of six children, of whom one sister of our subject is living—Mrs. Anna Connor, wife of Taylor Connor, of near Crosstown, Sterling township. Those deceased are: Mary, married David McMullen; Caroline, married Absalom Scott; Elizabeth, married Rev. C. W. Garoutte, of the Christian church; and Lydia, married Alfred Connor.

Dr. Sheldon received the education afforded by the schools of the country and at Amelia, Clermont county, Ohio. He was but nineteen years of age when he enlisted in Company G, Forty-eighth regiment, Ohio volunteers, at Camp Dennison, in defense of his country. He served first in Gen. W. T. Serman's division for about one year, and after the battle of Corinth was transferred to the Thirteenth corps, under General McClernand. Dr. Sheldon participated in many engagements, among which were Shiloh, through advance movements, and the siege of Corinth, in front of Vicksburg, up the Yazoo river, Arkansas Post (or Fort Hindman), at Port Gibson, at Champion Hills, Black River Bridge, at Crossing of Black River, and all through the siege of Vicksburg, including the assault of May 22, 1863. After the fall of Vicksburg, he went to Jackson, where he participated all through the campaign. Later he was transferred to the Gulf Department and went to Texas, and thence to Louisiana, where he was placed on detached service and sent to Columbus. His regiment was taken prisoners at Shreveport, but he was not with them, as he had remained at Columbus, and was discharged January 17, 1865, never having been seriously injured.

At the close of the war Dr. Sheldon returned to his home, and, in 1866, took up the study of medicine with Dr. A. F. Deniston, of Westborough, Ohio. In March, 1869, he grad-

uated at Miami Medical College, of Cincinnati, and at once began the practice of his profession at his present home, and has continued to the present time. During his entire life thus far he has enjoyed the very best of health.

Dr. Sheldon was united in marriage to Mrs. Ruth A. Hockett, who was born in Cincinnati, and is a sister of Dr. A. E. Deniston and a daughter of James S. and Elizabeth (Dilley) Deniston, who were from New Jersey. James S. Deniston was a prominent business man of Cincinnati for many years and was also a resident of Clinton county, Ohio, for some time, his death occurring at Columbus in 1864. Mrs. Sheldon's brother, Dr. A. F. Deniston, past eighty years of age, is still practicing his profession at Westboro, Ohio. They two are the only ones of the family now living.

Dr. Sheldon erected the substantial home many years ago and the farm is located on the Marathon and Buford pike. He has a step-daughter, Hattie M., whose husband, Harry L. Apgear, is a clerk in a store at Mt. Orab and owns two farms in Sterling township.

The political views of Dr. Sheldon are in accord with those of the Republican party and he has filled the various local offices.

The fraternal affiliations of Dr. Sheldon are with the Masonic order, at Williamsburg, and he is a member of the Clermont Social Lodge No. 29, Free and Accepted Masons. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Mt. Orab, and of Lynchburg Encampment. He has been pension examiner for twenty years.

Dr. and Mrs. Sheldon are members of the Five-Mile Christian Church and are active in all worthy affairs of that denomination.

Dr. Sheldon is a prominent member of the Brown County, the Ohio State, and the American Medical societies. An enthusiast in his profession and one whose ability is recognized generally in this section, Dr. Sheldon is also a good citizen and takes an active interest in all that promotes the welfare of Brown county.

ALLEN HUTCHINSON.

Mr. Allen Hutchinson, a prominent farmer and stockman, and highly respected citizen of Sterling township, Brown county, owns a fine, fertile farm of one hundred and four acres,

which he has splendidly improved. He was born in Jackson township, Clermont county, Ohio, September 14, 1870, and is a son of Enoch and Serene (Jester) Hutchinson.

Enoch Hutchinson was born in Williamsburg township, Clermont county, Ohio, in 1847, and died in 1877 at the age of thirty years. He was a son of Robert and Jemima (Harlow) Hutchinson. The former died about 1893 and the latter is a resident of Williamsburg township at the advanced age of ninety-five years. Robert Hutchinson was an Eastern gentleman by birth, and the Harlow family was among the first settlers of Jackson township. Enoch Hutchinson was a farmer by business and a soldier in the Civil war, in the same company with Dr. Redrow, mentioned elsewhere. He was one of six children: William, of Norwood, Ohio; Frank, who is now deceased, was a soldier in the cavalry during the Civil war; J. W., of Williamsburg township, a teacher for many years in the county; and Enoch, the youngest.

Serene (Jester) Hutchinson was a native of Jackson township, Clermont county, and died about 1875, a young woman. She was a daughter of Isaac and Phoebe Jester, who came to Clermont from New Jersey in pioneer days, being among the first families to locate in this section.

The boyhood of Mr. Allen Hutchinson was spent on his father's farm in Clermont county, and his mental training was obtained in the district schools, which was afterward completed in normal school at Danville, Ind. For a period of twelve years following his graduation from the normal school he was engaged in teaching in both Clermont and Brown counties.

Mr. Hutchinson married Miss Cora Hutton, a native of Sterling township, Brown county, and is a daughter of John Hutton, a farmer and stockraiser.

John Hutton was born in Brown county, Ohio, March 24, 1850, and is a son of William and Julia A. (Hesler) Hutton. Since the age of two years Mr. Hutton has resided on his present farm in Sterling township and has followed farming successfully all his life. He is a Republican and has served in the various local offices. He is a son of William and Julia A. (Hesler) Hutton, the former of whom was born in Fleming county, Kentucky, October 30, 1805, and whose death occurred May 26, 1879, in Brown county, where he settled in 1829. He was a carpenter and builder and in later years engaged in farming. Julia A. (Hesler) Hutton was born in Bracken

county, Kentucky, February 22, 1809, and died in Brown county, Ohio, May 31, 1890. Her father died in Kentucky and her mother married Mr. Fite and removed to Brown county.

Maggie (Conner) Hutton was born and reared in Sterling township, and is a daughter of Ira and Melinda (Arthur) Conner, early residents of Brown county, coming from Vermont. To the union of John and Maggie (Conner) Hutton have been born three children: Myra, wife of Delmer Waite, a prominent stockman of Williamsburg, Ohio; Mrs. Allen Hutchinson; and Miss Bertha, at home.

Mr. Allen Hutchinson votes the Republican ticket and is interested in all educational matters, having served as a member and president of the board of education of Sterling township.

Socially, Mr. Hutchinson is a member of Clermont Social Lodge No. 29, Free and Accepted Masons, of Williamsburg, and both he and Mrs. Hutchinson are members of the Order of the Eastern Star.

In religious matters, Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson are active members and liberal supporters of the Methodist church, of Taylor's Chapel.

For the past eighteen years Mr. Hutchinson has devoted his attention to the business of general farming, and the success which he has won is due entirely to his own energetic and persevering efforts.

HOWARD W. HOLMAN.

Mr. Howard W. Holman, whose excellent farm of sixty-two acres is situated in Sterling township, near Mt. Orab, Brown county, Ohio, was born in Sterling township, February 1, 1869, a son of Francis and Amy A. (Mount) Holman.

Mr. Holman was reared and educated in Sterling township, Brown county, and his early training along the lines of agriculture led him to choose that occupation as a life vocation.

In the spring of 1900 Mr. Howard W. Holman married Miss Lottie Mount, who was born in Highland county, Ohio, November 14, 1878, a daughter of William and Mary (Young) Mount, the former of whom was born in Warren county, Ohio, on 1840, and died April 26, 1910. Mary (Young) Mount died in the early 1880's in her thirty-ninth year. She was the mother of six children, three of whom are now living: Lottie,

Mrs. Holman; Neely resides on the home farm in Green township; and Leonard is in the employ of the street railway company at Cincinnati. Those deceased were: Gilbert, Lizzie and Walter, the brothers having passed away in childhood.

Mrs. Holman was reared and educated in Green township, Brown county, Ohio, from the age of eighteen months. She and Mr. Holman are the parents of four children: Bertha May died on May 6, 1907, at the age of six years; Effie, born October 26, 1902; Clarence M., born April 28, 1907; and Wilbur William, born August 26, 1910..

In politics, Mr. Holman is an advocate of the principles of the Democratic party, and socially he holds membership with the Knights of Pythias at Williamsburg.

Religiously, Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Holman are earnest members of the Christian church and are liberal supporters of that denomination. Mr. Holman is widely and favorably known in Brown county as an enterprising and energetic farmer and stockraiser.

ERNEST L. HOLMAN.

Mr. Ernest L. Holman, who is engaged in general farming and stockraising, giving especial attention to the raising of sheep, cattle and hogs, is a highly esteemed resident of Sterling township, Brown county, and owns and operates the old home farm of his father, Francis Holman. Ernest L. Holman was born in Brown county, December 28, 1866, and his parents were Francis and Amy A. (Mount) Holman.

Francis Holman was born in New Jersey, near Trenton, in 1799, and passed from this life in 1884. In the early 1820's he accompanied his brother, James B. Holman, whose sketch appears in these volumes, to Clermont county, locating near Williamsburg. About 1868, Mr. Holman secured a farm of one hundred and seventy-seven acres in Brown county and engaged in the occupation of farming. He also had a farm near Delapalma and at one time owned the farm now the property of Mr. E. S. Moorhead. He was three times married and was the father of some thirteen or fourteen children, Ernest I. being one of the three of the last union.

Amy Mount was born near Batavia, Clermont county, in 1834, and departed this life January 4, 1912. She was a daughter of Nancy (Duckwall) Mount, who died in the winter of

1912, in her ninety-eighth year. Amy Mount married, first, Mr. Ranson, who died and she became the third wife of Mr. Francis Holman. They reared three sons: Francis A., who was born July 24, 1865, is a farmer of Sterling township and married Lucinda Simpkins, and they have three children, Mabel married Charles Rounds, Earl and Hattie, the latter twins, at home; Ernest L., the subject of this mention, and Howard W., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere on these pages.

Ernest L. Holman married Miss Stella McAfee, who was born in Clermont county, Ohio, a daughter of David and Mary (Brown) McAfee. He has been a resident of Brown county all his life and has been engaged thus far in the occupation of farming, with a gratifying degree of success. His upright life and honorable conduct have won for him the esteem and regard of his fellow citizens.

CLARENCE G. LONG.

Mr. Clarence G. Long, a prosperous farmer and successful stockraiser of Sterling township, Brown county, is a representative of a family who for four generations have been prominent in the affairs and enterprises of this section of Ohio. The birth of Mr. Long occurred near Eastwood, Sterling township, November 10, 1868, and is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Widmeyer) Long.

Thomas Long was born opposite the present home of Mr. Clarence Long, of this review, in the year 1845, and has lived in Sterling township all his life thus far, and is by occupation a blacksmith, being considered the best horseshoer in this section. He is still active in business and resides near Eastwood. He has always taken an active interest in politics and is in favor of all measures that tend to the advancement of the public. He is a member of the Masonic order, Harmony Lodge No. 435, Mt. Orab. He is a son of Joseph R. Long.

Joseph R. Long was born at Clover, Clermont county, Ohio, in 1821, and died in Brown county, in 1906. He was a blacksmith by trade, in connection with which he operated a productive farm. He was also a local Methodist minister of the early days. He was a son of Thomas Jefferson Long.

Thomas Jefferson Long came to Clermont county from Pennsylvania some time prior to 1800 and located at Rural.

The trip was made in the usual way by flatboat down the Ohio river. In 1811 he was conducting a tavern at Williamsburg and a little later secured a farm which he operated and which was near Clover, where he died. After this event the widow and the family removed to near New Harmony, Brown county.

Elizabeth (Widmeyer) Long was born in 1846 and is an earnest and active member of the Methodist church. She is the mother of four children, whose names follow: Clarence G., our subject; Harriet, wife of Dr. Frank Lewis, a dentist of Quincy, Ohio. She married, first, Thomas EGGLESTON, by whom she had one child. The EGGLESTONS were of Virginia and came to Brown county about war times; Joseph R. resides with his parents; Dotte, wife of Thomas Taylor, a blacksmith, of near Eastwood.

Clarence G. Long was united in marriage to Miss Pearl G. Bindley, who was born at their present home, the ceremony having taken place on the 25th of December, 1889, at Newport, Ky. She is a daughter of H. J. and Anna (Collins) Bindley, both of whom are deceased.

Hiram J. Bindley was born in Pennsylvania, April 23, 1835, and died in March, 1909. When a young man Mr. Bindley learned the trade of machinist, which he followed until he came to Ohio, in 1859. In 1860 he married Annie S., daughter of Edward Collins, who was born in September, 1834, and to them were born four children: Ida, wife of Hugh Dyer, of Pittsburgh, in the United States mail service; Harry E., of Terre Haute, Ind.; Annie and Pearl, who is Mrs. Long. Mr. Bindley was extensively engaged in public works of Brown and Clermont counties, also counties adjoining these, for some seven years, in addition to attending his well kept farm on the Williamsburg and Mt. Orab pike, now the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Long. He was a son of Edward and Rebecca (Newly) Bindley, of English descent.

The grandfather of Mr. Hiram J. Bindley, who had settled in Pennsylvania, was loyal to the King of England, and on the opening of the war of 1812 returned to England with his family. As Edward was not yet of age he was also compelled to return with the others, but on the night before his twenty-first birthday he packed up his belongings to return to America, locating at Pittsburgh. Later his brothers followed him and became wealthy iron and steel operators. Edward Bindley remained in Pittsburgh until about 1840, when he removed to Newport, Ky., engaging in milling and carpentering. In later life he

removed to Loveland, Clermont county, Ohio, where he died, at the age of ninety-seven years.

John A. Bindley, a brother of Hiram J. Bindley, resides at Blanchester, Ohio, where he owns the Bindley block, including the hotel, bank and other business enterprises. Another brother, Edward Bindley, is a druggist of Terre Haute, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence G. Long have two daughters, Ida Mabel and Inez Rebecca.

Mr. Long is a practical farmer and is thoroughly conversant with all lines of this business. He is interested in other enterprises also, and has stock in the First National Bank, of Williamsburg, Ohio.

Mr. Long takes an active part in politics, being a member of the Republican party, and has served in the various local offices. He has also served on the school board.

Socially, Mr. Long has membership with the Clermont Social Lodge No. 29, Free and Accepted Masons.

Mrs. Long and the daughters are consistent members of the Methodist church; also active members of the Order of the Eastern Star.

SQUIRE WILLIAM HIGHT.

Squire William Hight is one of the prominent, self-made men of Brown county, Ohio, and is widely known in his locality both as an influential public official and as an honorable private citizen. For a period of twenty years, Mr. Hight has served as notary public and for eighteen years has filled the office of justice of the peace. Mr. William Hight owns a beautiful little farm of twenty-six acres on the Williamsburg and Mt. Orab pike, in Sterling township, which is a part of a farm of seventy acres he formerly owned. The birth of Squire William Hight occurred in Brown county, on the Clermont line, September 13, 1834, and his parents were Allison and Nancy (Trout) Hight.

Allison Hight was a native of New Jersey, his birth having taken place near Hightstown and Trenton, in 1798, and his death, in November, 1873, in Clermont county, Ohio, at the home of Squire William Hight, the subject of this mention. Allison Hight was a shoemaker and gunsmith and at the age of eighteen years came to Clermont county, where he resided for many years. He was a sincere Christian, although not a

member of any denomination. His father was Nicholas Hight, who came to Clermont county about 1818, where he resided in Stonelick township until his death at the ripe old age of ninety years.

Nancy (Trout) Hight was born in Clermont county in 1789, a daughter of Morris Trout, a pioneer of Clermont, coming probably from Pennsylvania. Nancy (Trout) Hight passed from this life in 1837, leaving children as follows: Martha, married James Penn, a steam boat engineer, and they went West; John, who died at the age of twelve years; Isaiah and Peter, deceased; William, our subject, and James, who died in childhood.

William Hight grew to young manhood in Clermont county and attended the district schools, having rather limited advantages in education. He served an apprenticeship with Mr. Abner H. Nichols (great uncle of Lieutenant-Governor H. L. Nichols), who was a carpenter and cabinet maker. In those days, carpenters made sash and moldings and in this occupation, he continued for a period of twenty-five years. He assisted in the building of many houses and barns in Clermont and Brown counties, and his activity was crowned with success.

In 1874, Squire Hight removed to a farm in Brown county and in 1882, became the owner of his present home in Sterling township, which he has remodeled and put in fine, modern condition. Since that time he has devoted more attention to the pursuits of agriculture.

In 1861, Mr. Hight was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ellen Davison, a sister of James Davidson, the spelling of which has been changed in later years by some members of the family. Mrs. Hight was born in Clermont county in 1840, and passed to her eternal reward in 1895. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Hight were born seven children, namely:

Allen E., at home, married Miss Rosa Reynolds, who died in 1888, at the age of twenty years, their two children having died in infancy.

William Henry died at the age of eleven months.

Arie Etta, married Abijah Bottles, and died leaving one child.

Miss Kate, of Middletown, Ohio.

Nannie, wife of D. E. Sroufe, of Middletown, Ohio.

Miss Rebecca, is at home and is her father's housekeeper.

Belle Minerva, died unmarried in 1903, aged thirty years.

Emma, wife of Samuel Shannon, is the mother of five children.

Mr. William Hight entered the army of the Civil war in 1864, in Company K, Fifty-first Ohio volunteer infantry, and was later transferred to Company A, Fifty-first regiment. He was in active service at the front, entering the Hood campaign, at the battles of Franklin and Nashville. He was mustered out at Nashville, Tenn., June 29, 1865, and returned to his home, there to resume his business.

In politics, Mr. Hight has always voted the Democratic ticket, and has served in the various local offices, including two terms as township trustee in Clermont county, beside two terms in the same office in Brown county.

Socially, Mr. Hight has membership with the Grand Army of the Republic Post, at Williamsburg, Ohio.

For over forty years, Mr. Hight has been an active and earnest member of the Methodist church of Salem, Ohio. His life is in accord with his profession of faith and his many friends and acquaintances honor and respect him. He is a steward of the church and has been sent as delegate and class leader since 1872.

JOHN C. DEENY.

Mr. John C. Deeny, whose splendid farm consisting of one hundred and forty-three well cultivated acres in Sterling township, on the Chillicothe pike, in Brown county, Ohio, proves his efficiency as a farmer and has reached a position of importance among the prominent business men of the county. Mr. Deeny was born in Cincinnati, July 1, 1853, and is a son of Bernard and Ellen (McWilliams) Deeny.

Bernard Deeny was born in County Donegal, Ireland, and came to America in the '40s, as a young man, serving in the Mexican war under General Scott, and finally locating at Cincinnati, where he engaged as a mechanic, being employed in the iron mills in that city. He married there, about 1850, and in 1860 removed to Iowa, locating in Allamakee county, where he and his wife departed this life.

Ellen (McWilliams) Deeny was also a native of Ireland, her birth occurring in County Derry, and before 1840, her parents sailed for America with their family. They resided at various points in Pennsylvania, and also in Ohio, before com-

ing to Cincinnati. About 1842 or 1843, the family came to Brown county, securing a farm at Five Mile, in Sterling township.

John C. Deeny was reared in the home of his grandparents and attended the school at Georgetown, Ohio, and later he became a student of the normal school of Lebanon, Ohio. For several years after his education was finished, Mr. Deeny engaged in the profession of teaching in Brown county. In 1886, he purchased his present home farm, known as the Major Ross place. The major formerly represented Brown county in the Ohio legislature.

Mr. Deeny has replaced the old brick home with a modern frame building, and has made many valued improvements on the farm, which had been neglected for some time.

Miss Mary Ann McWilliams, an aunt of Mr. Deeny's, resides with him and makes a most comfortable home.

In politics, Mr. Deeny is a Democrat, and served his party in the capacity of township clerk of Sterling township, for a term of four years, and for the past fourteen years has filled the office of treasurer of Sterling township.

In religious matters, Mr. Deeny embraces the faith of the Catholic church and has membership at Fayetteville, Ohio.

Mr. Deeny has a reputation for upright and honorable dealing, and is a first class farmer, understanding how to avail himself of modern methods in the cultivating of his land. In both public and private life, he is a gentleman of never failing courtesy.

EDWARD P. PATTON.

Mr. Edward P. Patton, one of the leading agriculturists and stock raisers of Green township, Brown county, owns a productive and well cultivated farm of one hundred and three acres on the Marathon pike. Mr. Patton has also another farm in the northern part of Green township. He was born in Sterling township, Brown county, Ohio, April 7, 1852, a son of Richard and Rebecca (Irwin) Patton.

James Patton, grandfather of Mr. E. P. Patton of this review, was the first of the name in Ohio and came from Pennsylvania. He was a successful farmer and served in the War of 1812, receiving a pension for that service. He married Miss Margaret Klein, a native of Warren county, Ohio

They located in Sterling township and reared a family of twelve children, three of whom are living: Mrs. Martha Myers, of Sterling township, and Mrs. Emily Lindsey, now of Cincinnati, and John Patton, of Green township. James Patton passed away August 21, 1888, at the age of ninety-four years.

Richard Patton, son of James and Margaret (Klein) Patton, was born in Warren county, Ohio, where he spent his boyhood days, coming to Brown county with his parents as a young man. Richard was a cooper by trade in his early life, and in later years engaged in farming. His death took place in 1904.

Rebecca (Irwin) Patton was born in Sterling township, Brown county, Ohio, and was a daughter of Robert and Mary Irwin, who reared several children, all now deceased. She passed from this life in 1897. Her marriage was blessed with nine children, five of whom are now living: Margaret, married first, Mr. Allen, and second, Mr. Cyrus L. Shumard, and they reside at Blanchester, Ohio; Mary Louisa, deceased; William W., a farmer of Green township; Edward P., our subject; Ruth F., deceased; John R., deceased; Richard M., residing in Green township, and is engaged in farming; Minerva May, deceased; Sarah Isdell (Watson), of Green township.

Edward P. Patton grew up on his father's farm, and assisted in the clearing and developing of the home farm. He received but limited educational advantages. He remained on the farm until his first marriage, which occurred in 1874, to Miss Hannah Simpkins, who died in June, 1895, in her thirty-ninth year.

Mr. Patton was united in marriage to Miss Mary Brown in 1896, and to them have been born four children: Carroll, born April 19, 1898, is at home attending school; Velma Alberta, born September 14, 1899, is attending school; Beulah Idell, born June 21, 1902, in school; and Lorena Alveretta, born September 29, 1910.

Since March 12, 1888, Mr. Patton has occupied his present farm, and has made many noticeable improvements, including a large modern house, barn and convenient out buildings. The farm is finely equipped with modern machinery, and the well-tended appearance of the home and farm denote pride and industry.

Mr. Patton received fifteen hundred dollars from his father

toward the purchase of the farm home, and by his energy and enterprise he has accumulated two fine and productive farms. He is a man of more than ordinary good common sense, and is possessed of a genial and courteous manner, which has won for him many fast friends.

Mr. Patton is in favor of the principles of the Republican party and has served his party as supervisor and a member of the board of education.

The religious relations of Mr. and Mrs. Patton are with the Christian church of Five Mile, and to that denomination they give generously of their means.

JOHN J. CUSHING, SR.

John J. Cushing, Sr., one of the representative farmers and stock raisers of Berry township, Brown county, Ohio, owns a splendidly improved farm of two hundred and twenty acres northeast of Fayetteville. His farm property formerly consisted of over four hundred acres, but the balance is now operated and owned by his sons. Mr. Cushing was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, March 31, 1845, a son of John and Margaret (O'Rourke) Cushing.

John Cushing was a native of Ireland, his birth having taken place in County Limerick, in 1807. In 1837, he left his birthplace, and accompanied by his wife and a baby daughter embarked for America. They spent three years in New York, after which Cincinnati was their home for a number of years, their residence being on Price Hill. In the fall of 1849, they located in Perry township, Brown county, Ohio, on what is still the family home. The original farm consisted of one hundred acres, which in later years has been added to by Mr. John Cushing of this review. John Cushing was a son of Edward Cushing and wife, and they remained in the country of their nativity. The religious faith of John and Margaret (O'Rourke) Cushing was evidenced by their membership of the Catholic church. He died January 2, 1887, at the age of eighty years, while his wife died December 2, 1881, aged seventy-four years. They were the parents of seven children, two of whom lived to reach mature years. Of the two who lived, the subject of this mention and a sister, Mary, who became a Sister of Charity at Mt. St. Joseph, on the Ohio; she

died in 1896, at the age of sixty-three years, after a life devoted to her church.

John Cushing, Sr., has resided at his present home in Perry township since the age of four years. He enjoyed the educational privileges of the public schools of his locality, after which he attended the commercial school of Fayetteville for a term of two years. Since his graduation he has devoted his attention to the occupation of farming along progressive lines.

On February 22, 1870, John Cushing was united in marriage to Miss Ann Campbell, who was born in Perry township, Brown county, Ohio, October 27, 1845, a daughter of John and Hannah (Boyle) Campbell, both natives of Ireland. John Campbell came to America in 1837, and remained for a time, after which he returned to Ireland, where he was married. In 1842, he brought his wife to America, and they settled at once in Perry township, Brown county, Ohio, and there their ten children were born, three of whom are deceased. Those living are: Daniel, Charles, John, Ann, Margaret, Mary, Catherine, Ellen and Cecelia. Catherine became a Sister of Charity and a teacher at Mt. St. Joseph.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cushing have become the parents of two sons and five daughters, namely:

Edward, a farmer of Perry township, married Susan Barry and they have one daughter, Anna Marie.

Mary, wife of William McCafferty, of Marathon, Clermont county, Ohio, is the mother of one son, William.

John, is a farmer of Perry township and married Ellen McDonald, and they have three children—Mary, John and Ellen.

Miss Cecelia, Miss Nora and Miss Margaret are at home.

Nellie, became a Sister of Charity at Mt. St. Joseph.

Mr. John Cushing is an inflexible adherent of the Democratic principles, having given his support to that party since he reached his majority. He has held various offices of public trust, including supervisor, township treasurer and school director for some forty years. In the fall of 1893, he was appointed under Cleveland as deputy collector of United States revenue, serving for a term of four years.

In religious matters, Mr. and Mrs. Cushing are members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Fayetteville, in which they have always been earnest and efficient workers.

Mr. Cushing was one of the original members of the county election board. He resigned when appointed revenue collector, but was re-appointed and has served for the past six

years. He was one of the organizers of the Independent Telephone Company, and at present is serving that company as president. For a period of fifteen years he was in partnership with the late Mr. John McConn, in the implement, grain and stock business at Fayetteville.

Mr. Cushing is numbered among the substantial business men of Brown county, and his success in business life is attributable to his reliableness in all his dealings. He is a man of whom Brown county is proud.

IRA KING.

Ira King, president of the Ira King Lumber Company, belongs to one of the leading families of Sardinia, Brown county. He is a valued member of the Sardinia Band, and has attained remarkable success in business for a man of his age. He is a native of Scioto county, Ohio, born in 1874, son of Henry and Mary Alice (Hazelbaker) King. Henry King was born in Illinois, March 19, 1844, and his wife was born near Otway, Scioto county, September 14, 1854. They lived near Otway, Brush creek township, but now reside at Peebles, Adams county, Ohio. The father was a carpenter and worked at his trade until 1886, when old age compelled him to retire from active life and he removed to Peebles. At the age of sixteen years he enlisted in the Union army, serving four years and five months in the Fifty-third Ohio volunteer infantry. He ran away from home, accompanying an older brother who had to go. Although he was under age, he was accepted, because he accompanied his brother and because he really had no home, his mother being deceased. He had been living with a grandmother, who had reared him. They served under Grant and Sherman, and the younger brother had no furlough in this time and spent but three days in a hospital, then on account of measles. His first wife was Miss Angeline Smith, born February 26, 184—, and whose parents lived in Scioto county. They had two children: H. C., of Marion, Ohio, and F. F., of Los Angeles, Cal. Henry King was married (second) to Mary Alice Hazelbaker, and they became the parents of six children: Ira; Rowena married Harold Wickerham, and died in February, 1901, being buried in Locust Grove cemetery, near Peebles; Deffie married Edward Hamilton

and they live in Winchester, Adams county; Homer lives in Seaman, Ohio; Charles is married and lives at Peebles, Ohio, and Herschel lives at home.

Mr. King attended school near Otway, and in youth learned the trade of carpenter with his father, working with the latter several years. Later he spent four years in business as contractor, and in February, 1906, came to Sardinia and established the Ira King Lumber Company. He also has lumber interests in Mt. Orab. The four King brothers and Edward Hamilton, their brother-in-law, have eight lumber yards, located in various places, Winchester, Peebles, Seaman, Sardinia, Mt. Orab, Marion, Russellville and Camden. The company deals in lumber and other building materials, such as brick, plaster, lath, hardware, cement, glass, shingles, and various other materials, which figure in the construction of buildings. They manufacture concrete buildings blocks and ship a quantity of them, as well as other material, to Cincinnati and other points. Their plant in Sardinia is in the eastern part of the village, and the firm has a high reputation in business circles. Mr. King is largely self-made, and built up a prosperous business by hard work and energy, beginning as a young man with limited means and making the most of his opportunities. He is one of the best known business men of the county, and has a reputation for square dealing. He has erected a modern home in the eastern part of town, the only cement house in the village, and probably one of the finest of the kind in the county. He is much interested in the welfare and progress of the community, and he and his family command universal respect. He is a Republican in politics and formerly held the office of member of the school board in Sardinia six years. Fraternally he is a Mason.

On July 30, 1895, Mr. King was united in marriage with Miss Cora E. Nixon, born in Newport, Ohio, in 1878, daughter of David and Mary A. (Eakins) Nixon, natives of Ohio, and residents of Peebles. Mr. Nixon was born October 12, 1842, and his wife February 15, 1849. He served in the Seventieth Ohio volunteer infantry, under Generals Grant and Sherman, and was shot in the right arm. He spent two months on furlough at home. He and his wife had eight children, all born in Adams county: James N., of Peebles; Annabell, wife of Albert Hood, of Cleveland; Pearl, wife of R. A. Martin, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Mrs. King; Ora, wife of Frank Gowdy, of Peebles; R. A. is single and lives at home; Josephine, Mrs.

Crossley, of Los Angeles. Mr. Nixon was a faithful soldier and made a good record. He had two brothers, Jonas and James, in the Civil war. He had another brother, George, and two sisters, Sarah and Nancy, but he is the only survivor.

Mr. and Mrs. King have had five children, all except one born in Adams county:

Elise, born April 18, 1889, attending high school in Sardinia.

David Henry, born February 15, 1901, died September 10th of the same year.

James Robert, born October 26, 1902.

Ruby Nixon, born September 22, 1904.

Nellie Ellen, born in Sardinia, October 9, 1909.

Mr. and Mrs. King are devout members of the Christian church and supporters of many good and worthy movements for the betterment of the community. They have a large number of friends in various circles.

WILLIAM C. SAVAGE.

Mr. William C. Savage is the owner of one hundred acres of good land in Perry township, Brown county, Ohio, and is conducting a general farming and stock raising business in accordance with the progressive ideas of modern times, and since October, 1912, has engaged in the insurance business with the Hartford Company. He is meeting with success in all his undertakings, and his honest dealings have won for him an enviable reputation. He was born in Perry township, Brown county, March 19, 1869, a son of George and Sarah Ann (Kain) Savage.

George Savage was born in 1800, and was a native of County Dublin, Ireland. He came to America as a young man, first stopping in New York for some years, and finally settling in Brown county, where he purchased a timbered farm in Perry township, which he cleared and made his home until his death, in 1888. He married after coming to Brown county, and became the father of thirteen children. Although he had but a limited education, not being able to write his own name, he was a very successful business man. He was a Democrat in politics and a member of St. Martin Catholic church, the wood for the burning of the brick of which this church was built, Mr. Savage furnished free.

Sarah Ann (Kain) Savage was reared in Brown county, Ohio, being left an orphan, with a brother, Charles, and they were put out with different families, she with "Old Pap Savage." She was married on the place in front of the convent, and remembered the first church that was built there and the first priest that said mass. Charles was reared in Montgomery county, Ohio, where he died, about 1901. Mrs. Savage passed from this life in her ninetieth year, she also being a devout member of the Catholic church.

Of the thirteen children born to the union of George and Sarah Ann (Kain) Savage, eight are living, and all of these with the exception of two, living at Blanchester, Ohio, and one at Marathon, Ohio, are residents of Brown county.

Mr. William C. Savage was reared and has lived near his birthplace all his life thus far. He attended the public schools and also the church school and spent two years at the Fayetteville High School. He has given most of his attention to the occupation of farming, making all the improvements and putting his home farm in a fine condition.

In 1884, Mr. William C. Savage first married Miss Elodie Tissandier, a native of Brown county, Ohio, and her death in 1898 left five children, who are as follows: Laura Isabelle (Colliar); George Alexander, at home; Irene (Clark); Mary Pauline, at home, and Clarence William.

Mr. Savage married for his second wife, Miss Rose McGranaham, who was born in Perry township, a daughter of James and Margaret (Campbell) McGranaham, the former of whom died March, 1909, and the latter of whom is living at the old home, they being early settlers of Brown county. To this union one daughter, Marie Gertrude, has been born.

In politics Mr. Savage is a staunch Democrat, and is now serving for the fourth year as assessor, having been assistant assessor for four years prior to that.

In religious belief, Mr. Savage and the family are members of St. Martin Catholic church.

Mr. Savage has always been engaged in the business of farming, but has had other interests as well. He was engaged for a period of four years in trading and dealing in stock and farm equipments. He spent five years in Highland county, Ohio, where he was engaged in farming and trading, and spent one year in Green township, Brown county. Twenty years ago, he purchased the present home farm, and has made practically all of the improvements.

The success which has made Mr. Savage one of the prominent farmers of this section has been entirely from his own persevering efforts and energy. He is well and favorably known.

IRA L. EDGINGTON.

Ira L. Edgington, postmaster of Mt. Orab, Brown county, is well fitted for the position he holds and his service gives unqualified satisfaction to all, irrespective of political affiliations or preferences. He belongs to an old Ohio family, being descended from one of three brothers who were early settlers in Adams county, one of whom drifted to Ross county, one remained in Adams county, and one located in Brown county. Several of their descendants became steam boat men on the Ohio river, and of these many located in Clermont county. Mr. Edgington of this sketch was born near Mt. Orab, Pike township, in 1874, son of Isaac Mills and Mary R. (Pickering) Edgington, now residing in Mt. Orab. Isaac M. Edgington was born in Eagle township, Brown county, in 1845 and his wife was born in Scott township, Brown county, in 1846. He was a farmer in Green township for twenty-five years, and has spent all his life in the county except when he was in the Union army. He enlisted in 1864 in Company K, Seventy-first Ohio volunteer infantry, and was discharged at San Antonio, Texas. He and his wife had three children, born in Brown county, namely: Henry A., of Meigs township, Adams county; Etta died at the age of two years, and Ira L.

Mr. Edgington attended the common schools and later took a course in Michaels National Business College of Delaware, Ohio, then taught one year in Jackson township, seven years in Green township, and in 1889 in the Mt. Orab High School. From 1901 to 1911 he was engaged in life, accident and fire insurance business, in Mt. Orab and Cincinnati, then sold out to Robert McGheney, who in turn sold to Samuel Fiscus. He had built up a good patronage and had a good reputation in business circles, but gave up his business to enter upon his present office. He was one of eleven applicants for the position of postmaster at Mt. Orab, took examination September 10th, at Hillsboro, Ohio, and received his appointment October 10th and assumed his duties November 16th. Although a strong Democrat in his political beliefs, he was

appointed under a Republican administration, because of his ability and fitness for office. He always treats the public with courtesy and consideration and conducts the affairs under his charge in a business life manner. He is naturally quick of wit and intelligent and has readily learned the rules and regulations by which the office is to be governed. Fraternally, he belongs to the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Rebekahs, Pythian Sisters, and has recently been elected for the second year as master of the local Masonic lodge. He has a pleasant home in Mt. Orab, and is counted among the most progressive citizens of the community.

On September 14, 1896, Mr. Edgington was united in marriage with Miss Iva Sroufe, born January 19, 1876, in Green township, Brown county, daughter of Jonatahan and Jane (Wardlow) Sroufe. Mr. Sroufe was born in Scott township, Brown county, in August, 1825, and lives with Mr. and Mrs. Edgington and Mrs. Sroufe, who was born in the same township, in 1829, died February 12, 1905, and was buried in Brown's cemetery, Pike township, Brown county. He was a farmer in Green township, living on one farm over fifty years, and he and his wife celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage there. It is only recently that he left the home place to come and live with his daughter. He and his wife had thirteen children, all natives of Brown county, and all except the eldest daughter born on the old home place. Seven of them now survive: Jerry is deceased; Arminda lives with her aged father; George M., of Green township; Jane married John Brown, and both she and her husband are deceased; Eli, a time keeper in the steel rolling mills, married Nannie Hight, and resides in Middletown; Lurinda is the wife of Orlando Wisby and they live in Bethel, Clermont county; Clement L., of Hamersville; Martha, married Grant Peddicord and both she and her husband are deceased; Catherine married Thomas J. Wardlow, and they live near Mt. Orab; John died in infancy; Eve, deceased, and Sarah Iva, Mrs. Edgington.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgington are devoted members of the Christian church, in which he is an elder. They have two children: Lelia E., born in 1898, June 20th, attends high school in Mt. Orab, being a member of the Freshman class, and Morris S., born January 20, 1902. Mr. Edgington is largely self-educated and self-made. He has progressed by reason of energy and ability, by upright living and the help of his wife. He is a very fine penman and is careful in all his work. He com-

mands the esteem and respect of his fellow townsmen, and has many friends. Some years since he bought what is known as the Jennings property, and liven ten years on Broad street, but now resides on High street, where he has four acres of land. Mr. Edgington served as town clerk for five years, and was mayor of Mt. Orab for four years.

JOSEPH M. STROUP, M. D.

Dr. J. M. Stroup belongs to one of the older families of Brown county and one that has long been identified with medical affairs there. He is one of the leading citizens of Mt. Orab, where he was born, in 1864, son of Michael and Dulcena (Morris) Stroup. Dr. Michael Stroup practiced as a physician and surgeon in Mt. Orab for forty-five years and was highly respected in the community. Three of his brothers served in the Civil war, and one of them was named Joseph, the subject of this sketch being his namesake. Dr. and Mrs. Michael Stroup were well known and had a large number of friends. He was born in Highland county, Ohio, in 1819, and died in 1895, and she was born in Richland county, in 1829, and lives with a son in Mt. Orab. They had five sons and one daughter, all born and reared in Mount Orab; James, of Bethel, Ohio; Dr. Joseph M.; Alice, wife of Clarence Johnson, of Troy, Ohio; Frederick, of Mt. Orab; Clinton, of Green township; Charles, M. D., practicing in Ludlow, Ky. Dr. Stroup, Sr., was a Catholic in religion and his wife was a member of the Christian church. He was a self-made man and built up a good practice.

Dr. Joseph M. Stroup attended the schools of Mt. Orab and graduated from Cincinnati Medical College, later taking a post-graduate course in New York City. He practiced with his father during the last five years of the latter's life and has since then continued in active practice. He is a skilled surgeon and has an excellent standing in professional circles. He has an office on Main street and opposite it has erected an elegant brick residence, in 1896. He has a fine practice and has won success through industry and ability. He is self-educated and is a man of fine character, popular with his many friends and a most pleasant companion. He has a pleasant home and a very nice family. In politics he is a Democrat, and fraternally

belongs to the Masons, the Odd Fellows, the Junior Mechanics and the Modern Woodmen.

In 1890, Dr. Stroup was united in marriage with Miss M. E. McCall, who was born in 1869, in Wallsburg, Brown county, daughter of John and Rachel McKenzie McCall. The parents were natives of Ohio, Mr. McCall born in 1831 and Mrs. McCall in 1833. He died in 1901 and she in 1883. They lived on a farm in Scott township and had a family of six children, three of whom survive: Lillie, wife of Abraham Lining, conducts a summer resort at New Hope, or Wallsburg; Mark lives near Bethel, Brown county; Mrs. Stroup. Mrs. Stroup is a member of the Christian church. Three daughters were born to Dr. and Mrs. Stroup in Mt. Orab: Madge, born in 1894, attends Mt. Orab High School; Ava, born in 1896, in school; Dorothy, born in 1902. All are bright young people.

WILLIAM A. AULTMAN.

The Aultmans were among the earliest settlers of Clermont county, Ohio, and several of the family have been prominently identified with Brown county history. The grandfather of the subject of this sketch, William Aultman, came to Clermont county from Pennsylvania and cleared the land for his farm. He became a successful farmer and influential citizen. William A. Aultman is a well known attorney, with an office in Mt. Orab, and has held various public offices of honor and trust. He stands well in the estimation of his fellows and in professional circles and was formerly a justice of the peace. He is a native of Clermont county, born November 13, 1847, son of Michael and Sarah (Stoner) Aultman. Michael Aultman was born near Pt. Isabel, Clermont county, in 1810, and died in 1853, and the mother was born at the same place, in 1819, and died in 1887. He was a tanner in Bethel and spent his entire life in Clermont county, where his six children were born. They were: Eliza, widow of E. A. Jennings, of Felicity; Hester A., wife of G. W. Gravitt, and she and her husband are both deceased; Theodore, deceased; William A.; Joseph, deceased; Mary married M. L. Wilson and both are deceased. The parents were Methodists. The eldest son, Theodore, enlisted in Company H, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, and served throughout the war. The grandfather, William Aultman, served in the war of 1812.

Mr. William A. Aultman was born in Bethel and received his education in that village. He enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Fifty-third Ohio volunteer infantry, for six months and later re-enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Eighty-fourth Ohio for one year. Among the more important battles in which he participated were those of Cumberland Md., North Branch, Md., and Hammock's Mills, Va. He also took part in numerous minor battles and skirmishes. At the close of the war he returned to Bethel and for several years worked on a farm for Samuel Headley, and then began studying law with N. S. Stevens at Pt. Isabel.

In 1867 Mr. Aultman was united in marriage with Miss Sarah C. Halse, who was born in Bethel in 1849, daughter of William and Margaret Halse. They had four children: George W., Sarah C., Thomas L. and M. Anna Halse.

After his marriage Mr. Aultman carried on farming at Bethel and lived there until November 13, 1883, the date of his removal to Mt. Orab. He then formed a partnership with H. H. Jones, which continued three years, attending to pension business. In 1886 Mr. Aultman was elected justice of the peace on the Democratic ticket and by successive re-elections served four terms, or twelve years. He has since been notary public. His office is located in the Odd Fellows building, over the postoffice, on High street, and he has a very good practice. He purchased and repaired a good house on Broad street, and there the family entertain their friends. He is a genial friend and neighbor and a conscientious citizen. He is ready to give his influence to every good cause that is calculated to advance the general prosperity. He is very fond of reading and is a broad and liberal minded thinker. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and has held all the offices in the local post. He belongs to the Junior Mechanics, and he and his wife belong to the Church of Christ, of which he is a trustee.

Six children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Aultman, all born in Bethel, namely: Elizabeth L. married D. A. Curlis, of Mt. Orab, and they have three children Mary Alma, Walter W. and William Sherman; Margaret L. married R. L. Patton, of Bridgeport, Ill. and they have four children, Irene, Lee, Anna and Wilbur; William Halse, born in 1876, of Cincinnati, married Miss Kate Faulkner and she is deceased; Leona, widow of A. R. Broomhall, of Mt. Orab, has two sons, Frank A. and Ralph A.; Anna married William E. Bingaman

and they live in Mt. Orab; Sarah Catherine, wife of Frank L. Walker, of Paris, Ky., has one daughter, Anna Halse. Margaret, Mrs. Patton, graduated from the Bethel High School and taught school in Clermont county for several years.

CHARLES O. COLLINS.

Charles O. Collins, an old soldier and formerly a justice of the peace, of Mt. Orab, Brown county, is familiarly known as "Squire" Collins. He is a retiring, modest man, quiet in his tastes, and very fond of his many friends. He is well read and has achieved quite a reputation as a writer of local past and present events. He has a high standing and is a leading member of the Grand Army of the Republic, of Mount Orab, Ohio. He was born at New Petersburg, Highland county, Ohio, February 26, 1837, son of John Collins and a grandson of James Collins. The latter was born not far from the Natural Bridge, in Rockbridge county, Virginia, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. He came to Highland county, Ohio, in 1817, and died in 1852.

John Collins, also a native of Virginia, was born in 1807, and married Susan Hughey, daughter of Rev. Charles Hughey, a pioneer minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. She was a sister of Rev. William Hughey, one of the founders of the Methodist Protestant church and aunt of Rev. Fletcher Hughey, D. D., of the Methodist Episcopal church in Chillicothe, Ohio. She died in 1845, leaving nine children, of whom Charles Overman was the only son. John Collins died at Leesburg, Ohio, in 1873.

Charles Overman Collins attended school in Highland county and at the age of sixteen years began learning the trade of harness maker, at which he worked during the greater part of forty years, at Leesburg, Sinking Springs, Buford and Lexington, Ohio. He was a first-class workman and took great pride in the excellent product he was able to make. While working at his trade and studying law, in 1861, Mr. Collins enlisted for three years in Company D, Sixth Ohio volunteer cavalry, and served two years and one month, and afterwards enlisted for one hundred days, or four months' service, in Company G, One Hundred and Seventy-second infantry. He spent the winter of 1861-62 in camp at Hillsboro, Ohio, and at Camp Dennison,

and on March 15, 1862, the command of four companies was sent to St. Louis and quartered at Benton Barracks until April 1st, when they were sent to Wyoming Territory to guard overland mail and Pacific telegraph lines. They went to Fort Leavenworth, Kan., by boat, and on April 26, 1862, started on their long march of six hundred and fifty miles to Fort Laramie. Later they went on to the Sweetwater country, but Mr. Collins was left behind in the hospital at Laramie, as he was suffering from lung fever, contracted on the trip. As soon as he was able he began working in a harness shop in Laramie, remaining there until the spring of 1863, when he was sent with sixteen men to Camp Dennison, Ohio. He was made hospital steward there and continued in this capacity until his discharge, November 27, 1863. He worked for a time in Sinking Springs, following his trade, and on May 1, 1864, enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Seventy-second Ohio volunteer infantry, as a one hundred-day man. They were sent into West Virginia, and were mustered out at Gallipolis, Ohio. He again enlisted, in the One Hundred and Seventy-fifth Ohio, but was rejected upon the physical examination, and engaged in work at his trade. On account of poor health, however, wishing to take up some occupation that would keep him in the open air a great deal, he spent part of his time in the nursery business, and for several years sold stock in that line, growing to be an expert as a nurseryman. He also kept bees and was very successful in that business. In 1875, he located in Buford, Highland county.

On September 15, 1857, Mr. Collins was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Stambaugh, born near Hillsboro, Highland county, September 15, 1840, daughter of William and Sarah (Yorger) Stambaugh, both natives of Ohio and both deceased. Mr. Stambaugh died comparatively young, and Mrs. Stambaugh died aged about sixty-five years. They had five children, three of whom survive: Elizabeth, wife of James Kinzer, of Ross county; Mrs. Collins; John, of Clark county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Collins had two children, one of whom is living, Sarah Adda, wife of Charles Swan, of Logan county. In 1871, while living at Sinking Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Collins adopted Edward Barrett, a child of Irish parentage, whose mother died when he was two months old, and reared him as their son. In 1903 he left their roof and married Miss Alice Kestle, and they live at Dallas Center, Iowa. They have two children, Jack and Frances, and Mr. Barrett is a rural mail carrier.

Mr. Charles O. Collins is a Republican in politics and for four terms served as assessor of Clay township, Highland county, also served as enumerator of census of Clay and part of Paint townships, Highland county, and as a member of the board of education. In 1887 he was elected justice of the peace and re-elected in 1890. After coming to Mt. Orab, in the spring of 1893, he took an active interest in local affairs, and, in 1895, was elected a member of the village council. In 1898 he was elected justice of the peace. He was acting mayor of the village from May 1, 1898, to November 1, 1898. He was appointed mayor in March, 1901, and elected to office in April, 1902. On May 4 he was appointed justice of the peace, to fill a vacancy, until the election of 1904, and then was elected for three years. He is very active in the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and for several years was adjutant of Mount Orab post, also served three years as commander. His wife belongs to the Methodist church. The family reside in the eastern part of the village and Mr. Collins has an office at his residence. He has served as justice of the peace since his election, November 8, 1904, and has made an efficient and conscientious official. He is self-made, financially, and by means of study, observation and travel has become a man of culture and intelligence. He is popular with all and is an interesting conversationalist.

Mr. Collins is very fond of reading and has a nice library, with many books on history, biography, travel and adventure, archaeology, astronomy, poetry and law, all of which he has studied and considered. He has traveled more or less and has written various interesting articles for local papers along the line of his travels and experiences. Several years ago he was local correspondent of the Cincinnati Chronicle and is now engaged on a series of sketches for the Georgetown Gazette, entitled, "Old Time Politics," in which he discusses political events which led up to the Civil war, from the year 1844. In this series he is including the following subjects: No. 1, The Polk and Dallas Campaign (1844). No. 2, The Annexation of Texas and the Mexican War. No. 3, The Wilmot Proviso and the Presidential Election of 1848. No. 4, Admission of California and the Compromise of 1850. No. 5, Election of Franklin Pierce and the Dissolution of the Whig Party. No. 6, The Repeal of the Missouri Compromise. No. 7, The Revolt Against Douglas in Illinois. No. 8, The Campaign of 1856. No. 9, The Elections in Kansas and the Lee Compton Consti-

tution. No. 10, John Brown in Kansas. No. 11, The Lincoln and Douglas Debates. No. 12, The Charleston Convention. No. 13, The Election of Abraham Lincoln. This forms an attractive series and is being followed with great interest, more particularly by those who remember something of the events discussed and by students of history.

Mrs. Collins has been greatly afflicted, having suffered a stroke of paralysis, in 1909, but is now improving. She has many warm friends in the community and both she and her husband are highly respected.

SAMUEL R. TAYLOR.

No family stands higher in the esteem of their community than that of Samuel R. Taylor, of Byrd township, Brown county, Ohio. He has been obliged to retire from active life on account of poor health. He was born in that part of Pittsburgh, Pa., formerly known as Bayardstown, in 1838, son of Thomas and Sarah (Stephens) Taylor. His father was born in 1802, and the mother in 1803, both in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He died in 1872, and she in 1873, and both were buried in Pennsylvania, where they died. She was born during the Indian troubles and was first dressed by the wife of Col. William Crawford. Colonel Paul, another noted Indian fighter, lived in the same neighborhood. The Taylors are an old family in Amercia, having come over from England with Lord Baltimore. Their first home was in Maryland, but later generations migrated to Pennsylvania, where the grandparents of Samuel R. Taylor were born. His maternal grandfather, Edward Stephens, served in the Revolutionary war, so that Mr. Taylor and his children are eligible to membership in the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution. Col. Ed. Stephens, of Wheeling, W. Va., served in the Civil war, and Stephens Post was named in his honor. Samuel Kyle Stephens, a cousin of Mr. Taylor, also of Wheeling, was a first lieutenant in the Union army, and as a token of regard from his company received a gold-headed cane. Another cousin, a Mr. Brookings, from Illinois, was killed in the siege of Vicksburg.

Thomas Taylor was a heater and shingler in the rolling mills in Pittsburgh, and probably did the work that is now done by

a furnace man. His six children were born in Pennsylvania, and the only one now surviving is the subject of this sketch. His father and one sister came with him to Brown county, farmed there for a time, but returned to Pennsylvania and there the parents died.

Mr. Samuel R. Taylor attended school in what was then the fifth ward in Pittsburgh, remaining there until he was sixteen years old, then came with his parents to Brown county, and was married there in 1864, to Miss Martha A. Henry, who was born in Brown county, Ohio, in 1839, daughter of H. C. and Mary (Braunen) Henry, who lived near Ripley. Mr. Henry, also a native of Brown county, was born in 1806, and died about 1876, and his wife was born in Clermont county, Ohio, in 1814, and died in 1861. The Henrys came to Brown county about 1789, and had to clear their home in the woods. They were a fine family and much respected. On December 11, 1839, H. C. Henry shot the last deer ever killed in Brown county. It had swam across the river and was still dripping with water when he saw it. Three of his sons participated in the Civil war from Ohio, they being members of the National Guard. Mr. and Mrs. Henry had five children, born in Brown county, of whom but two now survive: James died in infancy; Mrs. Taylor; Robert and John, deceased; S. Wilson lives in Kansas. The three sons who reached maturity moved to Kansas, where two of them died.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Taylor spent one year on a farm near Ripley, then spent one year in Kentucky, and at the close of the war located on their present farm. Later they moved to Brown county, Kansas, but in the fall of 1874 came back to their present farm of two hundred and forty-three acres, which they have since occupied. They have one of the finest farms in the county and it is well adapted to raising tobacco, hay and grain. They have always had high grade horses and Mr. Taylor has raised some of the best horses in his part of the State. On account of poor health he was obliged to give up the active management of the farm and it is now operated by his son. In early life he voted for Abraham Lincoln, but for many years past he has been identified with the Democratic party. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church at Red Oak.

Five children were born to Mr. Samuel R. Taylor and wife: Sarah A. is at home with her parents.

Mary A. is the wife of James M. Moore, of Byrd township,

and they have six children—Ruth, Ernest T., Frank E., Mary, James M. and Harold.

Joseph H. married Miss Anna Carr, lives in Byrd township, and has three children—Sarah M., Mary and G. H.

Samuel, who lives in Adams county, Ohio, married Miss Ella May Bromley, and they have two children—Christine and Ora Maud.

J. E. married Miss Sallie Baird, and lives in Newport, Ky.

In 1894 Mr. Taylor attended the Grand Army of the Republic convention in Pittsburgh, and although he found the town had grown very much in the many years of his absence, he was delighted to find that in a portion of the town, near his birthplace, several blocks were almost unchanged—the same stores, in the same locations, so that it seemed to him as if he had left but yesterday and returned.

Mr. Taylor is a man of fine physique, a trifle stout, but very well proportioned. He has a fine memory and his mind is stored with interesting anecdotes of his early years in Brown county. He first saw an old wooden plow in the hands of Russell Shaw, grandfather of Mrs. William Johnson, given mention elsewhere in this history. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor stand for all that is highest in the interests of the community. She is a charming woman and their dutiful daughter is a great comfort to them. All are people of quiet tastes and modest desires, and have many warm friends.

LEROY J. EVANS.

LeRoy J. Evans, of an old and highly respected family of Brown county, was born on the farm in Jefferson township where he now resides, in 1845, son of James Edward and Melinda (Kendall) Evans. His father was born in the same place, and died three months before the son's birth. There were originally two farms there, which belonged to Edward Evans, father of James Edward Evans, and this land has been in the family over one hundred years. Melinda Kendall was born on the Jacob Pobst farm in Jefferson township, December 22, 1812, died June 4, 1902, and was buried in Russellville. There were seven children in the family and the subject of this sketch is now the only one surviving. Two died in infancy; Hugh served in the Fourth Ohio independent cavalry during

the Civil war; Thomas Harvey served in Foster's independent cavalry; James Edward served in the Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry; Leroy J. served in the Eighty-ninth Ohio infantry. Thomas Harvey contracted smallpox and was buried at Pittsburg Landing. The father and two grandfathers of LeRoy J. Evans were buried on the home place.

The grandfather of LeRoy J. Evans, Edward Evans, served in the Revolution, and his father, Hugh Evans, descended from an Evans who came to America with William Penn in 1682, locating near Philadelphia. Hugh Evans located in what was first Cumberland and is now Bedford county, Pennsylvania, on the Juniata river, ten miles from the present borough of Bedford. There Edward Evans was born, April 27, 1760, being an only son and having two elder sisters who died in young womanhood and were very proficient in music. Edward Evans made many trips to Hagerstown, Md., to procure salt, which he sold at twelve dollars per bushel. He was but sixteen years of age when the Revolution began and he and his father then forgot their Quaker training. The father enlisted in June, 1776, and served two months, then the son took his place, becoming a member of Capt. Samuel Dawson's company, under Col. Richard Hampton, in the Eleventh Pennsylvania regiment. He participated in the battles of Brandywine, September 11th; Paoli, September 20th, and Germantown, October 4, 1777. He was near the scene of the battle of Monmouth, on that memorable hot Sunday, June 28, 1778. At the battle of Brandywine their colonel's horse was shot from under him, and he changed his saddle to another horse and continued in command. After leaving the army Mr. Evans located in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He settled on what was called the Neck, between the Yohoghany and Monongahela rivers, in Rostover township, near DeVore's ferry on the latter stream. There he married Jemina, daughter of William Applegate, from New Jersey, and one hundred persons partook of the wedding feast. While he and his wife were keeping house for John Wright, a Scotch bachelor, Mr. Evans made many of the household utensils on his anvil, and some of these are held as dear keepsakes by his descendants at the present time. With his wife and two children, he came to Ohio in a flatboat, in 1785. They landed at Maysville and went back to Washington, where they resided until 1799, when they came to Brown county. During Indian troubles in Kentucky, he was an Indian scout and spy. Upon

coming to Brown county they located at Red Oak, buying one hundred and nine acres of land in 1803, then in the midst of unbroken wilderness of Jefferson township. He paid for the land in horses, but after deciding to live on it was almost ready to give it up because there were no springs on it. He decided that it was a good spot for a home, however, and later was able to find seven springs on the place. He first erected a rude cabin, but some time later put up a good two-story log house, putting one hundred wagon loads of stone into the chimneys of this residence. He was a large man, weighing three hundred some times, but at other times but one hundred and eighty-five pounds. He was five feet ten and one-half inches in height, and with a striking appearance and manner. He had high cheek bones, a broad forehead, regular features, and a proud, erect carriage. He and his wife had six sons and six daughters. She had four sisters and two of their husbands served in the Revolution. At his death he was wrapped in an old-fashioned shroud, laid in a flat-topped cherry casket, and buried on the old home farm, which is now in the possession of the widow of his grandson, Hugh Evans. Since the family came to America, in 1682, there has been a Hugh and Edward in each generation. His wife died January 7, 1844, and her father, William Appleby, migrated from New Jersey to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and later to Corydon, Ind., where he died at the age of one hundred and five years. He shot a squirrel, without the aid of glasses for sighting, when he was one hundred years old. His direct heir in Brown county is LeRoy J. Evans.

After returning from the war LeRoy J. Evans remained on the home farm, and in 1873 he married Miss Ella Tweed, born in Union township, Brown county, in 1850, daughter of Patterson and Rebecca (Jones) Tweed. Mr. Tweed was born near his old home in the vicinity of Ripley, in 1812, and died in 1875, and his wife was born in Union township. They had eight children and Mrs. Evans is the only one now surviving. One son, John A., served three years in Company E, Seventh Ohio cavalry.

After the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Evans they took charge of the old homestead and his mother lived with them. He built a very pretty home about 1876, and has made a number of improvements. He carries on general farming one one hundred and thirteen acres of choice farm land, and raises considerable stock. He is a Democrat in politics and served very ac-

ceptable two terms as county commissioner, 1893-1900. He was appointed by Governor Harris as trustee of the School for the Deaf in Columbus, succeeding Judge Tyler, of State School for the Deaf, in this position. He has also held minor township offices, such as assessor, member of the board of agriculture, and so on.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans have had five children, all born on the old family homestead:

Mary Alice, born September 25, 1873, married Richard Moore, of Pleasant township, and they have three children—Bertha, Mary Bell and Lucy.

Frank, of Jefferson township, married Miss Cora Henry, and they have two children, Grace and George, the former of whom is deaf and dumb and attends the college in Columbus.

Emma B., born August 17, 1877, married Ernest Day, of Pleasant township, and they have three children—Ruth, Alice and Grace.

Albert H., born January 14, 1880, living on the home farm with his father, married Miss Nellie Marshall, and they have one son, Charles.

The fifth child, Clara F., died July 12, 1882.

Mr. Evans is a man of great force of character and is popular throughout the county. He has good judgment upon general subjects and has served in public office most conscientiously and efficiently. He was a member of the executive board and represented the interests of Brown county during the tobacco war in Kentucky. He is a man of intellectual and literary tastes, and he and his family hold a high place in various circles. He is proud of the part taken by his ancestors in the early history of his county, State and country, as he has every cause to be, and is appreciative of the principles and attitude of all that is included in good citizenship.

MICHAEL PENCE (Deceased).

Although he has been dead more than a quarter of a century, Michael Pence is well remembered among the old settlers of Brown county, where he was long an honored citizen. His widow still resides on the home farm and is accounted one of the best business women of the county. He was born in Adams county, January 3, 1844, and died on the home farm

near Georgetown, Brown county, in 1879. He was a son of Michael and Mary (Thompson) Pence, who had sixteen children, all being now deceased. The parents were natives of Pennsylvania, and of German descent. They were extensive farmers of Adams county, Ohio, in the early days.

Mr. Michael Pence was educated in his native county and remained there until enlisting, at the age of eighteen years, in Company E, Ninety-first Ohio volunteer infantry, serving to the close of the war. He then returned to Ohio and soon afterwards married Miss Martha Dunn Nevin, born near Sardinia, in 1837, daughter of Andrew P. and Susanna (Dunn) Nevin. The Duns and Nevins were very early settlers of Brown county and the great-grandfather of Mrs. Pence, Robert Hamilton, served in the war of the Revolution, so she and her daughters are eligible to the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mr. Nevin was born in Kentucky and was brought to Brown county, Ohio, by his parents when he was but nine-years of age. He became a large landowner and was very active in the Methodist church, keeping many ministers over Sundays and sometimes for weeks at a time. Many meetings were held at his home. His wife also was a native of Kentucky, and was brought to Brown county in early youth. They had eleven children, five of whom now survive, all born in Brown county: Sindilla, widow of John Chapman, of Georgetown; Mrs. Pence; Hugh, of Cincinnati; Sarah, wife of Stephen Davidson, of Lockesburg, Ark.; Susanna, wife of Harrison Pence, of Chilhowee, Mo. The Nevins and Dunn families settled first at Hillman's Ridge and later drifted to Sardinia.

After marriage Mr. Pence located near Sardinia, on the farm where his wife was born, which was the gift of her father. They remained on that place seven years, then purchased the present home of the family, which was known as the Colonel Loudon farm, where they now reside. They have built the barn and other outbuildings and in many other ways have improved the appearance and value of the farm. Mr. Pence died three years after locating there, leaving his wife with three small children and an encumbrance on the home. There were one hundred and eighty acres of land, which Mrs. Pence has divided among her children, and she has one hundred and twenty acres in the place where she resides. Mr. Pence was a Democrat in politics and he and Mrs. Pence were Methodist. He had made a good start in life, was industrious and energetic in farming, and was held in high respect by all who knew him.

He left many warm friends to deplore the loss from their midst of this upright, estimable man.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Pence: Plymouth Worth, of Pleasant township, who married Miss Annabel Clark, of the same township, and they have a daughter, Martha Imogene; Alice Delura is at home; Daisy Annis taught school in Brown county two years, being well fitted for this profession, by inclination and training, but because of poor health and the fact that she is very fond of her home, she remains at home with her mother. Mrs. Pence is a remarkably bright woman, although modest and retiring in demeanor. She was left with a large debt, which she and her children paid off in a comparatively short time, and by her unaided efforts she reared them to useful manhood and womanhood, so that all are a credit to her. The daughters are doing very well as farmers and her son is mentioned at some length in a sketch under his own name, which appears in this work. The daughters are Methodists. The home is one of refinement and culture.

LOUIS LYON.

Louis Lyon, a retired farmer residing in Georgetown, Brown county, has spent his entire life in Pleasant township, and is one of the substantial citizens of the community. He comes of an old family of that region and one that has always been identified with its best interests. He was born on his father's farm in that township, February 8, 1845, son of Robert and Rachael (Printy) Lyon. Robert Lyon was born in the same place, in 1803, and died in 1854. He was a son of William Lyon, who came to pleasant township in 1796. Robert Lyon became the owner of nine hundred and twenty-one acres of land in Brown county, part of it on what was known as "Free Soil." In 1841 he married Rachael Printy, daughter of Jesse Printy, who came to Lewis township in 1810, and died in 1882, thus being able to watch the progress and growth of the region from a dense wilderness to a beautiful, prosperous country. Jesse Printy's father, William Printy, was born in Ireland and served in the Revolution. Mrs. Lyon was born in Lewis township, Brown county, in 1819, and died in 1912. Mr. Lyon was a farmer and large land owner and he and his wife had six children, all born in Brown county: William, a

retired farmer of Higginsport; Louis, of this sketch; Mary, wife of Col. Charles D. Thompson, of Georgetown; Dan, who died at the age of twenty-eight years, some thirty-three years ago; Ruth, the wife of U. G. Rese, of Georgetown; and Anna, the fourth child, died in early childhood.

Mr. Louis Lyon attended the public schools of his native township, spent one year at Fulton, Ill., and a short time in school at Athens, Ohio. He then engaged in farming and after the death of his father took great interest in what he was able to do on the home farm. After marriage he settled on part of the home place, and about thirty-three years ago went to live with his widowed mother, remaining with her until her death. He managed the large place of three hundred and ten acres of choice land to excellent advantage. In November, 1912, he purchased the old Henry Loudon place, on North Main street, Georgetown, a beautiful brick house, with all modern conveniences. Mr. Lyon taught school with success in early youth, in Brown county, and has always kept himself well informed on general topics and issues. He showed energy and foresight in conducting his farm and made a specialty of raising tobacco. He is Democratic in politics and took great interest in township affairs. He and his wife belonged to the Christian church at Higginsport. He is a man of quiet habits and simple tastes, and he and his wife have a large circle of friends.

On January 28, 1868, Mr. Lyon was united in marriage with Miss Rachael Amanda Daugherty, who was born in Union township, Brown county, March 12, 1847, daughter of Rev. J. P. Daugherty and his wife, Jane (Barnes) Daugherty. Rev. Daugherty was born in Brown county in 1819, and died in 1903, and his wife was born in Tennessee in 1810 and died in 1889. He was a minister in the Christian church in Brown county and remained in active ministry until his death, being a man who did much for the upbuilding of the community. He was highly regarded and did a noble work among his fellows. He and his wife had six children: Martha, wife of Carey Mitchell, deceased; Sarah, widow of John Pangburn, of Ripley; Lucinda, deceased, who was the wife of Dr. D. S. Guthrie, of Mt. Orab; Amanda, Mrs. Lyon; Emma L., deceased, who was the wife of A. P. Cahall, of Georgetown; Ella, wife of Lewis Miranda, of Hamersville, Ohio. Mrs. Daugherty, by a former marriage with William Denniston, had two children—William Maxwell and Mary Ann. William Maxwell Dennis-

ton married Elvina Savage, and both are now dead. Mary Ann Denniston married Josiah Richey, now deceased, and she lives on Pisgah Ridge, near Ripley. Mrs. Louis Lyon has been a temperance worker for many years, and was one of the Ohio crusaders.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lyon have had two children, born in Pleasant township: Ira J., born November 30, 1868, died December 10, 1868; Jesse Daugherty Lyon, born April 10, 1870. Jesse D. was married, February 5, 1896, to Miss Mary Hervey Moore, and he is a mechanical engineer and he and his wife are now living in Cincinnati, on Walnut Hills. They have a daughter, Dorothy, born December 16, 1897.

A brother of Mrs. Lyon, William Maxwell Denniston, served in the Civil war, as a member of the Eighty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, and served in all over four years, being discharged after the war was over and having spent seventeen months in Andersonville and Libby prisons. William Lyon, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, a native of Ireland, was with Gen. Masse when the latter made several important surveys, and in 1802 came with him to Brown county, so he was in this region before a county was organized, and was one of the oldest settlers here. He bought one of the surveys from General Massie and his grandson has in his possession the deed made out to him by General Massie. Mr. Lyon prizes this document very highly, as well he may.

PLYMOUTH WORTH PENCE.

Plymouth Worth Pence, an enterprising and successful farmer and stockraiser of Brown county, belongs to an old family of this region. He was born in Washington township, Brown county, November 24, 1869, son of Michael and Martha (Nevin) Pence, who are mentioned at considerable length in connection with the sketch of Michael Pence, also appearing in this work. Michael Pence was born in Adams county, Ohio, in 1844, and died on his farm in Pleasant township, in 1879. Mrs. Pence was born near Sardinia, Brown county, in 1837, and now resides on the home farm in Pleasant township, which her two daughters operate for her. Mr. Pence served three years in Company E, Ninety-first Ohio volunteer infantry, and took part in several important battles, seeing much

active service. He lived in Pleasant township some four or five years before his death and made many friends there. He was highly respected for his worth and upright dealings and was a man of industry and good habits. He and his wife had three children: Plymouth W.; Alice Delura, at home; Daisy Annis, formerly a teacher in Brown county. The two daughters manage the home place for the mother. The parents were both members of the Methodist church, to which the children also belong. Two brothers of the father, Peter and John Pence, served in the Civil war, the former in Company H, One Hundred Seventy-fifth Ohio volunteer infantry.

Mr. Pence remained at home, receiving his education in the local schools, until his marriage, in October, 1901, to Miss Anabel Clark, who was born in Adams county, Ohio, April 3, 1875, daughter of Abner R. and Eliza (Fulton) Clark. Mr. Clark was born in Adams county, in 1844, and the mother was born there in 1844, and they now reside in Pleasant township. He is a farmer and he and his wife had six children, four born in Adams county and the two youngest in Brown county, namely: John, of Franklin township; Cora, wife of Albert Boehn, of Pleasant township; Mrs. Pence; Lou, wife of Alfred Henize, of Jefferson township; Helen, deceased wife of Charles Sickles, of Columbus, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Clark belonged to the New Light church.

After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Pence located on their present farm of sixty acres. He is a self-made young man, having begun as a very young boy to help his mother in her operations. In this way he gained a steady self-reliance early in life and has kept up his early habits of industry and energy. He is a progressive farmer and follows modern methods in his work. His farm is a model of good care and he and his wife are held in high esteem by all. They are broad and liberal in their views and take great interest in public affairs. They have one daughter, Martha Imogene, born May 9, 1907, a promising little girl, who now attends school. Mr. Pence is a Democrat in politics and has served as township assessor and supervisor of roads. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias and Masonic fraternities, and he and his wife both are Methodists, he having served as trustee of the church. St. Clair Fulton, an uncle of Mrs. Anabel Pence, served in the Civil war and came from an old Virginia family. Both Mr. and Mrs. Pence belong to old families of Brown county and they have a large number of friends.

ABRAHAM PENNINGTON CAHALL.

Abraham Pennington Cahall belongs to one of Brown county's old families and is one of the most successful farmers of Pleasant township. He was born on the farm adjoining his present home, March 26, 1845, son of Thomas and Rachel Elizabeth (Kilpatrick) Cahall. Thomas Cahall was born in Union township, Brown county, September 22, 1819, and died July 22, 1875, and his wife was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1822, and died in April, 1886, both being buried in Union cemetery, Mt. Pisgah. They had twelve children, all born in Brown county, six sons and six daughters, and of those now living Abraham P. (the third in order of birth) is the eldest, the others being: Augustus, of Pleasant township; Ella, wife of Charles Henry, of Georgetown; Perry, Jr., of Georgetown; Flora, wife of David Carrigan, of Aberdeen, Brown county; Edna, wife of William Kinnett, of Georgetown.

James Cahall, great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, served in the Revolution. He died from frozen feet at the age of one hundred and one years, she from being scalded at the age of ninety-nine years; and the grandfather, Thomas Cahall, Sr., served in the war of 1812. The Cahalls were among the earliest families to settle in Brown county, coming before 1812. The grandfather came from Londonderry, Ireland, and came from a family of weavers. The name was then spelled Cahill, but has been perverted to its present spelling. They have always been a money-making family, and wherever they have located have been able to accumulate property.

Mr. Cahall, of this sketch, was educated in Brown county, Meadville, Pa., and Merom, Ind., and before he attended college taught school in Brown county, where he taught one year after leaving college. On August 3, 1869, he married Miss Emma L. Daugherty, who was born in Union township, March 1, 1849, daughter of Rev. J. P. and Jane (Barnes) Daughterty. Her father was born in Union township, May 5, 1819, and died in 1904, and her mother was born in Brown county, in 1812, and died in 1889. Mr. Daugherty was a minister of the New Light church and preached in Brown county over fifty years, from the time he was twenty-five or thirty years of age. He and his wife had six children, four of whom are now living: Sarah, widow of John H. Pangburn, of Union township; Amanda, wife of Louis Lyon, of Georgetown; Mrs. Cahall; Ellie, wife of Lewis Meranda, of Clark township.

After marriage, August 3, 1869, Mr. Cahall and wife located on a farm owned by his father, adjoining his present home, and he has never voted outside of Pleasant township, where all but one year of his life has been spent. He purchased his present farm in 1880, becoming possessed of one hundred and thirty-three acres of land, to which he has added, until he has two hundred and ninety acres of good farm land. In 1889, he erected the pretty home still occupied by the family, and he has also erected all of the present farm buildings. He has been very successful as an agriculturist and devotes considerable attention to stock raising. He is a Democrat in politics, has served as township assessor twice; and is always ready to support any worthy cause for the advancement of the general welfare and progress. Fraternally, he is a Mason and he belongs to the Farmers' Alliance. He and his wife belonged to Higginsport Christian church. The family have a high standing and have a large number of friends.

Six children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Cahall, all born in Pleasant township, namely: Zua is at home with her father; Mattie L., wife of William E. DeVore, of Pleasant township, has one child, Louise; Lois married Albert Trout and both died within eight hours of diphtheria, twenty-two months after their marriage; Callie Gertrude died at the age of eleven months, in 1873; Ida L. is the wife of Hugh Tweed, of Union township, and they have two children, Amber and Esther; Homer E. married Miss Alberta Singer, daughter of Rev. C. L. Singer, and they have three children, Leavitt Pennington, Alice Rosalin, and the baby, and live in Plain City; Homer E., a graduate of the Georgetown High School, has taught school since he was seventeen years of age, a period of seventeen years, and is superintendent of the schools at Plain City. For the past five years he has been superintendent of the Felicity schools, Clermont county, Ohio.

Mr. Cahall is well informed on general topics and issues and is a pleasant and genial man to meet. He has a witty turn of mind and is very popular. He is proud of what his children have done and the promise they give for the future and all are a credit to their parents. Mr. Cahall died January 29, 1913, after a long illness. Both she and Mr. Cahall are descended from good old stock. Mrs. Cahall was a devout member of the church and died in the triumphs of the Christian's faith. She was a loving wife and mother, and devoted to her husband

and children. Although a long-time sufferer, she bore her sufferings patiently to the end of life. The finest of eulogies, that "she was a good woman," was given to her by those who knew her.

GUSTAVUS KAUTZ (Deceased).

In the death of Gustavus Kautz, Brown county lost a valuable and enterprising citizen and the community an honored and highly respected member. He was a very industrious and ambitious worker, as a carpenter and farmer, and was ready to take his part in any public movement which he believed would benefit his township or county. He was born at Arnheim, Brown county, August 2, 1839, and died at his home in Pleasant township, August 3, 1898, at the age of fifty-nine years and one day. He was a son of Sebastian and Wilhelmina Kautz, both natives of Germany, who came to America in early youth. The father came as a young man with his sister and his mother and was married in Brown county. They had four children, the only survivor being Christopher, of Arnheim, Brown county.

Mr. Kautz was educated in Franklin township, Brown county, and remained at home on the farm until he enlisted and served three years in Company G, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, during the Civil war. After his return from the front he married Miss Sarah Brady, who was born near Arnheim, in 1839, daughter of Benjamin and Abigail (Shaw) Brady, natives of Brown county and farmers, and both now deceased. They had ten children, all born in Jackson township, and eight of whom now survive: William A. died at the age of seventy-two years, some eight or nine years ago; Mary Jane married Thomas Shaw and they live in Des Moines, Iowa; Thomas L.; Homer is deceased; Mrs. Kautz; Nancy Ellen, of Eagle townshp; ———; Thursy Elizabeth, wife of Henry Perrine, of Jefferson township; Arminda, wife of George Davison, of Sardinia; Joseph K., of Mason City, Ky.; Benjamin D., of Lexington, Ky.; George I., of New Richmond, Clermont county, Ohio.

For five years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Kautz lived on his father's farm. Then they came to the place where she now resides. They have fifty acres of excellent farm land and he erected a very pleasant house, as well as substantial

farm buildings. He engaged in general farming and also found stock raising profitable. He followed his trade of carpenter in times when he did not have much to do on his farm. He was entirely self-made and had a good helper in his good wife. He was a Republican in politics and belonged to the German Reformed church, whose building is now used by the Presbyterian denomination, and Mrs. Kautz belongs to the New Light church. Both were kind neighbors and true friends to those who were admitted to their friendship, and tried to do their duty in all relations of life. Mrs. Kautz's brother, Thomas L., served in the Civil war. The grandmother of Congressman Matthew, of Denver, was a sister of Grandfather Kautz, and both came to America from Germany.

Five sons and one daughter blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Kautz, namely: Ulysses S., and Homer Franklin, at home, run the home place for their mother; Emma Jane is also at home; Lewis Ed, living near Russellville, married Miss Sarah Drake, and they had six children, Lola M., Mamie, Sadie, Dwight, George Gibson, and one deceased; Benjamin Ellsberry, of Pleasant township, married Flora Mills and they have two sons, Loren Gustavus and James Richard; L. V. married Lizzie Frost and they live at Feesburg, Byrd township. The two elder sons are active in local affairs and are Republicans in politics. Homer F. is a member of the Masonic order. The father fell and was severely injured, dying ten weeks later. Mrs. Kautz finds her children a great comfort and all have done credit to their parents. The family is held in high regard in the community.

August, Albert and Capt. Fred Kautz, brothers of each others and cousins to Gustavus Kautz, served in the Civil war from Ohio, the latter in the Fifty-ninth Ohio infantry. Two others of the family served in the navy.

WILLIAM L. JOHNSON.

William L. Johnson is one of the two oldest settlers of Brown county now surviving, the other being Amos McKinley, a sketch of whom also appears within these pages, and few men in the county are better known than he. He was born on the outskirts of Cleveland, on Euclid avenue, now a part of the city proper, December 1, 1838, and is a son of

William and Sarah (Lambert) Johnson, both of whom were born in Scotland (or Ireland), about 1782, and both died about 1872. They came to America in youth and settled in Adams county, Ohio. The father had worked at his trade of tailor in his native country until he had to find other occupation on account of failing health. He was very fond of travel and crossed the ocean thirteen times in a sailing vessel. He knew the principal ports of most of the earth and could recount many interesting reminiscences of his travels and the places he had visited. At one time he joined an Arctic exploring party, which was frozen in for thirteen months. He settled down after marriage, however, and became an influential and respected citizen of Brown county. He became a man of very simple diet and habits and lived to the age of ninety years, held in affection by all. He and his wife had several children, and at their death the mother and father of these children were taken back to Ripley, where they had lived before making their home in Russellville. Their sons were: William L., of this sketch; Andrew is a hotel keeper of Cincinnati; George, a retired carriage painter, lives in Ripley; James, also retired from active life, was a blacksmith and carriage maker.

Mr. William L. Johnson attended school in Highland and Brown counties, and worked at farm work for three years, after which he began learning the trade of carriage painter in Ripley, and later in Cincinnati, spending two years in the former town and three years in the latter. He worked as a journeyman for a time and then, with his two brothers, started a carriage factory. This arrangement continued for many years. About 1862 Mr. Johnson enlisted in Company E, Tenth Kentucky cavalry, and continued about one year with the company. He was in active service much of the time and, although he took part in no very important engagements, he saw some hard work, especially in scouting where the infantry and cavalry could not go in force. He won a very good record.

On October 5, 1864, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage with Miss Cindora Shaw, who was born July 11, 1845, in Russellville, Ohio, daughter of Merritt and Levinna (Brockway) Shaw, and granddaughter of George Brockway. Mr. Brockway was a very old settler of Brown county, coming there in 1802, and he settled in a different part of Russellville than the Shaws, although all had to clear land for their farms and homes. He was a farmer all his life, a hardy pioneer, and had

a large family of children. Merritt Shaw was born in Russellville in 1810, and died July 17, 1886, and his wife was born in 1812 and died February 3, 1885. His father, Russell Shaw, was born in Rensselaer county, New York, April 19, 1781, and died July 21, 1864, at the age of eighty-three years. He married Miss Rosanna Reynolds, a native of the same county as himself, born November 22, 1781, on February 16, 1800, and after their marriage they decided to settle on the frontier, reaching Brown county June 15, 1802. Mrs. Shaw died April 30, 1864, aged eighty-two years. Russell Shaw was a large landholder, purchasing large contracts from the government in the vicinity of Russellville, and letting the sun first shine on it. He became successful as a farmer and also for many years run a flat boat, carrying various provisions and commodities for the Southern market. He became a man of wealth for his time, and his sons cared for his farms. He laid out the town of Russellville, the name being first spelled with a single "l" in the middle of the word (Russelville), but it has now come to its present spelling. He gave ground for the public square and for the cemetery where his dust now reposes. He was one of the charter members of the first Masonic lodge in the county and was popular with everyone. He became successful as a merchant and his son conducted that business many years. He and his wife had thirteen children, all now deceased.

For a number of years Merritt Shaw drove an omnibus between Ripley and Russellville. There were ten children in the family, all born in Russellville, and all now deceased except Mrs. Johnson. Five of these children grew to maturity. Mr. Johnson had two brothers in the infantry and artillery, respectively, during the Civil war, and two half-brothers, John and Joseph Reed, also served during that war. Two brothers of Mrs. Johnson, Wesley and Elmer Shaw, also served, the latter in the Thirty-fourth Ohio infantry.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Johnson lived in Russellville, where he was engaged in business. He was entirely self-made and earned his start in life by industry and thrift. He and his wife worked hard in their more youthful days, but now they are able to take life easy. Mr. Johnson was an expert carriage painter and built up a lucrative business, from which he was retired several years ago. He is a Republican in politics, and served six years as school director, and six years as a member of the city council. For a number of years he was

city marshal. He and his wife are devout members of the Methodist church, in which he has held various offices. They have seven daughters and one son, all born in Russellville, namely:

Laura Belle, wife of Brose Bowman, of Dayton, has four children—William, George, Idella and Robert, graduates of the school at Russellville.

Viola Elizabeth, wife of William McClatchey, of West Union, has two sons living, Mason and Homer, and one deceased, Ogreta, formerly of Covington.

Sarah Belle, wife of George W. Inskeep, of Russellville, now lives at Washington Court House, Ohio, and has one son, Harold, who married Miss Florence ——— and lives on a farm near Urbana.

Clara, wife of L. L. LaMonda, of Dayton, had twin daughters, Cindora and Mary, the latter being deceased.

William M. married Lydia Dennis, of Russellville, and they have two daughters, Levinna and Lucile.

Dora, twin sister of William M., died at the age of nineteen years.

Stella Lambert, wife of John W. Zerker, of Dayton, has a daughter, Helen.

Mr. Johnson is familiarly and affectionately known by the name of "Uncle Billy." He is very active and robust for one of his years, and has the hue of health in his cheeks. His wife, a dear motherly-looking woman, is also youthful looking, and both show few marks of the years they have lived through. Both are plain and unassuming and are loved by all. They are probably as well preserved as any other couple of their age in the county. They take an intelligent interest in the affairs and progress of the community and enjoy the companionship of their friends.

WILLIAM L. FAUL, M. D.

Dr. William L. Faul, a prominent citizen of Russellville, Brown county, and a successful physician and surgeon, belongs to one of the older families of the region. He was born near Higginsport, Brown county, January 4, 1876, son of Lewis and Margaret (Arn) Faul. The father was born near Arnheim, Brown county, November 29, 1837, and died De-

ember 3, 1905, and the mother was born in Arnheim (which was named in honor of her father), in 1847, and lives at Carlisle, Ohio. He was a farmer in Jackson township, served in Company E, Fiftieth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and participated in several active battles. They had six children, all born in Brown county: Maggie, wife of F. C. Brookbank, lives in Higginsport; Katie, at home with her mother; Mary A., deceased, was the wife of Dr. Hughes, of Moscow, a sketch of whom appears in the Clermont county biographies of this work; William; Pearl lives with her sister at Urbana; Lelia, wife of Carey Inskip, of Urbana.

Dr. Faul began his education in the common schools, spent one year in Russellville High School, and from 1893 to 1897 taught in Brown county. Later he graduated from the College of Medicine and Surgery, of Cincinnati, and entered upon the practice of his profession. He practiced three years in Adams county, five years at Arnheim, and four at Russellville, where he has built up a very good practice. He stands well in professional circles and has won the confidence of his community. He has a very pretty home and a neat office on the west side of the square. He is a self-made man, having earned his own way through medical school, and worked up a reputation in his profession. He is very broad and liberal in his views and is an upright, conscientious citizen. As a member of the school board he is much interested in everything that may be of benefit to the children and young people, and he favors everything that makes for progress in a general way. He is a Republican in politics, served for a time as coroner of Adams county, and fraternally belongs to the Knights of Pythias, Junior Order United American Mechanics; the Modern Woodmen, and Russellville Lodge, No. 166, Free and Accepted Masons.

In 1898, Dr. Faul was united in marriage with Miss Mary Elizabeth Wagner, who was born in Carlisle, in 1875, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Ault) Wagner. Mr. Wagner was born in Germany in 1841, came to America alone at the age of fourteen years, located in Brown county and remained there until 1860, then went to Illinois and worked at the trade of shoemaker. He enlisted there in the Fourth Missouri infantry and after the close of the war returned to Brown county, where he died at the age of seventy-one years. His wife was born near Ripley in 1844, and died in October, 1912. They had ten children, and nine of them now survive: Emma, wife

of George Rhoten, of Carlisle; Barbara is a successful dress-maker in Carlisle; Mrs. Faul; Lottie, wife of Everett Hayes, of Carlisle; Josie, wife of Louis Schatzmann, living near Russellville; Nannie, wife of Frederick Kaucher, lives near Carlisle; Eva, wife of William Davidson, of Russellville; Adam, a popular teacher of Carlisle; Roy, a barber in Carlisle.

Dr. and Mrs. Faul have five children, two born in Adams county, and three in Brown county: William Lowell, born in 1901; Margaret, born in 1903; Wilford Lewellyn, born in 1905; Doryl, born in 1907; Norma, born in 1910. Dr. and Mrs. Faul are members of the Christian Union church, at Ash Ridge. Their eldest son, although but eleven years of age, is in the high school, and for years stood at the head of his class in the grammar school.

Besides being a skillful practitioner and surgeon, Dr. Faul is a mechanical genius and an expert woodworker, having made many handsome pieces of furniture for his home. One of the most beautiful pieces is an inlaid table, made by some very small pieces, and most of the wood is of personal or historic interest. He also has made an office cabinet of quarter-sawed oak, part of which is made from wood used in the furniture in the old school house where he began his education, and he has also made a handsome office book case, and a smaller book case for his children, as well as a corner cabinet and a kitchen cabinet. This beautiful work would do credit to one who has made cabinet making a special study, and adds greatly to the attractiveness of the home, as well as being most useful.

AMOS MCKINLEY.

Amos McKinley is one of the substantial men of Russellville, Ohio, and has been able to retire from business life and enjoy the fruits of his labors. He is a self-made man, having worked from the time he was nine years old until recently, and is reasonably proud of what he has accomplished. He is happy and contented by nature, and is duly grateful for the blessings of a pleasant home and children who reflect great credit on their parents. He was born in Aberdeen, Ohio, August 14, 1843, son of Marshall and Elizabeth (Dodd) McKinley. The father was born in Pennsylvania, and died in Aberdeen, Ohio, in 1848, and the mother was born in Kentucky, and

died in Aberdeen, March 24, 1863. Marshall McKinley was a plasterer by trade, and they lived in Aberdeen many years. They had five children, all born in that town: Moses L., who died in 1858; Amos; Alice, wife of William Greenly, of West Union; Margaret Jane, wife of Dr. Bowman, is deceased; Mary Marshall, died in early childhood.

Until he was nine years of age Amos McKinley attended the Aberdeen schools, and for the next eight or ten years lived on various farms and with different families. At the age of nineteen years he enlisted in Company E, Tenth Kentucky cavalry, for fourteen months, and later enlisted for one year in Company D, One Hundred and Seventy-fifth Ohio volunteer infantry. He participated in many battles, including the battles of Franklin and Nashville, and earned a most creditable record as a soldier. Upon returning to Brown county he learned the trade of blacksmith at Russellville and about 1866 engaged in blacksmithing on his own account, a year or so later engaging in business for himself. He conducted his own shop for some forty-two years, and in June, 1911, retired from business. He is a Republican in politics and fraternally belongs to the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.

On September 21, 1865, Mr. McKinley was united in marriage with Miss Martha Eva Williamson, who was born near Russellville, Ohio, daughter of John and Nancy Jane (Henry) Williamson. Mr. Williamson was born in Kentucky, and died in Russellville, Ohio, in January, 1888, and his wife was born in Ohio, near Russellville, and died in Russellville at the age of seventy-two years or more. Mr. Williamson kept a hotel in Russellville for forty years, and was one of the best known men in the county. Of their seven children but three now survive, namely: A. W., of Cincinnati; Samantha, wife of J. D. Seip, of Russellville; W. C., in heating and ventilating business in Cincinnati. Mrs. McKinley died November 9, 1911, and is buried in Russellville. She and her husband were devout members of the Methodist church.

Four children blessed the union of Mr. McKinley and wife: John William married Miss Carrie Brigham and lives in Washington, D. C., being principal of the National Correspondence Institute there, and has two children, Carrie B. and Edward B.

Nancy Lou, wife of F. M. Kirkpatrick, of Russellville, and has seven sons—Robert William, Raymond, Thomas K., Donald Pierce, Glen McKinley, Amos Wilson and Marshall Williamson.

Charles Marshall married Miss Della Zerker, of Russellville, is a teacher by profession, and they have three children—Eva, Elizabeth and Ralph.

Burchard Stephenson, of Washington, is a government postal clerk, married Isabelle Webster, and they have one child, Mabel.

John William attended Washington Law School and is a lawyer by profession, having been admitted to the bar, but has not practiced his profession.

Mr. Kirkpatrick is a miller by trade and his eldest son, Robert William, married Verna Howland, and they reside with Mrs. Kirkpatrick's father.

Dr. A. M. Williamson, a brother of Mrs. McKinley, who died in Cincinnati June 13, 1911, served in the Civil war, and his wife died February 9, 1911. Mr. McKinley built his pretty modern home on the west side of the public square, in 1907, and there has every possible convenience. His wife was a faithful helpmate and her assistance was an important factor in bringing success to him. She was highly esteemed by all who knew her and had a large number of friends who deeply mourned her loss.

REV. W. W. BAGBY.

One of the most highly respected and revered men of Brown county is Rev. W. W. Bagby, of Hamersville, who has spent his life and strength in the service of others. He was born at Felicity, Clermont county, Ohio, April 21, 1839, son of Sterling and Mary (Stephenson) Bagby. The father was born in Pennsylvania in 1800 and died in 1853, and the mother was born at Laurel, Clermont county, in 1807, and died in 1855, and both were buried in Clermont county. He was a mechanic, making a specialty of making cabinets, and following his trade at Felicity. Their nine children were born in Clermont county and four of them now survive: Nathaniel, of California; Rev. W. W., of this sketch; Harriet J., widow of John Mayfield, of Cincinnati; Mrs. Florence L. Pfau, a widow, lives in Cincinnati. The parents of these children were members of the old Christian church and for many years belonged to Salem church on Indian creek. They were held in high regard among the early settlers of Clermont county and left a fine family of children.

Rev. W. W. Bagby began his education in the common schools of Clermont county and remained on the home farm until the death of his mother, then remained with a cousin until he attained his majority. On January 31, 1860, he was united in marriage with Miss Clarissa Love, who was born near Felicity, Clermont county, December 25, 1842, daughter of William and Eliza (West) Love, and died at her home in Hamersville, January 26, 1910, aged sixty-seven years, one month and one day. Mr. Love was born near Higginsport, Brown county, in 1807, and died in 1884, and Mrs. Love was born in 1820 and lives in Indiana, having reached the venerable age of ninety-three years. She was born near Feesburg, and if still living there, would be one of the oldest women in Brown county. She was the second wife of her husband. He had five children by his first wife and nine by the second, and six are now living: Cynthia, widow of Lewis Bolender, lives in Higginsport, Ohio; Thomas, living near Feesburg, is the other survivor of the first wife's children; George, of Arkansas, by the second marriage; Ellen, wife of William F. Meranda, of Kokomo, Ind.; James, living near Higginsport, Brown county; William Lafayette, living in Kankakee, Ill. The last four are children of the second marriage. The parents were devoted members of the Christian church.

After marriage Rev. Mr. Bagby located on a farm near Felicity, where he lived eighteen months, then enlisted for three years in Company K, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry. He was disabled at the battle of Stone River, but served the rest of his time, although removed from his company. The date of his enlistment was August 22, 1862, and of his honorable discharge, July 5, 1865. Upon his return he resumed farming, but soon afterwards took up the service of the Lord, becoming a member of the Southern Ohio Christian conference, and preaching in the Christian churches of Brown, Clermont, Adams, Clinton, Scioto and Hamilton counties, Ohio; also in Kentucky. He had charges in all these locations and for forty-seven years remained in this strenuous work, giving of the best there was in him to this holy work. He has been retired from active life for the past four years. On March 4, 1879, he located in Hamersville, where he remained four years, and his last charge was at Fincastle, Ohio. He continued farming more or less after he engaged in preaching. He erected a handsome home on Main street, Hamersville, into which

he moved March 4, 1890. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and has an excellent war record.

Mrs. Bagby was an invaluable helper to her husband in all his work, and was able to perform many noble deeds on her own initiative. Although she and her husband had but one child of their own, nine other children (three grandchildren, three nieces, a nephew, and two children of dear friends) were reared in her hospitable home, and given a mother's devoted love and care. All have been of great credit to their foster parents and most of them have now found happiness in homes of their own. Both Rev. Bagby and his wife felt doubly repaid for their tenderness and bounty by the happiness they were able to give these little dependents. Besides the grandchildren the other children were as follows: Dora Bolender, the child of a dear friend; Lillie Bagby, now the wife of John Turner; Lillie, the child of a friend and now deceased; and Laura, Ollie and John Sells, nieces and nephew. Mrs. Bagby was a woman of large heart and generosity and gave freely of all she had to give, delighting to give happiness to others. Her home was always open to visiting ministers and scores of divines feasted at her bountiful table. She was a devoted wife and mother, a staunch, true friend, and never meddled in the affairs of others where she could do no good thereby. Her hands were always busied with service for others and she was, indeed, above reproach. She had kind thoughts, words and deeds for all. She was peculiarly well fitted to be the wife of a minister, fought the good fight and kept the faith, preparing herself for the crown which all believe is now hers. She left an old mother, a husband, a son, three loving granddaughters, three sisters, four brothers, fourteen nieces, nineteen nephews, and great-nieces and nephews by the score, and hundreds of close friends, besides many acquaintances. She was sick but five short days, and her death came as a shock to all. She joined the church at Shinkle Ridge, when sixteen years old, under the labors of Rev. J. P. Daugherty, being then baptized, and her funeral sermon was preached in the Christian church by Rev. S. L. Swope, interment being made in Hamersville cemetery, January 29, 1910.

The only child born to Rev. Bagby and wife was Thomas Franklin, born March 2, 1862, in Clermont county, a minister of the Christian church, now residing at Hamersville. He married Miss Ellen Laycock and they had three children: Lona Fern, deceased, was the wife of John Pursley, and left one child, William Earl; Ruth C., housekeeper for her grand-

father, Mr. Bagby, who was born July 20, 1888; Rosa M., the wife of Walter Hannah, lives in Dayton. The mother of these children died August 1, 1901. Rosa M. was born May 7, 1890. She has one son, Alfred Coan Hannah, born February 19, 1913.

During the last two years Rev. Bagby lost his wife, a brother, a sister, sisters-in-law, and his beloved granddaughter, and his trials have seemed greater than he could bear, still his faith is strong and his hopes are bright, and he patiently awaits the call of his Master to join his dear ones. He has exerted an inestimable amount of good influence in the community which has been his home during most of his life, and has consciously and unconsciously brought the thoughts and wishes of many to higher life and well doing. Both the Bagbys and the Loves were among the earliest settlers of Brown county, and the names have always stood for all that is good. Thomas Love, a half-brother of Mrs. Bagby, served three years in Company K, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry. Rev. Bagby was a mere boy when his parents died and he was left with nothing but good health and dauntless energy. He has never been discouraged, however, but has always had high aims, and even in his old age has certain ideals which he cherishes and tries to talk and act in a way that will benefit those with whom he is associated.

H. B. WHITEMAN.

A man who has the respect and esteem of the entire community, regardless of political affiliation, is H. B. Whiteman, an attorney at law, and postmaster of Hamersville. He is a native of Brown county, born near Hamersville, Clark township, February 11, 1840, son of Henry E. and Jane A (Cooper) Whiteman, among the earliest settlers of Brown county. Henry E. Whiteman was born in Pennsylvania, August 20, 1797, and died January 24, 1847, and his wife was born in South Carolina, October 5, 1803, and died December 11, 1878. He was buried in Iowa and she in Mt. Zion church yard in Brown county. He cleared a tract of one hundred acres of land in Brown county, where the subject of this sketch was born. He became a successful farmer and was also a school teacher in his younger days. He and his wife had eight children, of whom two now survive: Bnejamin Franklin, of Science Hill, Ky., and H. B.

The former served in the Eigthy-third Ohio infantry during the Civil war, and another son served in a Missouri regiment. The parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They removed to Iowa to live and the father died a few weeks after reaching there.

Mr. Whiteman attended school at Hamersville and later at Felicity, Ohio, read law with Judge S. H. Stephenson and was admitted to the Brown county bar, in 1878. He had meanwhile served in the Civil war, enlisting in February, 1862, in Company B, Forty-eighth Ohio volunteer infantry. He remained in the army three years and served in many important battles, including Shiloh and Pittsburg Landing. He made an honorable record and after returning home resumed his studies, being eventually admitted to the State and Federal courts. He began the practice of his profession in Georgetown, but for many years has resided in Hamersville. He is a Republican in politics and under President Harrison was appointed postmaster of Hamersville for four years. He was reappointed by President McKinley and has since then held office by successive reappointments—a period of twenty years. He has performed the duties of his office in a manner that is satisfactory to all parties and is one of the few Republicans holding office in Brown county, which is largely Democratic. He also served as town treasurer some six or seven years, and was also town clerk of Hamersville for some time. He is largely a self-made man and he and his wife worked hard in early years to get a start in life. He owns a pretty house, which he erected in 1890, on the same lot as the postoffice building, which he also owns. He is a man of broad, liberal ideas, ready to do all that he can for the betterment of the community and county, and is a courteous, kindly gentleman in thought and manner. He possesses the gift of pleasing all classes of people and is popular with all who know him.

On April 22, 1868, Mr. Whiteman was united in marriage with Miss Nancy C. Beebe, who was born near Williamsburg, Clermont county, December 2, 1847, daughter of Malcolm and Mary (Homan) Beebe, natives of New Jersey, who came to Clermont county at an early date and located where Mrs. Whiteman was born.

Mr. and Mrs. Beebe were farmers and very highly respected in their community. They had eight children, of whom the following three now survive: Mrs. Whiteman; Hannah, wife of Augustus Boynem, of Amelia, Ohio; Elizabeth, widow of

George Freshman, of Bantam, Clermont county. The parents were devout members of the Methodist church, of which the father was trustee and steward.

Seven children, all born in Hamersville, blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Whiteman: Clinton B., a representative of the Baldwin Piano Company, with business located in Cincinnati, married Miss Louisa Cromshaw and they have three children—Leota, Paul and Earl; Walter G., also in the piano business in Cincinnati, has one child, Doran; Mary Amy, wife of Ora L. Pride, lived in Cincinnati, died in 1909, left four children, Howard, Karl, Mary and Austin, and her husband now resides in New Jersey; Edward F. is at home with his parents and is deputy postmaster, being an efficient and valuable assistant to his father; Anna, wife of Marshall White, lives in Portsmouth, Ohio, and has three children, Henry, Harold and Doris; Nettie, wife of Robert Jones, of Hamersville, has no children; Chloe, wife of Albert Bingham, of Cincinnati, has one child, Wendell. All these children graduated from Hamersville school, several of them under Professors Boxwell and Pattetson, and the two eldest sons secured teacher's certificates, which, however, they never used. Edward F., the only child now at home, is well known among the young people of Hamersville and is a young man of ambition and promise.

E. C. ABBOTT.

E. C. Abbott has spent his entire life within the boundary lines of Pleasant township, as did his father before him. He is a grandson of John Abbott, born in New York State, and of English ancestry, who came to Brown county before the close of the eighteenth century. E. C. Abbott was born in Straight Creek, the early county seat, in 1833, son of Charles and Sarah (Brown) Abbott, successful farmers there. Charles Abbott was born on the same creek, one mile above, in 1809, and died in 1896, and the mother was born along the creek, one-half mile from her husband, in 1814, and died in 1856. The father's farm consisted of one hundred and sixty-six acres, and there the first county court was held. He was then nine years old, and, although a bashful boy, peeped in to see what was going on, and the loud talk of the lawyers and the writing he saw

them doing made a great impression on the country lad, making a scene he never forgot. He was very successful as a farmer and, in 1830, married Sarah Brown. By this marriage there were six children, the only survivors now being the subject of this sketch and his brother, Levi, who lives in Georgetown. Not only the parents, but the grandparents of Charles Abbott, as well, came to Brown county, making the trip from New York in a very early day.

Mr. Abbott attended school at Straight Creek and was reared to farm work, remaining at home until his marriage. He then kept house with his parent for a time and conducted the home farm. He purchased a farm at Free Soil, below Georgetown, which was his home for a period of thirty-three years, and he spent seventy years of his life in farming, a remarkable record. He retired from farming in 1902 and since then has resided in Georgetown. He lives in a nice home on North Main street and is well known there. He is a man of quiet, unassuming manner and much interested in his business affairs. He has well earned the rest and comfort he now enjoys and is much respected by all. He is genial and friendly and enjoys the society of his fellows, being well known and popular. He is not active in political affairs and votes independent of party, although he formerly voted the Democratic ticket.

In 1856, Mr. Abbott was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Davidson, who was born in White Oak, Brown county, in 1831, daughter of William and Katherine (Knouse) Davidson, who lived three miles from Higginsport and were successful farmers. Mr. Davidson was born in Brown county, in 1784, and his wife in Pennsylvania, in 1793. He died in 1839 and she in 1859. He was a millwright by trade and he and his wife had ten children, all now deceased, Mrs. Abbott, the last survivor having died January 2, 1913, lacking from January until June of being eighty-two years old. The grandfather of Mrs. Abbott, Joshua Davidson, served in the Revolutionary war and lived to be nearly one hundred years old.

Six children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Abbott, all born in Pleasant township: Flora, wife of Isaac M. Rainey, who lives on a farm of one hundred and fifty acres near where her father was born, and they have one child, Paul Reese; Charles W., who married Miss Mary Ellis, who died, and he later married Ella McBeth, and they have three children, Malcolm, Agnes and Ruth, and live on his grandfather's old farm;

Henry T., of Lafayette, Ind., who married Miss Emma Jane Wilson, and they have two children, Corwin C. and Eva; Frank P., of Los Angeles, Cal., who married Miss Ruth Hanselman, and they have two children, Ray and Mildred; Alice is at home with her father; Lena May is the wife of John F. Burris, of Norwood, Ohio, and they have four children, Gertrude, Carl, Virgil, and Beatrice. Mrs. Abbott was a member of the Methodist church and Mr. Abbott formerly belonged to the New Light church, until it was discontinued. In June, 1912, Mrs. Abbott fell and broke her hip, which resulted in her death, in January, 1913. She was a great sufferer from this cause, but bore her pain with great fortitude and bravery of spirit. Mr. Abbott is largely self-made and comes of good old pioneer stock, for his parents and grandparents had to clear the land for their farms and were very industrious and thrifty people.

REV. LEWIS RICHEY.

Rev. Lewis Richey, of Georgetown, deputy county auditor, is descended from two of the oldest families of Brown county. He is one of the most competent of officials, is courteous in his dealings with the public, and is well and favorably known throughout Brown, Adams and Clermont counties as a minister of more than ordinary gifts. He was born in western Brown county, January 7, 1851, son of John Laken and Elizabeth (Trout) Richey, prominent farmers and prominent members of the community. John L. Richey was born in eastern Clermont county, in 1824, and died in 1890, and his wife was born in 1826 and died in 1902. She was born in western Brown county and both she and her husband are buried in Georgetown. The father was a Democrat in politics and took an active part in local affairs, serving as township trustee and assessor. They had twelve children, all born in Brown county, of whom seven are now living: William Lee, of Denver; Rev. Lewis; Tilghman, of Maple, Clermont county; Sophia, wife of Frank Hanna, of Norwood, Ohio; John Seymour lives in Maple on the line between Brown and Clermont counties; Augusta, wife of Oscar Dougherty, of Morrow, Warren county; O. F., of Feesburg, Ohio. The parents were originally Methodists, but later joined the Christian Union church. Both belonged to families who settled in Brown county in

an early day and were representative of the pioneer stock that made the early history of the region.

Rev. Richey began his education in the country schools and at Felicity, and for fourteen years taught school winters and did farming in the summer months. He then conducted a saw mill four years. These activities were carried on in Brown and Clermont counties, and in 1886 he was chosen deputy treasurer of Brown county. In January, 1890, he was appointed deputy sheriff and in October of the same year was appointed deputy auditor, holding the three positions named for a period of one year—an unprecedented record in the State. He was in the auditor's office until 1893 and the following year served as tax inquisitor in Adams and Pike counties. In 1895 he was appointed to a clerkship in the postoffice at Georgetown, and in 1900 was appointed an express messenger on the Cincinnati, Georgetown & Portsmouth railway. He was appointed deputy auditor of Brown county on January 1, 1902, since which time he has well and faithfully performed the duties of the office, which is an important one. There are many difficult problems to be solved in the course of the routine, which he is well prepared to solve, and his training has fitted him in many ways to deal with the public to their general satisfaction. Although a Democrat in political views he is independent of party prejudices in general dealings, and appreciates the worth of a man, whatever his party may be. He is popular with all and has scores of friends in every community where he is known.

Rev. Richey preached for many years, from 1870 to September, 1911, and in 1910 and 1911 officiated in two different churches, one in Adams and one in Clermont county, of the Christian Union faith. However, on account of failing health, the work proved too arduous and he had to give it up, to his own regret and that of his parishoners. He is a member of the Masonic order and has attained the office of high priest, the highest in the Chapter. He has a very nice home, having erected the first residence at Harmon Heights, a recent addition to Georgetown. He is largely self-educated and self-made and is well fitted for the posts he has held. He received a good general and business education and has by private study gained his theological education and training. By untiring energy and a worthy aim in view, he studied and thought with such success that he is well known in his part of the State for his clear, concise expression of his deductions on im-

portant questions. His mind is trained to deep thought and he has worked hard in his chosen field. He frequently preached a fine sermon in the morning, ministered to the needs of another church in the afternoon, after driving many miles, and in the evening delivered a lecture on some important subject connected with theology. He has radiated a pure and refined influence in his daily life and is naturally modest and retiring in disposition. However, he is well prepared to stand before the public when he feels it is his duty to do so, and his business ability ranks with that of anyone in the county.

On January 24, 1874, Rev. Richey was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Ann Dixon, born in Felicity, Ohio, in 1850, daughter of Thomas and Rachel (Lawson) Dixon, and by this union there was one child born, Joseph Orville, who died at the age of thirteen years. Mrs. Richey died in 1879 and both she and her child are buried in Mount Zion cemetery.

On December 24, 1887, Mr. Richey married (second) Miss Sarah Frances Potts, born in Clermont county, near Bethel, in 1853, daughter of Landon and Serena (Wilson) Potts, and a distant relative of the newly elected President of the United States. The Wilson family are of an old and honored race and originally descended from George Wilson, who was a colonel in the French and Indian war. He had four sons, two of whom were killed in the Revolution, and one of the survivors was appointed Commissioner of War by Gen. George Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Potts were born in Virginia, he in 1813 and she in 1821. They removed to Kentucky and later to Ohio and located eventually in Tate township, Clermont county, where they carried on farming. Mr. Potts and wife were parents of eight children, five of whom survive, namely: Noral, of Tate township, Brown county; Barton H., of Brown county; Sebastian, of Newark, N. J.; Seymour L., of Brown county, and Sarah Frances, Mrs. Richey. Rev. and Mrs. Richey have been blessed with two children: John Leroy, born December 7, 1888, and Clinton Elwood, born March 5, 1890, both born in Georgetown. John L. graduated from Georgetown High School, attended the Young Men's Christian Association Law School one year, then studied law with a private tutor in Cincinnati and passed the State examination for admission to the bar, in 1911. He is now practicing his profession and is a member of the firm of Freiberg & Richey, of Cincinnati. Clinton Elwood graduated from Georgetown High School and works in the office of the Louisville & Nashville railroad in

Cincinnati. They are young men who make the hearts of their parents glow with pride and gratification.

Rev. Richey organized the first men's Bible class in the Georgetown Presbyterian church and was the first teacher of the Men's Bible Class in the Methodist church there, and both he and his wife are enthusiastic workers in the Methodist church, she being especially in the Sunday school work, where she has a class of school teachers. They hold membership in the Christian Union church at Benton, Clermont county. David Miller Richey, an uncle of Rev. Richey, served in the Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry during the Civil war, and his son, John Wesley Richey, also served in that war as did also William S. Trout. Through Mrs. Richey's mother her children are entitled to belong to the Sons of the American Revolution, as she is in like manner eligible to membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution.

FRANK X. FREBIS.

One of the youngest men who ever held an important office in Brown county, Ohio, is Frank Xavier Frebis, who has served most efficiently as prosecuting attorney of the county for the past three years. He is a native of the county and belongs to one of its oldest and most respected families. He was born at Ripley, May 7, 1883, son of Frank X. and Ida M. (Schweitzer) Frebis. The father was born in Bavaria, Germany, January 14, 1850, and died in 1897, and Ida M. Schweitzer, the mother was born in Bracken county, Kentucky, July 27, 1858.

The subject of this sketch attended the Catholic school in Ripley for six years and graduated from Ripley High School, in 1901, after which he attended Ohio State University three years, graduating from the law department June 22, 1904. He was admitted to the bar on June 22d of the same year, at Columbus, and practiced his profession in Georgetown the following three years. He practiced the next three years at Ripley. In 1910 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Brown county and was re-elected in 1912 for two years. In performing the duties of his office he ever has the interests of the public at heart and is well qualified to give satisfaction. He is pleasant and accommodating wherever he finds it possible to

be so, and is very popular, having friends by the hundred. From 1904 to 1909 he was chairman of the county central committee of the Democratic party. He now resides on East State street, Georgetown.

On March 25, 1908, Mr. Frebis was united in marriage with Grace M. Thompson, daughter of W. J. and Rebecca (Metzgar) Thompson. Mrs. Frebis is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, her great-grandfather, John Thompson, having enlisted for service in the Revolutionary war at the age of sixteen years. Mr. and Mrs. Frebis have one daughter, Sara Frances, born June 19, 1909.

WILSON W. GRIMES.

Mr. Wilson W. Grimes, deceased, formerly a prominent farmer and highly esteemed citizen of near Decatur, Brown county, Ohio, was born near Decatur, Ohio, May 16, 1843, and was a son of John and Mary (Geeslin) Grimes.

John Grimes was born in Brown county, Ohio, September 29, 1803, and died March 17, 1862. He was a farmer by occupation and he and his wife, who was born in Virginia, June 4, 1800, died December 11, 1883, in Brown county, Ohio, were the parents of twelve children. Those living are:

Melcina, widow of James Burbage, lives near Decatur, Ohio.

George resides at Ripley, Ohio.

William, lives near Decatur, Ohio.

Alice, widow of James Frances, lives in the West.

Wilson W. Grimes obtained his education in the district schools of Brown county, remaining with his father at home until the latter's death. Upon reaching his majority, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Heizer, on October 2, 1873. She was born at Center Point, five miles from Ripley, Ohio, October 21, 1857, and is a daughter of George and Mary Ann (De Moss) Heizer.

The great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Grimes was Valentine Heizer, who was a native of Germany and was killed there by being thrown from a horse on the race track. His son, John Heizer, was born in Germany, March 17, 1746, and immigrated to America, where he engaged as a soldier in the War of the Revolution. He was wounded in the thigh and died June 26, 1837, at the advanced age of ninety years, three months and

nine days. His wife, Elizabeth, (Mowery) Heizer, was born May 10, 1764, and died November 14, 1847, aged eighty-three years, six months and four days. Their son, George Heizer, the grandfather of Mrs. Grimes, was born March 11, 1799, and died October 7, 1889, aged ninety years, six months and twenty-six days. His wife, Margaret (Right) Heizer, was born October 15, 1805, and died June 23, 1876, at the age of seventy years, nine months and eight days. Their son, George W. Heizer, the father of Mrs. Grimes, was born October 27, 1828, and his wife, Mary Ann (De Moss) Heizer, was born October 11, 1830, and passed away November 1, 1874. Mr. George Heizer was a local preacher and teacher and farmer, teaching school and preaching during the winter months and farming in summer. He also held revival meetings and taught his last school in Highland county, Ohio, at the age of sixty years. He died October 21, 1891. They were the parents of ten children, and those living are: James Heizer, of Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. W. W. Grimes; John Wesley, of Chicago; Elizabeth, wife of William Sumner, living in Michigan, and Martha, wife of Alfred Smith, living in Nebraska.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Grimes settled on a farm near Decatur and devoted their attention to the pursuits of agriculture. They remained at their first home farm until after the death of Mr. Grimes, May 18, 1910. In 1911 Mrs. Grimes and son, Otha, removed to Georgetown. Mr. Grimes gave especial attention to stock raising in addition to general farming. He and his wife became the parents of seven children, their names as follows:

Cora D., who attended the College of Music of Cincinnati, and taught music throughout Adams and Brown county for a number of years. She became the wife of John Moore, a successful farmer and stockman, and resides near Decatur.

Charles W. is a graduate of the Ada (Ohio) Law School, and for a number of years was engaged as teacher in Brown county. He assisted in the normals in Adams county at West Union. He married Miss Josephine Templeton, and resides at Tulsa, Okla. They have three sons, Philo W., Park T., and Oscar L. Mr. Grimes is now engaged in his profession of law, and also has extensive interests in oil.

William B. is engaged in the real estate business, and also in oil, of Tulsa, Okla., and married Miss Lydia Bloom.

Maggie J., wife of Rev. Glassburn, of Hancock, Iowa, is the mother of one son, Hugh Stuart. She attended the schools

of Decatur and for three years taught in the schools of Adams and Brown county, Ohio. She is a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute, of Chicago, and a graduate of the Northwestern University of Evanston, Ill., taking a four-years theological course and receiving a degree of Bachelor of Divinity. After her marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Glassburn spent six months in Iqueque, Chili, but returned on account of Rev. Glassburn's health. She has often filled the pulpit of her husband and is a bright and intelligent lady of much culture.

Archie E., a successful farmer, married Miss Mae Plummer and resides near Decatur, Ohio. They have one child, Eveline Lucile.

Nellie E. makes her home with her sister, Mrs. Glassburn.

Otha H. is attending high school at Georgetown.

Mr. Grimes was a good citizen and a kind and indulgent husband and father. He was a man of upright life and enjoyed the respect and esteem of all who knew him. In politics he voted for the issues of the Democratic party. He was a devout member of the Methodist church, as is also his wife and family.

SIDNEY CORWIN GORDON, M. D.

Dr. Sidney C. Gordon, retired physician of Georgetown, Ohio, is a prominent citizen of Brown county, whose long and patriotic services during the Civil war of themselves entitle him to the esteem and admiration of his fellow citizens. His birth took place December 29, 1840, in Warren, Trumbull county, Ohio, and he is a son of Dr. Thomas Winslow and Minerva Elvira (Scoville) Gordon, a sketch of whom appears with that of Mr. Byron Winslow Gordon, of Georgetown, Ohio, a brother of Dr. Gordon.

The education of Dr. S. C. Gordon was acquired first in the schools of Trumbull county, Ohio, later attending the schools at Niles, Ohio, at the same time as President McKinley. He came with his parents to Georgetown upon their removal from Trumbull county and at once entered the Georgetown school. After finishing the Georgetown school, Dr. Gordon entered the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery and both before and after his graduation from this institution, read medicine with his father at Georgetown, until he entered the army of the Civil war.

In 1861, Dr. Gordon enlisted in the Fifty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteers, Company C, as first sergeant, and was later appointed as assistant surgeon of the post at Camp Kenton, Ky., by General Nelson, and was later commissioned assistant surgeon of the Fifty-ninth Ohio. He served his country in this regiment until November, 1864, when he was mustered out with the regiment. In March, 1865, he was commissioned surgeon of the One Hundred and Eighty-ninth regiment and served until the close of the war. In the first enlistment, he had charge of the regiment in the battle of Chickamauga, and at Stone River; in the battle of Stone River one of the attendants was killed and one wounded in the shoulder.

After the close of the war, Dr. Gordon took up the practice of his profession with his father at Georgetown, but, on account of his impaired health, removed to the country, turning his attention to the pursuits of general farming and stock raising. He purchased a farm of one hundred and sixteen acres in Franklin township, where he remained until 1902, when he retired from active life and is now making his home in Georgetown, Ohio, renting his farm in Franklin township.

In February, 1872, Dr. S. C. Gordon was united in marriage to Miss Olevia Marshall, who was born in Bethel, Ohio, in June, 1846, and is a daughter of William S. and Sophia Ann (Smith) Marshall.

William S. Marshall was born in Youngstown, Ohio, March 6, 1818, and died near Georgetown, Ohio, December 13, 1902. He was a saddler by trade, but, on account of his wife's health, removed to a farm in Scott township. He was a great worker in the cause of Prohibition, and was a Douglas Democrat during the war.

Sophia Ann (Smith) Marshall was born in Russellville, Brown county, Ohio, January 1, 1824, and died June 23, 1854. She was a granddaughter of Rev. Charles Smith, who was familiarly known in this section of the State as, "Uncle Charlie" Smith, and daughter of William Smith, a prominent merchant in Russellville, Ohio. "Uncle Charlie" Smith was born November 25, 1765, and married his cousin, Lucy Burgess. His father gave him negroes and several hundred acres of land in Kentucky, but, as he did not believe in slavery, he gave the slaves their freedom and came to the free territory of Ohio, where he farmed near Arnheim, in Brown county, until 1831, when he removed to New Market, Highland county, Ohio, where he died, November 25, 1844. He was a minister

of the Baptist church for nearly fifty years. He is buried in the Baptist churchyard on Straight creek, Brown county, Ohio. His wife died January 1, 1852, at the home of her son in Russellville. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall had born to them two children, Mrs. Gordon and Patience Elizabeth, who passed away August 18, 1908.

To the union of Dr. and Mrs. Gordon five children have been born:

Eleanor is a graduate of the Georgetown High School and inherits much of her grandfather Gordon's literary talents, having written a number of beautiful poems. She is first vice-president of the Epworth League and secretary of the Dorcas Society, and is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and historian of Taliaferro chapter.

William Winslow, who was born December 13, 1875, is a resident of Florida, where he has a thriving truck garden. He is a member of the Methodist church, and is active in politics.

Claribel, commonly known as Clara, graduated in 1908 from the Huntington (West Virginia) Training School for Nurses. She is a post-graduate of Manhattan (New York) Hospital, in eye, ear, nose and throat. She is a post-graduate of the Hillcrest Surgical Hospital of Pittsfield, Mass. She is a very brilliant lady and is busy all the time. She is a member of the daughters of the American Revolution and has held four hospital positions. She is a member of the State Association of Graduate Nurses, of West Virginia and Ohio. She is a member of the Presbyterian church.

Sophia Scoville died in 1898, when eighteen years of age.

Hugh Byron was born March 23, 1882, and attended the district school of the county, after which he taught school for three years. He then entered the Miami University, from which he graduated with honors in 1908. In 1912 he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry from the University of Illinois, at Urbana, Ill. He passed the civil service examination, No. 8, in a class of several thousand, and later held a government position as assistant chemist in the agricultural department in Chicago, Ill., and later a teacher of chemistry in the University of Oklahoma, at Norman, Okla.

Dr. S. C. Gordon is a Republican in politics, and is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In religious belief, Dr. and Mrs. Gordon are members of the Methodist church, of which he is one of the stewards. Mrs. Gordon is president of the Ladies' Bible class; president of

the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and first vice-president of the Research Club. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Gordon has a great-aunt, Mrs. Iley Lawson Hill, whose father was a soldier in the War of the Revolution, as was also her grandfather, William Lawson. Mrs. Gordon is a second cousin to General Grant, and her daughter, Clara, is a life member of the Grant Family Association.

Dr. Gordon is a charter member of the Brown County Medical Association, formed in 1860, and is the only charter member now living.

BYRON WINSLOW GORDON.

Mr. Byron Winslow Gordon, a retired farmer residing at Georgetown, Ohio, was born March 5, 1847, in Trumbull county, Ohio, a son of Dr. Thomas Winslow and Minerva Elvira (Scoville) Gordon.

Dr. Thomas Winslow Gordon was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, September 23, 1819, and his death occurred at Georgetown, Ohio, April 21, 1900. Winslow is a family name; the maternal grandfather of Dr. Thomas Winslow Gordon being Seth Winslow, a native of Massachusetts, who removed to Naples, New York, and a direct descendant of Edward Winslow, one of the immortal pilgrims who crossed the Atlantic on the Mayflower. Mrs. Gordon, mother of Dr. Thomas Winslow Gordon, died in Warren county, Ohio, in 1849. Dr. Gordon came to Georgetown, Ohio, in 1850, and practiced medicine. He was a very scholarly man, having studied and read law, but not intending to practice this profession, he did not qualify for admission to the bar. He was a noted literary man also, and wrote many articles for the papers and magazines. In the autumn of 1854, he took the editorship of "The Independent American," a weekly literary and political paper published in Georgetown, Ohio. Many of his literary and scientific articles appeared under the non de plume of "Orion." He was, for several years, president of a literary club formed by writers of Brown and Clermont counties, called the "Poetical Union." Dr. Gordon was the first president of Brown County Academy of Medicine, and was a member of the first meteorological society formed in the West. This society was possibly the first formed in the United States. Dr. T. W.

Gordon was a leading physician and surgeon of Georgetown, Ohio, and was surgeon in the Ninety-seventh Ohio from August, 1862, to June, 1864. He was wounded at Mission Ridge and resigned from the service. He was the oldest of fifteen children, two of whom are living: Esther, widow of a Mr. Nichols, of Warren, Trumbull county, Ohio, and Samuel Gordon, a resident of Dakota. Dr. Gordon married Miss Minerva Elvira Scoville in the year 1836. She was born in Viena, Trumbull county, Ohio, in 1818, and died in December, 1869. She was a daughter of Asahel Scoville and wife. The Scovilles were natives of Trumbull county and Asahel was a clock maker, and later a farmer. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. His father, Amasa, who came to Trumbull county from Connecticut in 1811 was a soldier in the War of the Revolution. Dr. and Mrs. Gordon became the parents of eight children, five of whom were born in Trumbull county and three in Brown. Their names follow in order of birth:

William, who died in infancy.

Minnie, wife of Hugh Gilmore, and later of James Mills, both of whom are deceased.

Dr. Sidney C. is retired from active labors and is a resident of Georgetown, Ohio. He served in the Civil war as assistant surgeon of the Fifty-ninth Ohio, and later was commissioned surgeon of the One Hundred and Eighty-ninth Ohio.

Henry Franklin, a resident of Forrest Grove, Ore., is a veteran of the Civil war.

Byron Winslow, the subject of this mention.

Olivia Gertrude, wife of Dr. M. B. Ketchum, of Los Angeles, Cal. He is dean of the Southern California College of Optometry and Ophthalmology. Their residence is at Santa Monica, twenty miles from Los Angeles.

One girl baby died in infancy.

Gus Scoville, born in 1862, is a resident of Quincy, Wash.

Mr. Byron Winslow Gordon attended the Georgetown school, thus obtaining a good common school education. He entered the business world in the printing office of Mr. John G. Doren, who was editor of the "Southern Ohio Argus," where he became thoroughly familiar with the printer's trade. He had spent three or four years at this occupation when the Civil war broke out, and he became a volunteer in the One Hundred and Eighty-ninth regiment, in Company H, and later hospital steward.

In 1865, Mr. Gordon returned to Georgetown, where, in 1869,

he was united in marriage to Miss Sallie J. Hicks, who was born in Brown county, Ohio, only daughter of John and Anna (Fenton) Hicks, both of whom are deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Gordon was born one child, Anna L., who is deceased. Mrs. Gordon's death occurred in November, 1875, and her burial took place at Georgetown, Ohio.

In January, 1890, Mr. Gordon married Miss Nannie Kautz, born May 1, 1869, in Lewis township, Brown county, Ohio, her parents being William and Elizabeth (Young) Kautz, the former of whom was born in Georgetown, Ohio, in August, 1840, and is a farmer in Lewis township, and the latter of whom was born July 4, 1839, and passed away March 6, 1890.. To them were born five children, their births all occurring in Brown county :

Dr. James W., of Cincinnati.

Emma Grace, who died at the age of eleven months.

Mrs. B. W. Gordon.

M. Fannie, who resides with her father.

Flora Elizabeth, wife of John N. Parker, of Albuquerque, N. M.

Two daughters have come to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon :

Ruth Winslow, who was born January 13, 1891, is a graduate of the Georgetown High School.

Elizabeth Scoville, who was born October 25, 1897, and is attending the high school of Georgetown. She takes great interest in music and drawing and was awarded first premium at the Brown county fair in 1912, for drawing the best map of Pleasant township.

Mr. Gordon devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits from the close of the Civil war until 1896, when he removed his family to Georgetown. He carried on general farming in Franklin township, on a fine tract of ninety-six acres. He now has a very pretty home on Apple street, which he has remodeled and put in fine condition. He has about eight acres of ground and although he has retired from active life, is still a very busy man.

In politics, Mr. Gordon is a staunch Republican and, although he does not desire public office, takes an interest in all questions of public interest.

Mr. Gordon is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. In religious matters, Mr. Gordon is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and his family embrace the faith of the

Presbyterian church, and give liberally to the support of that denomination.

Mr. Gordon is largely self-made, and it is to his untiring energy and enterprise that he is now enabled to lay down some of life's more arduous tasks. He has been a member of the Georgetown school board for the past nine years.

WALTER SCOTT LIMING

Among the younger men who have attained positions of trust and responsibility in Brown county may be mentioned Walter Scott Liming, of an old and highly respected pioneer family of this region. He has proven his ability as a business man and his worth in a general way by the position he has reached, that of cashier of the Citizens' Bank, of Hamersville. He was born in that town, June 23, 1887 son of James Orange and Sarah J. (Ousler) Liming, also natives of Hamersville. James Orange was a son of Jasper Liming, a very early settler of Brown county, who was at one time a very large landholder, and who married Margaret Redmon. He came from Pennsylvania and became one of the most influential citizens of the county. The father of Mrs. James O. Liming, Charles Ousler, was owner and captain of a boat on the Ohio river for some time before coming to Brown county. A genealogy of the Liming family is in preparation and will be of interest to persons of the name all over the country.

James O. Liming was born July 6, 1855, and died June 29, 1908, and his wife, who was the only daughter of Charles Ousler, was born November 25, 1863, and resides in Hamersville. Mr. Liming was a graduate of the mathematical and engineering department of the Lebanon Normal School, and when a young man engaged in stock raising on a somewhat extensive scale. He was very successful and became known for the high grade of stock he kept in Brown and surrounding counties. He was a man of high principle and an influential and intelligent citizen, counting his friends by the hundred. He was an able business man and was industrious and ambitious. He was a farmer in Clark township and was well known as an active worker in the interests of the Democratic party. He was the youngest man ever elected to the office of justice of the peace at Hamersville and held it some years. Both he

and his wife represented old families and were very well known. They had eight children, all born in Brown county: Melville Darst, an attorney of Boston, and a teacher in Tufts College, is a graduate of Miami University, of Oxford, Ohio; the second child died in infancy; Walter Scott is the immediate subject of this sketch; Mabel Marguerite, a graduate of Clark Township High School, is taking a course in a Cincinnati hospital for trained nurse; Jasper Ousler is a graduate of Clark Township High School, is unmarried and lives at home, being a farmer; Lelia Laurie attends Georgetown High School, being a member of the senior class; Nelva Naoma attends schools at Hamersville; Homer is at home. Melville Darst taught school at Woodstock, Ill., two years, and one year in Michigan City, Ind., and received the degree of Master of Arts from the law department of Harvard University. He has recently completed the genealogy of the family, which has been an arduous task, which, however, he has given his best and most conscientious attention. The mother of these children is a member of the Methodist church, to which the father contributed, but which he did not join.

Walter S. Liming began his education in local schools and after completing the course in Clark Township High School attended Miami University a few years. His first occupation was teaching in Brown county, which he continued three years, then was elected cashier of Hamersville Citizens' Bank, which post he has since filled to the satisfaction of all concerned. He began his duties in this connection January 1, 1912. He is a man of retiring disposition and modesty, but fulfills his duties in business and as a citizen with a steadfast attention to detail that recommends him to all. He is a Democrat in politics and fraternally is an Odd Fellow. He makes his home with his mother.

SAMUEL KAUTZ.

The varied and extensive interests of Mr. Samuel Kautz in Brown county, Ohio, classes him among the most influential and prominent business men of this section. Mr. Kautz is a native of Brown county and has been closely identified with the county's material growth and development. His birth occurred on a farm near Arnheim, and his natal day was June 13, 1853. He is a son of Jacob and Sarah (Berry) Kautz.

Jacob Kautz was born April 9, 1809, in Germany, and died near Arnheim, March 13, 1884, while his wife was born in Germany, in 1813, and died in 1884. They came to America in 1830 and settled in Brown county, where for many years they were numbered among the successful and substantial farmers of the county. They were the parents of eleven children, all of whom were born on the home farm near Arnheim, Brown county, Ohio. Two of these children died in infancy.

Jacob died in action during the Civil war.

Caleb is a resident of Cincinnati.

Philip served his country during the Civil war and passed away in Kansas, in 1912.

Davis was captured while in service in the Civil war and was a prisoner in Andersonville prison for eleven months. His death took place soon after his return home, resulting from the exposure and privations of army life.

Mary is the widow of Adam Gross, of Arnheim.

John, of Fincastle, Brown county, Ohio.

Fred, of Georgetown, Ohio.

George also is a resident of Fincastle, Ohio.

Samuel, our subject.

Mr. Samuel Kautz was reared to farm life and when of school age attended the district school near Arnheim, while assisting in the duties incident to country life, remaining with his parents until their deaths, in 1884.

In the year 1876 Mr. Samuel Kautz was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Bohrer who was born in Arnheim, a daughter of Jacob and Mary E. (Bohl) Bohrer, both of whom were born in Germany. They came to America about 1830 and became the parents of nine children:

Kate, who died in young womanhood.

Adam, of Brown county, Ohio.

Jacob resided in Illinois until his death, in 1908.

Caroline is a resident of Georgetown, Ohio.

Lizzie, the wife of our subject.

Lewis H., also of Brown county.

Tilda and Louisa, of Georgetown.

Fred resides on a part of the old home farm in Brown county. Mr. Bohrer died in 1883, while his wife passed away in 1904. They were energetic and industrious formers of Brown county for many years, being among the earliest families who came into the county when it was necessary to clear away the timber before a home could be erected.

After the death of his parents, Mr. Kautz removed to Arnheim, where for four years he was postmaster, in connection with which position he conducted a small grocery store. During the greater part of his active life he has handled leaf tobacco quite extensively, buying and selling.

It is impossible for a man of the ability of Mr. Kautz to avoid prominence in politics and he was elected by the Democratic party as assessor of Franklin township, in 1878, for a term of three years, and in 1882 was elected township clerk for a term of eight years. In 1890 Mr. Kautz was elected real estate assessor of Franklin township. The following year he moved to Georgetown, and in 1905 was elected treasurer of Brown county, serving in this capacity for five years.

In 1911 he was elected secretary of the Ohio Tobacco Warehouse Company, of Georgetown, Ohio, and in 1907 was elected president of the Marble and Granite Company, also of Georgetown.

Mr. Kautz is a member of the fraternal orders of Masons and Knights of Pythias.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Kautz are four children and all of them were born in Brown county.

William A., who was born in 1877, married Miss Elizabeth Bohl, and to them have been born two children, Herschel and Ruth. Their residence is at Georgetown, Ohio, where Mr. Kautz is bookkeeper of the Ohio Tobacco Warehouse Company. He is a graduate of the Lexington College of Bookkeeping.

Luella Matilda, born in 1879, is the wife of Clarence Smith, and lives in Norwood, Ohio.

Edward Jacob, who was born in 1881, married Miss Fannie Theis. Their home is in Hamilton, Ohio. He is a graduate of the Ada, Ohio, Scientific Course and also of the Ann Arbor, Mich., Law School.

Harvey Lewis, who was born in 1884, resides with his father and is assistant bookkeeper at the tobacco warehouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Kautz are devout members of the Presbyterian church and enjoy the pleasure of having all of their family with them in their belief. Mr. Kautz is at present one of the elders of that denomination.

The business activity of Mr. Kautz has been of such a nature that the town has been greatly benefited by his residence. He is a liberal citizen and is counted among the substantial men of Brown county, Ohio.

W. J. JACOBS.

Mr. W. J. Jacobs, one of the well known citizens of Georgetown, Ohio, where he is engaged in the coal and lumber business, was born near Georgetown, October 8, 1846, his parents being Alfred and Rebecca Ann (Ellis) Jacobs.

Alfred Jacobs was born near Russellville on a farm, January 23, 1820, and passed from this life January 3, 1907, and is laid to rest in the Georgetown Confidence cemetery. During his active life Mr. Jacobs followed the occupation of farming and was an extensive stock trader. He was greatly interested in politics and was elected sheriff of Brown county in 1860, serving in this capacity for a term of four years. He was a member of the Universalist church and was in every way a most honorable gentleman. Mrs. Jacobs was born at Georgetown, Ohio, May 3, 1824, and passed to her eternal reward on the 16th of June, 1853. To her union with Mr. Jacobs six children were born, five of whom grew to maturity. They are:

Malinda J., deceased.

W. J., our subject.

I. N., a resident of Georgetown, Ohio

Noah E., deceased.

Mary Isabel, who became the wife of William A. Thompson, is also deceased.

For his second wife Mr. Jacobs married Miss Mary America Ellsberry and they became the parents of four children:

Minerva M., wife of Van P. Denton, resides near Chicago.

Rebecca married Rev. James R. Conner, of Garrettsville, Ohio.

Charles W. lives near Xenia, Ohio.

James Jacobs, grandfather of W. J. Jacobs, of this mention, was a native of Scotland and he and his family were among the first to settle in Brown county. From him the present generation inherits much of that sturdy character that is a chief characteristic of that race of people.

Mr. W. J. Jacobs acquired his education in the Georgetown schools and later in the normal school at Lebanon, Ohio. At the expiration of the course at Lebanon Mr. Jacobs entered upon his business career at once, entering the woolen mills at Georgetown as bookkeeper, which position he held from 1870 to 1874. He then engaged himself as clerk in the grocery store of Mr. Adams Stevens until 1877, when he was

appointed deputy auditor of Brown county, on the Democratic ticket, under County Auditor E. Roney. In 1880 he was elected county auditor and served in this capacity for two terms.

In 1877, Mr. Jacobs formed a partnership with Mr. F. A. Stevens in the grocery business and continued in this association for four years. He was again appointed deputy county auditor, under County Auditor H. L. Jennings, and filled this office for six years. He then served four years as deputy auditor under County Auditor McCall.

The next venture of Mr. Jacobs was made in July, 1892, when he formed a partnership in the coal and lumber business with Mr. Louis Mischler, who is mentioned elsewhere on the pages of these volumes, purchasing the coal and lumber yard of Mr. S. W. Blair. The association formed at this time still continues and the firm is known as the Georgetown Coal and Lumber Company. The reliable dealing of the firm has brought to them an unusual degree of prosperity.

On January 2, 1877, Mr. Jacobs was united in marriage to Miss Lucy M. Waterman, who was born in Georgetown and is a daughter of Wilson and Narcissa (Kendall) Waterman, the former of whom was born near Georgetown, Ohio, in 1818, and died in 1888. The latter was born in Brown county, in 1826, and died October 17, 1889. They were highly esteemed farmers of Pleasant township and were the parents of five children, all born in Brown county. Three are now living:

Wealthy, who married M. D. Ross, of Felicity, Ohio.

Nettie, wife of William M. White, of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Mrs. W. J. Jacobs.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs have become the parents of four children, whose births occurred in Brown county. They are:

Anna R., widow of F. M. Thompson, of Georgetown, Ohio, who is the mother of four children, Jasper King, Karl Rees, Nell Conner and Ralph Fagin.

Nell M., who became the wife of Dr. V. A. Dodd, of Columbus, Ohio. They are the parents of two children, Vern A., Jr., and Jane. Mrs. Dodd is a graduate of the Georgetown High School.

Julia B. is a graduate of the Georgetown High School and later of the Protestant Hospital, of Columbus, Ohio. Prior to her course in the hospital she took a course in kindergarten work in Cincinnati, where she taught for some time. She resides at the home of her parents.

Jasper Lee, who was born in July, 1886, is also at home.

Capt. Lute Egbert, an uncle of Mrs. Jacobs, served in Company C, Fifty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, during the Civil war, and Capt. U. S. G. White, of Georgetown, Ohio, is her cousin.

Mr. Jacobs is a man of great ability and is very popular with those who know him. His business standing is of the very best in the community and his energy and integrity is one of the salient factors of his success. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs have reared a family of whom they are justly proud and their home is one of comfort and hospitality.

EDGAR H. KENNEDY.

Mr. Edgar H. Kennedy is pre-eminently a business man and one who has wielded a wide influence in the commercial circles of Brown county, Ohio, where almost his entire life thus far has been spent. He is well qualified to handle the extensive business of the Georgetown Marble and Granite Works, of which he is secretary, treasurer, general manager and part owner. This industry is located at Georgetown, Ohio, and the company is doing a splendid business. The territory which they supply with their goods covers a radius of fifty miles, which includes the counties of Brown, Clermont, Adams, Highland, Warren, Hamilton and Clinton, in Ohio, and, in addition, a number of counties in Kentucky. Mr. Kennedy is a son of Walter and Lydia M. (Keethler) Kennedy, of Mt. Orab, Ohio, and was born in Pike township, Brown county, Ohio, in 1868.

The ancestors of the Kennedy family were originally from Pennsylvania, and, in 1811, John Kennedy, great-grandfather of our subject, and James Kennedy, grandfather, came down the Ohio river on logboats and settled in Brown county, where they cleared the timber and erected homes for their families. They became prominent farmers of Clark township, Brown county.

Walter Kennedy, a son of James Kennedy, was born in 1845, while his wife was born in 1848. They followed the occupation of farming for many years and are now enjoying a well earned rest at their pleasant home at Mt. Orab, Ohio. Mr. Kennedy responded to his country's call for volunteers

during the Civil war, enlisting in Company B, One Hundred and Seventy-fifth Ohio volunteer infantry.

Mr. E. H. Kennedy obtained a good common school education in the schools of Brown county, which was supplemented with a short course at Hillsboro, Ohio. He began his business career as teacher and was occupied in this profession for a period of nine years.

Having always taken an intelligent interest in the political questions of the day, Mr. Kennedy was appointed deputy sheriff under Robert Campbell and, in 1900, was elected sheriff for Brown county on the Democratic ticket, and re-elected in 1902, serving four years. He has also served his party as clerk of Green township, his former home. In all his public life he has been conscientious in the discharge of his official duties to the entire approval of his constituents.

In the year of 1896 Mr. Edgar H. Kennedy was united in marriage to Miss Etta L. Kress, of Highland county, Ohio, a daughter of George and Minerva (Hite) Kress, the former of whom was born in Brown county, in 1840, and died in 1906, and the latter of whom was born in Brown county, in 1847, and passed away in 1892. Mr. Kress enlisted as a private soldier in Company B, Thirty-fourth Ohio volunteer infantry in 1861. Later the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-sixth Ohio regiments were consolidated, he serving as a first lieutenant in the Thirty-sixth regiment until the close of the war. After the close of the war he engaged in the pursuits of agriculture in Highland county, where he and his wife reared a family of five children. Of that family two are now living, Mrs. E. H. Kennedy and Mr. Clyde Kress, of Sardinia, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy have two children, Ruth Elizabeth and Mary Helen.

Mr. Kennedy is one of a family of four children and is first in order of birth. The others are:

Cora, who died at the age of sixteen.

John, a resident of Amelia, Ohio.

Effie, who became the wife of Ed Curren, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. Kennedy has fraternal relations with the Masonic lodge, of Georgetown, Ohio, and is a charter member of the Knights of Pythias, of Mt. Orab, Ohio. He is one of the most highly respected members of Georgetown's social circles, and is identified with all that tends to the betterment of the community in which he lives.

JOHN G. QUINLAN.

John G. Quinlan, minister, teacher, lecturer and evangelist, is one of the most valued citizens of Georgetown, Ohio, where his popularity is everywhere evidenced. Not only is Mr. Quinlan well known in his native county, but also throughout Ohio and Illinois, where his evangelistic work has taken him. Mr. Quinlan is the present pastor of the Disciples church at Bethel, Ohio, in addition to which he is principal of the Georgetown High School. He has lectured extensively on religious and temperance subjects and he has made a study of political science, enabling him to speak at political and religious conventions, picnics and reunions. He is a native of Georgetown, Ohio, his birth occurring October 7, 1865, in the old jail, where his father was deputy sheriff. His parents were A. G. and Mary S. (Jacobs) Quinlan.

A. G. Quinlan was born in Neville, Clermont county, Ohio, in 1835, and passed away in 1891. He was a teacher in Brown and Clermont counties and was deputy sheriff and auditor of Brown county. In later years he became a farmer in Pleasant township, Brown county. He was a member of the Home Guards, but not being strong physically he was unable to go to war. His wife was born near Hamersville, Brown county, Ohio, in 1843. Ten children were born to them, eight of whom grew to maturity.

Bina L. passed away in 1887.

Flora B., wife of Joseph Dunn, resides in Georgetown.

Ida M., wife of Ira L. Tracy, lives north of Georgetown.

John G., our subject.

Edgar A. is operating the home farm and cares for his mother.

Bertha L. married Dr. J. R. Brown, of Georgetown, Ohio, Richard is a resident of Norwood, Ohio.

Irma is at home with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Quinlan and the members of the family are members of the Disciple church.

Mr. John G. Quinlan is a descendant of Irish ancestors who lived in the northern part of Ireland, being of Catholic faith. When the religious and political trouble arose in Ireland they removed to county Clare, where, in the seventeenth century, they built a castle. The first of the Quinlan family to come to America was a member of the party of Lord Baltimore and settled in Maryland. The great-grandfather of Mr.

John G. Quinlan ran away from his home in Maryland to join the army in western Pennsylvania that put down the whiskey insurrection during Washington's second administration, about 1794. Four sons came west and settled in Clermont county, Ohio. One of these sons was Benjamin Quinlan, grandfather of John G. John Quinlan, brother of Benjamin, was a highly respected squire of Bethel, Ohio, for many years. All four of these brothers lived useful and upright lives in this part of Ohio and are laid to rest in the old cemetery at Bethel.

Mr. John G. Quinlan enjoyed the educational privileges of the Eureka College, of Eureka, Ill., entering school in the fall of 1889 and graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in 1895. After completing this course he entered the ministry at Lafayette, Stark county, Illinois, and for a period of two years was occupied in preaching and for three was occupied as superintendent of schools. Following this time he spent a year at New Bedford, Ill., as a minister, and the two years following at Alpha, Henry county, Illinois, as superintendent of schools. The next four years were spent in New Boston, Mercer county, Illinois, where Mr. Quinlan was superintendent of schools. He then removed to Keithsburg, Ill., where he became the pastor of the Disciples church at that place, and in connection with his ministerial duties had charge of the business interests of the Times-Record, of Mercer county, Illinois, in Keithsburg and Seaton. At the expiration of this engagement Mr. Quinlan resigned all his interests in Illinois and returned to the county of his nativity. In December of 1907 he entered the ministry at Georgetown and during the years of 1908 and 1909 conducted the religious services at the church in Georgetown and neighboring churches. In the fall of 1909 he became the principal of the Georgetown High School. On January 1, 1910, he assumed charge of the Bethel Disciple Church, which he still holds.

The marriage of Mr. John G. Quinlan to Miss Ella E. Hill occurred July 26, 1893. She was born in Pleasant township, Brown county, February 11, 1869, and is a daughter of William and Mary (Rees) Hill, the former of whom was born near Higginsport, Ohio, in 1838, and died in 1911, and the latter of whom was born near Feesburg, Ohio, and died in Lewis township, Brown county, Ohio, in 1871, aged twenty-five years. Of the three children born to this worthy couple two died in infancy, only Mrs. Quinlan reaching mature years.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Quinlan three children have come to gladden and brighten their home, their names follow:

Joseph A., who was born in Eureka, Ill., July 20, 1895, is a graduate of the Georgetown High School and will enter the Cincinnati University in the fall of 1913 for a course in telephony.

William Vern, who was born near Georgetown, Ohio, October 4, 1896, attends the high school at Georgetown.

Edgar E., who was born in Lafayette, Ill., January 28, 1900, is also attending school.

Mrs. John G. Quinlan is a member of the Eastern Star and is eligible to the Daughters of the American Revolution, and is a member of the Research Club.

Mr. Quinlan is a Democrat in politics but votes independently, for the best men and measures. He has made a study of political science and frequently lectures on subjects bearing on issues and questions of the day.

The fraternal relations of Mr. Quinlan are with the Masonic order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Junior Order of American Mechanics.

During the past year he has taken up insurance business, taking the interest of Mr. Charles Biehn, who has removed to Texas, and Mr. Thomas W. Weaver.

Mr. Quinlan has offices over the People's National Bank and is one of the busiest men in Brown county. His ambition to be able to speak on any subject at any time has surely been accomplished, and his preaching, teaching, writing and speaking have made him a well known and popular citizen. He is also representative for Brown county of the Geiger-Jone Company, of Canton, Ohio, underwriters of industrial securities.

Mrs. Quinlan is a graduate of the Georgetown High School and taught music for two years.

FRANCIS M. SMITH.

Mr. Francis M. Smith, retired merchant and real estate dealer, of Georgetown, Ohio, has for many years been one of the useful and prominent citizens of Brown county, where he was born, in 1844, his parents being Nicholas and Sallie (Spires) Smith.

The Simth family is one of the old established ones of Brown county and of Ohio. The grandfather of the subject of this review, Benjamin Smith, was a native of Maryland and moved to Kentucky some time prior to 1803, after which time he settled in Brown county, Ohio, four miles from Georgetown, in 1804. His death occurred soon after the close of the war of 1812.

Nicholas Smith was born in Mason county, Kentucky, in September, 1801, and died in 1876. He was a farmer and a justice of the peace for many years. His marriage to Miss Sallie Spires took place in 1825, and to them were born ten children.

Benjamin C. was a farmer of Brown county, Ohio, now deceased.

Alexander was a resident of Pike county, Illinois, now deceased.

Richard was a member of the Forty-eighth regiment, Company H, Ohio volunteers, and was killed at Pittsburg Landing, in 1862, when but a few months in the service.

James G. enlisted in Company I, Forty-eighth Ohio volunteers and served five years. His death occurred soon after his return from the war.

Sallie Ann, who was the wife of Samuel Remley, is deceased.

Rebecca J., widow of William J. D. Boothby, lives in Brown county, Ohio.

Mary Elizabeth, wife of Spence Wallace, who was a soldier in the Civil war, is deceased.

Francis M., the subject of this mention.

Mrs. Sallie (Spires) Smith was of English descent and was born in Maryland, April 13, 1800, and died in 1887. She was brought to Ohio by her parents, in 1812. Her father served in the war of the Revolution.

Francis M. Smith obtained his education in the schools of Brown county and spent the days of his youth on the farm of his father. He desired to enter the army of the Civil war and volunteered, but was rejected on account of disability. He taught school for some years in Brown county, and then entered the mercantile business, in 1871, at Mt. Orab, and, in 1876, sold out and retired. In 1884 he established a mercantile business in Georgetown, where he continued until 1887. From 1890 to 1893 he was occupied in the real estate business in Columbus, Ohio, returning to Georgetown in 1893, entering again into the mercantile business. He continued in this line of work until 1906, when he retired from active life.

Mr. Smith has always taken an active interest in all worthy enterprises of the community in which he lives. He was one of the incorporators of the People's National Bank, of Georgetown, Ohio, and has been one of the directors and has held the office of vice-president of that bank since its organization, in 1903. He was one of the seven directors of what is now the Norfolk & Western Railway Company, for seven years, during its constructive period.

In 1867, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Rice, who was born in Clermont county, Ohio, near Bethel, a daughter of Benjamin and Eliza (Swing) Rice. Mrs. Smith died in 1868.

In 1875, Mr. Smith became the husband of Mrs. Mary E. Cochran, who in maidenhood was Mary E. Richards, a native of Brown county, her birth occurring in 1842, and a daughter of James and Violet (Thompson) Richards. Mr. and Mrs. Richards were both natives of Brown county and were enterprising farmers. Of their large family but four are now living: Charles, a resident of Missouri, and James, who lives in Dakota; Amanda, wife of Rev. Hayward, of Mishawaka, Ind., and Minnie, wife of William Trisler, of near Des Moines, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith had one child, Sallie Violet, who was born in Brown county, in June, 1876, and married Dr. J. N. Meyers, of Georgetown, Ohio. Mrs. Smith was the mother of two children by her former marriage to Mr. Cochran, of whom one is living, Peggie, who married George W. King, of Georgetown, Ohio. Mrs. Smith passed away in 1902 and was laid to rest in Georgetown cemetery. She was a life-long member of the Methodist church.

Mr. Smith's third marriage occurred September 17, 1907, when he wedded Miss Anna B. McKibben, who was born in Georgetown, Ohio, a daughter of Hervey and May J. (Young) McKibben. Mr. McKibben was born in Clermont county, Ohio, and was reared in Augusta, Ky., and died when Mrs. Smith was a young child. Mrs. McKibben was born in Higgsport, Ohio, and died in 1907, in her seventy-ninth year. Mr. McKibben was a merchant of Georgetown and was clerk of the courts of Brown county on the Republican ticket. He was active in politics and held many township offices. He bought the red brick house on Grant avenue opposite the postoffice at a very early date and spent the greater part of his life there. They had seven children grow to maturity.

Mary L., who married J. R. Moore, an attorney of Georgetown, Ohio.

Charles, deceased.

George L., who resides at Van Wert, Ohio.

Grant W., who is in the insurance business at Georgetown, Ohio.

Mrs. F. M. Smith.

Sallie, wife of T. C. Rapp, of Kokomo, Ind.

Jeannette, wife of Mr. Cropper, a real estate dealer of Georgetown, Ohio.

Mrs. Smith is a graduate of the Georgetown High School and was for many years a teacher in the public schools of Georgetown. She is a member of the Methodist church and is a charter member of the Eastern Star.

For a period of twenty-five years Mr. Smith served the Methodist Sunday school as superintendent, and practically all his life he has held some office in the Methodist church, of which he has long been a consistent member.

Mr. Smith is a Republican in politics and was serving on the board of education at the time the present school house was erected and has held various township offices in Green township.

Mr. Smith is a man of upright life, who well represents the very best citizenship of this section, and is widely known and everywhere respected. He is self-made and from a small beginning has accumulated a goodly competence, owning besides his pretty home on North Main street, several tenant houses and a number of business houses. Mrs. Smith has assisted him materially in all of his enterprises and their home is one of ideal comfort.

JAMES W. ROBERTSON, V. S.

Numbered among the rising young business men of Georgetown, Ohio, is Dr. James W. Robertson, practicing veterinary surgeon. Although not long a resident of Clermont county, Dr. Robertson has a fine practice and has made himself many friends. He was born in Dundee, Scotland, October 17, 1885, and his parents, William and Jane (Wallace) Robertson, are also natives of Scotland.

William Robertson was born in 1854, while his wife was

born in 1860. Mr. Robertson came to America in 1882 and spent four years in Pittsburgh, but returned to his native land, where he and his wife and daughter now reside. They were the parents of four children, whose names are as follows:

William, of Detroit, Mich., is chief draftsman for the Northern Electrical Engineering Company.

James W., the subject of this sketch.

Albert, of Detroit, is in business college at that place.

Grace is with her parents in Scotland.

James W. Robertson attended the schools of Scotland and is a graduate of the Valparaiso, Ind., School. After finishing the high school Dr. Robertson became a student of the Chicago Veterinary College, from which he graduated with high degrees. His first practice in his profession was at Dayton, Ohio, where he remained for three years. Since the expiration of that period he has been engaged in his profession at Georgetown, with offices in the National Hotel. From youth Dr. Robertson displayed business ability and his future is very bright.

Dr. Robertson is one of the city's public spirited men, and is a useful member of the society of that place. His personal character is one that commands respect and his affable manner makes many fast friends.

In fraternal circles Dr. Robertson is well and favorably known, having membership with the Masons and Woodmen.

In politics, Dr. Robertson votes for the men and measures of the Democratic party.

He is a consistent member of the Presbyterian church and is a liberal supporter of that denomination.

The personal success of Dr. Robertson is due largely to his enterprising and energetic disposition and he is a credit to the community in which he lives.

THOMAS W. WEAVER.

Numbered among the representatives of the early families of Brown county, Ohio, is Mr. Thomas W. Weaver, a prominent citizen of Georgetown, conducting a prosperous real estate and insurance business. The grandparents of Mr. Weaver were among the very first to settle in Brown county, and it was necessary for them to clear away the timber

before erecting their home. Thomas W. Weaver was born in Georgetown, Ohio, August 15, 1857, and is a son of Louis L. and Eliza A. (Hicks) Weaver.

Louis L. Weaver was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1825, and passed to his eternal reward on December 8, 1871. He was but four years of age when his parents determined to seek their fortune in the New World, and thither they came, in 1829, settling in Franklin township, and later at Georgetown. Mr. Weaver learned the trade of saddler with Thomas Walker, in Georgetown, and later engaged in the saddler's business for himself, having a shop in Georgetown until his death.

Eliza A. (Hicks) Weaver was born in Washington, D. C., March 4, 1827, and died in February, 1897. The Hicks family were Southern people and were originally from Virginia. When a small child she was taken and reared by Thomas L. Hamer, then a member of Congress. Mrs. Weaver became the mother of eight children, five of whom grew to maturity:

Francis M., deceased.

Charles G., a resident of Georgetown, Ohio.

George K. and Katie, deceased.

Thomas W., our subject.

Mr. Thomas W. Weaver attended the schools of Georgetown, Ohio, until he reached the age of thirteen years, when because of the death of his father he was forced to leave school to assist his widowed mother. He began his business life in the shoe store of Mr. L. F. Roth, and gradually rose from one position to another until he finally became a partner in the business, the firm name being Roth & Weaver. He continued in this business until he reached the age of thirty years. In addition to this business Mr. Weaver has been interested in a cigar manufactory in Georgetown and has traveled some in the interests of the cigar company. In 1900 he took up the real estate business, together with the insurance work, and until the past year has been associated with Mr. Charles Biehm, the firm being known as Weaver & Biehm. Mr. Biehm has within the past year removed to Texas, selling his interests to Mr. John A. Quinlan, mention of whom is made on another page. Mr. Weaver has offices over the People's National Bank, corner of Main street and Grant avenue, and among the companies he represents are the North British Company, the Royal of England, Northern of England, Home of New York, National of Connecticut, Philadelphia Underwriters,

Fire Association of Philadelphia, German-American of New York, Union Central of St. Louis, Penn of Philadelphia, Home Life of New York, American Casualty Company of Pennsylvania and the New Amsterdam Casualty Company of New York. Mr. Weaver has one of the largest insurance agencies in Georgetown. His real estate business is all local, and mostly for other people.

In September, 1882, Mr. Weaver was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ella Crouch, who was born in Matomoor, Woodford county, Illinois, in 1859, and is a daughter of Aaron D. and Elizabeth (Thompson) Crouch, the former of whom was born in Clermont county, Ohio, in 1830, and died in January, 1912, after having conducted an undertaking establishment of great credit for many years in Georgetown. His death was very sudden, occurring but a few hours before he and his family were to start for a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Weaver at their winter home in Florida. Mrs. Crouch was born in Georgetown, in 1834, and still resides in the pretty home erected for her by her husband before his death. Her ancestors were from Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Crouch were the parents of three children, Mrs. Weaver being the eldest. The others are: William, deceased, and John T., who succeeded his father to the undertaking business. He married Miss Lena Dunn, a daughter of O. F. Dunn, whose sketch also appears on these pages.

Two children have blessed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Weaver, both born in Georgetown. One is deceased and the other, Guy W., born in July, 1886, holds the responsible position of county inspector of weights and measures. He married Miss Laura M. Cutler, of Mt. Washington, Ohio, and they have one daughter, Ellen Elizabeth.

In politics, Mr. Weaver has always been a staunch Democrat, and, in 1889, he was elected director of the Brown county infirmary, and, in 1892, was re-elected to the same office. In 1893 he became a candidate for the office of county clerk, was elected, and re-elected in 1896. He was president of the board of public affairs of Georgetown until, in January, 1912, when he declined to qualify, as he spends his winters in Florida at Daytona Beach for his health, believing he could not do justice to his constituents, being absent one-half the time.

Mr. Weaver has fraternal relations with the Masonic order, the Knights of Pythias and the Red Men, and in all these orders he is a valued member.

In religious matters, Mrs. Weaver was raised in the Baptist belief, while Mr. Weaver was raised in the Disciples church.

Mr. and Mrs. Weaver have a very pleasant and comfortable home on South Main street. Mr. Weaver has ever been public spirited, active and energetic, and deserves much credit for the success he has made of life.

CHARLES B. FEE.

Mr. Charles B. Fee, one of the prominent and representative men of Brown county, Ohio, is the present mayor of Georgetown, and was born in Scott township, Brown county, Ohio, August 15, 1853. His parents, Dr. Enos B. and Amanda (Blair) Fee, were early residents of Clermont county, Ohio, who removed to Brown county about 1847.

Dr. Enos B. Fee was born in Clermont county, Ohio, October 4, 1817, and passed to his eternal reward in October, 1884. He was a very busy and useful man and was highly respected by all with whom he was associated. The family was originally from Pennsylvania and came west in the pioneer days of Ohio. He practiced his profession first at New Hope and, in 1869, removed to Georgetown, where he continued in his chosen work until his decease. His wife, Amanda (Blair) Fee, was born in Maysville, Mason county, Kentucky, in 1826, and passed from this life in 1893. She became the mother of seven children, all of whom were born in Brown county, and of that number three are still living. They are as follows:

Lillie, of Georgetown, has not married.

Charles B.

Dr. Robert Fee, of Georgetown, Ohio.

After completing the common schools of New Hope and Georgetown, Mr. Fee entered the Augusta, Ky., College and later attended the Cincinnati schools. He then taught school for one year in Brown county and Georgetown, following which he became a student of the Cincinnati Law School, graduating in 1873. He then began the practice of law and, in 1880, was elected mayor of Georgetown, in which capacity he served for a period of three years. At the expiration of this time, Mr. Fee turned his attention to agricultural pur-

suits for some years, returning to Georgetown, in 1911, when he was again elected mayor. Prior to his last election he was editor of the "Brown County News," during the years of 1888-1889, while practicing law occasionally.

In 1884, Mr. Fee was made captain of Company G, Thirteenth Ohio Nation Guard, and has carried the title since that time, being known throughout this section as Captain Fee.

In politics, Mr. Fee is a Democrat and has served his party in the capacity of town councilman, and his popularity is evidenced by his second election to the office of mayor of Georgetown.

The fraternal relations of Mr. Fee are with the Masons.

Mr. Fee is a lawyer of great ability and is a recognized factor in the progress of the county. He and his sister, both of whom are unmarried, have residence at the corner of Third and Green streets.

O. F. DUNN.

Mr. O. F. Dunn, one of the prominent citizens of Georgetown, Ohio, after a long and eminently successful business career, is now enjoying the comforts of retired life, surrounded by all that makes advanced years often the most enjoyable ones of a lifetime. Mr. Dunn was born three miles southwest of Sardinia, Washington township, Brown county, Ohio, June 26, 1843. His parents were J. H. and Elizabeth (Day) Dunn.

J. H. Dunn was born near Youngstown, Ohio, February 2, 1808, and died May 1, 1899. He was a prosperous and extensive farmer and stock raiser in Brown county, owning at one time over three thousand acres of the most fertile soil in Brown county. His father served his country faithfully and well during the Nation's peril in the war of 1812, and his mother's father in the Revolutionary war.

Elizabeth (Day) Dunn was born on Bull's Skin creek, Lewis township, Brown county, Ohio, March 1, 1812, and passed from this life, June 14, 1889. The maternal great-grandfather of Mr. O. F. Dunn, Robert Hamilton, was born in Ireland and crossed the Atlantic to America six months before the Revolutionary war broke out. He enlisted and served the country of his adoption during the entire war. He

was twice wounded, once with a musket ball and once with a sword. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Elizabeth (Day) Dunn, Mr. Williams, was killed in Kentucky by the Indians and his family of five or six children were scattered among his friends. Mrs. Dunn's mother was brought up by a friend and never knew what became of her brothers and sisters, which was always a source of great grief to her.

To the union of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dunn eleven children were born, all born in the same house on a farm in Washington township, Brown county, Ohio. All of them lived to reach the age of fifty years:

Ira B., who died March 7, 1903.

Abigail, widow of David Calvin and later of Lewis Bingham, a resident of Mt. Orab.

Julia, the wife of Francis Marion Tracy, of Tracy Station, Brown county.

Elizabeth, wife of Martin Courts, died September 5, 1912.

Perry T. died September, 1911.

Orman Fletcher, the subject of this mention.

Margaret E., who is the wife of Henson L. Vance, a resident of Macon, Brown county, Ohio.

J. C., of Fayette county, Washington.

J. W., of Sardinia, Ohio.

Joseph E., of Georgetown, Ohio.

Caroline Fee, wife of James Cumberland, of Mt. Orab, Ohio.

Mrs. J. H. Dunn was a devout member of the Methodist church, and while her husband was not a member, he was a firm believer of the doctrine and a liberal contributor to that denomination.

Orman Fletcher Dunn obtained the education afforded by the school of Washington township and remained at the home farm, assisting in the duties that make up the life of the average agriculturist, and under his father's supervision grew to be a practical farmer and stock raiser.

On September 5, 1865, Mr. O. F. Dunn was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth A. Wardlow, who was born in Brown county, February 26, 1842, a daughter of Henry and Mary (Purdum) Wardlow, both of whom were natives of Brown county, and who have long since been deceased. They were the parents of seven children:

William, deceased.

Thomas L. Hamer, a member of the Seventh Ohio volunteer infantry for four years, deceased.

Benjamin, deceased.

Mrs. Elizabeth Dunn, deceased.

Mell, wife of Peter McKee, who lives at New Hope, Ohio.

James, who lives on the old home farm at New Hope, which he owns.

Nancy, wife of Jacob Heiler, who lives in Covington, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Wardlow were prosperous farmers of Brown county for many years.

After his marriage Mr. Dunn managed his father's extensive agricultural interests for two years and then moved to another farm belonging to his father, above Georgetown, where he spent one year. He then purchased a fine farm of two hundred forty-three acres in New Hope and resided there from 1870 to 1887, when he returned to Georgetown, where he became engaged in the livery business. He erected the largest livery stable in southern Ohio, and conducted this business for fifteen years, and still owns a half interest. In this business he met with success, as he did also in his general farming.

The death of Mrs. Dunn occurred April 8, 1875, and left, beside her husband, four children to mourn their loss. Their names follow in order of birth:

Lenna, wife of John Crouch, of Georgetown.

Lillie F., wife of William R. Waters, who is in partnership with William Richards in the livery business and owns a handsome home adjoining Mr. Dunn's. Mr. and Mrs. Waters have one son, Howard Dunn, who was born in June, 1893, a graduate of the Georgetown High School, and is attending the State University, in his second year. Mrs. Waters is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which was organized in 1912.

Lora Etta is the wife of Jack Wilson and resides with her father. Mrs. Wilson attended the Conservatory of Music at Cincinnati for some years and holds a certificate from that institution. She is a member of the Methodist church and is a great church worker.

James H., Jr., who died in 1875, is buried beside his mother.

Mr. Dunn married Mrs. Mary L. (Campbell) Vance in 1876, she being the widow of Mr. David Vance and a daughter of A. F. and Hannah (Mott) Campbell, her birth occurring in New Hope, Brown county, Ohio, August 2, 1843. Mr. Vance

was a native of Brown county and died in 1869, having been a soldier in the Civil war.

Mr. Campbell was born in West Virginia, in 1808, and died in 1863, while his wife was born near New York City, in 1818, and died in 1888. The Campbells came to Brown county, about 1839, where he engaged in the blacksmith business. They had ten children, whose names are :

Sallie, widow of John Ira Dunn, living in Sardinia, Ohio.

Mrs. Mary L. Dunn, wife of our subject.

William, deceased, who was a soldier in the Civil war from Ohio.

Elizabeth, deceased, the wife of O. B. Moore, of Sardinia, who was also a soldier.

John and A. F. are residents of Sardinia, Ohio.

Rebecca, widow of Rev. E. L. Sanders, of Sardinia.

Hannah N., wife of William Kincade, of Sardinia.

Victoria died when quite young.

M. E. resides at Sardinia.

Mr. O. F. Dunn entered the army of the Civil war, in September, 1862, in the six months' service, and remained in the service of the State Guard until the close of the war. He is one of nine of his company, called "The Squirrel Hunters," now living. His discharge papers were made out in March, 1863, but he continued in the service. He never drew a salary for his services and has never accepted a soldier's pension. Mr. Dunn is a genial man, bearing all the marks of a true gentleman. He is well preserved physically and runs his large touring car for the pleasure of his family and friends with all the ease and skill of a man many years his junior.

Both Mr. Dunn and his estimable wife are devout members of the Methodist church, to which they contribute liberally.

In politics, Mr. Dunn votes independently and has never cared for or sought office of any kind.

In fraternal circles he is a worthy member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which organization he has been past grand for the past forty years.

WILLIAM A. EYLAR.

Mr. William A. Eylar, editor and manager of the "News-Democrat," of Georgetown, Ohio, is widely known throughout this section of the State as an up-to-date and progressive

newspaper man of high standing. His entire active life thus far has been devoted to newspaper work, and the experience gained through the years has enabled him to establish one of the most modern and fully equipped newspaper plants in Southern Ohio. Since he assumed control, in 1906, the entire building has been remodeled and all new machinery installed. The perfect satisfaction given to the public by the "News-Democrat" is evidenced by the large circulation of the paper. Mr. Eylar is a son of Joseph W. and Mary Ellen (Oldson) Eylar, and his birth took place at West Union, Adams county, Ohio, his natal day being the 16th of October, 1874.

Mr. Joseph W. Eylar is a native of Brown county, Ohio, his birth having occurred at Ash Ridge, March 11, 1847. He was a prominent and well known newspaper man and established "The People's Defender," of West Union, Ohio. He conducted this paper for a number of years, and his careful and judicious management made it a successful newspaper. He was elected State representative from Adams county, Ohio, in 1875, for two terms of two years each. Mr. Eylar and his brother, Oliver, entered the Commissary Department at the respective ages of twelve and ten years, with their father, at the beginning of the Civil war, going through the entire war. In 1889 Mr. J. W. Eylar took charge of the "News-Democrat," of Georgetown, Ohio, and was thus occupied until his decease. August 17, 1906. His wife, Mary Ellen (Oldson) Eylar, was born at West Union, Adams county, Ohio, in 1850, and passed away March 24, 1903. She was the mother of five children, all of whom were born in Adams county.

Margaret, who resides in Columbus, Ohio, is a stenographer in the state department.

Josephus, who died at the age of two years.

William A.

James Norton, who died at the age of twenty-eight years.

Lottie, who married Griffith C. Hall, and resides in Cincinnati, Ohio.

William A. Eylar acquired a good education in the West Union school and later in the Georgetown school. After his graduation he entered the printing office of his father and thoroughly familiarized himself with all the details of the printing business. As the years passed he became proficient in all the departments until he was fully capable of assuming the business at the death of his father. He is a man of fine judgment and executive ability and has the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens.

On the 31st of December, 1903, Mr. W. A. Eylar wedded Miss Marjorie Robinson Hench, a daughter of Rev. Thomas H. and Caroline (Cruser) Hench, the former of whom was born at Center, Pa., April 5, 1840, and now makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Eylar. Rev. Hench is an able minister of the Presbyterian church, having had charge at Higginsport, Feesbury, Felicity and Cedron, Ohio. At one time he had charge of the Presbyterian church at Georgetown, Ohio. Mrs. Hench was born at Fairview, Ill., April 8, 1852, and died May 18, 1904. She was the mother of two children, George C., who was born in Walcott, Iowa, and Mrs. Eylar, who was born in Rock Island, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Eylar are the parents of three children:

Thomas Wilkins, born at Georgetown, Ohio, June 9, 1905, is attending school.

Mary Ellen, born at Georgetown, Ohio, January 15, 1909.

Carolena Louise, born at Georgetown, Ohio, December 25, 1912.

In politics, Mr. Eylar favors the men and measures of the Democratic party and has served his party as clerk of Georgetown. During his term of office the city of Georgetown put down concrete walks, established the electrical plant and erected the city building, at an outlay of probably one hundred thousand dollars.

Mr. Eylar affiliates with the Masonic lodge and with the Knights of Pythias.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Eylar is at State and Green streets, where they have a very comfortable home.

RUFUS L. FITE.

Mr. Rufus L. Fite, a highly successful general practitioner of the Brown county bar, residing at Georgetown, Ohio, for the past forty-two years, is a native of that county, his birth having occurred in Scott township in 1848. His parents were Jefferson and Elizabeth (Pickering) Fite, both of whom were also natives of Brown county, Ohio.

Jefferson Fite was born in 1822 and passed from this life in 1882. He was of Pennsylvania German descent, and his grand-

father served as a soldier of his country in the war with England, in 1812. Elizabeth (Pickering) Fite was born in 1819 and passed away at the ripe age of eighty-seven years. Her forebears being of Revolutionary stock, thus making her descendants eligible to membership in the Sons or Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mr. and Mrs. Fite were the parents of seven children, the births of all occurring in Brown county, the eldest being the subject of this review. The others are: Albert G., a lawyer, of Georgetown, Ohio; Morris W., a farmer, of Brown county, Ohio; Victoria, who is the widow of the late Robert J. Brady, residing at Union City, Ind.; America, who married Thomas Patton, also of Brown county; Edgar M., who for a number of years previous to his death, which occurred in 1910, was a resident of Memphis, Tenn.; and Clement L., who died in 1903, having been a resident all his life of Brown county, Ohio.

The preliminary education of Rufus L. Fite was obtained in the district school, and when seventeen years of age, he entered the Augusta, Ky., College—the first college founded west of the Allegheny mountains, and on the sight of the present high school of that town—where he attended for a period of three years. The following year he took up the study of law at Cleveland, Ohio, and graduated in 1870 from the institution then known as the “Ohio State and Union Law College,” being admitted to the bar and locating at Georgetown in the same year. His success in his chosen profession is noteworthy, as evidenced by the extensive clientele established. Mr. Fite is also a director of the First National Bank of Georgetown, and of the Brown County Publishing Company, publisher of “The News-Democrat,” and enjoys the confidence of his fellow citizens, being a recognized champion of progressiveness and everything that is for the best interests of the community.

In 1872, Mr. Fite was united in marriage to Miss Hattie L. Power, also a native of Brown county, who died in 1884, leaving one son, William E. Fite, who also passed away in 1888, at the age of fifteen years.

In 1887, Mr. Fite was married to Miss Addie B. Sells, who was born in 1853, in Brown county, Ohio, a daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Fenton) Sells, who died respectively, he in June, 1883, and she in 1887. They were the parents of seven daughters and two sons. One of the sons, David, was a sol-

dier of the Civil war, and a member of the Eighty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteers, and died a prisoner of war in Libby prison. The other son, Michael M., was also a soldier of the Civil war, and served as a lieutenant in the Fifty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteers, and departed this life in 1897, at his home in Washington, D. C. The sisters of Mrs. Fite are: Leonora, deceased, who was the wife of S. H. Cook, also deceased; Catherine, widow of John Rees, deceased; Mary, widow of Alfred Armstrong, deceased; Jennie T., widow of W. R. Evans, deceased; Ella, wife of F. W. Thompson, and Emma D., widow of O. N. Murphy, deceased, one time governor of Arizona. Mrs. Fite is a devoted member of the Methodist church, and is the mother of two sons, of whom the eldest died in infancy; the other, Arthur S. Fite, who was born in 1891, is a graduate of the Ohio State University, class of 1912, and is now attending the law department of that institution.

By his study of the political issues of the day, Mr. Fite favors the measures of the Democratic party, but he is not a politician in the sense of office seeker.

Fraternally, he is a member of Lodge No. 72, Free and Accepted Masons, and of Georgetown Chapter, No. 52, Royal Arch Masons, both lodges being situated in Georgetown, Ohio.

Mr. Fite and his family reside at their pretty home on the east side of the village, appreciated and esteemed by their host of friends.

FRANK WHITE.

The name of White has been familiar and closely identified in the growth and progress of Clermont county, Ohio, for over a century, almost from the beginning of the organization of the county, and in all the years that have gone, the name has represented a class of men who, by their earnest and honest industry, have achieved success in the battle of life.

The family are of Scotch-English descent and the first of the family to locate in Clermont county was David White, who came with a part of his family from New Jersey in 1804, settling in the heavily timbered part of the county, near Bantam, Ohio. The journey from New Jersey was traversed over mountains and bridgeless rivers, partly overland and partly by boat, finally reaching the site on which he estab-

lished a home for his wife and young family. A portion of the land obtained at this time, Mr. David White donated and upon this tract the first church building was erected. He married Miss Nancy Vaughn, and to their union were born five sons and two daughters: Forman, William, Charles, John, David, Antis, and Elizabeth. David White lived to the advanced age of eighty-four years, while his father died at the remarkable age of one hundred and seven years.

John White, a son of David, and the father of Frank White, the subject of this sketch, was born near Bethel church, October 27, 1807, died in November, 1903, in the ninety-seventh year of his life. He was a hatter by trade and was located at Batavia. He was the oldest man in years and in number of years in business in one place, in the county, at the time of his decease. He married Miss Clarissa Rogers, who was born in Clermont county, March 3, 1812, and died, September 12, 1886. Of this marriage, there were six children, all of whom were born in Clermont county:

Elizabeth, died in infancy.

Orlando, died at the age of one year.

Horace, died at the age of eight years.

Frank, our subject.

Clara, who is the widow of Jesse Stagg, resides with her brother, Frank. She is the mother of four children: Lottie, widow of Morris C. Moore, resides at St. Louis, Mo., and she has one daughter, whose name is Pauline; Jones P., married Miss Grace Maddox, and resides at Hartwell, a suburb of Cincinnati, being a prominent business man, having entire charge of the Philip Carey Roofing Manufacturing Company, and is a man of great business insight; Charles, married Minnie Willenberg, and they have one son, Roger; Frank, has been with the Philip Carey Roofing Manufacturing Company for some time, but was compelled to give up his work on account of poor health.

Anna, the widow of John W. Stiles, who was the clerk of the county court at the time of his decease. They had one son, John W., Jr., who is in business at Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Stiles married a second time, Mr. G. A. Frazier, and had one daughter, Alpha, the wife of Mr. Eli Speidel. Mrs. Frazier died July 25, 1911, in the Bethsaida Hospital.

Mrs. John White was a daughter of Dr. Levi Rogers, who was born at Philadelphia, Pa., in 1767, and died April 4, 1814. He was an able and proficient man, displaying unequalled ver-

satility in life, being lawyer, physician, clergyman, soldier, and politician, always at the head of his profession. He was a graduate of Yale College, after which he attended the Jefferson Medical University, at that time the best in America, and equal to any in Europe, in rank and thoroughness. From this college he was graduated with high honors.

He came to Clermont county in 1804, settling at Williamsburg, where he remained until in 1810, when he removed to Bethel. His death occurred four years later, in 1814, in the prime of life and in his decease the spark of life departed from one of the most brilliant of the medical profession in Ohio.

Beside being a physician of great skill, culture and extensive practice, Dr. Rogers was a man of varied accomplishments and wonderful good common sense. He was admitted to the bar, acting for several terms of court as prosecuting attorney. He was also a minister of the gospel, expounding the word of the Lord with great eloquence. During his ministry, he solemnized the marriages of many hundreds of couples.

In 1811, he was elected State Senator and was the author of the first law regulating the practice of physicians and surgeons in Ohio, which has been a permanent monument to his ability and zeal as a physician. These acts of 1811 and 1813 were introduced by him. At the expiration of his senatorial term, Dr. Rogers was appointed surgeon in the army of 1812, in the Nineteenth regiment of Ohio infantry.

Dr. Levi Rogers married Miss Anna George, only daughter of John George, who lived in New Jersey, near Philadelphia. She died at Batavia, October 3, 1856, at the home of the venerable John White. They were the parents of two sons and five daughters: Dr. John G. Rogers, who attended as physician at the birth of General Grant, and whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work; Levi Rogers; Ann, died when quite young and was unmarried; Mary, married Forman White; Clarissa S., married John White; Sarah, married William Denham, and Cynthia, married William Page.

Mr. Frank White, the subject of this sketch, was born on the old homestead, in Clermont county, March 3, 1838, and is a son of John and Clarissa (Rogers) White. He was educated in the common schools of Batavia and after his graduation he worked on a farm for a time, after which he entered the store of Jesse L. Dustin, one of the greatest merchants ever in the county of Clermont. This proved of great benefit to Mr. White because of the immense amount of business

done by this store, and of the many branches of general mercantile business. He remained with Mr. Dustin until the War of the Rebellion broke out in 1861, when he enlisted in the Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, on September 10th, serving for three years in all the battles of the Cumberland, save that of Mission Ridge. He enlisted as a private and served as quartermaster sergeant for some time. In 1863 he was made first lieutenant on Stone River, serving again as quartermaster for a period. He was also aid and general inspector under General Beatty and under Gen. Thomas Wood in the Knoxville campaign. He was given a commission of captain, but was never mustered in. During the three and one-half years of service, Mr. White was never out of service for even one day and never had a hospital record, although he was wounded in the battle at Marietta, Ohio, on July 1, 1864. He was honorably discharged, at Louisville, Ky., in 1864, after which he returned to his home at Batavia.

In 1864, after his return from the war, Mr. White went into the general mercantile business at Williamsburg, under the firm name of Sinks and White, which continued for three years. He then spent one year in Kansas and Nebraska with a surveying party, returning to Batavia in the early part of 1869.

It had been the intention of Mr. White to form a partnership with Mr. Dustin, his former employer, in the general mercantile business upon his return from his surveying trip, but unfortunately Mr. Dustin died while he was away, and he was made administrator of the large estate of his old friend.

Soon after his return from Kansas and Nebraska, he entered into a partnership with Albert Heinrici, the firm being White & Heinrici, conducting the largest general merchandise business in the county. In 1895, the firm sold out their splendid and lucrative business because of the poor health of Mr. White, he being unable to carry the great responsibility of the extensive business of the firm. In 1897, he took the position as business manager of the "Clermont County Sun," which he held until 1902. He has been president of the Building & Loan Association since its organization in 1885, and was secretary of the old loan association at the time it closed its business. He is president of the Carroll-Jamieson Machine & Tool Company, of Batavia, and has been on the school board at different times for the past twenty-seven years, and is president of the same at present. He was appointed by Governor Harmon as trustee of the Soliders' and Sailors' Orphans' Home

of Xenia, Ohio, one of the largest institutions of the State, there being nine hundred inmates. It is an ideal place and is beautifully situated.

Mr. Frank White was married, June 20, 1873, to Miss Mary E. Griffith, who was born at Bethel, Ohio, in June of the year of 1849, a daughter of John S. and Ann Amelia (Eder) Griffith, the former being a prominent attorney of Batavia. Mrs. White died, September, 1885, and was buried at Batavia, Ohio, where her death occurred.

Mr. White was again married, in June, 1888, to Mrs. Henrietta McCaslin, who was born at Kingsville, Ohio, April 30, 1859, and died June 10, 1893. She was a daughter of Rev. John Graham, of the Erie conference, of which he was presiding elder, and Cornelia (Gaskill) Graham, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. To this union was born one son, Charles Graham, who was born April 11, 1889, at Batavia, and is a graduate of the Batavia High School and of the Ohio Wesleyan College. He is now attending the Cincinnati Law School. Mrs. (McCaslin) White was the mother of two children by her former marriage—Cornelia G. and John Paul. She was a member of the Methodist church, and was a great musician, affording her family many pleasurable evenings at their home, and also to her friends, being ever willing to entertain with the God-given talent.

Mr. White was nominee on the Democratic ticket for representative, in 1895, being defeated by but sixty-seven votes. He has settled up many estate and has held many offices of trust. He is a Royal Arch Mason and is a member of the Methodist church, in which he takes an active part in all of the affairs of the church. Mr. White is a man of strong character, and a great lover of the truth, being a man of the strongest convictions and who never swerves from the truest and best principles, thus building up a strong and substantial character, which is the admiration of his home, the church and society.

GEORGE W. IRETON.

Mr. George W. Ireton is the owner and operator of one of the most productive farms in Jackson township, whose excellent location is one of its attractive features. He is one of the enterprising and energetic agriculturists of Clermont county, and is well known in this community. He displays splen-

did business ability and executive force in the management of his farming interests. A native of Clermont county, Ohio, his birth occurred in Jackson township, on a farm adjoining his present home, December 24, 1854, his parents being Robert and Missouri (Johnson) Ireton.

Robert Ireton was a prosperous farmer of Jackson township, where for many years he was known as one of the substantial men of the county. He was practical and systematic and by diligence and strict attention to business accumulated a nice property. He was born on a farm in Williamsburg township in 1824. In response to his country's call for aid, Mr. Robert Ireton enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Fifty-third regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, serving for four months. He had one brother, Erastus Ireton, and four nephews, Samuel, Aleck, Lorenzo and John, who were also soldiers in the Civil war, beside one son, James, who entered the army at the age of sixteen years, all enlisting from Ohio. It was in 1891 that death claimed Robert Ireton and Clermont county lost one of her most highly esteemed citizens.

Missouri (Johnson) Ireton was also a native of Clermont county, her birth occurring in 1832. She passed from this life in 1888. She was a member of one of the representative families of Clermont county, and was a lady of noble characteristics. She was laid to rest in Bloom Rose cemetery, Brown county, Ohio, where her husband is buried also. In the family of this worthy couple were seven children, who were all born in the county, four of whom grew to maturity. They are as follows:

James, who was a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting at the age of sixteen years.

George W., the subject of this mention.

David, who makes his home with his brother, George.

William, a resident of Jackson township.

Mr. George W. Ireton attended school in the Harbough district and assisted his father with the farm duties, thus preparing himself for his future life occupation. He learned from his father the proper times for planting and harvesting and the many details of the work of an agriculturist who desires success in the tilling of the fields. Mr. Ireton remained at the home of his parents until he had reached the age of twenty-two years.

The marriage of Mr. George W. Ireton to Miss Jennie Price occurred in 1876. She was born near Miami ville in 1853, a

daughter of John S. and Rebecca (Snider) Price, the former of whom was born near Camp Dennison and was a carpenter of Brown county, and the latter was born near Camp Dennison also, and both are deceased. They became the parents of five children, three of whom still survive. They are:

Elizabeth, who became the wife of Moses Harbough, lives in Brown county.

Henry resides near Goshen, Ohio.

Etta, married Elliott Reddick, of near Marathon, Brown county.

Orlando, deceased.

To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Ireton was born one son:

John R. Ireton was a young man of unusual ability, having graduated from the Williamsburg High School at the age of seventeen years, and entered Cincinnati Dental College only a short time before his death, which occurred January 26, 1905, at the home of Dr. Hines, Williamsburg, Ohio, never reaching home after having taken sick. This was a sad stroke upon the entire community, as "Johnnie" was loved by all.

Mrs. Ireton was called to her last rest, October 20, 1904, three months prior to the death of her son, and was buried in Bloom Rose cemetery.

Mr. Ireton chose for his second wife, Miss Maude E. Wise, the ceremony being celebrated on the 23d of June, 1906. She was born in Brown county, near Cedron, in 1877, and her parents were George F. and Mollie (Barber) Wise, the father being a native of Brown county, whose birth occurred near Cedron, in 1837, and whose death occurred in 1905. He was a farmer of Brown county, but made a specialty of no particular line of agriculture, carrying on general farm. He was a son of Henry Wise, who reared a family of eleven children: Samuel, William, Ellen, Martha, John, Andrew, Lydia, Jane, Amanda and George F., the father of Mrs. Ireton, are all deceased; Susan, deceased.

George F. Wise married Mary Jennings for his first wife and to this union were born two sons: Henry Edgar, who resides near Point Isabel, Ohio, and William E., who resides near Bethel, Ohio.

To his union with Mollie (Barber) Wise, who was born near Felicity, Ohio, in 1838, four children were born: Frank W., whose record appears elsewhere in these volumes; Josie, deceased; Raymond S., of near Batavia, Ohio, and Maude E., who is Mrs. Ireton, of this review.

The grandfather of Mollie (Barber) Wise was a native of Ireland, and upon his arrival in America, settled in Boone county, Kentucky, where he raised a family of eight children: Robert, David, John, James, Mary Ann, and Martha, all deceased.

In the family of James Barber were eleven children: Zeno, Harvey, Franklin, Elizabeth, Eliza Jane and Martha, all deceased; Mary Ann, the mother of Mrs. Ireton; Logan, of Felicity, Ohio, is a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted from Ohio; Ella, deceased.

Mr. Ireton settled on his present farm when he was first married, eighty-seven acres of which he inherited from his father. Later, he added thirty-three acres in Brown county, making a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres. As the years passed by, Mr. Ireton erected the home and new barns, and by constant attention to the farm interests, has made a home that is both pretty and comfortable.

Mr. Ireton was seriously injured in an explosion of an engine while shredding fodder at the home of Raymond Wise, on the Emily McKeever farm near Williamsburg, November 26, 1910. The engineer, Will Pride, was killed, and Mr. Ireton almost fatally injured, while the barn and entire contents was burned. From this Mr. Ireton has never entirely recovered.

To the second marriage of Mr. Ireton have been born two children, both born in Jackson township: Stella Marie, who was born May 30, 1907, and Raymond Frank, born September 7, 1910.

In politics, Mr. Ireton has always voted the Republican ticket, but is not a politician in the light of an office seeker. He has served, however, on the school board, and in 1900 was census enumerator.

In religious matters, both Mr. and Mrs. Ireton embrace the faith of the United Brethren church, and Mr. Ireton has filled the office of trustee and of steward. He is liberal in the support of his chosen church and in all charitable enterprises.

Mr. Ireton is a genial, pleasant gentleman, a great reader, keeping well informed on all subjects of the day. Mrs. Ireton is an affable, hospitable lady and the family stand high in the community in which they live, and the life record of Mr. Ireton is one of uprightness of character, and exemplary conduct. The Ireton family are descendants of relatives of Oliver Cromwell. We take pleasure in reproducing a poem written by

Mrs. Maude (Wise) Ireton for the campaign of 1908, which is said to have aided very materially to the success of the no license cause in Clermont county.

WHY VOTE?

Composed by Mrs. Maude (Wise) Ireton, Williamsburg, Ohio.

Why 'gainst the liquor traffic vote
 When not one drop goes down your throat?
 Why worry over child or friend
 Whose future you can't comprehend?
 Stop and think a moment men!
 Listen! Consider! Think again!
 King Alcohol sits on his throne
 In every land where man is known;
 Placed there, not for the good he's wrought,
 Not for the battle he has fought,
 Not for the victories he has won,
 But for the evil he has done.
 With tears as jewels in his crown;
 With blood is stained his costly gown;
 His sceptor proudly he displays
 Bought by the drunkards in their graves.
 His throne is built of dead men's bones;
 Each skull now represents the homes
 Of those he's crushed beneath his feet,
 Ah! What an army when they all meet!
 Will he boast then of deeds he's wrought,
 When Christ will say, "I know ye not"?
 There's fathers, sons and husbands dear,
 Once true and good, pure and sincere,
 In this vast army marching on
 Where millions of others have surely gone.
 Say brother, sisters shall we stand by
 Do not one thing but watch them die?
 Let's cast this foe from out our State;
 And save our boys, ere 'tis too late.
 Maybe your boy, no distant time
 Will sup his whiskey, beer and wine;
 Will tread the path of sin and woe,
 And to a drunkard's grave will go.
 When I look at my innocent babe, so fair,

With smiling lips and curly hair,
And know there are many, as innocent as she
The wife of a drunkard has been, and will be,
I pray to my God to forbid that her life
Should meet such a fate, as a sad drunkard's wife.
Let's then as fathers, mothers, all,
Release ourselves from liquor's thrall,
And teach our children the disgrace,
Of such an awful cursed place,
As the saloon, which leads to hell,
And paves the path, yes, paves it well
With bleeding hearts and tears and moans,
And robs our purse and robs our homes.
Now there's one way, and only one,
That this great work can e'er be done;
That is to join our hearts and hands
And vote this curse from out our lands.
"We'll sink or swim! We'll live or die!"
Hurrah! Old Clermont's going dry.

GUSTAVUS A. FRAZIER.

Gustavus A. Frazier, whose life exemplified all the traits of the good and, therefore, truly great citizen, and whose activities made him one of the representative and honored men of the day in Clermont county, Ohio, was senior member of the law firm of Frazier & Hicks, of Batavia, conducting a general law practice. He was born in Cincinnati, April 2, 1839, a son of Flavius Josephus and Susanna (Plank) Frazier, both of whom were of old families in Clermont county. His death occurred at Batavia, Ohio, September 3, 1912.

Flavius Josephus Frazier was born in Clermont county, in 1817, and became a merchant at Point Isabel. In 1838 he married Miss Susanna Plank, a daughter of a pioneer who came to Clermont county from Illinois. She was one of eleven children and lived to the advanced age of nearly eighty-six years, passing from this life in 1908. She left three sisters, who died within a period of four months after her decease. She was widely known and respected, being an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Flavius Josephus was a soldier of the Mexican war and was a son of John Frazier,

who was a veteran of the War of 1812 and came to Clermont county before the war, from Maryland. He was of Scotch descent, belonging to the Scottish clan of Frazier. In religious views he held the Methodist belief and followed the occupation of farming. He died leaving three sons:

Flavius Josephus, the father of the subject of this review.

Adolphus.

Alonzo, who served in the Mexican war.

The widow of John Frazier married a second time, a Mr. Brush, and one son of that union, Gen. J. L. Brush, was lieutenant-governor of Colorado.

Gustavus A. Frazier was the eldest of seven children, of whom three are still living:

Mrs. Kate Rice, who is the widow of George Rice, resides at Chilo, Ohio.

Mr. W. W. Waterfield is the widow of a prominent tobacco and general merchant of Clermont county.

Joseph, who is a Civil war veteran, and is now at the Soldiers' Home at Dayton, Ohio.

Isaac and Sylvester Jefferson, deceased, also were soldiers in the Civil war.

Gustavus A. Frazier was reared from an infant in Clermont county, and after the usual preliminary education he read law under P. H. Hastings, of Felicity, Ohio, also attending Carter's Academy at Felicity. He taught school for eight years and was admitted to the bar on the same day as the late P. J. Nichols.

On January 1, 1880, Mr. Frazier moved from Felicity to Batavia, where he formed a partnership with ex-Senator W. F. Roudebush, which continued for eight years. In 1888 the present firm of Frazier & Hicks was formed.

Mr. Frazier was married first to Miss Georgia Ann Goodwin, at Felicity. She died in 1881, leaving one son, Charles E., whose birth occurred January 20, 1862... He resides at Cincinnati, where he is buyer in one of the departments of H. & S. Poogue Company. He married Miss Catherine McGuire, of Cincinnati. They are the parents of one daughter, Marian, eight years of age.

The second marriage of Mr. Frazier was to Anna R. Stiles, who was the widow of John W. Stiles, formerly clerk of the courts of Clermont county. She was a daughter of John W. White, a pioneer resident of the county. Mrs. Frazier died, July 5, 1911, at the age of sixty-eight years. Of her first mar-

riage Mrs. Frazier was the mother of one son, John W. Stiles, now of Cleveland, Ohio, who is manager of the Keasby & Mattison Company, extensive manufacturers. Of the second union Mrs. Frazier was the mother of one child, Alpha F., who is the wife of Attorney Eli H. Speidel, mentioned elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Frazier voted the Republican ticket until the time of Tilden and was afterward a Democrat. He was a member of the Masonic order, Blue Lodge at Batavia, and was a member of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he had been an active member for many years. His intellectual attainments, his broad and generous sympathies, and his liberality won the deepest feelings of regard from all who came within the circle of his influence. His thorough conception of duty to his constituents, his party and the public, with his generous readiness to fulfill, together with his upright and honorable bearing in all the situations a public man is forced to face, gives to Mr. Frazier a record that reflects lustre upon his party, home and name.

DR. FRANK C. CURRY.

The medical profession calls for greater sacrifice of personal comfort, greater knowledge and skill and greater tenderness, combined with firmness, than any other. The physician is the confidential friend and adviser as well as the medical director to his patients, and has, therefore, a sacred calling.

One of the most successful men in the medical profession of Clermont county, Ohio, is Dr. Frank C. Curry, physician and surgeon, whose office is in the Citizens National Bank building at Milford, Ohio, and who has been a practicing physician in Milford for the past thirty years.

Dr. Curry was born on a farm near Batavia, Ohio, March 24, 1858, his parents being James P. and Augusta (Lanham) Curry. He received the educational advantages of the school at Olive Branch, following which he entered the high school at Felicity, when Judge Parrott was instructor. In the meantime Batavia had established a high school course and he became a pupil in the first year, with Austin Wood as superintendent. After spending two years in the Batavia High

School he became a student in the Ohio Wesleyan University, where he took a scientific course, preparatory to the study of medicine. When he had finished at the university he entered the office of Dr. J. C. Kennedy, who had advised him to study medicine. He spent two years with Dr. Kennedy reading medicine with him and studying preparatory to entering the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, from which he graduated in 1881.

Dr. Curry began his career at Milford in 1881 with sixty dollars as capital, which his father gave him, with the instructions to "make or break." During the first year Dr. Curry was successful to a marked degree, but, being young, spent his money as soon as it came in. At the end of the year he again called on his father for funds, but was refused.

On January 31, 1893, Dr. Curry was united in marriage to Miss Frances Stuntz, of Terrace Park, whose father was professor of chemistry in the Woodward High School, of Cincinnati, of which she is a graduate. At the time of her marriage Mrs. Curry was a teacher in the schools at Hartwell, Ohio.

In the family of Dr. F. C. Curry are four children:

Chauncey J., a graduate of the Milford High School, is at present a student at the University of Cincinnati, taking the co-operative course; Frances Dorothy, Frank Albert and Mary Eliza.

Mrs. Curry's parents were C. R. and Eliza (Houk) Stuntz, of Milford.

Dr. Curry is a Democrat in politics, but not a politician. In his busy life he has found time to serve on the board of education as treasurer, also serving for two years as committee on blind relief, under charge of the State Board of Charities. He has been appointed to the board of health, filling the appointment for several years.

Fraternally, Dr. Curry is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is past grand, past chancellor in the Knights of Pythias lodge. He holds membership in the Clermont County Medical Association, having been its president for the past four years. On several occasions Dr. Curry has prepared and read papers before the society, one of which had for its subject the important one of tuberculosis and was published in the "Cincinnati Lancet and Clinic." He is a member of the Miami Valley Medical Society and the Ohio State Medical Association.

Dr. and Mrs. Curry are devoted members of the Methodist

church, as are all of the family. In his practice he has made a creditable name for himself, adhering closely to a high standard of professional ethics, and conducting his business along scientific lines, which has resulted in successful accomplishment.

JOHN L. FOMORIN, M. D.

Dr. John L. Fomorin is one of the best known physicians in Clermont county and belongs to one of the older families of the region. He was born near Owensville, Clermont county, November 28, 1855, son of Bertrand B. and Magdeline (Cline) Fomorin, natives of France, the father born in the city of Nantz. The father was born in 1800 and died in 1882, and the mother was born in 1816 and died February 3, 1900, and both are buried at Owensville. Magdeline Cline came to America, about 1830, and her parents located in Clermont county. Bertrand B. Fomorin served fourteen years in the French army and came to America about 1837. He learned the trade of locksmith in early youth, but later was employed as superintendent of a turnpike, spent one season as overseer of a plantation near New Orleans, and then entered the employ of the Perrin distillery in Clermont county. He began with a modest salary and an unimportant position, but worked his way up by industry and ambition, and in fourteen years held a post of considerable responsibility. He gave this work up, however, to engage in farming in Stonelick township, in which he was fairly successful. He and his wife had eight children, all born in Clermont county: Margaret, deceased, was the wife of George Feller; Francis, of Owensville; Anthony, deceased; Elizabeth lives on the home farm; Annie and her husband, B. H. Maxwell, live in Jackson township; Dr. John L., Marathon, Jackson township; Frederick, on the home farm near Owensville; Ella, wife of B. C. Turner, of Perintown. Francis Fomorin took part in the one hundred days' service during the Civil war, taking part in several skirmishes. The parents were members of the Catholic church and were highly respected and useful members of their community. They reared their children to useful manhood and womanhood and made many friends.

Dr. Fomorin attended the local schools and later attended the Ohio Medical College, of Cincinnati. He began the prac-

tice of his profession in Marathon, in 1888, and since that time has built up a large practice. He stands high in medical circles and is a skilled surgeon as well. He is almost entirely self-educated, for he began life on his own account as a poor youth, taking every opportunity to make an honest livelihood and add to the money which was to take him through his college course. He is a man of liberal ideas, makes friends easily, and is able to hold the regard and affection of those with whom he is associated. He has a right to be proud of what he has achieved, and throughout his career has always kept sight of the excellent training he received in his childhood, living in a manner that is a credit to his family and parentage, as well as to his own good principles. There have been five physicians in his family, and his uncle, Dr. J. B. Cline, served as surgeon throughout the Civil war, from Ohio. Dr. Fomorin owns some fifty-two acres of land in Jackson township and a house in Marathon. The house contains a commodious and convenient office, with fixtures for a good drug department. Dr. Fomorin is a Democrat in politics and in all his life has been much interested in local affairs. He lives as befits a Christian gentleman and labors in the interests of his fellow men.

In 1889, Dr. Fomorin was united in marriage with Miss Lillie Blanche Hartman, born in Marathon, in 1871, daughter of W. H. and Albina (Roudebush) Hartman. Dr. Fomorin and wife have two children, both born in Marathon, Bertrand H., born in 1893, and a graduate of the Milford High School, and William F., born January 31, 1899, attends school at Marathon.

DANA A. SMALLEY.

Mr. Dana A. Smalley is well known in Clermont county, in connection, formerly with his activities along educational lines and latterly along the lines of agriculture and the insurance business. Since 1911, when Mr. Smalley erected a comfortable home on Cleveland avenue at Milford, Ohio, he has devoted his attention almost entirely to the insurance business, representing the Home Insurance Company of New York, the New York Underwriters and the Queen Insurance Company, with offices over the Citizens' Bank, and his evident success is the result of his untiring effort.

The birth of Dana A. Smalley occurred on a farm near Har-

veysburg, Clinton county, Ohio, a son of Samuel O. and Anna F. (Finch) Smalley, and is the oldest of a family of six children, the others being named as follows:

Sarah C., who married Thomas Morris, resides in Guthrie, Okla., and has one child.

James P. is a resident of McPherson, Kan., and has one son.

Thomas E., of Williams Corners, Stonelick township, has one son.

Judson S. is a resident of Wichita, Kan.

When Mr. Smalley of this mention was about fourteen years of age his parents moved to a farm near Blanchester, Clinton county, where they remained until he was about eighteen years old. They then became residents of Williams Corner, Stonelick township, Clermont county. Mr. Smalley acquired an education in the schools of Clinton county, which enabled him to secure a teacher's certificate, and he was in Wilmington, Ohio, for the purpose of being examined the day Fort Sumter was fired upon. He engaged in teaching for two years when, although not physically able for the hardships of military service, he enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Seventy-fifth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry. He was not accepted for service, but remained with the company at Camp Dennison for three months, after which he returned to his profession of teaching and for a period of twenty-five years taught in the schools of Warren, Hamilton and Clermont counties.

On August 20, 1872, Dana A. Smalley was united in marriage to Miss Maggie D. Gatch, the ceremony being performed in Miami township, the place of her birth, her parents being Andrew and Lucy (Leming) Gatch, the former of whom was a son of Conduce Gatch, who was a son of the Rev. Philip Gatch, a mention of whom is made on another page of this work. Dana A. and Maggie D. (Gatch) Smalley and their descendants have verified genealogical records showing Mayflower descent from Miles Standish, John Alden, William Noline, Edward Dotin, Francis Cook—two lines—and Huguenot descent from his wife, Hester, the Wallron—and descent from Henry Walbridge, sergeant in the Revolution, thus showing eligibility to membership in the Colonial Dames, Huguenot Society and the Daughters of the American Revolution. One child has blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Smalley:

Stella M., who was born in Pleasant Hill, Miami township, Clermont county, Ohio. After completing the country schools

she was graduated from the Milford High School. Her mother passed away when she was an infant and since she has been old enough she has been her father's housekeeper.

From 1868 to 1870 Mr. Smalley was employed as bookkeeper for a grocery firm at Cambridge City, after which he spent one spring in a commission house at Cincinnati, returning to Clermont county, where he taught school at Mt. Repose, Mulberry, Terrace Park and Milford. In 1888, Mr. Smalley gave up his profession to take up the occupation of farming, purchasing a portion of the old Gatch farm, where he continued until taking up his residence in Milford. Some time prior to his removal from the farm Mr. Smalley had given considerable attention to the business of insurance, which he has followed continuously since his coming to Milford.

Mr. Smalley gives his political support to the Republican party and served his party as township clerk for two years.

Although reared in the faith of the Baptist church, Mr. Smalley has embraced the faith of the Methodist church, and for several years filled the office of superintendent of the Sunday school at the old Gatch chapel.

During his stay at Cambridge City, Ind., Mr. Smalley joined the Knights of Pythias and has since been transferred to the Milford lodge, in which he has filled all the chairs, being at present the chancellor commander, representing his lodge at Canton, in the year 1912.

In all matters of citizenship Mr. Smalley is interested, and his co-operation has been given to many measures for the public good. Whatever he undertakes he carries forward to a successful completion and deserves much credit for what he has accomplished in a business way.

DR. HARRY FOREST ANSHUTZ.

Dr. H. F. Anshutz, deceased, was known throughout Clermont county as an able professional man of experience, ripened by years of practice in his profession, and the result of this experience was ample proof of the esteem and confidence in which he was held in the community. Dr. Anshutz was a resident of Loveland for twenty-seven years and was one of the leading dentists in the county. He was born at Montgomery, Ohio, August 25, 1855, and his demise occurred March

15, 1911. The parents of Dr. Anshutz were Dr. A. D. and Nancy E. (Applegate) Anshutz.

After receiving the preliminary education of the public schools Harry F. Anshutz attended the Ohio College of Dental Surgery, graduating February 28, 1882, and the following year located at Loveland, where he practiced dentistry until his decease.

The marriage of Dr. Anshutz to Miss Mary A. (Roberts) Hanna occurred December 22, 1897, in Miami township, Clermont county, Ohio. Her birth took place at Clarksville, Tenn. She is a daughter of Adolph and Martha (Waller) Roberts. The former died when she was small and her mother moved to Cincinnati. Her studies were pursued in the schools of Cincinnati and at home with a private tutor. At the age of fifteen years she was married to Elliston Hanna, who was in business at Remington, where they resided until the death of Mr. Hanna, November 19, 1895.

In politics, Dr. Anshutz was an advocate of the principles of the Republican party and was serving as a member of the city council at the time of his death. He was fire chief of Loveland for six years. In fraternal circles he was widely known, having membership in the order of the Free and Accepted Masons, of the Knights of Pythias and of the Modern Woodmen of America. In religious matters he evidenced his faith by membership in the Presbyterian church, in the work of which he always took an active part. He possessed strong mentality, marked individuality and force of character, and became widely known. He was a gentleman of unquestioned honor and warm impulses, fearless in defending every cause he believed to be right.

Mrs. Anshutz owned considerable property left her by her first husband, and after her marriage to Dr. Anshutz they purchased property, which they remodeled, making the Broadway Hotel. The present residence of Mrs. Anshutz was purchased and improved by Dr. Anshutz for her, and she also has a beautiful home consisting of twenty-one acres on Loveland Heights. Mrs. Anshutz is known as the best business woman in Loveland and looks after her property and business herself. She has much ability and what she has accomplished in life by her moral and upright life cannot be measured in words.

Mrs. Anshutz has one of the finest collections of curios in

the State of Ohio, which was left to her by her husband, and it is always a pleasure for her to show them to those interested in these things. She is the author of two beautiful little poems to the memory of her late husband. We regret that we cannot reproduce them.

HENRY PARKER SMIZER.

The Smizer family has been prominent in Clermont county, Ohio, for three generations as progressive, proficient agriculturists, gaining an enviable reputation for reliability and industry by reason of their straightforward, practical business methods.

The family were originally from Germany, the first to leave their native land to seek their fortune in the "Great America" being two brothers and a sister, Mathias, George and Margaret Schmeisser, the German spelling of the name, which has been Americanized to the present form of Smizer. They emigrated to this country in 1738, settling at York, Pa.

Two sons of Mathias Schmeisser, Philip and George, removed to Kentucky in 1795, the latter locating in Harrison county, on the Licking river. He was three times married, the first being to Miss Katherine Lair, and the second time to her sister, Mary. The third marriage was to Miss Martha Lair, a cousin of the sisters. She was the mother of Samuel Smizer, who married Rebecca Frazier, November 8, 1827, in Kentucky, after which they removed to Whitley Creek, Moultrie county, Illinois.

Philip Smizer brought his family to Clermont county from Kentucky, in 1797, locating on a farm of two hundred and fifty acres adjoining the farm, which is now owned by Mr. Henry Parker Smizer, the subject of this review. Philip built a log house but later, about 1827, he erected a substantial brick dwelling. Henry Smizer has in his possession a receipt for the brick used in this house which quotes brick as being \$2 per thousand. This house is occupied by George Smizer.

David, a son of Philip and Mary Smizer, was born in Harrison county, Kentucky, in 1795, and when two years of age was brought by his parents to Clermont county. He married Miss Ruth Brown and they had eight children born to their union, three of whom are still living, George, who lives on the old homestead, Louisa, who married Mr. W. B. Fitzwater

and lives near Windsor, and Henry Parker, who lives three miles east of Milford, Ohio. David was a farmer all of his life, and was first a Whig, afterwards a Republican. He was a devoted member of the Christian church, and also a deacon in the church at Newberry, helping to put up the church at that place. David lived to the good old age of seventy-seven years, leaving a memory that ever lives in the hearts and minds of his people.

Henry Parker Smizer was born in Maimi township, Clermont county, October 20, 1833, and received his education in a private school at Milford, Ohio, and on December 17, 1859, married Miss Lucy Howes, who was a native of Connecticut. She was a daughter of Solomon and Lucy (Day) Howes, who came to Ohio when Mrs. Smizer was six weeks old. They located in Ashtabula county, Ohio, and there she was reared and educated. She afterward became a teacher in the district in which our subject lived. To this union was born three children:

Alma, who married William P. Price and lives in Miami township. They have three children.

Edwin F., married Miss Flora Wright, of Middle Grove, where they now live. They have five children.

Abielen, was a graduate of the Milford High School in 1890, under Prof. Byron Williams. She died in 1893.

After his marriage, Mr. Smizer carried on general farming on the old homestead until in 1864, when he entered the army, enlisting in Company H, One Hundred and Fifty-third Ohio volunteer infantry. He was located at Paw Paw Station, near Harper's Ferry, and with about forty others started out on a scouting expedition to capture some Confederate soldiers. Upon their arrival they found to their consternation that what had been considered a small detachment was an army of three thousand. Mr. Smizer and twelve of his company were taken prisoners and sent to Andersonville prison, where he remained from July until in January, 1865, when he was sent to Annapolis and from there to his home.

Upon his return home from the war, Mr. Smizer again resumed his occupation as a farmer and bought from his father one hundred and eighty acres of land. Mrs. Smizer died in 1872, and on February 18, 1875, he was again married at Whitley Creek, Moultrie county, Illinois, to Miss Lucetta A. Smyser, who was a daughter of William and Ellen (Robinson) Smizer. She was reared and educated at Whitley Creek, and

is a granddaughter of Samuel and Rebecca (Frazier) Smyser, and a great-granddaughter of George and Martha (Lair) Smizer. There have been no children to bless this union. Mrs. Smizer has been a devoted mother to the children, the youngest of whom was but four years of age when she came into the family.

In 1904, Mr. Smizer moved his family to another farm which he had purchased. He has been an extensive fruit grower, having forty-five acres alone in peaches. In 1911, he erected a fine new brick dwelling, which is their present home.

While not an office seeker, Mr. Smizer was born and reared a Republican, and is well versed in all the political questions of the day. He is of the Universalist faith, although Mrs. Smizer is a member of the Christian church, in which she is an active worker.

Mr. Smizer is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Goshen, and is also a member of Kilpatrick Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and he and his wife have attended a number of the reunions of the post. One at Boston, in 1890, one at San Francisco, in 1886, and at Columbus in 1888.

Henry Parker Smizer is now retired from active life, and is spending the evening of his life in the enjoyment of the fruits of the endeavors of his early years. He has followed up the characteristics of his German blood by industrious labor and truth. He has ever been a good neighbor, a faithful friend and an honest citizen.

J. N. ROBBINS.

J. N. Robbins is one of the oldest business men of Goshen, his native place, and was born diagonally across the corner from his present home, on Main and Elizabeth streets, his business location being nearby. He belongs to one of the older families of Goshen, where his father was a prominent business man. He was born July 10, 1837, son of J. B. and Ruth (Wood) Robbins, the father a native of a village near Boston, Mass., born in 1808. At the age of eight years J. B. Robbins was taken by his father, who was a watch maker, the rest of the family accompanying them, down the Ohio river in a flat boat, to the vicinity of Crittenden, Ky. There the grandfather carried on his business and there J. B. Robbins grew

up, and worked for a time at cigar making. Later he went to Cincinnati and learned the business of chair painting, soon afterwards removing to Milford, Ohio, where his marriage occurred. A short time after his marriage he located in Goshen, and there took up the manufacture of handmade chairs. He was not a mechanic himself, so was obliged to hire all the work done except the painting, which he did himself, so he decided to follow another line and took up house painting. He became skilled in painting clock faces, and as his sons grew up to the right age, he taught them painting. There were then two shops in Goshen where wood turning was carried on and J. N. Robbins learned the trade, and this gave his father the idea of buying one of the shops and resuming the manufacture of chairs and some other furniture. The lathes were run by horse power and they had a great business. However, the manufacture of chairs by machinery at Williamsburg compelled them to give up this enterprise, so they took up the manufacture of revolving rakes and lard presses, which they continued to the time of the Civil war.

In October, 1861, Mr. Robbins enlisted as a member of the band of the Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, serving honorably in this capacity for six months. Leaving Batavia, they went to the vicinity of Richmond, and went into camp at Maysville. He participated in a small engagement at Picketon, Ky., or Ivy Mountain, and after the government had ordered the discharge of the regiment bands, he was honorably discharged at Nashville, having served faithfully in all his duties. Later, he participated in the capture of Morgan.

While Mr. Robbins was at the front, his father had continued the manufacturing business, but after the return of the younger man, the firm dropped this enterprise and engaged in the sale of farm implements, and later purchased an undertaking business. They made their own coffins, and built up a good reputation for the quality of their work. During the life of the father they were partners, and after his death the son continued the business. When coffins began to be manufactured more by machinery, he discontinued making them and purchased his supply of the Cincinnati Coffin Company, then a small concern. Finding this company did an upright and honest business, he has continued to patronize them to the present time, and during this time they have progressed and developed greatly. Mr. Robbins stands well in business circles and is held in high esteem for the manner in which he

deals with his fellowmen, in business relations and otherwise. He is one of the best known men in the community and is popular with his many friends.

Mr. Robbins was married, in 1868, in Chillicothe, Ohio, to Miss Christina Day. Two children were born of this marriage, one of whom died in infancy. The other, Mrs. Nelly Robbins Williams, and her daughter, Christine, nine years of age, reside at the parental home. Mrs. Williams is a graduate of the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, under Theodor Bohlmann and also a graduate in sculpture at Cincinnati Art Academy, under Louis T. Rebisso.

GOSHEN SCULPTRESS IS HONORED IN GERMANY.

Miss Nelly Robbins, of Goshen, Ohio, daughter of J. N. Robbins, complimented by critics in Berlin, Germany. Her Bust of Prof. Bohlmann given unstinted praise.

The article printed below is taken from a recent issue of "The Cincinnati Commercial Tribune." While the paper claims Miss Robbins for Cincinnati, and we do not blame it, it is, nevertheless, a fact that she is a native of Clermont county, and was born and reared at the village of Goshen, where she still resides. She is a young lady of most engaging manners, high social standing, and a prime favorite with all who know her. Her charming ways and happy social qualities make her adored by her many friends. She is exceedingly popular among her acquaintance, both in Clermont county and in the Queen City, where she is well known. Too much cannot be said in her praise and Clermont county is proud to claim her among her many distinguished sons and daughters. On the other hand, Miss Robbins is proud of the fact that she is a native of Clermont county, and a resident of the charming village of Goshen. The "Commercial Tribune" compliments her artistic talent in the following clever manner:

"The work of Miss Nelly S. Robbins, a Cincinnati sculptress, artist, and musician, has attracted attention and received recognition at the hands of some of the most noted critics of Berlin, conspicuous among whom is Hugo Lederer, the famous sculptor of the Royal Art Academy."

The above item was taken from the "Clermont Sun," December 19, 19—.

Again, under date of December 5, 1900, the "Commercial Tribune" says:

"A few years ago, when Miss Robbins, who was not yet twenty years of age, was a pupil under Prof. Bohlmann at the Conservatory of Music, and at the same time attending the Cincinnati Art Academy, she created a life-size portrait bust of Prof. Bohlmann, to whom it was presented. The bust was placed on exhibition at the academy and won for Miss Robbins much praise.

"Recently Prof. Bohlmann visited Berlin and while there displayed the bust in the Royal Art Academy, where it was seen by Sculptor Lederer, who passed judgment upon it as being one of the finest pieces of work he had ever seen. Day after day, for some time, he spent hours studying it, and repeatedly praised the artist and the school in which she had received instruction.

"Recently Miss Robbins received a letter from the famous sculptor, telling her of the pleasure he had derived from her work, and declaring that it was by far the best specimen of its kind that had ever been sent from America and exhibited in Europe.

"Several other pieces of Miss Robbins's work have received honorable mention at the spring exhibits at the Cincinnati Art Academy, and one, a bust of Dr. Daniel S. Lyman, received special recognition. While at the academy, Miss Robbins was a pupil of the late Louis T. Rebisso."

We also have before us very complimentary notices of Miss Robbins's work from the "Cincinnati Post," "Times-Star," and the "Western Christian Advocate." Each of these mentions the enthusiastic praise bestowed upon her work, both by foreigners and home people.

Mr. Robbins is a Republican and cast his first vote for Mr. Lincoln, his father being a staunch Republican also. He steadfastly supported the Republican party until the Philippine Islands were annexed to the United States, and not liking the attitude of the government in this matter, he decided to transfer his allegiance, and since then has been an independent Republican. He has never been an office seeker, and has often refused to become a nominee when solicited to run for office. He has been occupied with his business affairs and is a man of retiring, modest nature, who fulfills the duties of good citizenship by giving his support to those whom he thinks will best represent the interests of the people. He is a charter member of Kilpatrick Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and has served in every office except that of commander, which he has

refused to accept. He has attended several National reunions of the organization, including those at Boston, Washington, D. C., St. Louis and Cincinnati. Mr. Robbins is of a family that has lived in America for many generations and originally came from England.

DANIEL W. MURPHY.

There is, perhaps, no profession more high or holy than that of the law, for in no other is it given to man to see the human heart in all its emotions more completely. The office of a lawyer is one of trust and confidence, to vindicate rights and redress wrongs, hence one of importance. The Clermont county bar has always occupied an enviable niche in the legal jurisprudence of the State of Ohio, on account of the learning and ability of its members, as well as their personal and political standing.

Numbered among the foremost in the profession is the prosecuting attorney of Clermont county, Mr. Daniel W. Murphy, who is a native of Milford, where he has a comfortable home at the corner of Mill and Mound streets. His offices, however, are in the Blymyer Building, Nos. 35-39, Cincinnati, Ohio, and at Batavia, Ohio.

The birth of Daniel W. Murphy occurred April 20, 1866, at Milford, and his parents, William D. and Margaret (Brethney) Murphy, were natives of Ireland, the former having been born in County Abbeyfeale, and the latter in County Galway. They crossed the sea to the land of opportunity when they were young and drifted into Clermont county many years ago.

In response to the call for volunteers in the army of the Civil war, William Murphy enlisted in Company D, Tenth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and served as a body guard for General Lytle at the battle of Chickamuga, where the general met his death. He was in the service for more than three years, during which time he was slightly wounded at several different times and was once taken prisoner. He remained in the service some months after the close of the war and upon his return, entered the mercantile business at Milford, which he conducted very successfully for some time. He was the father of four children, of whom our subject is the oldest. The others are:

Katherine, who became the wife of John Guilday, who resides at Xenia, Ohio.

Margaret J., married to John Walsh, of Camp Dennison.

John, whose home is at Walnut Hills, Cincinnati.

Daniel W. Murphy enjoyed the educational privileges of the Milford school, from which he graduated in the class of 1884, later becoming a student of the Woodward High School of Cincinnati, graduating in the year of 1886. About this time Mr. Murphy's father urged him to study to fit himself for the profession of the law and to help the young man, often going with him to hear noted men in the profession. The ambitions thus started in the heart and mind of our subject was the foundation on which his later successful career was built. He entered the Cincinnati Law College, graduating in 1889, and since that time has had offices in Cincinnati. His practice has been in all the branches of the law, and his clientele is extensive both in Cincinnati and in Clermont county. Not only is he an able pleader, but he is an eloquent speaker before a jury. His success at the bar, his long experience in active practice and his undoubted judicial attainments fit him for the office he now fills.

Mr. Murphy was reared a Democrat and has been prominent in the public affairs of Clermont county for a number of years. He served his party as city councilman for two years, as city solicitor several times and continuously since 1902. He was elected to the Milford school board in 1904 for a term of five years, and from 1906 to 1908 he served as president of that body. In 1908 he was elected prosecuting attorney for Clermont county and was re-elected in 1910, serving four years. At various conventions, Mr. Murphy has acted as State delegate and has been chairman of the Democratic committee of the county. He has also served as treasurer of the county committee. In addition to all of these offices he has been active in the senatorial and congressional conventions, being a very popular speaker and worker in the political campaigns.

Although Mr. Murphy is largely self-made and deserves all the credit that the term implies, he gives great credit to his father for the encouragement to enter the profession in which he has been so efficient. He has offices with the law firm of Nichols & Nichols, at Batavia, and has been associated with them in many cases of importance, although he has never been a partner.

Mr. Murphy was married in 1894 to Miss Emma C. Ducklo, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and they have three children—Helen and Hilda, twins, aged sixteen, and George, aged eleven years.

Mr. Murphy is liberal in his views, broad in his sympathy, charitable to an extent that is self-injurious, and one of the greatest and most unrelenting fighters at the bar. His character is beyond reproach and his large practice is due largely to his ability and fearlessness after once undertaking a cause to push it to a successful termination.

DR. RICHARD C. BELT.

Dr. Richard C. Belt has attained more than local prominence as a representative of the medical profession in Clermont county, Ohio, and his activities have been of a most beneficial nature. He has utilized his opportunities, making steady progress along the lines that ultimately reach the objective point. The residence and office of Dr. Belt are at the corner of Water and Mill streets, Milford, Ohio.

The birth of Dr. Richard Belt occurred at the village of Goshen, Clermont county, December 13, 1849, his parents being Richard and Amanda (Haywood) Belt, the former of whom came to Cincinnati, in 1820, from Pennsylvania, with his parents, when he was a child. Richard Belt, Sr., became a boot and shoe merchant at Goshen and for several years continued in this business. In 1854 he removed with his family to a farm in Williamsburg township, where he carried on a general farming business until 1865, when he purchased a farm in Batavia township, to which he moved.

Dr. Richard C. Belt was reared on the home farm, and having acquired a high school education, at the age of twenty years he began the study of medicine with Dr. A. C. Moore, of Amelia, obtaining a good groundwork for a thorough medical education, which he completed by a course at the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, graduating in the class of 1873. At once he began the practice of his profession at Olive Branch, where he remained but a few months, locating at Milford, in 1874.

The great event in the life of Dr. Belt took place when he became united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Strong West, on September 16, 1874, at Olive Branch, which was her birthplace,

her parents being S. R. S. and Harriet (Huber) West. This union has been blessed with one child, a daughter, Harriet, who is a graduate of the Thane-Miller School at Cincinnati.

Dr. R. C. Belt is identified with the Ohio State Medical Association, the American Medical Association, the Cincinnati Academy of Medicine, the Miami Valley Medical Association and is president of the Clermont County Medical Society. He is an enthusiast in his profession, which is generally recognized throughout the entire section of the country.

Dr. Belt is a Democrat, but has been too busy to accept an office. He is interested in educational matters and has been an active member of the board of education, also being a member of the city council.

In fraternal circles Dr. Belt became a member of the Batavia Lodge No. 109, Free and Accepted Masons. He demitted to Milford and has filled all the chairs in his local lodge, also representing it at the grand lodge. In addition, he holds membership with the Knights of Pythias at Milford. Both he and his estimable wife are untiring workers in the Episcopal church. He is a good citizen and takes an active interest in all affairs that tend to promote the welfare of his townspeople. He is a man of strong convictions, is capable and earnest, and none stand higher with his fellows in Clermont county and vicinity.

JOSEPH M. APPLGATE.

Of the men who have passed from this life, whose record for good citizenship entitles them to honorable mention in these volumes, is numbered Mr. Joseph Moreland Applegate, who was born at Hamersville, Brown county, Ohio, April 10, 1828, and died in 1902.

Mr. Applegate was reared on the farm of his father, receiving his education in the district school of the neighborhood. When he was about sixteen years of age he enlisted as a soldier in the Mexican war, taking part in many battles, among them being the battle of Monterey.

After the close of the war Mr. Applegate took a trip through the Southwest, principally through Missouri, and finally reaching California became interested in mining. He spent about thirty-five years in California, although he was not successful as a miner. In 1882 he returned to his native place, intending

to spend a short time in visiting the scenes of his childhood, and to return to California to resume his activities in that locality. While on this visit Mr. Applegate met Miss Missouri Weaver, whom he married, August 13, 1884.

Mrs. Missouri (Weaver) Applegate was born in the home in which she now lives, and is a daughter of Simeon and Mary (Duckwall) Weaver, who were natives of Berkeley county, Virginia, coming to Clermont county with their parents when they were children. The families of Duckwall and Weaver settled on adjoining farms, and it was on the farm which Mrs. Applegate's grandfather, John Weaver, purchased at this time that is her present home. The first house was a cabin on the river bottom and a little later another house was erected. The present splendid brick house was put up just before the death of the grandmother. There were five hundred acres in the original farm, which was divided among a large family, the homestead coming into the possession of Mrs. Applegate. Mrs. Applegate was one of six children:

Lavina married W. R. Ely, a minister of the Methodist church. They were the parents of Edwin C. Ely, a prominent attorney of Batavia, mentioned elsewhere in this work.

John Lewis was a farmer and a great church worker, being well and favorably known throughout the county.

Sarah, deceased.

Mary S., deceased.

James W., deceased, leaving several children.

Simeon Weaver was a Democrat, as was his father.

He is buried in the Odd Fellows' cemetery at Batavia.

DR. NELSON EDGAR BRADLEY.

Dr. Nelson Edgar Nelson Bradley, deceased, was known in Clermont county, Ohio, for many years as an able and efficient physician and leaves a memory of kindly deeds in the hearts and minds of all with whom he was associated, both professionally and socially. His life was marked by an unfaltering fidelity to duty and an earnest desire to help those who were in need, not only of his professional services, but of his sympathy.

He was born at Felicity, Ohio, March 11, 1858, and was a son of Dr. Harvey and Margaret (Quinn) Bradley, the former of

whom was born in Clermont county, on a farm near Felicity. He studied medicine at Felicity, after which he attended a medical college at Cincinnati. He was a practicing physician and surgeon. On July 12, 1859, he married Margaret Quinn, a daughter of Isaiah and Asenith (Wharton) Quinn, who were farmers living near Connersville, Ind., where she was born. When she was four years of age her parents moved to Felicity, and there she was reared and educated. Dr. Harvey Bradley was a surgeon in the Eighty-ninth Ohio volunteers and served for about two years, when his health failed. He was a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and took the thirty-second degree in that fraternity. His death occurred March 14, 1883.

Dr. Nelson Edgar Bradley grew to manhood in Felicity, and after attending the public schools of that place, entered the normal school at Lebanon, from which he was graduated. He then taught the Penn school near Felicity and studied medicine with his father, later attending Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, from which he graduated, in 1882. After his graduation he practiced with his father until the latter's death, in 1883. Nelson succeeded to the practice of his father at Felicity, where he remained until 1898, when he moved to Batavia.

The marriage of Dr. Bradley to Miss Ella M. Duckwall, of Clermont county, occurred June 30, 1887. She is a daughter of Moses and Margaret (Earick) Duckwall, the former of whom was born on a farm in Batavia township, September 16, 1822. The house in which he was born is still occupied as a home. Margaret (Earick) Duckwall was born at Louisville, Ky., where she grew to womanhood. The Duckwalls were of German ancestry and came to Ohio from Virginia.

To the union of Dr. and Mrs. Bradley were born four children:

Harvey Duckwall was born at Felicity, Ohio, July 26, 1888. He received his early education at Greenfield, Ind., where his father spent some six years on account of his health. In 1907 Harvey attended the Ohio State University at Columbus.

Dawson Earick was born at Felicity, Ohio, May 2, 1892. He is a graduate of the Batavia High School, class of 1910, and because of the high honors he received he was given a scholarship in the Ohio Wesleyan University. In the fall of 1911 he entered the Young Men's Christian Association Law School, of Cincinnati.

Nelson Edgar was born at Felicity, Ohio, August 21, 1896. He is a junior in the Batavia High School.

Margaret was born on the farm near Batavia, March 16, 1898. She is a sophomore in the Batavia High School.

Dr. Nelson Edgar Bradley was a Republican and took an active interest in all public affairs, and while not an office seeker, served as a delegate to nearly all the State conventions. He served on the school board for many years and was appointed a member of the board of pension examiners. He was a member of the Felicity lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he was worshipful master. He took the thirty-second degree in the Masonic lodge at Cincinnati. He took an active interest in church work, giving liberally of his time and money for the good of the cause, and at the time of his death was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

His death occurred at the home farm, near Batavia, on the Batavia & Cincinnati pike, October 22, 1911. He was buried at Felicity with Masonic honors, and Clermont county mourned the loss of another good citizen.

COL. LEWIS M. CLARK.

Col. Lewis M. Clark, a veteran of the Civil war and a well known representative of the industrial interests of Milford, which has been his home since 1894, is a wide-awake insurance man real estate dealer and justice of the peace, having filled the last named office for sixteen years. Although he has passed the seventy-fifth milestone of life's journey he is an active, alert and progressive citizen. The birth of Mr. Clark occurred in the village of Athens, Ohio, February 3, 1837, a son of Justin S and Mary J. (Miller) Clark.

Justin S. Clark was a contractor and decorator, who became a resident of Walnut Hills about 1840 and was among the first to settle on the Lane Seminary property, where he made his home. Having spent some time in a private way reading medicine, Justin Clark decided to enter the Eclectic Medical College, of Cincinnati, and consequently turned his contracting business over to his son, Lewis, who soon sold it. After his graduation Dr. Clark had a large practice in cholera, which was prevalent at that time. About 1849 they removed to Lewis county, Kentucky, where he practiced to the end of his

active life. He also established a tannery, having purchased a large tract of land and having learned the trade from his father, in this territory.

Lewis M. Clark received a good common school education, and while in Lewis county married Miss Nancy Pierce, and to this union were born two children, one of whom died in infancy and the other, Edwin K., married, and soon after died, leaving one child, Everett O. Clark, now of Cincinnati.

In 1861, Mr. Clark received word from General Thomas to raise a company, which he organized and was elected second lieutenant and served until in August, 1862. This was Company K, Sixteenth Kentucky volunteer infantry. He was again instructed to organize a company, which he did, and was commissioned captain of Company I, Tenth Kentucky cavalry, and saw service in protecting Cincinnati at the time of the Kirby-Smith raid. He was recommended to raise another independent battalion to protect Big Sandy, but was not allowed to be independent, and was commanded to complete a regiment, with himself as colonel, but he stepped aside and took the office of lieutenant-colonel, recommending for colonel Major James L. Foley, who declined. He also recommended and had appointed Maj. John Mason Brown, who was afterward appointed brigadier-general of the Second brigade, Burbridge's command. Mr. Clark had command as colonel and served in that capacity. He was wounded in the fight at Mt. Sterling, Ky., on June 9, 1864, with a gunshot in the left leg just above the knee, which splintered the bone; still he kept on, losing no time. He was captured, but made his escape after about two hours. At Snow's Pond he was hit by a ball at the top of the forehead which plowed its way across the scalp, knocking him from his horse. He was left on the field as dead, but when he came to his senses managed to get to camp. During his four years of active service he was never sick and never lost any time because of his wounds.

At the close of the war Mrs. Clark passed away, and on September 26, 1869, he was married to Mrs. Nora (Pierce) Lawrence, at Covington, Ky. She was born in southern Illinois, a daughter of Capt. Ephriam and Melvina (Loveridge) Pierce, who moved to Kentucky when she was a child. Capt. Ephriam Pierce was a captain of a steamboat for over forty years. When the war broke out he took a steamboat and went into the Southern cause. He served throughout the entire war and lost all that he had accumulated in the previous years.

Mrs. Pierce was of the Sherman family and her sympathies were with the North, consequently she gave that cause her services as a nurse in the hospital at Covington.

Since the war Mr. Clark has held various offices in the United States Government, serving in the capacity of railway mail clerk, revenue officer and deputy United States marshal for the Sixth district of Kentucky.

Mrs. Clark has one child by her former marriage, Lulu L., who married James Clare and is a resident of Covington, Ky., and is the mother of eight children.

Mr. Clark is in favor of the Republican principles and is a member of the fraternal order of Masons, having filled all the chairs, and has taken the Royal Arch degree. He also holds membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Loyal Legion, of Cincinnati, and has recently been made a life member without dues.

Mr. Clark is a man of pleasant and courteous disposition, his life record shows great integrity, activity and energy, the crowning points of his success, and his connection with the business affairs of Milford have been of advantage to the city, promoting its material welfare.

EMLEY BARBER GATCH.

There is no name in Clermont county, Ohio, which stands for greater integrity and uprightness than does that of Emley Barger Gatch, who is a great-great-grandson of the Rev. Philip Gatch, who was one of the earliest settlers in the county. Whatever of virtue of character of Mr. Gatch, whatever of quality in his living, has been directly inherited from an ancestry rich in steadfastness and principle, which places him among the prominent men of the community. He conducts a general merchandise store in Milford, and is also the post-master of that place. He was born on the "Old Gatch Farm" in Miami township, Clermont county, Ohio, and is a son of Frank M. and Salina (Barber) Gatch.

Frank M. Gatch was a son of Gen. Thomas Gatch, who was born and reared on a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, which was a part of the original one thousand acres purchased by the Rev. Philip Gatch from the Government. When Frank grew to manhood he became the owner of the farm, on which

his birth occurred, and died in the same room in which he was born, being about sixty-one years of age at his death. He was buried in what was then known as "The Gatch Cemetery," but has since been bought by the township, and is now known as the Green Lawn cemetery. He was married before the Civil war and was in the one-hundred-day service. He was a Republican. He was the father of eight children, of whom Emley B. is the oldest. Two died in infancy.

Gen. Thomas Gatch, who was the father of Frank M. and the grandfather of our subject, was a farmer and was the owner of seven hundred acres of land. The title of general was acquired by his rank in the militia of his day. He was a member of the Ohio Legislature and was a son of Rev. Philip Gatch.

Emley B. Gatch was reared on the home farm and remained with his father until he was grown, receiving a good common school education, which has enabled him to make a success of his life occupation.

On February 17, 1875, Mr. Gatch became united in marriage to Olive Marsh, who was a native of Clermont county, having been born at Owensville, a daughter of A. M. and Cena (Williams) Marsh.

Mr. and Mrs. Gatch are the parents of four children:

Cena B., a graduate of the Milford High School. She has taught in the kindergarten in Cincinnati. She is now a partner in her father's store and clerk in the postoffice during his term as postmaster.

Sallie, a graduate of the high school at Milford, is assistant postmaster.

Frank M. is a commercial salesman for the firm of Brumble & Brush Wire Goods Company, of Cincinnati.

Marguerite, also a graduate of the high school in Milford, and of Oxford College, is a teacher of College Hill.

Two brothers of Emley Gatch are still living:

M. W. Gatch, who lives in Baltimore, is superintendent of the Brumble & Brush Wire Goods Company, of Cincinnati.

Albert B. Gatch, who resides in Milford, Ohio, is a salesman for the Brumble & Brush Company.

Mr. Gatch cast his first Presidential ballot for U. S. Grant, in 1872, and in 1897 he was appointed postmaster by President McKinley. He has served in this capacity continuously since. He has also a large general merchandise business, in which he has been very successful.

He has followed the example of his ancestor, the Rev. Philip

Gatch, in his religious views, being a member of the Methodist church, as are also his family. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and has taken high degrees and has served as king of the chapter. His oldest daughter is a member of the Eastern Star.

By his earnest labor Mr. Gatch has built up a fine business and he and his family are people of genuine worth, who have many friends in the county. His life has been one of indefatigable diligence and at all times he stands for progress, improvement and reform, and whatever he undertakes he carries forward to a successful completion, deserving much credit for what he has accomplished in a business way.

WILLIAM E. MOTSINGER.

Mr. William E. Motsinger is one of the leading business men of Milford, Ohio, where he conducts an up-to-date livery and undertaking business on Water street.

Mr. Motsinger was born and reared on a farm near Miami-ville, Clermont county, his birth occurring on September 7, 1855. He is a son of Felix Jackson and Lydia (Young) Motsinger, the former of whom was a brick manufacturer, supplying the whole surrounding country with hand made brick, and conducted an extensive business in addition to his farming interests.

The boyhood days of William Motsinger were spent on the farm, receiving a good common school education while assisting his father in the brick yard. At the age of ten years, he began learning the brick manufacturer's trade, and at the age of nineteen was an experienced molder. However, he became tired of this business and decided to learn the trade of blacksmith, entering the shop of Mr. E. H. Hill, a blacksmith of splendid reputation. He worked the first year for forty dollars and board, the second year for sixty dollars and board and the third year for one hundred dollars and board. He spent one more year in the shop of Mr. Hill, following which he established a business of his own at Owensville, Ohio, and for nine years met with the best of success.

The marriage of Mr. Motsinger to Miss Rebecca Hill was celebrated on May 3, 1879, at Belfast, Clermont county, Ohio. Miss Hill was born at Stone Lick, near Craver's postoffice, on

a farm, where she received her education. She is a daughter of Charles and Rebecca (Hand) Hill.

In 1888, Mr. Motsinger sold out his blacksmith business to purchase an interest in his present business with J. A. Jones as partner. This partnership continued for a period when John W. Hill purchased Mr. Jones's interest and later he sold out to E. H. Hill. Mr. E. H. Hill finally sold out to George Eveland, who is the present partner of Mr. Motsinger. Under this management a new barn was erected in 1891, which is 36x84, and is three stories, the horses being kept on the basement floor, the second floor is devoted to room for the carriages, and the third floor is arranged for residence rooms. The business is prospering and the company is making rapid strides to the front in this line of business.

Mr. Motsinger was educated to the views of the Democratic party, casting his first presidential vote for Samuel J. Tilden, but in later years he votes for the best man in his estimation. He has held the office of trustee of Stonelick township and was appointed to the board of public affairs in Milford, and has served continuously since. He has also served as a member of the council in Milford and has been a delegate to various conventions. Since the organization of the Citizens' National Bank Mr. Motsinger has served as one of the directors.

In fraternal circles, Mr. Motsinger is a Mason, having been made a member of "Old Hammer" Lodge, No. 128, at Owensville, his membership being at present at Milford. He was a charter member of the Knights of Pythias, and has held the office of master at arms in his home lodge.

The religious support of Mr. and Mrs. Motsinger is given to the Methodist church, of which organization they are both members, Mr. Motsinger having been a member of the choir for more than twenty years. When in Owensville Mr. Motsinger was chorister for several years, and wherever he finds himself he becomes at once active in all affairs that tend to help in the welfare of those around him.

D. F. LADY.

In chronicling the lives of those who possess undisputed ascendancy in the community of Clermont county it is very essential that we compile a sketch of the unclosed career of

Hon. D. F. Lady, at present mayor of Bethel, Ohio.

To begin with Mr. Lady is the possessor of no meager ability which is enshrouded in a character replete with the highest sense of integrity so essentially necessary to attain the finest reverence and entire confidence of the people. Through these commanding traits, his excellent judgment and the immediate reliability with which he is accepted among the commonalty enabled him to secure a substantial majority in his candidacy for mayor of Bethel soon after taking up a residence in that city.

Mr. Lady was born in Noble county, Ohio, February 15, 1849, and is the son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Forinash) Lady. Thomas Lady, the father of our subject, was also born in Noble county. He early engaged in the noble work of tilling the soil and at the call to arms he readily left the plow to share the hardships and dangers of the Civil war. It was there while fighting in the front ranks at Corinth, Miss., that he gave his life and thereby his last full measure of devotion for the preservation of the Union. Our subject's mother was born in West Virginia, on the shores of the beautiful Buchanan river. She has also departed this life. To this union were born eight children, of which Mr. D. F. Lady is the only one surviving.

Mr. Lady acquired his early education in the common schools of Vinton county, Ohio. Here he worked as a carpenter, which trade he soon learned. After eight years of close attention to this line his earnest endeavor earned him possession of a saw mill, which he successfully operated for six years.

At the end of this period he moved to Fayette county, where he farmed for twenty-three years, then moving to Clermont county, where he practiced the same science for six years. Mr. Lady's prompt realization of the advantage of the improved methods in farming enable him to secure the best results from his land.

Mr. Lady always took a great interest and active part in the social and political affairs of the commonwealth within which he lived. At an early age he was elected on the Republican ticket as justice of the peace. In this capacity he served for thirty years first in Fayette county and on moving to Clermont county received the same honor, which he has so ably and impartially filled. On the first of November, 1909, he moved to Bethel. The citizens of the town soon

elected him their mayor. He is the present incumbent of that office: Mr. Lady is a bookkeeper, having charge of the book-keeping system of the telephone company, and also tends to his pretty home on Charity Place.

Our subject was not loathe to risk the loss of arm, limb, physical inability or even life itself when his country was in danger, as demonstrated when he enlisted for the Union, shouldering the musket in the One Hundred and Seventy-eighth Ohio volunteer infantry, in which regiment he remained until the close of the war.

Mr. Lady has associated himself with Masonic and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows orders, as well as the Grand Army of the Republic.

On December 11, 1869, Mr. Lady married Miss Sarah A. Cropp, who was born in Uniontown, Pa., in 1851, daughter of Abraham and Nancy (Yates) Cropp. Her mother and father died when she was young. A brother, Frank Cropp, at present lives in Jackson county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Lady have eight children, all being born in Ohio. Six are married. Their names follow:

William Franklin, aged forty years, married Miss Luly Erskine, now living in Victor, Colo. This couple have one boy, Harold.

Elizabeth, the wife of Mr. W. L. Patton, living near Jefferson, Fayette county, Ohio. They have three sons, Frank, Dale and David, and one daughter, Miss Florence, who is a teacher in the Bethel High School. Miss Lady secured her education at Oxford and Ada College, Ohio.

Myrtle, wife of A. J. Willis, at present living in Chillicothe, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Willis have three children, Arthur, William and Naomi.

George W. Lady is in the government weather service at Montgomery, Ala. George W. married Ethel Gotherman, and to this union has been born two children, Harold and Grace.

Daisy is a graduate of the Bethel schools, and is now a valued teacher in the primary department of that school.

Stella and Ella are twin sisters, the former being the wife of Mack Fisher, living in Clermont county, and has two children, David William and Roland; Ella is the wife of John King, of Bethel, Mr. King being a teacher in the schools of that town.

Our subject had two uncles and six cousins who fought in the Civil war, all of whom enlisted from Vinton county, Ohio.

One uncle and three cousins gave their lives in the struggle for emancipation.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Lady, as well as all their family, are affiliated with the Methodist church, and the influence of the family is no small factor in the successful work carried on by that body.

B. T. DAVIS.

The right man in the right place is Mr. B. T. Davis, the popular superintendent of the Bethel schools, which position he has held for the past six years so acceptably that he was recently re-elected for three coming years.

Mr. Davis is a son of William and Barbara (Shinkle) Davis, and was born on a farm near Felicity, Clermont county, Ohio, October 8, 1863. His father was a native of Clermont county, his birth having occurred in 1820, and who passed away in 1882. He was a farmer and stock raiser. His wife, Barbara (Shinkle) Davis, was born near Felicity, Ohio, and died in 1869. There were six sons and six daughters born to this union:

P. C., of Felicity, Ohio.

John, a citizen of Kansas.

W. H., a resident of Bethel, Ohio.

B. T., is the subject of our sketch.

Sarah J., the widow of William Rogers, of Moscow, Clermont county.

Elizabeth, who is the wife of William Johnson, living near Point Isabelle.

Melvina, is Mrs. Willis Cosins, of Fort Madison, Iowa.

Laura, married Alva Sapp, residing in Hamilton, Ohio.

The education of Mr. Davis was received in the schools of Lebanon, Ohio, from which he was graduated with high honors. After his graduation he assisted his father on the home farm until he reached his majority. He then entered upon his career as a teacher, first in the country schools, later teaching in the high school of Bethel, Ohio. He has been school examiner for thirteen years.

Mr. B. T. Davis was united in marriage to Miss May Day, February 17, 1889. She is a daughter of George W. and Matilda (Coffman) Day, and was born in Brown county, Ohio, December 30, 1865. Her father was also a native of Brown

county, July 28, 1825, and died January 2, 1901. Her mother was a native of Clermont county, having been born November 20, 1829, and passed away July 7, 1893. Both of her parents are buried in the Felicity cemetery. Mrs. Davis is one of four children:

Belle, is Mrs. Albert B. Armacost, of Terre Haute, Ind.

Lucy, married J. M. Gregor, of Felicity, Ohio.

May, is Mrs. B. T. Davis.

A. E., of Bethel, Ohio.

Mr. Davis gives his support to the Democratic party, and is well posted in all the political questions of the day, though not an office seeker. Of fraternal organizations, he has membership with the Masons, the Odd Fellows, the Eastern Star, and the Rebekahs. Both he and Mrs. Davis are devoted members of the Christian church. The home of this estimable couple is one of refinement and culture, and both have many pleasant social connections in the community in which they reside.

L. D. KENNEDY.

Mr. L. D. Kennedy, who has for many years been prominently identified with the business activities of Bethel, Ohio, is one of its most highly esteemed citizens. He is a son of Aaron and Mary Ann (Hals) Kennedy and was born in Tate township, Clermont county, Ohio, May 16, 1838. Aaron Kennedy was born in Maryland and came to Clermont county when a young boy. Mary Ann (Hals) Kennedy was born in England and came to America at the age of twelve years. Both have left this life and their remains repose in the Bethel cemetery.

Mr. L. D. Kennedy is the fourth of ten children, five of whom are still living:

Lucitta, who married Joseph Turner, resides in Illinois.

Asbury is a resident of Williamsburg, Ohio.

Alpines and Hals live in the State of Washington.

The subject of our sketch, Mr. L. D. Kennedy, was educated in the schools of Clermont county and of Bethel, making his home with his father on the farm until he was of age, thus forming in his early years habits of industry and integrity.

On February 9, 1862, occurred the great event of his life, when he was united in marriage to Miss Phoebe Olive Osborn, daughter of David and Minerva (Hill) Osborn. David Os-

born was a cabinetmaker and later was for years an undertaker at the Bethel home. The marriage vows were taken in the beautiful home in which the bride was born and reared to young womanhood, and where many happy, joyous days have since been spent, it being their present home. Mrs. Kennedy's father was a native of Clermont county and her mother was born in Kentucky. They are both laid to rest in the Bethel cemetery. Mrs. Kennedy is the only living one of three children.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy are the proud parents of nine children and the family circle is still unbroken by the hand of death:

Araminta is the wife of John Clare, of Cincinnati. They have five children.

Glow married Walter Lee, residing at Fargo, N. D., and they have one daughter, Helen.

Howard, of Cincinnati, a steam fitter.

Blanche married Lou Runk and is the mother of three children, Margie, Araminta and Lucile.

Phoebe Ann, wife of Howard Scott, of Cincinnati, and they have one son, Thomas; and Gladys.

A. Osborn, a resident of Bethel, Ohio, married Clara Johnson and is the father of four children, Earl, Roy, Herbert and Thelma.

Minerva is Mrs. John Frazier, of Rushville, Ind., and they have four children: Byron, married and has one daughter, Mary Frances; Harley; Effie, and Charles.

Miss Effie is living at home with her parents.

Emma is the widow of Wilson Smith and lives at home with her parents.

Charles, who is a shoecutter, of Bethel, Ohio, married Ollie Bier, has two children, Dewrel and Dyrl.

La Clede is in business with his father, living next door to him. He married Bertha Reed.

Clarence E. assists his father.

David Osborn is at home.

Two years after his marriage Mr. Kennedy embarked in the business of undertaker and funeral director with his father-in-law, the firm being Osborn & Kennedy. The progressive ideas and business ability have been thoroughly demonstrated in the years of service in this capacity. Those in trouble and distress have always found in Mr. Kennedy a kind and sympathetic friend, faithful and reliable in all things.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy experience a pleasure that is enjoyed by comparatively few, when, on February 9, 1912, they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Their beautiful home was decorated in white and gold, the favors being tiny golden bells. Three of the relatives who attended the ceremony fifty years ago were in attendance and the occasion was made joyous and gay by the presence of all of their own children and fifteen grandchildren. A sumptuous dinner was served to the children and grandchildren, following which a reception was given to about seventy-five friends. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy have been privileged to attend seven other golden weddings of relatives and friends. They are justly proud of the fine family they were permitted to rear to maturity. Mrs. Kennedy is a lady of great ability as a wife, mother and member of society. Mr. Kennedy is a man of integrity and industry, broad-minded and liberal. This is the oldest established undertaking business in Clermont county, having been started by David Osborn some seventy-five years ago. Mr. Kennedy has conducted the business for forty-six years, since November, 1866.

DR. WILLIAM S. ELLSBERRY.

Dr. William S. Ellsberry occupies an enviable position as one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Clermont county, Ohio, residing at Bethel, where he was born, January 27, 1852, and where he commenced his professional life. His father, Dr. William Ellsberry, was one of the first physicians in Clermont county, coming here from New Jersey soon after its organization. His birth occurred in 1810 and his death took place in 1904. He was a Democrat and took great interest in politics, but would not accept office. He married Margaret Gatch Dimmitt, who was a native of Clermont county, Ohio, and a daughter of Rev. Moses Dimmitt.

Dr. William S. Ellsberry acquired his education in the schools of Bethel, then attended the Medical College of Ohio, graduating in 1873, following which he attended the Rush Medical College of Chicago. He began practicing at his home town and was associated with his father until the latter retired from active life, after which all the practice fell to our subject.

Dr. Ellsberry is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and

is a Democrat in politics. His home is the old Ellsberry homestead, which he has improved and remodeled, a beautiful residence. He enjoys his profession, which takes him over portions of Clermont, Brown and Hamilton counties, in the vicinity of his home. He is well and most favorably known, both professionally and socially, being of a genial, jovial temperament, although modest and retiring. He is a great reader and spends many happy hours in his library. He has two sisters living, Anna M., who is at home, and Grace, who is Mrs. William Ellsberry, of Atlanta, Ga. Dr. Ellsberry is health officer of Tate township, and is examining surgeon for eight insurance companies.

WILLIAM JOHNSTON.

William Johnston, of the general store of Bethel, Ohio, was born at Nicholasville, Clermont county, October 5, 1854, and is a son of Alexander and Anna (Johnston) Johnston, both of whom were natives of Scotland, and who came to America at an early day. They settled in Ohio and are both deceased. The father died in 1882, and the mother in 1877. They are buried in Monroe township cemetery. Of their union were four children:

James and Archie live near Nicholasville, Ohio.

William, our subject.

Martha, who was the wife of Albert Patterson, of Cincinnati, passed away February 22, 1903.

William Johnston was educated in the school at Nicholasville, helping his father on the farm until his marriage to Miss Lizzie Calhoun, April 24, 1884. She was born near New Richmond, Ohio, February 28, 1859, a daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth (Stroup) Calhoun, the former of whom was a native of Pennsylvania, coming to Clermont county many years ago, where he followed the occupation of blacksmith. They were the parents of two children:

Lizzie Belle, is Mrs. Johnston.

Charles A., who is a partner of Mr. Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. Calhoun embraced the Methodist belief, and both are deceased, the former being a soldier in the Civil war, as were two of Mrs. Calhoun's brothers. Both of the last named died in prison.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnston are members of the Presbyterian church and take an active part in all church affairs. She is a member and Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star. He is a Republican and is well informed upon all the subjects of the day. They have bought and remodeled a pretty home, where their friends are always welcome. They are quiet retiring people and are considered among the substantial citizens of the county, being upright and honest, in fact a representative family. They are doing a thriving business in their general merchandise store, supplying all parts of the township with anything that is required in the average household.

W. H. BANISTER.

One of the most prominent and enterprising business men of Bethel, Ohio, who conducts an up-to-date grocery store on Plane street, is numbered W. H. Banister, who is a native of the county. He was born at New Richmond, Ohio, July 19, 1854, and is the son of B. L. and Mary (Herbert) Banister, the former of whom was born in New York State, coming to Clermont county with his parents when a small child. He was a cooper by trade, residing in New Richmond. The latter was a native of New Richmond and both are deceased, leaving two children, our subject and Fred C., of New Richmond.

Mr. Banister pursued his education in the public schools of New Richmond, after which he entered upon his business career as clerk in a general store of his home town. He was united in marriage to Miss Emma Swing, April 25, 1880, uniting himself with one of the most prominent Clermont county families. Mrs. Banister was born near Bethel in 1856, a daughter of Merritt J. and Maria (Cruthers) Swing, the former being a native of the county, his birth having occurred on the old farm known as the "Swing Settlement," near Bethel. He was a merchant of Bethel for forty-five years, and passed away in 1910, his wife having been deceased since Mrs. Banister was a small child. There were five children:

Elizabeth, married Oscar Sims, of Bethel, Ohio.

N. G., of Columbus, Ohio.

Emma, is Mrs. Banister.

Ella, is the wife of William Scott, of Denver, Colo.

Marie, is Mrs. Wellington Hibbard, of Denver, Colo.

The Grandfather Swing came to Clermont county at an early day, making the journey in wagons from New Jersey. He purchased one thousand acres of land in the county upon his arrival, which he divided among his children.

Mr. Banister continued his business life after his marriage as a traveling salesman, with headquarters at Cincinnati. He pursued this occupation until in 1891, when he took the office of county clerk, having been elected in 1890. Because of the excellent satisfaction he gave during his first term, he was re-elected in 1893. He resided in Batavia during the six years of office and upon retiring opened his present business.

In political views, Mr. Banister is strictly Democratic; in religion, he favors the Methodist belief, he and Mrs. Banister being members of the church at Bethel. He is respected by all in the community in which he makes his home.

GEORGE TIBBITTS BROWN.

No family in Clermont county, Ohio, has in a greater degree contributed to the settlement, development and progress of the county in all of its relations than that of Brown, which is one of the oldest and best known in this locality and is especially noted for the high personal standing and business integrity that characterize its members.

George Tibbitts Brown is a worthy son of Clermont county, being a typical and representative citizen, possessing the enterprise which has made him a dominant factor in the agricultural circles of the county. He is a native of New Richmond, Ohio, his birth having occurred there, April 5, 1857. He is a son of Enoch George and Susan (Fisher) Brown, who were married in the year of 1845 in Clermont county, where they were both born and reared.

Enoch George Brown was born in Monroe township, near Laurel, May 16, 1817, and died December 17, 1891, having spent all but two years of his life in the county of his nativity. He was a merchant the greater part of his life and his efforts were crowned with a large degree of success. He was a Republican, but not an office seeker. Susan (Fisher) Brown was born in Monroe township, November 3, 1822, and died May 31, 1886. They were the parents of nine children, five of whom are still living:

Charles Carroll, whose death occurred in June, 1911, at Spokane, Wash. He enjoyed the educational privileges of Parker's Academy, from which he graduated in 1868. Prior to this he enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Eighty-fourth Ohio volunteer infantry, January 31, 1865. From his graduation in 1868 until 1874, he taught school, after which he was mail clerk between Cincinnati and Portsmouth, serving on the famous steamer "Bonanza." In 1885, Charles was transferred to the Cincinnati, Portsmouth & Virginia Railway Company, serving for two years as mail clerk. He then assumed charge of the steam laundry at Portsmouth, which position he held until in 1901, when he was forced by poor health to give up his work, and to seek health in the Western climate. His friends said of him that there was never a more even tempered, considerate man than "Charlie" Brown. He faced every turn in life with a smile and always encouraged and cheered others to renewed effort when the way seemed dark. He loved and was loved by his family with an affection that knew no limit.

William B., residing at Eureka Springs, Ark.

David F., a resident of East Walnut Hills, Cincinnati.

Ella, who married Dr. K. B. Sayers, of Hyde Park, Cincinnati; died in the fall of 1911.

George T., of this mention.

Anna, of Hyde Park.

Jerome Augustus, of Hyde Park, Cincinnati.

The maternal grandfather of George T. Brown, the Hon. David Fisher, was one of the first settlers in Ohio, locating in Clermont county in 1798. From 1847-49 he was representative from the Second district of Ohio to Congress, during which time he was intimately associated with Abraham Lincoln.

Mr. Brown acquired an education in Parker's Academy, as did most of his brothers and sisters. After his graduation he spent five years in Leadville, Colo., where he was a clerk in the postoffice at that place. Returning to Clermont county, he was united in marriage to Miss Ruie Ely, June 2, 1885. She was the only daughter of John Francis Marion and Elizabeth (Justice) Ely, and was born at Bantam, Clermont county, November 18, 1859, at the site of her present home. Her father, John Francis Marion Ely was a merchant at New Richmond and was born at Bantam, November 28, 1834. He passed away May 18, 1907. Her parents were married October 27, 1858.

Mrs. Brown's grandmother, Mrs. Ruhama Justice, who was born at Little Egg Harbor, N. J., in 1808, came to Ohio in 1816 with her parents, Rev. James and Elizabeth Blackman, who were of English extraction. Mrs. Justice was a lady of rare intellectuality and was conspicuous in the society of the time of the Grants, General Hamer, Thomas Morris. She was a niece of the distinguished Methodist circuit rider, Rev. John Collins, who founded the Jersey settlement in Clermont county in 1803. Her husband's father, John Justice, and General Grant's grandfather, John Simpson, served two years together in the same regiment in the War of the Revolution. The Justice family were among the first to purchase large tracts of land in Clermont county, part of which is still in the possession of the heirs.

Mrs. Brown's aunt, Miss Amanda Justice, a lady whom to know was a pleasure, was noted for her kindness and good deeds, contracting her death sickness by ministering to the sick with cholera in the epidemic in the early 50's, she being sick but a few hours. She was a young woman about to become a bride and was buried in her bridal robes.

Mrs. Brown has in her possession an original letter from William Penn to the Marquis of Halifax, written May 21, 1683, taken from the Crystal Palace, in the first exposition held in New York City. She also has a silver knee-buckle which was worn by her great-grandfather, one of the gallant Revolutionists. She inherited much of her mother's and grandmother's parlor furniture and quaint old china. The fanciful mantel in the pleasant living room of the present home is hand carved and was removed from the old house which belonged to her grandfather, to the new modern home. The mantel was made over one hundred years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown have had five children in their family circle:

Savyl Justice, whose birth occurred October 23, 1886, married Miss Hattie Siegler, from Indiana, in 1912, and they are farmers living near Fayetteville, Brown county, Ohio.

Enoch Ely, who was born February 21, 1889, is doing office work at the Steel Works of Portsmouth, Ohio. He married Miss Blanche Rentinger in 1912.

Edward Sayers, born January 28, 1893, assists his father.

Susan, was born October 1, 1897, and is attending the high school of Bethel.

Ruhama Elizabeth, who was born August 5, 1901, attends the school in the district.

Mr. Brown is largely self-made, for although Mrs. Brown inherited property, he has accumulated many of the comforts of life by his own industry and energetic attention to the details of his large business interests. He owns a well improved farm and in 1903 built an elegant modern home. He conducts a fine dairy business, and in connection does general farming and stock raising.

In political views, Mr. Brown is Republican and has served in the capacity of assessor for two terms and for three years was township trustee. Fraternally, he holds membership with the order of Knights of Pythias, and has filled all the chairs. Religiously, both Mr. and Mrs. Brown are members of the Presbyterian church, she being an active member of the Ladies' Aid Society.

Mr. Brown has followed the occupation of farming since his marriage, with the exception of the first year, which he spent in the grocery business in Cincinnati. He is quiet and reserving, but cordial to all who call at the home, which is often thrown open to the family friends. He is a man of integrity and ability, a genial, whole-souled citizen.

JAMES DAVIDSON.

Among the native sons of Clermont county, Ohio, who have been actively identified with the farming interests here is numbered Mr. James Davidson, now living a retired life at Bethel, Ohio. He was born October 22, 1837, and is a son of John and Arie (Chalmers) Davidson, the former of whom was born in Mason county, Kentucky, in 1799, and the latter was born near Plainville, Hamilton county, Ohio, July 10, 1798, and died July 24, 1873. They were farmers of the county and are buried here. There were ten children born to them, of whom James is the only one living.

James Davidson acquired his education in the common schools of the county, after which he assisted his father on the farm until he was of age, working a little at the carpenter's trade.

On September 1, 1859, occurred the marriage of Mr. Davidson to Miss Martha Summers, who was a daughter of John and Vanelia (Trump) Summers. John Summers was born at Philadelphia, October 5, 1795, and his wife was born No-

vember 29, 1799, also in Pennsylvania. They are both buried in Ohio, where they came at an early day. Of the three children born to this couple, none are living: Elizabeth, was the widow of James Mathew, of Cincinnati, and died in 1912, and Malancthon died as a youth.

Mr. and Mrs. Davidson had born to them nine children, all of whom were born in Clermont county.

Joseph M., of Williamsburg, Ohio.

Charles Henry, of Kansas.

Thomas B., of Williamsburg township, Clermont county.

Hon. John S., whose sketch appears elsewhere in these volumes.

Emma, is the wife of John Burnside, of Williamsburg township.

Herman P., of Williamsburg township.

Nellie, who is her father's housekeeper.

Harvey, of Colorado.

Alice, is at home.

After their marriage, Mr. Davidson and his wife settled on a farm in Batavia township, where they carried on general farming for sixteen years. In 1875 the family removed to a farm on the East Fork of the Little Miami river, in Williamsburg township, later moving again to another farm in the same township, on Clover creek, where he remained until he retired from farm life. He purchased a home at Bethel, where he now resides in comfort and quietude. Mrs. Davidson passed from this life January 8, 1902, and since then his daughter, Nellie, has kept the home for him and a younger sister.

Mr. Davidson is a devoted member of the Methodist church and takes an active interest in all religious affairs. He is a Democrat in politics and is well posted on all subjects of the day. He is largely a self-made man and is enjoying the fruitful labors of his younger years. He has the respect of all in the community in which he lives, and is counted a representative citizen of the county.

MILLER W. FAGALY.

Miller W. Fagaly, a prominent farmer and highly respected citizen of Clermont county, Ohio, who has resided on his present farm for more than forty years, was born at Cincin-

nati, November 21, 1835, and is a son of Lewis and Mary Ann (Fox) Fagaly.

Lewis Fagaly, whose birth occurred in 1802, was a native of Germany, coming to this country in 1804 with his parents, who located at Cincinnati, where he made his home for thirty years. He was a butcher by trade and was one of the first in Cincinnati when there was but two stalls in the market place at Pearl and Butler streets. Lewis was a man of unusual business ability and was very successful in his line of work. In 1851, he purchased a farm in Clermont county, where he spent the remaining years of his life, his death taking place in 1882. Mrs. Fagaly was a native of Mason, Warren county, Ohio, her birth occurring on January 9, 1813, and passing from this life March 11, 1876. They were both members of the Wesley Methodist church, having been formerly members of the United Brethren church. To them were born twelve children, of whom seven are still living:

Eveline R., is the wife of Samuel McHenry, of Dayton, Ohio.

William H., deceased.

Miller W., our subject.

Margaret and Mary Ellen, deceased.

Keziah M., of Clermont county, Ohio.

Louisa and Wallace Clark, deceased.

Sarah J. married Belleville Impson, of Cincinnati.

Harriet is the wife of John Barnes, of Forrestville, Ohio.

Charles A., of North Bethel, Ohio.

Elmer J., of Redding.

Mr. Miller W. Fagaly received his mental training in the schools of Cincinnati and Bethel, Ohio, remaining at home until he was of age and on December 31, 1857, occurred his marriage to Miss Malinda C. Beck, a daughter of John and Eliza (Edwards) Beck. She was born March 29, 1834. Her father was a native of the county, having been born in 1807, and died in March, 1861. Her mother was born in New Jersey, in 1805, and died in 1889. Mrs. Fagaly was one of twelve children, two of whom are living:

Horace, of Bethel, Ohio.

John, of Hamlet, Ohio.

After his marriage Mr. Fagaly devoted his time to the occupation of farming in Tate township until the Civil war broke out, when he moved to Bethel, where he made stirrups and saddle trees for the soldiers. In 1864 he enlisted in Company —, One Hundred and Fifty-third Ohio volunteers, serv-

ing four months. Mrs. Fagaly passed away August 18, 1910, leaving three children to mourn her loss:

John Lewis, who was born October 5, 1858, in Clermont county, married Miss Belle Ely. They are farmers of Tate township.

Anna Roselia, was born October 24, 1861. She is keeping house for her father.

George Mathews, whose birth occurred September 18, 1870, and passed from this life February 11, 1904. He married Mary Etta Boggess, and to them were born two sons, Miller W. and George Gerald.

In 1871, Mr. Fagaly purchased his present farm, where he has since made his home. He has followed farming as an occupation most of his life, and has been counted one of the most substantial farmers of the county. He is a Republican and claims membership in the fraternal order of Odd Fellows. He is also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

FRANK FOSSYL.

Mr. Frank Fossyl, whose useful and upright life was terminated in death February 4, 1901, at Bethel, Ohio, was a native of Germany, his birth having occurred in Hungaria, March 9, 1852. His father and one brother were soldiers of the German army and lost their lives in the service.

Mr. Fossyl came to America when he was fourteen years of age and located in New York, where he began his life career as an employee in a piano factory. He spent ten years there, after which he came to Cincinnati, engaging as a coachman for a family on Walnut Hills. Tiring of this occupation he came to Clermont county, where he was in the employ of Mr. William Iden and Dr. B. Thompson. Later he took up the work in the shoe factory at Bethel. Politically, Mr. Fossyl was a Democrat, and socially, a member of the Odd Fellows.

On March 31, 1869, occurred the marriage of Mr. Fossyl to Miss Nancy Jane Zugg, who is a daughter of Samuel and Ellen (Swing) Zugg, and was born November 10, 1850, in Clermont county. Her father was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, August 26, 1813, and died September 8, 1890. He was a Democrat and held various township offices. Her mother was born in Clermont county, April 12, 1818, and died March

21, 1859. Both were members of the Baptist church and are buried in the Bethel cemetery. To them were born a large family :

Sarah, who married James Clare, of Bethel, was at one time the owner of the old Grant home.

Harriet, who is the widow of William Clare, is the present owner of the old Grant home at Bethel.

Nancy J., who is Mrs. Fossyl.

Mary, who was born November 19, 1852, married Thomas Meeker, a farmer of Tate township. She died in May, 1912.

Lewis E., was born October 8, 1854, and died in 1909. He was a farmer of Brown county, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Fossyl were given one child to bless their union :

Minnie, who was born in Clermont county, January 2, 1871, and received her education in the common schools of the county and was united in marriage to Cloyd W. Henderson, December 24, 1902. He was born at Bethel, Ohio, August 20, 1870, and is a son of Perry and Susan (Hicks) Henderson, the former of whom was an employee in the Bethel shoe factory, and passed away in 1908. His mother still lives in Bethel. They were the parents of the following children: Lee and Mamie, of Bethel, Ohio; Margaret, married John Nelcamp, of Bethel; Maude, is the wife of Alfred Holmes, a farmer living near Bethel; Court and Leveret, of Cincinnati, and Laura, who is the wife of Mr. Peck, living in the East End of Cincinnati.

Mr. Henderson is assistant superintendent of the shoe factory of Bethel, and is a reliable machinist, receiving many promotions from time to time. He is a Republican, but not an office seeker. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson have had one child born to them, Mary Grace, who was born in Clermont county, February 5, 1904, and after six months her sweet life was taken, on August 21, 1904.

Mr. and Mrs. Fossyl's foster son, Howard, was born May 5, 1887, and attended the schools of the county, after which he was engaged in the shoe factory for a period. He married Miss Irene McCann, and is now residing in Cincinnati, engaged with the Miller Shoe Company. They have two children, who were born in Clermont county: Claude, was born May 27, 1905, and Estelle died at the age of six months. This foster son has been a great comfort to Mrs. Fossyl and she is justly proud of him and his progress in the business world.

About 1900, Mr. and Mrs. Fossyl moved to Bethel, where they spent a pleasant six months in their home on Main street, before death came to take one of the members from this life.

Mrs. Fossyl and her daughter, Mrs. Henderson, are devoted members of the Christian church, being members also of the Ladies' Circle. The elder lady holds membership in the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and is a great doer of kindly deeds.

The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Fossyl was Frederick Zugg, who was born and reared in Germany. He and his good wife, Caroline, came to Cincinnati in the early days when that city was in the beginning of its growth. Their family consisted of: Frederick, Christian, Henry, William, and Samuel, who was the father of Mrs. Fossyl. All of the sons are deceased.

The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Fossyl was Samuel Swing, who married Lydia Dryall in 1815, and they were the parents of the following: Michael, Sarah, Abraham, Ellen, Jeremiah, David and Shadrach, all deceased.

Both the families of Mrs. Fossyl and her daughter, who resides with her, are of the substantial ones of the county, combining all the characteristics of refinement and integrity that goes to make representative citizens.

ALBERT CRANE.

After an active, useful and honorable career as an agriculturalist, Mr. Albert Crane passed from this life, February 7, 1905. He was a representative of one of the oldest families of Clermont county, Ohio, his birth occurring October 12, 1844, on the same farm, near Bethel, on which his father was born, June 26, 1820. His father was also a farmer of prominence in the county. His mother was Miss Euphemia Burk, who was born in Clermont county, December 25, 1822, and who died June 26, 1893. George W. Crane, father of our subject, was a Republican and a member of the school board, taking an interest in all affairs that were for the good of the community. His death took place July 9, 1892.

Albert Crane received his education in the common schools of Bethel, helping his father on the farm, familiarizing himself with all the details of farm life. He followed this occupation

until his marriage to Margaret N. Bragdon, January 1, 1871. She was born in Pierce township, this county, October 28, 1849, a daughter of William B. and Elizabeth (Noyes) Bragdon), the former of whom was born in Brown county, Ohio, in 1809, and who died July 12, 1887. Her mother, born at East Fork, Clermont county, in 1822, and died March 31, 1906. Of the eight children born to this union all are living:

Anna, is Mrs. Thomas Holland, of Bethel, Ohio.

Margaret, is the widow of Mr. Albert Crane.

Laura, is the wife of Samuel Edwards, of Bantam, Ohio.

Nora, married John White, of Terrace Park, Ohio.

Dr. Ernest, of Bethel, Ohio.

Thomas C., resides in Williamsburg, Ohio.

Abner N., of Los Angeles, Cal.

Etta, is Mrs. William Strock, residing at Chattanooga, Tenn.

At the call of his country for volunteers, Mr. Crane enlisted in the Union army, in Company C, One Hundred and Fifty-third regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and was honorably discharged from service at the close of the war.

Mr. Crane was successful as a farmer, being a practical business man and carried on his work in a methodical manner, getting the best results from his labors. He was a Republican, serving as a member and officer of the Bethel school board for many years. He held membership with the fraternal order of Odd Fellows, and in the Grand Army of the Republic. Mrs. Crane joined the Baptist church when quite young. There were two children born to this union:

Edwin L., born September 21, 1873, and died December 6, 1898. He married Miss Bertha Prickett; and to this couple were born two children: Emmett, born March 26, 1894, makes his home with his grandmother, Mrs. Crane; Mildred Grace, born March 3, 1897, is with her mother, who resides in Cincinnati.

Grace E., who was born January 12, 1877, is the wife of George P. Hibbets, of Kansas City. They had two children: Philip Crane Hibbets, born March 17, 1902, and died July 16, 1902; Margaret E., born May 22, 1906.

Following the death of her husband, Mrs. Crane rented the farm of one hundred and thirty-six acres, which Mr. Crane left her, and purchased a comfortable home at the edge of Bethel, where she has since resided. She is an earnest worker in the Baptist church, and is an active member of the ladies' aid.

DR. WILLIAM EDWARD LEEVER.

Dr. Edward Leever belongs to one of the oldest families of Clermont county, where they settled about one hundred years ago. He is a native of Clermont county, born in Jackson township, in 1875, son of John Wesley and Mary (Johnson) Leever, the father born near Guinea, Clermont county, in 1841, and died in 1878, and the mother, who was born in Jackson township, Clermont county, 1842, now lives at Afton, Clermont county, and is the wife of John Meek. John Wesley Leever was a son of Henry W. Leever, who was a Methodist preacher, spending some time on the "circuit," and also preaching in local churches. His home was at Guinea and in later life he became a blacksmith and farmer. He was one of the most highly esteemed men in the county and well known in that part of the State. The family originally came from Germany, and several members participated in the Revolutionary war after coming to America. They originally settled in Pennsylvania, the father of Henry W. Leever being one of eight sons who located there, and later came to Ohio, locating at Loveland, Guinea, and other places in Southwestern Ohio.

John Wesley Leever engaged in farming in Jackson township and became successful in this enterprise. He also conducted a nursery for some years. He served three years and three months in Company G, First Ohio volunteer cavalry, and his brother Felix was killed while serving in the Union army.

John W. Leever and wife had four children, namely: Julietta, wife of D. Lamkin, lives at Mannsville, Okla.; Charles H. is a lawyer and resides in Cincinnati; Dr. William E. is the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth married Isaac Shoemaker, and they reside at Hillsboro, Ohio.

Dr. Leever's father having died when he was very young, he had his own way to make, and early developed habits of self-reliance. In boyhood he worked at farming in summer and attended local schools in winter. He received his scientific education at Lebanon, Ohio, and Ohio Medical College (known as Cincinnati Medical College), from which he graduated. He began the practice of his chosen profession at Owensville, where his reputation as a successful general practitioner is well founded. He has won the esteem and respect of his fellows and stands well in professional circles. He has taken an active interest in local affairs and helped promote the

Building & Loan Association, of which he is secretary and is a director of the local bank, also a member of the village board of education. He is a Republican in political belief and belongs to Owensville Methodist church, of which he is a trustee and steward. His wife belongs to the Baptist church of Bethel, and both are conscientious workers in the cause. He belongs to two fraternal organizations, the Masons and the Odd Fellows, and is popular in both. He and his wife are well known socially and both have reason to feel proud of the part taken by their families in the past history of Clermont county.

Dr. Leever was married, in 1901, to Miss Florence Crane, who was born in Bethel, Ohio, in 1879, daughter of Cyrus and Olive (Van Osdol) Crane, whose sketch appears in this history. Three children have blessed this union, all born in Owensville: Vivian Crane, aged nine years; Lester Leon, aged seven, and Russell E., four years. Dr. and Mrs. Leever erected their pretty home on Broadway in 1902, and there his office is located.

FRED H. SCOTT.

The popular, energetic and progressive marshall of Bethel, Ohio, Fred H. Scott, is a son of Harrison and Elizabeth (Fields) Scott and was born at Bethel, August 31, 1867. Harrison Scott was a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in 1815, in Westmoreland county. He came with his parents to Clermont county, Ohio, when a lad. He and General Grant were fast friends in young manhood, at Bethel, and at one time when Grant returned from West Point, Harrison, who was a great mimic, had a suit made which was the exact duplicate of the uniform worn by the cadets at the military school, causing great amusement among the young people by following his friend around town. He afterward enlisted in the Civil war, under General Grant, receiving an honorable discharge direct from him at the close of the war. Elizabeth (Fields) Scott, the mother of our subject, was born in Alabama, in 1830, and died in 1901. Harrison Scott passed away, April 25, 1885, and a peculiar occurrence in regard to both of these deaths is, that both died on Saturday before Easter Sunday, and both died in the seventy-first year of their life. They had born to their union nine children:

Olive, who married Albert Warden, of Ripley, Ohio, passed away at the age of fifty years.

Jane, is Mrs. O. C. Thompson, of Bethel, Ohio.

Laura, of Bethel, Ohio.

Mary, is the wife of George Armour, Ripley, Ohio.

Zella, is Mrs. John Browning, of Bethel.

Callie, is the widow of Griffith Wasson, of Portsmouth, Ohio, where she is forelady in a shoe factory.

William H., of Cincinnati.

Fred H., of this mention.

Frank, who resides at Bethel.

Mr. Fred H. Scott received his mental training in the public schools of his native town, following which he was employed at various occupations, until his marriage to Miss Georgia Thomas Easter, June 2, 1890. She was born at Falmouth, Ky., in 1874, and is a daughter of Jacob and Martha (Thomas) Easter, both natives of Kentucky, the latter of whom passed away May 24, 1912. There were four children:

Georgia T., is Mrs. George Scott.

Leo, of Bethel, Ohio.

Blanch and Lottie are at home.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Scott are four children, and the family circle has remained unbroken by the hand of death. These are:

William Earl, who was born October 4, 1890, and pursued his education in the schools of Bethel and graduated from the high school. He studied the clarinet from Mr. James Fitzpatrick, who is the leader of the Bethel band, and is now playing first cornet in the Twenty-sixth regimental band of Detroit, Mich.

Matson Leo, who was born July 14, 1892, is a graduate of the high school of Bethel, and is substitute mail carrier on one of the rural routes.

Gladys, who was born September 4, 1897, is attending school at Bethel.

Harold Rexford, was born January 5, 1901.

Several relatives of Mr. F. H. Scott answered the call for volunteers in the army of the Civil war. An uncle of Mr. Scott's, James Wasson, was in the same company as his father and a cousin, Palmer Wasson, received mortal wounds in the army. Two brothers-in-law, Mr. Warden and Mr. Thomson, were in the service, enlisting from Ohio.

William H. Scott, a brother of our subject, was at one time on the police force of Cincinnati, and after the death of his

wife, traveled with the Barnum & Bailey circus for two years, as boss hostler, thus enabling him to see the countries of the old world as well as this country. He was privileged to visit all the principal cities and see many noted personages of the royalty.

Mr. Scott is an independent voter in politics, always placing his vote for the best man regardless of which party he represents. He was elected marshall of Bethel on the Democratic and Home ticket in 1911, in which capacity he is still serving to the satisfaction of all.

Mr. Scott is universally well liked and is a wide awake citizen of the county, and gives to the public whom he serves the best possible service. He is conscientious and upright in his conduct, performing any duty falling to his lot in a business like way.

E. C. MANNING.

One of the rising young business men of Bethel, Ohio, who is successfully engaged in the fire insurance business is E. C. Manning, of an old and representative family of Clermont county, Ohio. He is a pleasantly progressive gentleman, having a fine, up-to-date business and numbers his friends by the scores.

The birth of Mr. E. C. Manning occurred March 29, 1874, on the farm of his father, O. J. Manning, who is also a native of the county, being born April 2, 1844. He has followed farming as an occupation all his life. He married Miss Francis M. Fee, who was born in Clermont county, September 14, 1851, and whose death took place July 19, 1883. Of the five children who were given to this union three are living:

E. C., the subject of this sketch.

Samuel F., assistant secretary of the board of health of the city of Chicago.

Elmer J., of Bethel, with the Interurban Traction Company.

Mr. Manning acquired his education in the schools of Bethel and Clermont county and began his business career in the tobacco business in connection with farming, continuing for ten years. For five years following, he was with the Interurban Traction Company, after which he was deputy of the probate court for one year. Since the expiration of his term as deputy, he has devoted his entire time to fire insurance business, representing the following companies: Old Hartford Insurance

Company, Insurance Company of North America, New York Underwriters, Home Insurance Company of New York; Philadelphia Underwriters, Aetna Insurance Company, German American Company, Continental, Royal, Fidelity Underwriters, Sun of England, Norwich Union of England, and American Central.

On April 27, 1899, Mr. Manning was united in marriage to Miss Blanch Penny, a native of Brown county, Ohio, whose parents are G. H. and Mary (Norris) Penny, residents of Bethel, Ohio. There are four children in the family:

A. H., resides at Memphis, Tenn.

Miss Bessie, now the wife of Clemens Reif, residing at Morrow, Warren county, Ohio.

Blanch, who is Mrs. Manning.

Grace, who is an exceptionally fine teacher, has taught in the schools of Youngstown, Middletown, and Bethel, Ohio. She is a graduate of the Bethel High School, and holds a life teacher's certificate in Ohio.

One child has blessed the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Manning, Beulah Mae, born February 3, 1908, in Clermont county, Ohio. They are consistent members of the Methodist church and Mr. Manning has membership in the fraternal organizations of Masons, Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias. Mrs. Manning has membership in the Eastern Star and Pythian Sisters.

Mr. Manning endorses the principles of the Democratic party and is at present township clerk. He has also served his party as mayor of Bethel most acceptably. In June, 1912; he was elected deputy grand chancellor of Clermont county, Ohio, at the grand lodge of Knights of Pythias, in session at Canton, Ohio. Mr. Manning deserves all the praise that is implied in the term "self-made," for his prosperity and advancement is due to his own energy and close application to his business interests.

A. C. WOOD.

Few names are more familiar or more closely identified with the affairs of Clermont county, Ohio, than that of Mr. A. C. Wood, owner of the "Bethel Journal." The Wood family is of English descent and has been prominent in the history of Clermont county since it was known as the Northwest

Territory. Absalon Wood, the grandfather of the Mr. Wood of this mention, was one of the first settlers of the county.

Mr. Wood is a son of S. S. and Mary J. (Smith) Wood, and was born in Tate township, Clermont county, Ohio, August 25, 1867. His father and mother were both natives of Clermont county, the birth of the former occurring in the year of 1845, and the latter being born in 1847. They were well to do farmers and raisers of fine stock. Their family consisted of three children: A. C.; Nina A., is the widow of Charles Sells, of Dayton, Ohio, and Rosa A., who died in her eighteenth year. The death of Mr. S. S. Wood occurred in 1885, his wife being spared until April, 1911.

Mr. Wood enjoyed the educational privileges of the schools of Hamersville, Ohio, and was graduated from the high school with high honors. He then followed the occupation of farming for a period, after which he was checkman for the transfer company of Omaha, Neb. Returning to Hamersville, Ohio, he engaged in the hay, grain and coal business at that place. He sold out his business interests there and took up the insurance business in Cincinnati, which he followed for some time. Mr. Wood was later connected with the Daum Shoe Company, of Ripley, Ohio, and in 1908 located in Bethel, where he has since engaged in the insurance and real estate business. In 1911, he purchased the "Bethel Journal," one of the best newspapers in the county. The various business experiences which he has had, has fitted Mr. Wood for the position he now holds in the community.

Mr. Wood was united in marriage to Miss Stella Chapman, in June, 1889. Mrs. Wood is a daughter of W. N. and Emma (Cheeseman) Chapman, who are residents of Brown county, Ohio, and was born in 1871. She is one of three children, the others being:

Edward, of Ripley, Ohio.

Allie, is Mrs. William Daugherty, of Brown county, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood have had four children born to bless their union:

Lola, who was born in 1890, is the amiable telephone operator of the Bethel exchange.

Verner B., whose birth occurred in February, 1892, is employed in the National Cash Register at Dayton, Ohio.

Dale C., who was born in October, 1898, is in the office of his father's printing establishment.

Forrest D., was born November 2, 1902.

Mr. Wood's study of the political issues of the day have led him to give his support to the Democratic party and is likewise interested in the public schools, having been clerk of the school board in Clark township, Brown county, Ohio. In religious views, both Mr. and Mrs. Wood are devoted members of the Disciple church.

One incident in the life of the subject of this review that is rare and is experienced by few is, that he was a man grown before death claimed any of his grandparents, and that he plainly remembers two of his great-grandparents. His maternal grandfather, S. B. Smith, was one of the pioneer settlers of Clermont county, and was a wealthy farmer and stock raiser, in connection with which occupation he taught penmanship and music in the schools of the county in the early days.

JACOB VINSON.

Germany has furnished to the United States many valued citizens, who have crossed the broad ocean to seek their fortune in the "Land of Great Opportunity." To this class belongs Mr. Jacob Vinson, the popular and enterprising baker of Bethel, Ohio. In the six years of his residence in Bethel, he has built up a fine and prosperous business, and by his genial manner has made for himself a host of friends.

Mr. Jacob Vinson was born at Walsdenberg, Germany, August 13, 1876. His parents, Kasimer and Elizabeth (Briston) Vinson, were natives of Germany, the former having been born in 1844 and the latter in 1847. The father died in Germany in 1907, and the mother is still living in the land of her nativity. They had born to them, six children, three of whom are in America:

John, a resident of the State of Washington.

Mary, married John Bower, of Hamilton, Ohio.

Jacob, of this review.

Jacob Vinson pursued his education in the schools of his home town, beginning his business life as a carpenter, which occupation he followed until 1893, when he came to America, locating at Hamilton, Ohio. He engaged in a bakery at that place, familiarizing himself with all the details of the business and in 1906 went into the business for himself at Bethel. Mr. Vinson does his own baking, using one and one-half bar-

rels of flour each day. He employs two helpers and delivers to grocers and retail bakery stores and the demand for his goods proves that they are first class in every way.

The marriage of Mr. Jacob Vinson to Miss Olga Gessell occurred in 1899. She is also a native of Germany, her birth taking place in 1873. Her parents, Antone and Eva (Wind) Gessel, came to America when she was a small child, the father living on a nice farm not far from Bethel. Her mother died January 28, 1912. There were five children in the family:

Lewis, of Cincinnati.

Ernest, of Clifton Heights.

Tony, living near Bethel, Ohio.

Olga, who is Mrs. Vinson.

Marie, married Frank Dworshack, and lives in Austria.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinson are the proud parents of four fine children, all born in Clermont county, Ohio:

Jacob, was born September 24, 1900.

Sophia Eva, born October 20, 1901.

Edward H., born April 8, 1906.

John William, was born December 16, 1910.

In political affairs, Mr. Vinson votes the Independent ticket, believing that the right man for the place should have the office regardless of the party he represents.

Mrs. Vinson attends the Catholic church, and Mr. Vinson holds membership in the fraternal organization of Odd Fellows. He has been solicited for public office, but he has refused for lack of time to devote to anything aside from his business, which keeps him well occupied. He has the largest bakery business in Bethel, and is broad-minded and liberal citizen.

CYRUS L. CRANE.

Cyrus L. Crane, deceased, was well known in Clermont county, Ohio, for many years as a progressive agriculturist. He was one of the county's workers, assisting materially in its growth and progress. In purity and strength of character, Mr. Crane was among the foremost.

A native of the county, he was born February 20, 1851, on a farm, now a part of Bethel, Ohio, on which his father's birth occurred. He was a son of George W. and Euphemia (Burke) Crane, the former of whom was born June 26, 1820,

and who died July 9, 1892, the latter being born near Bethel also, December 25, 1822, and died June 26, 1893. They were the parents of two children:

Albert, deceased, was born October 12, 1844.

Cyrus L., of this sketch.

Cyrus L. Crane was a Republican, an active member of the Knights of Pythias, and interested in education and everything that tended to the betterment of mankind.

The maternal grandfather of George W. Crane, Obed Denham, donated the land for the town of Bethel, and being a far-seeing man, reserved for the town the right to a fine well on a portion of the land. He stipulated that the water should be used only for the purpose of supplying the town, and not to be sold under any consideration.

The grandfather of our subject, Davis Crane, came to Clermont county early in the Nineteenth century.

Mr. Cyrus Crane pursued his education in the public schools of Bethel, and after completing the high school course he attended the State University at Ann Arbor, Mich. After the completion of his education, he taught school during the winter terms, in Clermont county, for several years.

The marriage of Mr. C. L. Crane to Miss Olive Van Osdol took place December 29, 1875, and the young couple settled on a farm near Bethel. He followed the occupation of farming for the remainder of his life, meeting with success. His death occurred September 16, 1906. He left two children:

Florence M., who is Mrs. Dr. Lever, of Owensville, Clermont county. They have three children—Vivian C., Lester Leon and Russell E.

Hazeltine L. is at home with her mother.

Both daughters are well educated, being graduate of the Bethel High School, and of the National Normal University, at Lebanon, Ohio.

Mrs. Crane was born near Bethel, in 1854, and is a daughter of Isaac and Martha G. (Crouch) Van Osdol. Isaac Van Osdol was born in sight of the birthplace of his future bride, Martha Crouch. Mrs. Crane's grandparents were among the first settlers in Clermont county, and the grandfather, Oakey Van Osdol, served as a soldier in the War of the Revolution. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Crane built the home in Bethel, where she now resides, although she still owns the farm where she and Mr. Crane spent many happy years rearing their family. She is a member of the Woman's Club of

Bethel, and is an active member of the Baptist church. She has three sisters, one of whom is deceased:

Elizabeth, married William Hancock, and both are deceased.
Mary, is Mrs. J. C. Trout, of Brown county, Ohio.
Ellen, married Elihu T. Laycock, of Bethel.

DIMMITT ELWOOD SOUTH.

Among the progressive and enterprising families of Clermont county, Ohio, who by their united industry and ambition have been rewarded by a measure of prosperity, is the family of Mr. Dimmitt Elwood South. Mr. South is a representative of one of the oldest of families of the county and was born at Bethel, August 16, 1858, a son of Ezekiel and Catherine Esther (Flick) South.

Ezekiel South was born at Bethel, Ohio, May 6, 1816, and Catherine Esther (Flick) South was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, January 2, 1814. The father of Ezekiel, Isaac South, came to Clermont county, Ohio, in the early days, from New Jersey, and was a hatter by trade. He also did some farming in connection with his other occupation and during the cholera time, in 1826, died, his wife living but a short time after his death. Ezekiel was a shoe maker and was appointed postmaster of Bethel by Abraham Lincoln, in 1861, holding the position continuously for twenty-three years. He was also elected mayor of Bethel, serving in this capacity for one term. He was a member of the Masonic lodge, Clermont Chapter, No. 211, Free and Accepted Masons. Both he and his estimable wife were devoted members of the Methodist church and their home was always open to the ministers and presiding elders of the church. Ezekiel South passed from this life in 1902, his wife having died in 1891. Both are buried in the Bethel cemetery. There were five sons, all born in Clermont county:

Corwin, who was a resident of Bethel, Ohio, is deceased.

Eugene, a physician in the Civil war for one year, in the One Hundred and Seventy-fifth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, died in 1867.

Philip T., is a lawyer of Indianapolis, Ind.

Ledrué, died in 1879.

Dimmitt Elwood, the subject of this mention.

Mr. Dimmitt Elwood South received his education in the schools of Bethel and his first work after the completion of his schooling was in the bureau of engraving and printing of the treasury department at Washington, D. C., where he remained for nine months. Upon his return to Bethel, in 1877, he learned the shoe maker's trade with his father and brother, continuing at this occupation for about ten years. He was then associated with the Cincinnati, Georgetown and Portsmouth and the Interurban and Terminal railways as agent at Bethel for eleven years, and has since been engaged as a rural mail carrier.

On October 3, 1883, Mr. South was united in marriage to Miss Edith Harrison, who was born at Owensville, Ohio, October 24, 1856. Her parents, C. J. and Leah Ann (Parker) Harrison, were born in New Brunswick, Canada, and in Clermont county, Ohio, respectively. The father was born in 1828 and the mother in July, 1826, the latter passing away in October, 1906, and is buried at Miamiville, Ohio. C. J. Harrison came to Clermont county when he was twenty years of age, taking his first examination for a teacher's certificate, under the late George L. Swing, of Batavia, Ohio, who was then probate judge of the county, and taught school for many years. For several years Mr. Harrison was school examiner and was county auditor for two terms, following which he retired from active service because of failing hearing. He has since written several books, one of which, "Tracadia," was published, meeting with great success. Several serial stories that he has written have never been published, but one poem, entitled, "The Fate of Hassan," was published in 1857 in Harper's Magazine, and attracted much attention and comment by reason of its uniqueness. It is thought to be the only poem ever published containing no letter "e" in the several verses. It has gone the rounds of the magazines for years, and was last seen in the Scrap Book. Mr. Harison makes his home with his several children since the death of his wife, who was a devoted member of the Methodist church. To them were born seven children:

Ella, married J. S. Meek, of Afton, Ohio, deceased.

Louise, is Mrs. Thomas Lever, of Loveland, Ohio.

Edith, is Mrs. D. E. South.

Belle, married William Thurston, of New York, deceased.

Charlotte, became the wife of Frank M. Titus, of Batavia, deceased.

Annie, the widow of John Potts, is matron of the Indian school at Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

James, met with death by drowning in a pond near his home at Branch Hill, Ohio, in 1885, in the eighteenth year of his life.

Mr. and Mrs. South have three children to bless their union, all of whom were born at Bethel Ohio:

Dale R., whose birth occurred March 3, 1885, pursued his education in the schools of Bethel, following which he attended the Ohio State University for three years.

Camille L., was born April 7, 1889. She attended Antioch College at Yellow Springs, Ohio, and is at home with her parents.

Annie Marie, was born January 18, 1893, and is attending the Ohio State University, taking the Domestic Science course.

Mrs. South has demonstrated what a woman can accomplish in a business way. For several years she has engaged in manufacturing infant's moccasins, the steadily increasing trade warranting the building of a two-story factory in 1906.

Mr. and Mrs. South are consistent members of the Methodist church, and give largely of their means for the support of all worthy affairs. They are Christians, both by faith and practice, their dealings with mankind are in perfect accord with the tenets they believe. Mr. South is trustee and steward of their home church.

Mr. and Mrs. South and three children are members of the Eastern Star, while Mr. South and son, Dale, holds membership with the fraternal order of Masons. Mr. South is also a member of the Knights of Pythias. In politics, Mr. South is a progressive Republican, and has served as township clerk for two terms, and for the same time as tax collector.

A. F. ELY.

Among the prominent and energetic farmers of Batavia township, Clermont county, Ohio, none is more deserving of honorable mention than the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. He was a son of Amasa and Roxanna (Noyes) Ely, and was born November 11, 1856, in Batavia township, on the farm on which he resided until his death, February 1, 1913, after an illness of four months.

Amasa Ely was born on the East Fork, near Bantam, Clermont county, Ohio, May 31, 1817, and died December 25, 1889. In early life he was a cooper, later engaged also in agriculture, in connection with his trade. He was one of eight sons, who were all bound out and learned trades. They are as follows:

Benjamin became a weaver by trade.

James, for many years conducted the "Ely House" at Hamlet, his place being a changing point in stage traffic.

John became a blacksmith.

Amasa learned the trade of a cooper.

George was a carpenter.

Samuel became a hatter and later was a merchant and postmaster at Mt. Olive, Clermont county.

Josiah learned practical farming.

Robert learned the trade of a weaver and went to the army at the age of eighteen years. He was color bearer all through the Civil war, and one day when he was unable to carry the flag, the bearer who took his place was shot down. He brought the flag home with him, and it is now in Columbus, Ohio.

A half-brother, Joseph, is a cabinet maker, and he has made a number of banjos and other musical instruments. He is the only one living, his home being at Peebles, Ohio.

Roxanna (Noyes) Ely was born in Clermont county, near Amelia, June 17, 1826, and died October 23, 1900. She spent her girlhood days near Bantam. To her union with Amasa Ely were born four children, all of whom are deceased:

A son and daughter died in infancy.

Lewis died at the age of twenty-seven years.

A. F., our subject.

The educational privileges of Mr. A. F. Ely were exceptionally good for the days when he was young. After attending the schools of Batavia township, he pursued his studies at the Lebanon, Ohio, Normal School. When he had completed his education, Mr. Ely returned to his parents' home and assisted his father in the duties on the farm, thus becoming conversant with the most practical methods of successful farming.

Mr. A. F. Ely was married to Cora Hancock, on April 9, 1879. Miss Hancock was born December 1, 1859, a daughter of Henry and Martha A. (Gray) Hancock, the former of whom was born in Maryland, September 5, 1829, and died January 7,

1891. The mother was born June 3, 1831, near Pleasant Hill, Clermont county, and passed away April 27, 1910. Both are buried in the Amelia cemetery.

Mr. Ely continued to operate the farm of fifty-six acres, which he inherited from his father, and during the passing years he made many improvements. He remodeled the house and enlarged the barns, giving the place a most prosperous appearance.

Mr. Ely always voted the Republican ticket, but was never an office seeker, preferring to give his entire attention to his farming interests.

The fraternal connections of Mr. Ely were with the Knights of Pythias, and he was an active worker for that organization.

Mr. A. F. Ely's is one of three families who settled in this neighborhood in the early settlement of the county, and he never lived elsewhere. Both he and Mrs. Ely are industrious and energetic and enjoy the respect of the entire community in which they live. They are pleasant and hospitable and their home is ever open to their friends.

LAFAYETTE NASH.

Mr. Lafayette Nash, a prominent retired farmer of Batavia township, Clermont county, Ohio, is one of the native sons of the county, who found opportunity for business advancement in their home locality. His life occupation has been along agricultural lines and a reasonable amount of success has crowned his efforts. He was born in Batavia township, March 14, 1845, and is a son of William, Jr., and Melvina (Gray) Nash, the latter a representative of one of the pioneer families of the county, her father having settled in the county in the very early days. She was born at Twelve Mile, Pierce township, and died in 1906, and is buried in the Amelia cemetery.

William Nash, Sr., grandfather of Lafayette, was born near Laurel, on Indian Creek, December 29, 1776, and passed away January 1, 1873, at the age of ninety-seven years. He followed the occupation of general farming all of his life and was considered one of the substantial men of the county.

Lafayette Nash is one of ten children, three of whom are living:

Rosetta died at the age of eighteen.

Ruth became the wife of John Hamilton, and both are deceased.

Lafayette, the subject of this mention.

Elizabeth, who was the wife of John Vandeman, is deceased.

Andrew, Theodore and Lewis are deceased.

Edgar, a twin of Lewis, is a resident of Cincinnati.

Susan died in infancy.

Frank is deceased.

Mr. Lafayette Nash was educated in Batavia township and remained at the parental home until he reached the age of twenty-three years. He thus acquired a practical education under the instruction of his father, in the best methods of successful farming.

On August 23, 1868, occurred the marriage of Mr. Nash to Miss Josephine Moore, who was born near Nicholasville, this county, March 14, 1842, a daughter of James and Lucinda (Hinds) Moore, whose record appears on another page in these volumes, under the name of H. U. Moore, of Batavia. Mrs. Moore's mother was born in Willsburg, Va., in 1800, and died at the age of ninety-four years.

For five years after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Nash lived on a farm, and upon the death of Mr. Nash's father they removed to the home farm, which was the family home for thirty-five years. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Nash were born four children, all natives of Clermont county. They are:

Eugenia Lou died at the age of one month.

James Canby died at the age of nineteen months.

Clara Myrtle died at the age of six years.

Wilma, who is the wife of Mr. C. E. Smith, and lives with her father. Mr. Smith was born in Batavia township, in 1867, and is a teacher in the schools of Hamilton county, Ohio. He is a Republican and formerly served as town clerk of Amelia. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge, and was local register of the Amelia lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have two daughters, both born in Clermont county: Alice is a senior in the Woodward High School, Cincinnati, and Genevieve was born in 1910. Mrs. Smith and her older daughter are members of the Methodist church.

Mr. Nash is a trustee of the German American Bank, of Batavia, and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a Democrat, although not an office seeker, preferring the quiet of private life. Mr. Nash is quiet and

unpretentious, a man to be relied upon in all things, and bears the respect and regard of the entire community. Six years ago, Mr. Nash purchased a beautiful home at Amelia, on the Ohio pike, which he has remodeled to his own ideas of Comfort and convenience, and is now enjoying a well earned rest, after a life of activity.

Mrs. Nash passed from this life on March 9, 1909, and is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Amelia. She united with the Methodist church in 1869, under the pastorate of Rev. Merrick Head, at Zion Chapel, at Hurlington, Ohio. Mrs. Nash was an exemplary Christian and her death found her happy and trusting her Savior. Her life was one of good deeds and kindly services for those with whom she was associated. Mr. Nash is also a member and an elder of the Methodist church, being one of the substantial men of that denomination.

September 14, 1912, Mr. Lafayette Nash married Mrs. Mary E. Short, nee Smith and widow of Squire Joe Short, who died September 5, 1901. She was born in Illinois, daughter of Robert M. and Sarah (Whitaker) Smith, the former a teacher during his life. The mother died when Mrs. Nash was but fourteen months old, and the child was reared in the home of Joel and Mary H. Behymer, in Clermont county. Mrs. Nash taught for thirty years in Pierce township. She was for over fifty years a member of the Pleasant Hill Methodist Episcopal Church, transferring her membership to Amelia immediately following her marriage to Mr. Nash.

J. V. MOTT, M. D.

Dr. J. V. Mott, one of the native sons of Clermont county, Ohio, is a representative of one of the pioneer families in this section. He is engaged in the general practice of his profession at Amelia, in which he has attained unusual prominence. He is a man of wide reputation in medical circles, and is a great reader and student, keeping well abreast of the times; there being few engaged in general practice with so broad and comprehensive a knowledge of the medical science in its entirety. The birth of Dr. J. V. Mott occurred July 26, 1863, on the old John Donham homestead, in Pierce township, which is one of the oldest homesteads in Southern Clermont. He is a son of Joseph and Jennette (Donham) Mott.

Joseph Mott was born in Vincennes, Ind., October 5, 1826, and passed away December 18, 1904. He was brought to Clermont county by his parents in infancy, and to his death made his home in this locality. He was a farmer by business practically all of his active life, and met with deserved success. In politics, Mr. Joseph Mott was a Democrat and filled many of the various local offices of trust in the township. He evidenced his religious faith by his membership in the Methodist church, and gave liberally to the support of that denomination. Joseph Mott married first, Miss Margaret Donham, and to their union were born three children, all of whom are deceased. The second marriage was to Mrs. Jennette (Donham) Colvin, a cousin of his former wife, and their union was blessed with two children:

Charles H., who is a farmer, resides on the old home farm in Pierce township.

J. V., who is the subject of this mention.

Jennette (Donham) Mott was born in 1820 at the old Donham homestead and passed to her eternal reward March 30, 1896. She had been twice married previous to her marriage to Joseph Mott, her first husband being John Pierce, and to their union were born two sons and two daughters, of whom E. B. Pierce, of Norwood, Ohio, is now living. Her second husband was John Colvin, and they became the parents of two daughters, twins, of whom one is now living, Cynthelia, the wife of J. D. Leeds, of St. Louis, Mo.

The father of Mrs. Joseph (Donham) Mott was John Donham, known throughout this section as "King" Donham, who came to Clermont county from Pennsylvania. He was an uncle of Mr. D. J. Donham, of New Richmond, Ohio, and a brother of the late Col. Jonathon Donham, also of New Richmond, whose life record appears elsewhere on these pages. "King" Donham and a Mr. Mason were two of the hunters for the Columbia colony and were probably the first white men to visit Bethel, Ohio. On one of their big hunting trips, they killed several deer, near Deer Lick, not far from Bethel, which they hung in the trees out of the reach of the wolves and other wild animals numerous at that time, after which they "blazed" a trail so that a squad of men could be sent for the venison, from Columbia. They also broke the first ground for the colony at Columbia. John Donham was a man of few words and prompt action, as was illustrated upon one occasion when, needing flour badly, he put two bags of wheat on a horse

which he led to a water mill at Ten Mile. Upon arriving at the mill, he asked the proprietor's son to carry the bags into the mill for him, which the boy rudely refused to do, whereupon the gentleman turned away and taking his wheat with him returned home. He then sent one of his sons to Twelve Mile creek to locate a site for a grist mill, while he journeyed to Cincinnati to secure a mill wright. A tract of two thousand acres was secured and a mill erected on what is now the Francis Werst place. The business thus established flourished for many years, and was a great benefit to the community. Politically, Mr. Donham was a Democrat, and served his party as a member of the State legislature of Ohio, from Hamilton county. He was twice married, his first union being with Miss Sallie Jennings, by whom he had four children, and the second union was with Miss Elizabeth Brown, and to them were born six children. At the time of his decease, in 1858, he was the owner of some twenty-eight thousand acres of land, of which about three thousand five hundred acres were in Pierce, Ohio and Monroe townships, Clermont county.

Dr. J. V. Mott, the subject of this review, received his preliminary education in the public schools of Pierce township, following which he became a student of the Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati, from which institution he was graduated in 1885. He at once began to practice his profession, and with the exception of one year as house physician at Maplewood Institute, his practice has been continuously in Amelia and the surrounding country.

The marriage of Dr. Mott to Miss Nina Gillaspie took place at Mount Pisgah, the ceremony occurring on the 26th of September, 1883. Mrs. Mott was born February 18, 1867, at Mount Pisgah, Ohio, her parents being J. B. and Jane (Cox) Gillaspie, the former of whom was born in 1834, and the latter in 1835, both being natives of Mount Pisgah. Mr. Gillaspie gave his political allegiance to the Democratic party, which he served as justice of the peace for many years. He has membership with the New Light church of Ten Mile, and Mrs. Gillaspie embraces the faith of the Methodist denomination. They became the parents of eight children:

George, of Mt. Pisgah, Ohio.

Eliza, who became the wife of John V. Lewis, of Pierce township, Clermont county.

Elizabeth, who is the wife of William Golder, of Mt. Pisgah.

Nina, who is Mrs. Mott, of this sketch.

Florence B. died at the age of one year.

John H. is a resident of Henderson, Ky.

Charles, is also a resident of Henderson, Ky.

William Richard, of Mt. Pisgah, Ohio.

As the years have passed four children have come into the home of Dr. and Mrs. Mott, who are as follows:

Victor Cleveland, who was born June 30, 1884, passed from this life at the age of eight months.

An infant son, not named, deceased.

Myrtle S., who was born February 27, 1887, is a graduate of the Amelia High School and taught three years at the Lindale school. She was married to Dr. F. C. Leeds, a practicing physician of Winchester, Ohio. They have one daughter, Anna Maurine, who was born at her grandfather's home at Amelia, May 29, 1912.

Anna G., who was born October 1, 1880, is a graduate of the Amelia High School, and is at home.

Two half-brothers of Dr. Mott, Albert R. and Elridge B. Pierce, were soldiers in the Civil war, serving in Company G, Fiftieth Ohio volunteer infantry. They were captured at the battle of Franklin, Tenn., and were incarcerated in Andersonville prison for a considerable length of time.

Dr. Mott is a member of the Clermont Eclectic Association, of the Ohio State Eclectic Association, and of these organizations he has filled the various offices, and is a member of the National Eclectic Association. His political affiliations are with the Democratic party, and he has held the office of county coroner for three terms. His fraternal associations are with the Masonic order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Modern Woodmen of America.

JAMES SILLETT.

Mr. James Sillett, veteran of the Civil war, and the present progressive mayor of Amelia, Ohio, well deserves mention among the representative citizens of Clermont county, because of those sterling traits of character which always command respect and confidence. He was born in Suffolk, England, May 27, 1846, and is a son of William and Harriet Sillett,

both of whom were natives of England, where they passed away some years ago.

Of a family of six children, James Sillett has but one brother living, Henry Sillett, of Willard, Kan., who served in the Civil war, enlisting in the Seventeenth Indiana volunteer infantry. James attended the schools of Suffolk, England, until 1857, when he came to America with an uncle, who, after a period of two weeks spent in New York, came on to Ohio, where he bound out the young lad to a farmer living in Hamilton county. He remained with this man until the Civil war broke out, when he enlisted in the Fifth Ohio volunteer infantry.

Mr. Sillett participated in a number of engagements, including the battles of Dumfrees, Chancellorsville, Spottsylvania Court House, Gettysburg, going from there to New York to quell a draft riot in 1863, after which he returned and was transferred from the Twelfth to the Twentieth corps of the Army of the Cumberland. He was engaged in the battles of Lookout Mountain, Ringgold, Rocky Face, Resaca, Buzzard's Roost and was wounded June 22, 1864, at Kenasaw Mountain, and was discharged July 16, 1865.

The marriage of Mr. James Sillett to Miss Maggie E. Thomas was celebrated in 1866, she being a daughter of William Lee and Mary (Flora) Thomas, the latter a native of Kentucky. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Sillett were born three children, the first two being born in Cincinnati, where Mr. Sillett was engaged as a stove mounter, from 1870 to 1892, and the youngest being born in Clermont county, where he followed the occupation of farming from 1892 to 1907. The children are named as follows:

Molly, who became the wife of William Ward, of New Richmond, Ohio, is the mother of two daughters, Lottie and Edith.

Lottie, who married John Benning, of Mt. Holly, Ohio, is the mother of two children, Ellen and Earl B.

Harry is a concrete worker in Cincinnati and resides at Amelia, Ohio.

Mrs. Sillett, the mother of this family, passed from this life April 28, 1908, and was laid to rest in the Christian church cemetery.

In 1911, Mr. James Sillett was united in marriage to Mrs. Katherine Williams, the widow of Freeman Williams, she being born in New Richmond, Ohio, March 21, 1858, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Edington) Kennelley. Her father

was born in New York and her mother was a native of England, both coming to Clermont county at an early date, and both are now deceased. Of the thirteen children born to this union, Mrs. Sillett is the only one living. She has a half-sister living, Alice, who became the wife of Jacob Hoover, of Illinois. Mr. Freeman Williams was born in Clermont county in 1856, and died January 25, 1908, his occupation having been that of a farmer. Mrs. Sillett was married previously to her union with Mr. Williams, to Mr. Peter Ross, by whom she had two children:

Charles Thomas Ross, who was born in Clermont county, July 17, 1878, is now a resident of Cincinnati, and is the father of five children—Gussie, Eva, Geneva, Fred and Scott.

Frederick S. Ross, who was born in Clermont county, July 27, 1881, is a resident of Cincinnati.

Mr. Sillett is now living in practical retirement at his comfortable home on the Ohio pike, after years of activity and honest effort.

The political support of Mr. Sillett is given to the Republican party, which he has served in the capacity of road supervisor and was elected mayor of Amelia in 1911, having filled the unexpired term of another man, by appointment, in 1910.

Mr. Sillett is an honored member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Mrs. Sillett is a devoted member of the Baptist church.

Mr. Sillett has always tried to live a clean, upright life, and he and his estimable wife have the respect and esteem of all with whom they are associated. Mr. Sillett is a man of strong attachments and has always regretted that he and his brothers were so scattered that they could not enjoy each others companionship. He has been faithful to all of the duties that have come to him as the years have come and gone.

HARVEY PERIN.

Scion of one of the early families of Clermont—a family noted for initiative and progressive business enterprise—Harvey Perin was born in Mt. Carmel, Clermont county, Ohio, May 19, 1862, son of Ira and Elvira (Day) Perin, and grandson of Samuel Perin, more extended mention of whom appears elsewhere in these volumes.

Ira Perin was born in Stonelick township, Clermont county, October 13, 1807, and died January 9, 1889; his wife was born February 22, 1823, and died February 26, 1905. The former, as a youth, was employed in the mill and distillery of his father, Samuel Perin, but he devoted his energies in later life to farming. By his first wife, nee Mary Edwards, to whom he was married January 21, 1845, he had two children: John, who resides in Cincinnati, and Lemuel, who died several years ago. Of the second family there were the following children: Rosa E., born March 12, 1854, is the widow of H. M. Edwards, and resides near Milford; George D., born November 5, 1856, died March 20, 1883; Artemas, born June 12, 1859, lives at Mt. Carmel, Hamilton county, Ohio; Harvey, the subject of this sketch, and Grace, born December 21, 1864, widow of William Donham, resides at Rossville, Ga. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Perin were members of the Universalist church of Mt. Carmel, and resided at Perintown.

Harvey Perin attended the common schools of his native county, supplementing his education by a short course at the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio, remaining on the paternal farm until the death of his father. He was married September 6, 1893, to Miss Amelia C. Mellen, born December 19, 1864, in Amelia, Clermont county, Ohio, daughter of John and Eliza (Pompelly) Mellen, natives respectively of Massachusetts and Maine. They came to Clermont county, Ohio, in 1838, and to Amelia in 1858, where Mr. Mellen was engaged as a shoe maker for many years, also serving as justice of the peace. Mr. Mellen was a Mason and Odd Fellow and both he and Mrs. Mellen were Methodists. Their five children were born in Clermont county, the three older ones at Milford and the other two at Amelia, viz.: William died at three years; Louisa, born in 1854, died in 1881; Olive, born in 1855, is deceased; John, born in 1859, and Amelia C., wife of our subject. Mr. Mellen was of a literary turn of mind and was the author of numerous short poems; his daughter, Mrs. Perin, inherits this talent to a marked degree and is a woman gifted with unusual natural ability.

The spring of 1894 Mr. and Mrs. Perin removed from his home place to Pierce township, to the Albert Butler farm, near Amelia, inherited by Mrs. Perin from her uncle and foster father, Albert Butler, whose wife was Louisa Pompelly. Mrs. Perin had resided at their home from early childhood. Mr. Butler died May 16, 1900, while his widow passed away Sep-

tember 10, 1910; both are buried at Lindale cemetery. This worthy couple were married in 1848 and first lived in a log cabin in the woods, enduring the hardships of the pioneers; Mrs. Butler bound shoes by hand and thus earned money to purchase a brass clock, now in possession of Mrs. Perin. Among other valued souvenirs Mrs. Perin has a scrap book compiled by her foster mother, which contains much valuable information regarding many noted persons, places, etc.

The home place of Mr. and Mrs. Perin embraces some ninety-two acres, besides twenty acres within the corporate limits of Amelia. Mr. Perin has modernized the home and it is one of the noticeable ones of the county. He was the first president of the Amelia bank and until recently resigned, was a director of the New Richmond National Bank.

Mr. Perin is a Republican; socially is a member of the Masonic fraternity and both he and Mrs. Perin belong to the Order of Eastern Star and to the Grange. Their religious affiliations are with the Universalist church of Mt. Carmel. Three children have blessed this union: Percy Dean, born on May 23, 1898, died October 27th of the same year; Louisa Butler, born April 9, 1900, and Rachel Day, born June 18, 1901, both attending school at Amelia.

SAMUEL PERIN.

Samuel Perin, father of the late Ira Perin, and grandfather of Harvey Perin, sketch of whom appears on other pages, was born in North Adams, Mass., February 23, 1785, and died April 3, 1865; his wife, Mary Perin, passed away December 7, 1851, both being buried at Perin's Mills, now called Perintown. They were married September 10, 1804, in New York, Mrs. Perin being a daughter of Ephraim Simpkins and a native of the Empire State, the date of her birth being September 26, 1787.

In 1805 they emigrated to Ohio, stopping first in Clermont county with Dr. Allison, who lived at East Liberty. Mr. Perin was suffering with a crippled leg and the doctor gave him the necessary professional and hospitable attention, in return for which Mr. Perin thoroughly overhauled the machinery of Dr. Allison's mill, reset the grinding stones and worked for him some time. In January, 1810, he bought from

Gen. James Taylor, of Newport, Ky., fifty acres of land on Stonelick, where he resided until 1815. He served in the War of 1812, as captain of a company of which William Glancy was first lieutenant.

In 1815, Samuel Perin removed to the present site of Perintown and erected a saw mill and a grist mill, the village which sprang up being called Perin's Mills for many years. In 1825-26 he built a distillery there, with old-fashioned copper still and hand made mashes. Perin's Mills was for twenty-five years the market of Clermont county and was the principal market for wheat, corn, barley, rye, hogs and general produce, embracing also Brown, Clinton, Warren and Hamilton counties. In addition, Mr. Perin conducted a large store at this point, buying his groceries at New Orleans, in exchange for mill and distillery products transported on his own flat boats; his dry goods were bought at Philadelphia and New York. He also operated large and very profitable branch stores at Milford and Fayetteville, thus employing a small army of clerks and assistants in the conduct of these varied and extensive enterprises. His son, Ira Perin, made frequent trips between Perin's Mills and New Orleans, selling flour and salt pork along the river. In 1849, he made a successful trip to California for gold.

Samuel Perin was county commissioner of Clermont from 1825 to 1830, serving with James Blackburn, David White and John Boggess, during which time the court house at Batavia was built. Mr. Perin had the plans drawn and to him is due the excellent acoustic properties of the building. In 1830, he was elected representative from Clermont and was a member of the Twenty-ninth General Assembly of Ohio, declining a reelection on account of his extensive private business interests. He operated the distillery until it burned down, in 1853; the grist mill was destroyed by fire in 1862.

Mr. Perin's nine children were all born in Clermont county, all now deceased; one daughter-in-law, widow of Lyman C., is living in Cincinnati.

CALVIN D. FRIDMAN.

One of the most prominent of active factors in the substantial progress and development of Clermont county, Ohio, where for many years he has taken a deep and helpful interest

in all affairs and enterprises that tend to the betterment of the county of his nativity is Mr. Calvin D. Fridman, the genial mayor of New Richmond.

On the 27th of August, 1860, near Clermontville, at the family home of his father, the late Franklin Fridman, occurred the birth of Calvin D. Fridman. He grew to young manhood in the vicinity of his birthplace and attended the noted educational institution known as Parker's Academy, after which he graduated from Eastman's Business College, at Poughkeepsie, New York, and in 1883 began his life in the business world. He was first engaged in the lumber and coal business at Clermontville, where he remained for two years, after which he turned his entire attention to the lumber business at New Richmond. Since the death of his father, Mr. C. D. Fridman has held the position of president of the Fridman Lumber Company. He is also identified with the First National Bank of New Richmond, being one of its directors and was one of the incorporators of the Peoples' Building & Loan Association, of which he has been a director since its organization in 1905.

Mr. Calvin D. Fridman celebrated his marriage to Miss Bertha C. Weidinger in 1888, at New Richmond. She was born at Cincinnati, and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Weidinger, who came to New Richmond in 1865, where Mr. Weidinger was engaged in the bakery business until his death, which occurred in March, 1911, he being in his eightieth year. Mrs. Fridman's mother, who is seventy-seven years of age, survives. Her parents were natives of Germany and came to America when quite young. Mr. and Mrs. Fridman have one daughter, Helen L., who is a graduate in elocution from the "Schuster School of Elocution and Dramatic Art," of Cincinnati.

Mr. Calvin D. Fridman is an active Democrat and has served on the council, also being interested in educational matters, he being a member of the school board for several years. He is well known in the Masonic fraternity, being a Thirty-second degree Mason. Mr. and Mrs. Fridman are consistent members of the Presbyterian church. The home of Mr. Fridman is one of the first built in New Richmond, and was erected by one of the Light family in 1804.

While Mr. Fridman is leading an active life in business affairs, he yet finds time and opportunity to aid in the advancement of measures for general good, and is a public-spirited citizen.

G. C. ANDERSON.

Among the men of Clermont county, Ohio, who have wrested a competence from agricultural pursuits is Mr. G. C. Anderson, who at the time of his marriage had practically no capital with which to establish a home of his own, but by diligence and persistence of both himself and his faithful wife has been successful far beyond the average. He at one time owned and operated a tract of some two hundred and seventy-six acres, still retaining one hundred and seven acres, part of which is in Hamilton county, Ohio, and the remainder in Clermont county, besides his fine remodeled home at Bantam, which he purchased in 1911.

Mr. Anderson was born on the Lee Hichs farm near Bantam, Clermont county, Ohio, August 3, 1873, son of George Washington and Lydia Ann (Brown) Anderson. The father was born July 5, 1845, at Bethel and is living retired near Bantam. G. W. Anderson is a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted at Bethel May 2, 1864, as a private in Company C, One Hundred and Fiftieth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and was honorably discharged at Camp Dennison, Ohio, September 10, 1864; re-enlisted January 19, 1865, at Bethel, Ohio, in the One Hundred and Eighty-fourth Ohio volunteer infantry, serving until discharged at Edgefield, Tenn., September 20, 1865. A brother of his, Benton Anderson, enlisted at Bethel, Ohio, in the Fifth Ohio volunteer cavalry and later re-enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifty-third Ohio volunteer infantry. The Anderson family is one of the old ones of Clermont county and are originally of Irish descent. G. W. Anderson, the father of our subject, followed farming since the close of the war, until his retirement from active life. He was married September 8, 1866, to Lydia Ann Brown, who was born near Bethel, Ohio, March 8, 1846, and passed from this life July 10, 1897, her death caused by lightning. Her burial took place at the Odd Fellows' cemetery at Amelia. A brother of Mrs. Anderson, John Brown, served in the One Hundred and Fifty-third regiment Ohio volunteer infantry, and another brother, William Brown, served in the Fifty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry. The latter died while at home on a furlough. G. W. Anderson and his wife were formerly Baptists, but he is now a member of the Methodist church. Six children were born to them:

William, residing in Montana, has served in the regular army.

Harry B. died August 21, 1891, at the age of twenty years.
G. C., the subject of this sketch.

Carrie, now Mrs. William Armstrong, of Norwood, Ohio.

Pearl W., the wife of Frank Kymell, of Zanesville, Ohio.

John Lee, who has served four years in the navy, being now on board the United States steamer Nebraska.

Mr. G. C. Anderson was educated at the Amelia High School, remaining on his father's farm until he was twenty-one years of age, when he entered upon his business career as a farmer and rented land for himself.

On October 27, 1897, occurred the marriage of Mr. Anderson to Miss Deliah E. Byfield, who was born at Madison, Ind., January 2, 1875, a daughter of Vincent Delos and Rebecca Turner (Johnson) Byfield, the former of whom was born at Akron, Ohio, October 28, 1839, and died November 1, 1911, at the Soldiers' Home at Marion, Ind.. The latter was born in Harrison, Ohio, November 18, 1841, and passed away June 13, 1893, being buried beside her husband in Crown Hill cemetery, Indianapolis. Mr. Byfield learned his trade of iron molder at Madison, Ind., but removed to Indianapolis, the home for many years. He enlisted August 19, 1862, serving three years in Company C, Sixty-seventh regiment Ohio volunteer infantry. He was a Republican and held membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In religious belief he embraced that of the Methodist church. Mrs. Byfield was a devoted member of the Baptist church. To them were born two sons and four daughters:

Charles Howard, an architect of Indianapolis, Ind.

Mrs. Anderson, the wife of our subject.

Virgil died at the age of one year.

Helen Matilda, the wife of Harry Birdwell, of Indianapolis.

Hattie Bernie, of Indianapolis.

Florence Johnson, of Indianapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have had four children born to bless their union, all of whom are natives of Clermont county.

Harry Virgil was born March 19, 1899.

Leona Pearl, whose birth occurred October 28, 1901.

Grace Elizabeth was born September 9, 1904, on the Paul Moore farm.

An infant son, who was born April 3, 1911, on the Paul Moore farm, died April 3, 1911.

When Mr. and Mrs. Anderson began housekeeping it was in a four-room log cabin in Amelia, where they remained for

two years, and later Mr. Anderson operated the Paul Moore farm at Horse Shoe Bend, Elk Lick, the most noted farm of two hundred and seventy-six acres on a branch of the east fork of the Little Miami river, in Clermont county. This farm was owned at one time by Judge George G. Bambach and R. E. Head, and is at present owned by R. E. Head. Mr. Anderson went in debt one thousand dollars when he went on the Paul Moore farm, for implements necessary for the operating of such a large tract of land, and his success dated from that time. He spent five years here and at the end of that time he removed to Bantam, where he purchased forty acres adjoining that village. For one year Mr. Anderson remained on this farm and has since made his home in Bantam, Ohio.

Mr. Anderson has always given his support to the Republican party and was elected as one of the first members of the board of education in Batavia township and served as clerk of the board of education for four years, resigning because of his removal from the township.

Fraternally, Mr. Anderson is an active member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In religious matters both Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are consistent members of the Amelia Baptist church, being active in all affairs of that denomination.

Of late Mr. Anderson has been interested in the real estate business, in which he has met with a large measure of success. He is recognized as a man of ability and is an example of the sturdy business man and upright citizen and to such Clermont county owes its prestige. Mr. Anderson has sold out his home and real estate interests at Bantam, Ohio, and has purchased the Colonel Martin farm, known as the "Tally Hoo Stock Farm," near Bethel, Ohio, consisting of 187 acres, which constitute one of the best farms between Bethel and Williamsburg.

W. W. SHINKLE.

Bethel, Ohio, justly takes pride in including among its foremost citizens, Mr. W. W. Shinkle, who has taken a most active part in the promotion of all industrial enterprises that have benefitted the town and surrounding country. He conducts a thoroughly modern, up-to-date dairy, and has substantial

barns, tanks and necessary conveniences for the care of large quantities of milk and cream.

The birth of Mr. Shinkle occurred near Eden church, Brown county, November 10, 1866. His father, Christian Shinkle, was also a native of Brown county, having been born, February 24, 1833. He was a progressive farmer. In answer to his country's call for volunteers during the Civil war, Christian enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Eighty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, serving throughout the war. He married Miss Sarah White, a native of Brown county, and to this union three children were born:

Emma J., married Wiliam Snider, of Cedron, Ohio.

John K., a resident of Covington, Ky.

W. W., of this mention.

Mrs. Sarah (White) Shinkle was born November 11, 1834, and passed away July 31, 1910, and her husband followed her May 10, 1911.

Mr. W. W. Shinkle received a limited education in the schools of Clermont county, and assisted his father on the farm until his marriage. On October 5, 1892, he was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Fithen, who was born February 16, 1869, at the Brown county infirmary, of which institution her father, David Fithen, was superintendent. David Fithen was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, April 4, 1832, and was married to Miss Mary Black on February 15, 1866. She was born in Brown county, Ohio, August 7, 1836, and died September 12, 1895. Of the four children born to them, all are deceased, except Mrs. W. W. Shinkle. Mr. Fithen died July 15, 1905. Wade Fithen, grandfather of Mrs. Shinkle, came from New Jersey to Jefferson county, Ohio, in the early days. He was a large land owner in New Jersey, Jersey City being built on a part of the land owned by him.

Mr. and Mrs. Shinkle first farmed in Williamsburg township, where they remained until February 29, 1904, when they removed to their present beautiful home in Tate township. This farm is known as the North Side Dairy Farm and consists of forty-four acres. They raise horses, cattle and hogs, carrying on general farming and dairy business. Their energy and thrift are rewarded by a goodly share of this world's goods and the pretty home shows the great pride they take in making their surroundings attractive.

Before her marriage to Mr. Shinkle, Mrs. Shinkle was the wife of Jacob Bier, who was born September 30, 1862, a son

of Joseph and Elizabeth (Sullivan) Bier, natives of Brown county. Joseph Bier was a soldier in the Civil war, and died in the service. His wife died in Brown county in March, 1911. They were the parents of four children: John, is a resident of Cincinnati; William, of Georgetown, Ohio; George, and Jacob, who resided in Higginsport, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Bier were blessed with one child, Mary Elizabeth, who was born in Brown county, Ohio, October 15, 1884. She married George P. Medary, of Williamsburg township, and they are the parents of four sons and one daughter: Estel R., Harold H., Hettie E., George R., and Charles O. Mr. Medary is a farmer and raiser of fine stock. He is successful in the business which he conducts along progressive lines.

In political views, Mr. Shinkle favors the principles of the Democratic party, and is a member of the school board. He is a member of the fraternal order of Odd Fellows. He is broad-minded and generous and has made for himself a name in the agricultural world.

E. B. SCOTT.

Among the leading business men of Clermont county, Ohio, is numbered Mr. E. B. Scott, the genial jeweler of Batavia, who by his honest and upright conduct has won the respect and esteem of the community where he has had residence for the past forty-five years. The firm operates under the name of E. B. Scott & Son.

Mr. Scott was born at Sugar Hill Ridge, Highland county, Ohio, May 3, 1842, and is a son of Henry and Margaret (Burnett) Scott, who were both natives of Ohio, having been born at Rocky Ford Creek, Highland county. They were farmers and were the parents of seven children, three of whom are still living:

Elizabeth, married Joshua Burnett, of Maquan, Ill.

E. B., the subject of this review.

William, resides at Gillson, Ill.

Mrs. Scott died when our subject was nearly three years of age.

The education of Mr. Scott was received in the common schools of Highland county, called the Burnett schools, where he lived with his uncle after the decease of his parents. At

the age of thirteen years, he went to Chillicothe, Ohio, where he learned the jeweler's trade with a Mr. Pratt.

At the beginning of the Civil war, Mr. Scott enlisted in Company K, Twelfth Ohio volunteer infantry, that being the first company to leave Highland county. Later it consolidated with Company C, Twenty-third Ohio volunteer infantry. He served four years and five months in the Army of the Potomac, and was in the battles of Scary Creek, Bull Run, Antietam, and South Mountain, receiving a wound in the right shoulder at Cedar Creek, Va., which compelled him to spend eleven months in the hospital.

After the war was over, Mr. E. B. Scott located at Waverly, Ohio, and in 1866 opened a jewelry store, but remained there but one year, coming to Batavia, Clermont county, Ohio, in 1867. Here he opened a jewelry repair shop near where his present store is located. The business grew until he added all the lines to make a first class store, carrying a full line of clocks, watches, and all the things pertaining to the jeweler's business.

The most important event of his life occurred in December, 1871, when his marriage to Miss Helen Hay, who was born at Batavia, 1850, a daughter of David and Helen (Maxwell) Hay, both of whom were natives of Scotland, coming to this country at an early date. She was one of nine children, all of whom were born in Clermont county. Four are still living:

Elizabeth is the wife of Mr. Charles Hall, of Elizabeth, N. J.

Mary is the wife of John W. Lane, of West Hoboken, N. J. Belle, married Warren Brown, of St. Louis, Mo.

Helen, married E. B. Scott.

To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Scott have been born three children:

Jean, died at the age of seven years and is buried in Batavia.

William, whose death occurred in his thirty-second year, was in business with his father until his death.

James B., who was born November 25, 1879, is in business with his father. He is a graduate of the Batavia High School, after which he took a course in the Cincinnati Business College. He was a stenographer in Cincinnati for three months after his graduation from the business college, but at the death of his brother, William, he came home to assist his father. He is also a graduate of the South Bend, Ind., College of Optics, in which science he is very skillful. He does the

testing and fitting of the glasses in the department of optical goods. He is township clerk of Batavia; is a Mason and an Odd Fellow.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott are attendants at the Methodist church, the latter being a member of the Woman's Club, State Federation, and of the Eastern Star and Rebekah lodges. Mr. Scott is a member of the Odd Fellows and is a progressive Republican, holding the office of postmaster under President Harrison, from 1880 to 1884. He has served on the school board for many years.

Mr. Scott is entirely a self-made man, having to rely on himself very early in life. He has established a fine business and owns a beautiful home at the corner of Sixth and Wood streets; also owning the store building in which he carries on his business. He is kind and generous to the poor and needy, giving of his means where he thinks it will give the greatest good. He stands for progressive business methods, conscientious living and is consequently honored and respected by all.

OLIVER P. CROSS.

The genial and highly esteemed postmaster of Mt. Carmel, Clermont county, Ohio, Mr. Oliver P. Cross, was born near the village which is now his home, January 1, 1843. He is a representative of an old Clermont county family and should be mentioned in a work of this character. His father was Josiah Cross, who was born near Milford, Ohio, April 1, 1811, and passed away January 29, 1899, after having spent his entire life in the townships of Miami and Union, of this county. His occupation in life was that of farming, and in that line was most successful. He voted the Democratic ticket until 1856, when he became a Republican, serving his party in the capacity of township trustee. His wife, Rosannah (Day) Cross, was also a native of Clermont county, her birth occurring in 1816, and her death in 1897. In their family circle were six children, three of whom are deceased. The others are:

Elizabeth, who married Mark Davis, of Newtown, Ohio.

Oliver P., of this sketch.

Charles, of Los Angeles, Cal.

Mr. Oliver P. Cross pursued his education in the schools at Mt. Carmel, after which he went to Milford, Ohio, where

he learned the trade of harness maker. In February, 1864, he enlisted in the army of the Civil war, One Hundred and Ninety-fifth Ohio volunteer infantry, serving to the end of the war. After the war, Mr. Cross worked at his trade in Cincinnati and Wilmington for a time, and in 1869 returned to his native village, where he built his substantial home and work shop. These buildings are still in fine condition and he has the only harness shop in Mt. Carmel.

In December, 1869, Mr. Cross was united in marriage to Miss Anna R. Johnson, a daughter of Franklin and Elizabeth (Stump) Johnson, of Mt. Carmel. Her birth took place February 25, 1844. Her father was born at Mt. Washington, Ohio, in 1819, and died on March 29, 1895, his occupation being that of blacksmith. Her mother was born in Columbia, now Cincinnati, Ohio. They were of the Methodist faith and were active workers in the church. They were the parents of nine children, those living being:

Sarah, the widow of James Weaver, lives at Batavia, Ohio.

Ella, is Mrs. William Hines, of Texas.

Anna, Mrs. Oliver Cross.

Mary, is the wife of Samuel Spurry, residents of Indiana.

Thomas, of Cincinnati.

Rebecca, married a brother of the subject of this sketch.

Myrtle, Mrs. Hayworth, resides in Cincinnati, Ohio.

They live in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Cross have one son:

Herbert, who was born at Mt. Carmel, Ohio, December 30, 1873. He is a graduate of the Mt. Carmel High School and is a bookkeeper for the firm of Mock, Berman & Company, of Cincinnati.

In political views, Mr. Cross favors the Republican principles and has served his party in various capacities. He was appointed postmaster of Mt. Carmel, during President Harrison's administration, and has held the office since with the exception of the years of President Cleveland's administration, when he resigned in favor of a Democratic candidate. He also holds the office of notary public, and is a prominent Grand Army of the Republic man, belonging to the S. R. S. West Post at Milford, Ohio.

Mr. Cross has one brother, Eugene Cross, who was a soldier in the Civil war, while Mrs. Cross had two brothers, Walter and Frank Johnson, who were volunteers, the former being in the Seventieth, and the latter in the Thirty-ninth, Ohio volunteer infantry.

Mr. and Mrs. Cross are broad and liberal minded in their views on all questions and have the respect and esteem of the entire community in which they live. Mr. Cross has always given the greatest satisfaction in his official capacity, and all think he is the right man in the right place.

DR. W. H. AIKEN.

Dr. W. H. Aiken, engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Felicity, Ohio, is well known throughout the counties of Clermont and Brown, as an able and efficient physician and surgeon, who by years of experience has won the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens.

Dr. Aiken was born at Madeira, Hamilton county, Ohio, November 7, 1855, and is a son of Thomas J. and Jemima Anna (Tingley) Aiken. Indian Hill, Madeira, Hamilton county, Ohio, was the birthplace of the parents of Dr. Aiken, the birth of the father occurring April 10, 1828, and the birth of the mother took place in 1833. A farmer by occupation, Thomas J. Aiken followed that pursuit practically all of his life, and in Hamilton county. His death took place in 1908, his wife having passed away in 1898. In their family were six children, five of whom are living:

Frank R. was a farmer of Clinton county, Ohio, and died in 1908.

Dr. W. H., the subject of this mention.

Elizabeth, who married Joshua Batterton, an engineer on the Baltimore & Ohio road, residing at West Loveland, Hamilton county, Ohio.

George C., a resident of Glendale.

T. E. resides on Indian Hill and is an employee of the Adams Express Company, at Cincinnati.

Clarence M., a druggist of Cincinnati, Ohio, resides at Madeira.

Dr. Aiken spent his boyhood days under the parental roof, and had good school advantages, which enabled him to fit himself for his chosen profession. He attended the public schools of Madeira and in Clinton county, Ohio, and having determined upon the practice of medicine as a life work, entered the Pulte Medical College of Cincinnati, graduating from that institution in the class of 1884.

April 7, 1884, Dr. Aiken began the practice of medicine at Felicity, Ohio, and has continued in this profession from that time to the present. He enjoys a large patronage, which claims his close attention. From 1894 to 1900, Dr. Aiken was associated with Dr. Witham and Dr. Ashburn on the board of pension examiners.

In 1888, Dr. Aiken was united in marriage to Miss Anna H. Hodson, who was born in Westborough, Clinton county, Ohio, April 23, 1862, her parents being Simeon and Mary L. (Cunningham) Hodson, the father being born at Waverly, Ross county, Ohio, September 1, 1830, and died September 28, 1908. He was a farmer and also engaged in the commission business at the union stock yards, Cincinnati. The mother was born August 10, 1829, at Monroe, Ohio, and died December 16, 1904, and both are buried at Westborough, Ohio. They were the parents of six children, four of whom lived to reach maturity.

Florence H. is the wife of Dr. J. M. Austin, of Springfield, Ohio.

Dr. Charles H., of San Diego, Cal.

Etta, who became the wife of Williamson Botts, of Wilmington, Ohio, died April 28, 1911, and is buried at Westborough, Ohio.

Anna, who is Mrs. Aiken.

Dr. and Mrs. Aiken have had one son to bless their union: Hurdes H., who was born August 20, 1891, is at home.

Mrs. Aiken is a member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and Dr. Aiken is a member of the orders of Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has passed all the chairs of both of these organizations.

In politics, Dr. Aiken favors the measures of the Democratic party and his popularity is evidenced by his nomination to the office of county auditor, to which he was elected by a large majority in November, 1912.

In religious matters, Dr. Aiken is of the Swedenborgian faith, while Mrs. Aiken was reared by her parents in the faith of the Society of Friends.

The life of Dr. Aiken has been a busy one, yet he has found time for many charitable deeds. His kindly spirit, genial disposition and honorable principles have greatly endeared him to those with whom he has been associated.

O. F. RICE.

Mr. O. F. Rice, the genial general merchant of Felicity, may be termed one of the self-made men of Clermont county, Ohio, for by his ambition, great integrity and honest dealings, he has reached the ranks of the well-to-do men of his village. He was born in Felicity, Ohio, July 12, 1867, and his parents were J. W. and Amanda (Lanham) Rice.

Mr. J. W. Rice was born in Clermont county, Ohio, in 1838, and died in March, 1912. He was a stirrup maker early in life and later was a day laborer. He was a staunch Democrat and served as street commissioner in the corporation. He was a man of honorable character and industrious habits, considered one of the substantial citizens of Felicity.

Amanda (Lanham) Rice was born in Clermont county in 1835 and is now residing in Felicity. Notley Lanham, a brother, was a gallant soldier in the Civil war. Mrs. Rice became the mother of eight children, six of whom are now living:

Alice, died in infancy.

Lewis, a resident of Felicity.

Ada is the wife of Edward Melvin, of Cincinnati.

Rebecca married Joseph A. Donnelly, both of whom are deceased.

O. F., our subject.

Bertie is the wife of C. W. Ross.

Charles is a resident of Covington, Ky.

Kate is the wife of Walter Scherar, of Cincinnati.

Mr. O. F. Rice attended the public school of Felicity during the winter terms, leaving school in March of each year to engage in work on a farm, in this way assisting in the expenses of his education. For a period of two years, Mr. Rice was employed as a porter for Waterfield & Son, general merchants of Felicity. At this time he was promoted to a clerkship and in this capacity spent several years. He was also employed as clerk for M. Solomon and for W. G. Richey of Felicity. His next venture in the business world was for himself, when he opened a meat market, and in this business continued for one year, when he embarked in the grocery business in his present store room. In 1893, Mr. Rice, starting in on a larger scale, opened a general store in the same location on Main street. He has a splendid business and is well fitted for the occupation.

On January 1, 1890, Mr. Rice was united in marriage to

Miss Bird Phillips, who was born in Clermont county in 1874, and is a daughter of John D. and Sarah J. (Bredwell) Phillips, the former was born in Tate township, and is now deceased. He was a retired farmer for several years prior to his death. He was a Democrat and was trustee of Tate township for a number of years. His wife was also born in Clermont county and is a resident of Bethel. She is in her seventieth year and is the mother of five children, four of whom are living:

Granville resides near Mt. Orab, Brown county, Ohio.

Georgià is the wife of E. L. Fisher, of Clermont county.

Bird is Mrs. Rice.

Pet is the wife of P. C. Morehead, of Bethel.

Granville and George Phillips, uncles of Mrs. Rice, were soldiers in the Civil war, enlisting from Ohio.

Mr. Rice is a Democrat in politics and has filled the responsible position of township treasurer, being appointed to the office. He possesses the genial manner and spirit of good fellowship necessary to a public life.

Mrs. Rice is a member of the Bethel Baptist church, but attends the Christian church. She is an active worker in the church and both Mr. and Mrs. Rice give liberally of their means to the support of the denomination.

Mr. Rice is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is active in all affairs of the order.

The business career of Mr. Rice was started with no resources other than his good habits, energy and pluck, which are capital enough for any young man. He has accumulated a reasonable amount of worldly possessions, being the owner of his pretty home and the store building in which he conducts his general store. The building is a three-story red brick, which was erected in 1857. The third floor is occupied as a lodge room for the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Rice has been ably assisted by his wife and they have worked together toward the same goal, and they are now enjoying many of the comforts of life which they so well deserve.

AUGUSTUS F. KAYSER.

Augustus F. Kayser is accounted one of the foremost citizens of Moscow, Clermont county, where he is identified with various enterprises. He is well known as secretary of the Clermont Distilling & Mill Company, and as assistant cashier

of the State Bank of Moscow. He is a native of Moscow, born on the place where he now resides, October 19, 1867, son of Charles and Caroline (Jungling) Kayser. His parents and grandparents, who came to Ohio from Germany, are mentioned at considerable length elsewhere in these volumes, in connection with the sketch of Charles Kayser, president of both the companies with which his son, Augustus, is identified.

Mr. Kayser was educated in the public schools of his native place, and at once went to work for the milling company where he has since continued and has kept the books, being now treasurer and manager. The enterprise consists of a saw and planing mill and the manufacture of fruit brandy. They handle ice, and fruit brandy is sent in large quantities throughout Kentucky and other parts of the South. They have a local trade in lumber and a good business in custom sawing. They have built up their present large enterprise little by little, which is one of the most important enterprises in the county. Mr. Kayser is a Democrat in politics and is serving his third term as township treasurer, in which office he has given good satisfaction. He formerly served three years as township clerk and has been a member of the Moscow school board for the past fifteen years. Fraternally he belongs to the Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, Eastern Star and Daughters of America. He is permanent secretary of the Odd Fellows, secretary of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, master of finance of the Knights of Pythias, financial secretary of the Odd Fellows, and encampment, and trustee of the Masonic lodge. He is an attendant and trustee of the Methodist church, a large contributor and interested in all its good work.

On December 10, 1890, Mr. Kayser married Miss Effie M. Howard, daughter of Abner and Mary A. (Stephenson) Howard, born near Ripley, Brown county, Ohio, January 12, 1864. Mr. Howard was born in Brown county July 11, 1834, and for the last thirty years before his death lived in Washington township, Clermont county. He was a Democrat in politics, and died November 9, 1900, aged sixty-six years, two months and twenty-eight days. He is buried in Calvary cemetery. Mrs. Howard, also a native of Brown county, was born in 1836 and lives with her children in Cincinnati. Ten children were born to this couple: Charles A. married Miss Annie Bolender and they live in Felicity; Marion S. married Ellie

Cashman, of Kansas, and died in June, 1893, being buried in Spokane, Wash.; Robert G. married Miss Lina Clark, died June 7, 1902, and is buried in Mount Zion cemetery; Mrs. Kayser; James M., born January 5, 1867, married Miss Katie Cavanaugh, of Goshen, Ohio, and they live at New Richmond; Ada J., wife of B. F. Cushard, of Moscow, he being a brick mason; Mary C., wife of August London, of Kansas City, Mo.; Zella G., unmarried, taught ten years in Clermont county and five years in the public schools of St. Bernard, Ohio; John C., unmarried is superintendent of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, of Baltimore, Ohio; Vincent F. died July 25, 1904, and is buried in Calvary cemetery. All these children except the two youngest were born in Brown county. The parents and all the daughters and one son, Marion S., became members of the Methodist church. Marion, James, Robert and Zella all taught school in Clermont county, and Marion graduated in pharmacy from Lewisburg, Kan., College of Pharmacy. Mrs. Howard is very active for a woman of her years and has a wonderful memory. She is cheerful and pleasant in manner and has many friends. Her youngest son, Vincent, was killed by a horse knocking him down and a load of hay passing over him, at Cedar Falls, Iowa, which was a great shock and sorrow to the aged mother, from which it is hard for her to recover.

Mrs. Kayser is a member of the Eastern Star, also of the Daughters of America, and is active in both orders. She is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and also her three sons. She has been a valuable helpmeet for her husband and both enjoy universal esteem, counting their friends by the score. Mr. Kayser is well known for a conscientious, thoughtful man in all ways, and is actuated by good principles. He is broad and liberal in his ideas and well qualified for the many positions of trust which he holds. They have three children, all born in Moscow: Elmer H., born February 12, 1893, a graduate of the Moscow High School, is taking a scientific agricultural course in the State University; Charles Frederick, born December 12, 1897, attends the Moscow High School; Abner Merrill, born April 27, 1900, attending grammar school. Mr. Kayser lives in the old home, which his father built the year after the close of the Civil war, on the Ohio river pike.

Christian Kayser, an uncle of A. F. Kayser, served in the

Civil war from Ohio, and his brother, father of A. F. Kayser, served as sergeant of Company M, Fourth Ohio cavalry, serving three years. An uncle of Mrs. Kayser, Dr. Amsey Stephenson, also served in the war.

THOMAS J. MOYER.

Thomas J. Moyer and wife are among the most highly respected residents of Clermont county, and belong to old families in that region. He is a gentleman of the old school, courtly in manner and kind of heart, and she is known for her good deeds and motherly feeling for the younger people of the community, who have great affection for her. Mr. Moyer is greatly respected as a veteran of the Civil war, and before retiring from active life was also a farmer and veterinary surgeon. He was born in Clermont county, in March, 1841, son of Philip and Mary (Moorehead) Moyer. Philip Moyer was born in Germany, in 1811, and came with his father, Jacob Moyer, and his four paternal uncles to America, settling in Pennsylvania. This was over one hundred years ago, and those five brothers settled in Franklin township, near Felicity, Ohio, becoming prosperous farmers. Philip Moyer was reared near Felicity, and as a young man became a farmer and blacksmith. In 1842-43 he entered land in Shelby county, Illinois, and there carried on farming and worked at his trade until his death, in 1845, being buried in Illinois. His wife, who was born in Clermont county, in 1809, died in 1857, and was buried near her birthplace. There were three children in their family, of whom Thomas J. is the only survivor. One son, Philip, went to Kansas in young manhood and died there some ten years since. He was born in 1845. Mrs. Moyer married (second) Henry Demaris and they had four children, of whom one son, James Demaris, is a farmer near Chilo.

Mr. Moyer was educated in the public schools of Felicity and assisted his stepfather on the farm until he was twenty years old, when he removed to Illinois, and there carried on farming and practiced veterinary surgery in Shelby county, where he remained for a period of nineteen years. He was successful as an agriculturist and his services became in demand for veterinary practice. In the fall of 1879 he located in Moscow, Clermont county, Ohio, where he practiced his profession. He also engaged in farming in the vicinity.

In May, 1862, Mr. Moyer enlisted for service in the Civil war in Company K, One Hundred and Forty-fifth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and was mustered out in 1864. He participated in the battles of Cedar Creek, Harper's Ferry, Georgetown and others. He won a good record as a soldier and performed every duty which came to him in this connection.

In 1859 Mr. Moyer was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Brown, who was born in Muskingum, Ohio, in 1841, daughter of Michael Brown, a native of Ohio and a colonel in the Mexican war. There were three children in the Brown family, all of whom are deceased. Mrs. Moyer died in Ohio, in 1879, and is buried in Clermont county. She left six children, all of whom survive, as follows: James, Mary L., Alice, Annie, William and Lulu.

James, the eldest son of Thomas J. Moyer and wife, was born in Shelby county, Illinois, and now resides in Nebraska. He married Myrtle Hickox and they have ten children, all born in Nebraska, among whom are Lula, who married Harry Harris and lives in Nebraska, Alva, Bessie, Enos, Anita, Kern, Elsie and Margaret.

Mary L., the second child, was born in Illinois. She married Thomas Snead and they live at Neville and have a son, Clarence.

Alice, the third child, was born in Illinois. She married Samuel McFarland, lives in Kansas and has had ten children, seven of whom are living, namely: Lawrence, Lulu, Sarah, Joseph, Thomas, Clifford.

Annie, the fourth child, was born in Illinois. She married Volly Schofield, lives in Kansas and they have three children, namely: Roy, Alice, and the youngest.

William, the fifth child, was born in Illinois and is married. He lives in St. Louis, Mo., where he is employed as a shipping clerk for a lime and cement factory.

Lulu, the sixth child, was born in Missouri and is the wife of Charles Whitford, of Moscow, Ohio. They have three children: Otto, Ritchull and Mary Alice.

In 1881, Mr. Moyer was united in marriage with Mrs. Elizabeth Pribble, a native of Clermont county, born in 1839, daughter of Nathaniel and Melinda (Jones) Chapman, both also born there. Both are deceased, she having died before her husband and he having passed away some twenty years ago. They lived near Felicity, were farmers and had twelve

children, of whom we are able to give the following account: John Chapman lives at Higginsport, Ohio; Rachel, widow of John Collier, of Cincinnati; Susan, wife of Austin Miller, lives at Truesville, Ky.; Thomas lives near Utopia.

By her first marriage Mrs. Moyer had six children, namely: Jennie, at home with her mother; Mary is the wife of Lawson Hayden, of Felicity; Nora died at the age of fourteen years and is buried near Felicity; Nathaniel married Miss Eleanor Hickox; Ellie died at the age of ten years and is buried in Mt. Pleasant cemetery near Felicity; Albert died when about two years old. Mrs. Moyer's grandfather, Nathaniel Chapman, came from Pennsylvania to Clermont county about the same time the Moyers came, and they lived on neighboring farms. The region was a wilderness and they cleared and improved their farms, made their own knives and forks, boiled down maple sap for sugar, and followed the lives of pioneers. Mrs. Moyer's father, Nathaniel Chapman, died in 1872 and was buried near Felicity, and his wife, who died in 1864, was also buried there. They had twelve children, all born in Clermont county, of whom six now survive: Mary died in 1865 the wife of Thomas Campbell, of Clermont county; Abraham lives in Ripley, Ohio; William, of Levanna, Ohio; Mrs. Moyer; Sarah, who married James Dunham, of Levanna, died in February, 1912; Katherine, who married Jefferson Flaughter, died about five years ago; Matilda, wife of George Vermillion, died soon after the war; Nelson went West and has not been heard from by the family for twenty-five years; Nathaniel lives near Felicity; Hattie, wife of William Hick, lives at Levanna.

Mr. and Mrs. Moyer are devout members of the Christian church and he is one of the trustees. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, and in politics is a Democrat. He served some years as deputy sheriff under Henry Speidel and for eight years was constable of Washington township. Fraternally he belongs to the Odd Fellows. Mr. Moyer owns thirty acres of good farm land on the New Richmond pike.

Mrs. Moyer's grandfather, William Jones, was an orderly sergeant in the Mexican war, and her cousins, Samuel and Abraham Chapman, served in the Fifty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry. Mrs. Moyer's brothers, Abraham and William, also served in the Civil war, the former in the Fifty-ninth regiment and the latter from Brown county, Ohio.

CHARLES KAYSER.

Charles Kayser, one of the old substantial business men of Clermont county, and well known as president of the Clermont Distilling Company and the president of the Moscow State Bank, is a self-made man and has won his present position and success through untiring energy and industry. He has the respect of his fellow townsman and his keen business sense is well recognized. He is a native of Hornberg, Baden, Germany, born June 21, 1842, son of Frederick and Rosina (Stortz) Kayser, natives of the same place. His father was born in 1807 and his mother was born in 1808 and died November 9, 1888, and both are buried in Moscow cemetery. They brought their family to America, in 1850, and first located in Newtown, Ohio. Later cow, where the father was a cooper until his death. They had five children, all born in Germany, of whom two now survive: Frederick, born in 1841, died in 1861; Charles; Rosina, wife of Charles Baumann; Christian, served eleven months in the Union army from Ohio and is now connected with the Lion brewery in Cincinnati; Augustus died in 1910 and his family resides in Cincinnati.

Mr. Kayser began his education in Cincinnati and continued it at New Richmond, and his first work was in the cooper shop kept by his father, where he learned the trade and remained until he was eighteen years of age. He then worked in Cincinnati until 1862, when he enlisted in Company M, Fourth Ohio volunteer cavalry, for three years, participating in the battles of Murfreesboro, Atlanta, Nashville and Macon, taking part in a raid at the latter place. He returned to Ohio and worked one year for his brother-in-law at New Richmond. In 1866 he started a brewery in Moscow, conducted it two or three years then started distilling fruit brandy. He owned a plant in Moscow and added a lumber mill, in 1886, for local trade and custom sawing. He built his distillery in 1876. He also deals in ice. He has been active in various other local business enterprises and was elected president of the bank in 1904, through the general confidence in his integrity and probity. His name is an asset to the institution and he directs its affairs with discretion and good judgment. He is a Democrat in politics and has been township trustee several years. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic order, the Odd Fellows and Ancient Order of United Workmen.

On December 6, 1866, Mr. Kayser married Miss Caroline Juengling, who was born in Germany, August 4, 1845, and came to America as an infant. She is a daughter of Jacob and Christiana (Hertzer) Juengling, natives of Wurtemberg, Germany, he born March 1, 1810, and she September 10, 1816. They came to America in 1846, locating a mile from Point Pleasant, Ohio, where they carried on farming until the death of Mr. Juengling, in 1884. The mother died in 1876 and was buried in Moscow cemetery. They had eight daughters and one son, namely: Katherine, widow of Philip Weber, of Cincinnati; Dorothy widow of Joseph Pingel, lives near Point Pleasant; Louise, deceased, was the wife of John Greenwald and lived in Toledo, Ohio; Mrs. Kayser; John, on the old home place; Christina, widow of John Greenwald; Mary, wife of John Glaser, of Moscow, and Matilda, deceased, were twins; Pauline, unmarried, lives on the home place at Point Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Kayser have five children, all born at Moscow: Augustus F., a sketch of whom also appears in this history, lives in Moscow; Rose, wife of Stanley Fenwick, of Seattle, Wash.; Tillie, wife of A. E. Buchanan, on part of her father's farm, and they have four daughters—Helen, Vera, Catherine and Margaret; Charles married Miss Ida Weber and they live in Cincinnati; Mary, wife George P. Lakin, a ranchman, of Revere, Wash. In 1884 Mr. and Mrs. Kayser came to live in their present home in the eastern suburbs of Moscow, where they have seventy-nine or eighty acres of land and a well improved house. They are members of the Lutheran church, of New Richmond, and active in its work. They are well known in Moscow, where they have many friends. They have reared a fine family and worked hard for their start in life.

LEVI JARMAN (Deceased).

Although Levi Jarman died a quarter of a century ago, he is well remembered by many residents of Clermont county. He was a self-made man, successful in his life work, and held the highest principles of honor. He stood for all that was best in the conduct of local affairs, and was a man of broad sympathies and kindly nature. He was born near Neville, Clermont county, October 21, 1838, son of Azariah and Martha (Kelsey) Jarman, and belonged to an old family in the region.

His father was born in Philadelphia, March 21, 1793, and died June 17, 1879, and his mother, born near Cleves, Hamilton county, Ohio, February 6, 1802, died June 27, 1846. The father was a glass blower and blacksmith and came to Ohio at an early day and located at Moscow, Clermont county, for a short time. He was married, November 16, 1823, and soon afterward located on a farm near Neville. He had nine children, all deceased except one: Harriet married Harvey Wood, lived near Neville, and died February 27, 1845, her husband also being dead; John lived near Neville and died October 4, 1910; William lived near Neville, but died November 24, 1850; Elizabeth is the widow of William Hughes, of Adams county, Ohio, and is mentioned at some length in connection with the sketch of Dr. William J. Hughes, of Moscow, a sketch of whom appears in this work; Mary married James Snyder, lived in Ripley, Ohio, and died July 20, 1869; Benjamin died at the age of twenty years; Levi, whose name stands at the head of this biography; George married Miss Alice Rose, died October 19, 1879, and is given a sketch in this publication; Hannah, died in infancy, March 3, 1846.

Levi Jarman was educated in the Neville public schools and remained at home with his parents until 1867. On September 23d of that year he was united in marriage with Miss Anna Belle McClain, who was born near Chilo, Clermont county, November 12, 1848, daughter of Jesse and Eleanor R. (Sargent) McClain. Mr. McClain was born in Virginia and died in 1891, and Mrs. McClain was born in the same place as her daughter (Mrs. Jarman) and died January 20, 1907. Part of the house where Mrs. Jarman was born was erected before Ohio became a State, being put up by her great-grandfather, who came from Maryland. The grandfather, James Sargent, was a member of the first constitutional convention of Ohio and a member of the State legislature when the capital was at Chillicothe. They were among the oldest families in the State and James Sargent and his wife gave part of their farm to the county, where they are buried. The McClain family also was prominent in Clermont county. Jesse McClain and wife had four children, viz.: Mrs. Jarman; Edward S., unmarried, living on the old home farm; Mary, wife of Frank Kehoe, of Portsmouth, Ohio; Eeanor died in 1891, and is buried beside her father in Woods cemetery. Mrs. McClain was a Methodist.

After marriage Mr. Jarman located on the farm where his widow now resides in Washington township, which contains one hundred and fifty-three acres of choice farm land. He became a general farmer, made many improvements on his place and put up a good tenant house. He was a Republican in politics and took an active interest in public affairs, but did not care to hold office himself. Mrs. Jarman belongs to the Presbyterian church. Mr. Jarman passed away February 7, 1889, and is buried in the Odd Fellows' portion of Vesper cemetery, near Neville. Mr. and Mrs. Jarman had six children, all born in Clermont county:

Mary, wife of Fee Naylor, lives near Batavia and they have one son, Jarman.

Edward died at the age of seven months.

Eleanor attended school at Portsmouth and Delaware, Ohio, and is at home with her mother.

Margaret attended the Moscow High School and is now at home.

Clara, wife of Thomas Jefferson Davis, of Duquesne, Pa., has three sons, Frank Reynolds, William Jarman and Thomas Jefferson.

Frank, on the home farm.

The daughters are members of the Order of Eastern Star. The family have a beautiful home just across the creek from Moscow, in Washington township, and they are among the most prominent people of Moscow.

HENRY D. HAHN.

Henry D. Hahn belongs to one of Ohio's very old families and is very well known in Clermont county, where he has resided many years. He is a veteran of the Civil war and for some years past has been retired from business life. Mr. Hahn is a native of Hamilton county, Ohio, born June 28, 1845, son of John and Nancy (Martin) Hahn, the former a Mexican war soldier, and later a plasterer and brick mason by trade. John Hahn was a son of Samuel and Hetty Jane Hahn, who were among the oldest residents of Hamilton county, where they located about 1775. At that time there was a fort between Mount Washington and Cherry Grove, and when the

Indians were making raids on the settlers the latter took refuge in this fort until the danger was past. At one time the Indians fired the fort, but rain began to fall and saved the fort and the lives of the occupants. They endured all the hardships and privations of a pioneer existence and became prominent in the affairs of the community. They came to Ohio from Pennsylvania.

John Hahn died soon after the close of the Mexican war and his wife, a native of Hamilton county, born in 1812, died in 1859. Her parents were also very early settlers of Hamilton county, coming from Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Hahn had nine children, all born in Hamilton county, and all deceased except Henry D.

Mr. Hahn finished his education in Mount Washington Academy, and in 1861, when he was about seventeen years old, he enlisted in December, 1861, from Hamilton county, in Company D, Seventieth Ohio volunteer infantry, serving until honorably discharged, in February, 1863. He participated in the battles of Pittsburg Landing and numerous skirmishes, including one at Corinth. He contracted a disease at Memphis, Tenn., on account of which he was discharged. Returning to Hamilton county, he remained at the home of an uncle, John H. Gerard, near Mt. Washington, for a short time, finally locating at Neville, Ohio, in August, 1863. For a number of years he worked as clerk for Daniel McMillan, then worked for John Prather, another merchant, after which he engaged in farming in Washington township, Clermont county. He followed farming until 1881, then built his home in Neville, which he has occupied ever since. He has been successful in his various enterprises and is a self-made man, energetic, upright and genial. He retired from active life some years ago and is now enjoying the fruit of his earlier years of toil. He is a Republican and much interested in politics, though he has never aspired to office. He is a prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic and well known in the organization.

On February 6, 1870, Mr. Hahn married Miss Sarah McMath, born in Neville in 1848, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Clark) McMath. Mr. McMath was born in Pennsylvania September 25, 1812, and died in 1907, and his wife was born in Georgetown, Ohio, in 1817, and died in March, 1889, both being buried in Vester cemetery at Neville. Mr. McMath

was a merchant in Neville and later engaged in buying tobacco, being the pioneer tobacco buyer of the county. He was one of the best known men in the vicinity and held in high esteem by all. He was a Republican in politics. He and his wife had seven children, all born in Neville: Mary, wife of William Rust, and both she and her husband are deceased, having spent their married life in Neville; Hannah, widow of J. W. Webb, of Vanceburg, Ky.; Nancy married A. R. Brown, of Manchester, Ohio, lived in Chilo for years, and is now deceased; Jane, widow of William Drake, lives at Walnut Hills, Cincinnati; Mrs. Henry D. Hahn; Lysle, wife of M. C. Garrett, of Walnut Hills; Charles lives in Neville. At the time Mr. McMath came to Neville, in 1818, there were very few houses there, and he was one of the earliest settlers.

Mr. and Mrs. Hahn are devout members of the Methodist church. He is one of the trustees and superintendent of the Sunday school, and she is a teacher in the Sunday school and a steward. Both are enthusiastic members of the Epworth league. They have many friends and are in demand for various social functions, as well as church activities. A cousin of Mrs. Hahn, William Hobbs, participated in the Civil war, as well as an uncle, John McMath. Mr. and Mrs. Hahn appreciate the part taken by their parents and grandparents in the early development of the State of Ohio, and are worthy representatives of their families. Mrs. Hahn is a charming woman and their father spent eighteen years in the lovely Hahn residence in Neville.

WILLIAM A. SHINKLE.

William A. Shinkle is one of the most successful general farmers in Franklin township, Clermont county, and has won success through his own efforts, being a self-made man. He is a native of Higginsport, Brown county, Ohio, born July 4, 1855, and is a son of Isaac and Maria Jane (Lamberts) Shinkle. The father was born at Shingles Ridge, Brown county, in 1827, and died in 1905, and the mother, born in the same place as the father, in 1829, died in 1899. Both parents are buried in Bethel, Clermont county, Ohio. He was a Republican in politics and a substantial citizen. He and his wife

had ten children, all except one born in Brown county, and all except one now surviving: Lewis, of Chicago; William A., of this sketch; Ida, wife of Walter Jennings, living near Cynthiana, Ky.; Minnie married Scott Beach and died, leaving one son, Isaac Earl, of Chicago; Abbie Lee, wife of John Yeardsley, of Cynthiana, Ky.; Isaac N., of New Bethel; Jemimah, wife of Andy Dean, lives in Bethel, Ohio, and they have one child; Letitia, wife of Ed. Wilson, of New Bethel; George, of Denver, Colo., and Fannie, wife of Charles George, of Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. Shinkle received his education in the public schools of Brown county and remained with his parents until he was twenty-three years old. He has always carried on farming and is progressive in his ideas and methods. He was married on December 5, 1878, to Miss Anna Gill, born in Brown county, Ohio, May 3, 1859, daughter of J. M. and Sarah (Buckner) Gill. Her father was born in 1823 and died in November, 1908, and the mother was born October 16, 1825, and died in 1902, both natives of New Brookville, Ky., and both buried in Ripley, Ohio. Mr. Gill was a Republican in politics, and a farmer and trader by occupation. He moved to Brown county in 1857-58 and there spent the remainder of his life. He had nine children, of whom six now survive: Lucy, wife of Benjamin Craig, of Augusta, Ky., died in 1898; Addie B., wife of J. E. Mefferd, of Lexington, Ky.; S. Belle, wife of William J. Mertin, of Sharon, Ky.; Anna M., Mrs. Shinkle; William W., of Ripley; Minerva, wife of John Day, lives near Ripley.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Shinkle located on a farm in Bracken county, Kentucky, where they lived for fifteen years. They then removed to Lexington, Fayette county, Kentucky, in the Blue Grass region, where they lived fifteen years. They located in Chilo, Clermont county, in February, 1910, and there have forty-nine acres of good farming land. Philip Buckner, great-grandfather of Mrs. Shinkle, was one of the first settlers of New Augusta, and was the first governor of Kentucky. He owned many hundreds of acres of land, all of Bracken county, and often sold ten acres or more of it at a time for almost nothing. Mr. Shinkle is a Republican in politics and he and his wife belong to the Baptist church. They have four children, all born in Bracken county, Kentucky:

Wilbur G., born October 18, 1879, is employed by a railroad company and lives in Northern Ohio.

W. Francis, born July 22, 1881, married December 24, 1912, Miss Lolo L. Denniston, daughter of Henry W. Denniston, of near Chilo, Ohio, and they are living near Chilo.

Archie E., born October 8, 1883, married Miss Lilly Wagner, lives near Midway, Ky., and they have one son, Earl.

Jennie May, born April 14, 1887, married George Popham, lives in Lexington, Ky., and they have two sons, Charles Frank and Edward G.

Mr. and Mrs. Shinkle are pleasant neighbors and have many friends in the community. They are much respected and are known to be hard working and industrious. Mrs. Shinkle's brother-in-law, Benjamin Craig, served through the Civil war. Francis Shinkle was in Fort Thomas three years.

ELDA W. HOWE.

Mr. E. W. Howe, a dealer in general merchandise and manager of the Chilo Fuel Company, is one of the leading citizens of Chilo, Clermont county, and is popular wherever known. He is upright and reliable and is an enterprising, careful merchant, watchful of the interests of his customers. He is well known for his broad views and cheerful, obliging manner, which makes friends for him wherever he goes. He is a native of Chilo, born March 27, 1870, son of Henry and Carrie (Foster) Howe. The father, also a native of Chilo, was born February 23, 1846, and the mother, who was born in Germany, came with her parents to Glendale, Ohio, at the age of eight years. Both her parents died on the old home place near Chilo. The father served in the Civil war in Company K, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, being wounded at the battle of Stone River. He served about four years in the army and won a creditable record. He and his wife had three children, all born in Chilo: E. W., of this sketch; Clara, wife of Charles Hendrickson, of Hulington, Clermont county; E. F., who makes his home with his parents, travels for J. Henry Koenig Company, of Cincinnati.

After completing the course offered by the public schools of Chilo, E. W. Howe attended Nelson's Business College, of Cincinnati, and his first work afterwards was in the capacity of clerk in the old Indiana House, in that city, where he remained one year. He then took a position in the employ of

J. Wilder, of Cincinnati, in whose interests he traveled seven years. During this time he made his home at New Richmond for a few years, and in 1897 came to Chilo and opened up a general merchandise establishment in Chilo, which enterprise has been very successful. He has also been postmaster in the village since July 17, 1899, and is a prominent figure in general affairs. He is a Republican in politics, and fraternally belongs to the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and United Commercial Travelers.

On September 24, 1890, Mr. Howe was united in marriage with Miss Anna Hall, who was born near Chilo, October 9, 1871, daughter of William and Harriet (Sargent) Hall, natives of Chilo, the father born in 1840 and the mother in 1842. They were farmers, but now reside in Chilo. Mr. Sargent and his wife belong to old families of the region and he served in Company K, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry. He and his wife had six children, all born near Chilo: George and William, of Chilo; Lena, wife of Matthew Spurlock, of Cincinnati, died in 1897; Mrs. Howe; Etta, wife of Charles Wrigglesworth, living near Chilo; Florence died at the age of six years.

Five children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Howe, namely: Elsie M., born at New Richmond, August 14, 1892, at home; Mabel L., born in Chilo, October 18, 1894, attending school; Viola B., born February 9, 1897, at Chilo, also in school; Hurdes H., born at Chilo, February 18, 1899; Harold T., born July 10, 1904.

Mr. Howe erected his present substantial store in 1900 and has a beautiful home, modern in every respect, and the finest in the city, located on Washington and Hamilton streets, which was built in 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Howe belong to the first families of the region. His grandfather, who came from a family of blacksmiths, followed the same trade, and came to Chilo, where he was one of the earliest settlers, from Pennsylvania. Mrs. Howe's grandfather was also one of the first settlers of Chilo.

CHARLES W. STRATTON.

Charles W. Stratton, a retired carpenter and a veteran of the Civil war, lives in one of the oldest places in the village of Neville, Clermont county, and belongs to one of the oldest families of the county. He was born in the village, June 12,

1846, son of Aaron and Mary (Thomas) Stratton. His father was born in New Jersey, December 25, 1810, and came to Clermont county in 1823, settling in Neville, where he and his father, John Stratton, cleared land for a home. The father served in Company B, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, and was wounded at Pittsburg Landing. The mother was born along the Wabash river in Indiana, in 1823, and died in 1858. The father died in 1882 and both parents were buried in Neville cemetery. They had seven children, all born in Neville, but two of whom now survive: Charles W., of this sketch, and Rebecca, widow of Daniel Loyd, of New Jersey.

Mr. Stratton was educated in the public schools of his native village and there grew to manhood. His father was in business there for many years, ran the ferry and had a cooperage and grocery business combined. He sold the ferry in 1857 and in 1862 sold the cooperage business. After leaving school Charles W. Stratton worked away from home, first in a still-house, and in 1860 learned the trade of cooper, which he followed until 1904, when he retired from active life. He has been a lifelong resident of Neville and has done considerable carpenter work. He erected several houses in the village and also did considerable repairing and contract work. He worked some time as a journeyman in Kentucky and was a good workman in every way.

In 1863, Mr. Stratton enlisted in Company K, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, and remained seven months in service. In 1864 he enlisted a second time, in Company K, One Hundred and Ninety-sixth Ohio volunteer infantry, and participated in the battle of Winchester. He had a good record and performed well the duties that came to him.

Mr. Stratton is a Republican in politics and has held some of the town offices of Neville, having served as marshal and road commissioner, and has always taken an active interest in public affairs. He is honest and upright, largely a self-made man, and one of the jolliest men in the neighborhood. He has a large number of friends and is much respected as a public-spirited citizen. He and his wife are intelligent and progressive and are active in many circles. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Stratton has a queer-shaped ax that he dug up, which he believes to have been made by the Indians.

On December 1, 1867, Mr. Stratton was united in marriage with Miss Elmira Camery, born in Moscow, Ohio, in 1844, daughter of John and Mary (Redmond) Camery, the father being a native of Pennsylvania. Her mother died some fourteen or fifteen years ago and her father some thirty years ago. They had nine children, five sons and four daughters, namely: Lewis lived in Kentucky and died there; William, of Neville; Elmira, Mrs. Stratton; Jacob, of Cincinnati; John, of Neville; Samuel, of Cleves; Nettie, wife of John Singer, of Hamilton; Melissa, of Dayton; Mary, deceased, was the wife of George Farlay. Mrs. Stratton died September 16, 1902, leaving three children, all born in Neville: Jesse A., born January 29, 1869, married Laura Philips. They live at Newport, Ky.; Maude, wife of Robert Devine, died January 27, 1892, leaving one son, Terrence, who runs a Government boat and lives with his grandfather, who reared and adopted him; Carrie B., widow of Edward Donovan, lived in Foster, Ky., and they had six children—Helen (deceased), Hazel, Elmira, Myrtle May, Jessie and Grace. After the death of her husband Mrs. Donovan later became the wife of Frederick Hancock and they reside near Cedar Grove, Ind. Mrs. Stratton was buried in Neville cemetery.

On August 13, 1903, Mr. Stratton was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Carr, born near Neville, November 4, 1864, daughter of James and Melvina (Howell) Carr. Mr. Carr was born above Moscow, February 25, 1817, and died October 12, 1893, and Mrs. Carr was born near Neville, July 16, 1832, and died July 21, 1908, both being buried at Moscow cemetery. Both the Howells and Carrs were among the earliest settlers of their part of the county and had to clear land for their homes. Mr. and Mrs. Carr had five children, all born near Neville, namely: Elizabeth, Mrs. Stratton, was a teacher and before her marriage taught in Bracken and Pendleton counties, Kentucky, and one year in Tennessee; John is a street car conductor in Dayton; Kilby is a motor-man of Dayton; Samuel is a coroner's constable and is in the insurance business in Dayton; Ella taught one year in Neville public school, died July 20, 1894, at the age of twenty-one years and is buried near Moscow. Mr. and Mrs. Carr were both members of the Methodist church and were highly respected members of their community. Mrs. Stratton also belongs to the Methodist church and to the Daughters of America.

Mr. and Mrs. Stratton have lived in their present home on Main street since November, 1904, and they have many friends. Both are natives of the county and well known, being members of old and substantial families. Four half-brothers of Mrs. Stratton—Alonzo, Greenberry, William, and Barton—served in the Civil war, the first three in the Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry and the last named in the navy, all being from Clermont county. Barton was taken prisoner and was incarcerated for seven months in Andersonville prison. A half-brother of Mr. Stratton, Theodore Stratton, served in Company H, Thirty-fourth Ohio volunteer infantry. Andrew Jackson McGuire, a brother-in-law, served in Company C, Twelfth Ohio volunteer infantry, and was killed in the battle of Winchester, 1864.

THOMAS J. HOUSER.

Probably no man in Clermont county worked harder to gain a start in life on his own account, and none are held in higher respect by his neighbors and associates. By the help of his noble wife he has been able to reach comfortable circumstances and become the owner of a nice farm. He is a substantial citizen and wide awake to the best interests of the community and county. He was born in Brown county, Ohio, September 4, 1860, son of William and Sarah (Love) Houser, also natives of that county. William Houser was born June 27, 1827, and died May 13, 1864, and his wife was born December 2, 1832, and died November 26, 1875. Both buried in Hoovers cemetery. The father was a farmer by occupation and spent his entire life in Brown county. There were six children born to him and his wife: Alexander and Martin, of Brown county; Emma, wife of William Carter, of Brown county; Anna married Harvey Lanham and died about 1890; Thomas; Addie married Lewis Rice and they live in Cincinnati.

Mr. Houser was educated in the public schools near his father's home and remained on the farm until his mother's death. Being left an orphan at the age of fifteen years, he worked by the month for the next seven years at farm work, and, in 1883, was married and located on a farm near Georgetown. A year later he and his wife moved on a farm near

Ripley, where they remained three years, then returned to the neighborhood of Georgetown. In 1890 they became residents of Washington township, Clermont county, where they purchased ninety-four and one-half acres of good farm land. They own another farm of one hundred and seven acres close by and both are in a high state of cultivation. The house has been improved, new barns have been erected and the place put into first-class condition. Mr. Houser carries on general farming and pays considerable attention to stock raising. He raises considerable tobacco and finds this a paying industry. He began operations in a small way and has prospered by dint of industry and perseverance.

January 31, 1883, Mr. Houser was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Jennings, a native of Brown county, born September 15, 1855, daughter of John A. and Sarah (Carter) Jennings, also reared in that county. Mr. Jennings was born in Sussex county, Delaware, in 1831, and died in 1900, and Mrs. Jennings was born February 24, 1831, in Brown county, Ohio, and died February 1, 1908, both being buried in Brown county. Mr. Jennings came to Brown county when he was four years of age with his father, who was a farmer. He was drafted for service in the Civil war, but hired a substitute. He and his wife had the following ten children, all born in Brown county: Mrs. Houser; Martin, Grafton and Levi, of Higginsport, Brown county; Luella, wife of Alva Bolander, of Brown county; George, also of Brown county; Elizabeth, wife of James Ware, of Augusta, Ky.; Adeline, wife of Charles Shinkle, of Brown county; James and John, of Brown county. Mr. Houser is a Democrat in politics and was a candidate for county commissioner in 1912, being elected by a large majority. He has never been an office seeker, but believes it every good citizen's duty to see that the affairs of the town and county are well taken care of. Mrs. Houser is a member of the Christian church at Feesburg. Mr. Houser began life on his own account with nothing whatever in the way of worldly possessions, and when he had been able to save some money and marry he and his wife worked side by side to better their condition. They count their friends by the hundred and are most highly respected as members of the community.

Three children blessed the union of Thomas J. Houser and wife, namely: Archie C., born July 4, 1884; John W., born

July 4, 1886, married Miss Eunice Wile, and they reside in Washington township; Roy J., born January 29, 1888. The oldest and youngest sons are at home and carry on the farm. All three were born in Brown county and are exemplary young men and a credit to their parents.

JAMES HARVEY DAY.

James Harvey Day has one of the prettiest homes in Washington township, well located and well kept, and his barn is one of the finest in the county. He has a genial heart and disposition and is entirely a self-made man. He has a refined, nice family, and is well regarded by the whole neighborhood. Mr. Day was born three miles from his present farm, April 7, 1852, son of John and Sarah (Beckelhymer) Day. The father died when James was an infant and the mother, who was a native of Washington township, was born in 1832 and died in 1877. The father was buried in Brown county and the mother in Washington township. In the family were the following three children, all born in Washington township: James Harvey, Matilda Olive, wife of Joseph Manning, of Tate township; Florence May, wife of Ed Canter, of Tate township, the last two children being of the mother's second marriage, to Mr. McPheeny. His father had been married before and had four children by his first marriage.

Mr. Day attended school in Washington township and remained with his mother until she died, working for her and sometimes on neighboring farms. In 1877 he married Miss Hester Trees, who was born in Washington township, in 1852. She was the daughter of James and Paulina (Sapp) Trees, natives of Clermont county and farmers of Washington township. The grandfather, John Trees, had twelve children, namely: William, John, Jacob, Perry, James and Wesley, all deceased; Jackson, of Kansas; Marion, of Washington; Polly, deceased, was the wife of John Allman; Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of Eli Annacost; Caroline, wife of Jerry LeMar, also deceased; Eveline, wife of John Whidmire, is also deceased. James Trees was married twice and by his two wives he had fifteen children, eight of whom are deceased. Mrs. Day died October 13, 1882, and is buried in Point Isabel cemetery. She is survived by one son, Charles.

born in Franklin township, October 30, 1880, who married Miss Daisy Brady, on October 21, 1906, and they have three children: George Harvey, born September 9, 1907; Mabel Bell, born October 30, 1908, and Harley Wilson, born July 24, 1912.

On September 9, 1886, Mr. Day married (second) Miss Emma F. Purkhiser, who was born on the farm where she and her husband now reside, although the house in which she was born burned down. She was born June 25, 1862, and is a daughter of John S. and Sarah L. (Sells) Purkhiser. Mr. Purkhiser was born in Washington township, May 29, 1819, and died January 14, 1900, and his wife, who was born in Lewis township, Brown county, December 2, 1822, died November 29, 1884, and they are buried in Calvary cemetery. The family were among the earliest settlers of Clermont county. They had six children, all born on the farm where Mr. and Mrs. Day now reside, namely: Michael Henry, deceased, was born November 20, 1844; William McKendry, deceased, born May 30, 1851; Mary Elizabeth, deceased, born September 28, 1855; Lorenzo Gilbert, deceased, born February 18, 1859, died in June, 1880; Emma Florence, Mrs. Day, the only one of the children now surviving, and she cared for her father the last ten years of his life.

After marriage Mr. Day carried on farming in Franklin township some twelve years, and in 1890 came to Washington township, erecting his present beautiful home some time later. He has been very successful as a tobacco raiser and makes a specialty of stock raising. He is an enterprising and progressive farmer and has been quite successful. The farm contains a fine spring of water that is never dry. Mr. Day is a Democrat in politics and has served as school director, and he and his wife take great interest in the affairs of the community. He belongs to the Christian church and she to the Methodist church. They have had three children: The first born, a girl, died in infancy; Sarah May, born in Franklin township, January 30, 1890, has been a music teacher and lived at home. She was married on March 5, 1913, to John D. Bee, of Tate township. He is a farmer; John Foster, born in Washington township, July 4, 1894, lives at home and helps carry on the farm. Mr. Day had several relatives who served in the Civil war from Ohio. Michael, James M., George and Jackson Beckelhymer served, the first three (the elder) in Company B, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, and Jackson in the

three months' service. An uncle of Mrs. Day, Michael Gilbert Purkhiser, was a Methodist preacher. Both Mr. and Mrs. Day belong to old families of the region, having lived all their lives in the community in which they now live. They are well known and have many friends.

MARK D. ROSS.

One of the extensive farmers and large stock raisers of Clermont county, Ohio, representing a family that is most highly respected and one that has been prominently identified with the growth and progress of the county for many years, is the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. Mr. Mark D. Ross is the owner of a beautiful farm of one hundred and forty-seven acres and the substantial buildings and the comfortable modern home indicate great energy and thrift, combined with a love of the beautiful. Mr. Ross makes a specialty of fine horses, handling only the very best bred stock which he sells at his home. Mr. Ross is a son of Abner and Mary (Day) Ross, and was born in Lewis township, Brown county, Ohio, in 1844.

Abner Ross was born near Georgetown, Ohio, and was a son of William and Katie (Harper) Ross, the latter of Harper's Ferry, Va., and the former a native of Virginia, who came to Ohio at an early date and settled in Brown county. He was by trade a cabinet maker, which he made his life occupation. He had brothers who served in the War of the Revolution. Abner Ross died in 1884 in Missouri, after an active, useful life. Mary (Day) Ross was a native of Brown county and was several years younger than her husband. To their union were born the following named children:

William, who was a trader and farmer of Missouri, died in 1911.

Rebecca, who became the wife of Samuel Cooper, died in 1887.

Sinaellen married Henry Wells, and both are deceased.

Melvina married George Jennings, and both are deceased.

Mary, who became the wife of Hampton Norris, is deceased, as is her husband.

Susan, who is the widow of Mr. McAndra, is a resident of Enid, Okla.

Eliza, who married Lafayette Rhorer, is a resident of California.

Elizabeth, who is the wife of Andrew Ritchie, is a resident of Oklahoma.

Mark D., the subject of this mention.

Isaac is a resident of Missouri.

Utter, deceased.

Clark F. is a resident of Missouri.

Abner Harper, deceased.

Mr. Mark D. Ross was educated in the schools of Lewis township, Brown county, and enlisted in the army of the Civil war, in Company K, Ohio volunteer infantry, returning home in less than one year.

In 1866 Mr. Ross was united in marriage to Miss Wealthy A. Waterman, who was born near Georgetown, Ohio, in 1845, her parents being Wilson and Narcissa Jane (Kendell) Waterman, the father being born in Brown county in 1818, and died in 1888. The mother was born in Lewis township, Brown county, in 1826, and died February 17, 1889. Both are buried in Brown county. They became the parents of the following children:

Wealthy A., became the wife of our subject.

Lucy married Jasper Jacobs, of Georgetown, Ohio.

Henrietta is the wife of William White, of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Solomon J. has been deceased since 1904.

Elizabeth Monticello, the wife of Matthew Van Harlington, died June 17, 1909. Matthew Van Harlington is also deceased.

After his marriage Mr. Ross settled on a farm in Brown county, until the year of 1872, when he removed to his present home and then began the improvements which now give to the farm an appearance of prosperity and care. He is a practical farmer and scientific stock raiser.

Of the seven children born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Ross, the oldest three were born in Brown county, the others in Clermont county. Their names are as follows:

Jennie, who is the widow of Charles H. Gregg, is a resident of Felicity, and has four sons, Virgil, George Ross, Hugh Marshall, and Dale.

Charles W. is a resident of Franklin township, and is mentioned elsewhere in this work.

Nellie is the wife of William Pangburn, of Georgetown, and has one child, Vivian.

Wealthy Ann is the wife of Alfred Trisler, of Franklin township, and they have three children, Harold Wilson, Wealthy Ann, and Hiram Mark. Mrs. Trisler was formerly a teacher in the schools of Clermont county.

Lucy is at home.

Wilda is also at home.

Abner Ray is a farmer living near his father. He married Daisy Waterfield and has no children.

Mrs. Ross's parents were descendants of the Watermans of Pennsylvania, who came to Brown county in its early history and raised a large family, which has since been prominently connected with the affairs of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross started out on life's journey together with little capital, but strong and willing hearts and hands, and by years of good and careful management have accumulated a comfortable amount of this world's goods. Mr. Ross is broad and liberal in all his views and everything around him indicates his progressive spirit.

For many years Mr. Mark D. Ross has been prominent in the ranks of the Democratic party and has served his fellow citizens in a number of local offices; for years clerk of the township and township trustee. He is also interested in all that tends to promote education and general culture, and has served with much credit on the school board.

Mr. Ross has affiliations with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Grand Army of the Republic. In these organizations he is held in great esteem.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross are members of the Christian church, and give largely to the support of that denomination. The cause of moral development in his community is a matter of great interest to Mr. Ross.

Mr. Ross is pleasant and agreeable in manner and has a wife whose kindly spirit and generous disposition have made her esteemed throughout the community, while Mr. Ross is held in high respect.

CHARLES WILSON ROSS.

Charles Wilson Ross, a well known representative of the agricultural interests in Clermont county, Ohio, is a typical citizen of this section of the country, alert, enterprising and progressive. Mr. Ross is a practical farmer and devotes a great amount of

his attention to the raising of standard bred horses and registered Jersey cattle. He was born in Brown county, Ohio, September 8, 1869, his parents being Mark D. and Wealthy (Waterman) Ross, of whom a record appears on another page of these volumes.

Charles Wilson Ross was reared to young manhood on the parental farm and pursued his education in the schools of Franklin township, later attending the business college of Lexington. He is one of a family of seven children:

Jennie is the widow of Charles H. Gregg, of Felicity, Ohio.

Nellie is Mrs. William Pangburn, of Georgetown, Ohio.

Charles Wilson, the subject of this sketch.

Wealthy, the wife of Albert Prisler, of Felicity.

Lucy Wildey, at the parental home.

Ray is married and lives on the home farm.

The marriage of Mr. C. W. Ross to Miss Bertie Rice, of Felicity, occurred in January, 1893. She was born in Felicity, July 1, 1870, and is a daughter of Wesley and Amanda (Lanham) Rice. The mother was born in Franklin township in 1835 and is now residing with Mrs. Ross. The father was born in Felicity, Ohio, in 1838, and died in March, 1912. He was employed in a stirrup shop, during his active period, but was retired some years before his demise. They were the parents of eight children:

Louis Rice, of Franklin township.

Addie is the wife of Edwin Melvin, of Cincinnati.

O. F. Rice, of Felicity, mentioned in this history.

Mrs. Ross, wife of the subject of this mention.

Charles Rice, of Covington, Ky.

Kate, the wife of William Schraer, of Cincinnati.

Rebecca, formerly the wife of Joseph Donley, her death occurring in her forty-second year.

After the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Ross they located on his father's farm, east of Felicity, where they carried on general farming for three years. At that time they purchased the present home farm of one hundred and twenty-four acres south of Felicity. For sixteen years this place has been their home and many improvements have taken place during their residence. They have remodeled and rebuilt the home and have improved all the outbuildings, and it is in many respects a model property. Mr. Ross takes pride in keeping everything around his home in excellent condition.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Ross are three children:

Harry Pitman was born July 28, 1896, and is a senior in the Felicity High School.

Ara Carr was born September 5, 1901, and is attending the Felicity school.

Charles Byron was born October 21, 1907.

Mr. C. W. Ross is an advocate of the principles of the Democratic party and takes an active interest in all political issues. He has served his party as township treasurer for two terms and for two terms he has filled the office of township assessor, and at present is a member of the school board.

The fraternal associations of Mr. Ross are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he has always been active in the work of the order.

In religious matters Mrs. Ross has membership with the Methodist church, while her husband is an active member of the Christian church, having filled the various offices.

As one of the self-made men of the passing generation, Mr. Ross possesses the respect of the community in which he has spent his life thus far, to an uncommon degree, for his manly qualities and upright character are not questioned. He has mastered the true principles of successful business life and well deserves his present prominence in business circles.

PETER C. SMITH.

Peter C. Smith is one of the most substantial farmers of Franklin township, Clermont county, and raises a good grade of horses, cattle and hogs. He is a native of the county, born on Big Indian creek, Washington township, in 1837, son of Israel and Elma (Camerer) Smith, also natives of the county. The father was born in Franklin township, October 5, 1813, and died in 1900, and the mother was born in Washington township, October 5, 1812, and died in 1886. Both are buried in Felicity. He was an extensive farmer and land owner in Franklin and Washington townships and belonged to one of the earliest families to settle in Clermont county. He was always an industrious and upright citizen and representative of the best interests of the community. He and his wife had ten children: Barbara Ellen died in infancy; Peter C.; Sarah Jane, who died in 1860, was the wife of J. W. Wedding; Elizabeth Ann, wife of A. B. Armacost, of Franklin township; Phoebe

Margaret, widow of E. R. Wills, of Felicity; Laura, widow of Lewis Winters, of Tate township; William Henry died at the age of two years; J. M., of Franklin township; Oliver, of Washington township; Addie Virginia, married Chalfant Hardy, who now lives in Oklahoma, and died in 1885; Edwin Wells served two years as a member of the Tenth Kentucky cavalry during the Civil war.

Mr. Smith attended the schools of Washington and Franklin townships and remained with his parents until he was twenty-five years of age. On December 24, 1862, he married Miss Mary Jane McKibben, born in Felicity, Ohio, in 1843, and died in 1875. She was a daughter of S. Parker and Hannah (English) McKibben. Mr. McKibben was a native of Franklin township and died there several years ago. He was a plasterer and brick mason by trade and an industrious citizen. Mrs. McKibben was born in New Jersey and came to Clermont county in childhood with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Smith lived on his father's farm in Franklin township until 1872, when they came to the farm where he now resides, and on the latter place he eventually built a nice house. Mrs. Smith was a good wife and mother and had many warm friends. She was highly regarded for her many good qualities, and was a member of the Methodist church. She bore her husband five children, namely: William Henry, born July 8, 1864, married Etta Trees, lives in Franklin township, and they have one child, Samuel Parker, born July 27, 1897; Frank Edwin, born July 14, 1867, died at the age of twenty years; Cora Elma, born September 29, 1870, married Charles Hawk, and died in 1910, having borne her husband three children—Oliver, born November 4, 1902, and two died in infancy; Lulu May, born September 30, 1873, and died about eighteen years ago, was the wife of Philip Lippert and left one child, Philip Edwin, born November 15, 1895; Mary Belle, born April 24, 1875, married William Johnson, and they live in Franklin township, and to them was born one child, Hazel, who died at the age of two years. Mrs. Smith was buried in Felicity cemetery.

In 1877 Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Lucy Maxwell Barkley, who was born in Washington township in 1843, daughter of Joseph and Florilla (Wood) Barkley, both natives of Clermont county. Her parents were farmers and died over thirty-eight years ago. They had twelve children, of whom

but three now survive: Mary, widow of Harvey Hanna, of Washington township; Selina, wife of Dr. A. B. McGill, of Cincinnati; Laura Florilla, wife of Smith Ike, who lives in Missouri. Mrs. Smith died July 8, 1908, sadly mourned by all who knew her. She had been a kind friend and neighbor and was an earnest member of the Methodist church, carrying out its teachings in her daily life. She was a good helpmate for her husband and did her duty in all things. She was buried in Calvary cemetery. By his second marriage Mr. Smith had three children, namely: Sadie F., born February 7, 1878, married W. A. Wedding, of Cincinnati, and they have two children, Ralph, aged seven years, and Marjorie, aged one year; Laura A., born April 3, 1880, taught school in Franklin township for five years, but is now at home; Jessie L., born in October, 1884, married G. E. Denniston, of Chilo, November 28, 1912.

Upon coming to his present place Mr. Smith first purchased seventy-six acres of land, adding forty acres at a later date, and in 1886 he erected one of the prettiest homes in the township. He has put up good, substantial barns and other farm buildings and keeps everything in excellent repair. He keeps a high grade of cattle and sells them on the market, and also sells colts in the local market. He has always been industrious and a good manager, being practically self-made. He is a Democrat in politics, and has served in various minor offices, such as school director and supervisor. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masons and Odd Fellows, and he belongs to the Christian church at Point Isabel. His farm is a model of neatness and thrift and is a true index of the manner in which he carries on his work.

CHARLES A. LANHAM.

The name of Lanham is closely associated with the early history of Clermont county, where members of the family were among the earliest settlers. Charles A. Lanham was born within a half-mile of the farm where he now lives, in Franklin township, Clermont county, on December 19, 1854, son of Greenberry and Rachel (Griffing) Lanham. His father was born in the county, April 24, 1805, and died April 1, 1861, being buried in Johnson cemetery, Franklin township. His mother was born

near Trenton, N. J., January 25, 1819, and died February 1, 1896, being buried in Calvary cemetery. The grandfather Lanham was one of the first settlers of Franklin township and purchased the farm where Charles A. Lanham was born, and which at the time the latter left it had been in the Lanham family over one hundred years.

Greenberry Lanham was born on the Lanham farm in Clermont county and followed agricultural pursuits all his life. He and his wife had two children, namely, George W., a sketch of whom also appears in this work, and Charles A., whose name heads this sketch. Mrs. Lanham had been married before her marriage to Greenberry Lanham, to Thomas Lawson Wedding, by whom she had three children: Loretta, widow of John Nichols, lives in Felicity, Ohio; Harriet, widow of John Brannen, lives at Nicholsville, Monroe township, Clermont county; Martha, widow of Newton Brannen, also resides at Nicholsville. Before her marriage Mrs. Wedding's name was Rachel Grifing. Mr. Wedding's mother was an Eberhardt before her marriage and her ancestors lived in beautiful palaces and were rulers in Wurttemberg, Germany, generations back. Later generations lived at Stuttgart, Germany, and several of the family came to America in early days in the history of our country. Greenberry Lanham and wife were members of the Methodist church and were highly respected members of the community, being identified with various measures for the good of the township and county.

Charles A. Lanham received his education in local schools and early took up farm work, as his father died when he was a child of five years, and he and his brother found it necessary to give their mother all possible assistance. He lived with his mother until reaching his majority, then worked by the month for various farmers in the vicinity until he was thirty-four years old, and then married. In 1886 he was united in wedlock with Miss Alice Wedding, who was also born in Franklin township, the date of her birth being March 8, 1856, and she is a daughter of William and Sarah (Smith) Wedding. Mr. Wedding was born in Maryland, November 30, 1825, is now eighty-seven years of age and retired from active life, and he and his wife reside at Felicity, Ohio. Mrs. Sarah (Smith) Wedding was born in Franklin township, March 3, 1839, and died September 12, 1860, having borne her husband three children, two of whom now survive: Mrs. Lanham, and Mary, wife of G. W. Can-

ter, of Mount Olive. Mr. Wedding was a farmer in Franklin township until he retired and moved to Felicity. The Weddings and Smiths were among the earliest settlers of Clermont county, and all were highly respected and thrifty farmers. After the death of his first wife Mr. Wedding married Miss Maria Camerer, and they became parents of three children, of whom but one now survives, Della, wife of W. N. Nichols, of Los Angeles, Cal. He was a prominent Clermont county citizen, but removed to Los Angeles, where he is an expert glazier in a large planing mill. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols have one son, Lawrence, who married Miss Mabel Gray, and had one daughter, Barbara. Mrs. Nichols, before her marriage, taught school in Clermont county, and was located nine years at Batavia and seven years at Felicity. She is now one of the Senior A class English teachers in a Los Angeles high school. She is a woman of high culture and refinement and keeps abreast of the times in all ways. She has great ability in her chosen profession and has won a high reputation in this field. She and her husband own a beautiful home and have a large circle of friends. Mr. Wedding and wife are members of the Methodist church.

After renting the farm where he now resides for a period of four years Mr. Lanham bought it. There are one hundred acres of land and he lived in the old house until erecting the present home, in 1908. He follows modern methods in his farm work and now has a very pleasant modern house, well located and well planned. Like his grandfather and father before him, he plans and executes with foresight and good judgment. C. A. Lanham erected big barns and a good summer kitchen, all the buildings being a credit to the neighborhood and to the builder.

Mr. Lanham and wife had three sons, namely: Peter C., born September 5, 1891, works with his father; Edwin I., born July 22, 1893, is also at home; Archie G., born October 9, 1896. Mr. Lanham is a Democrat and a member of the local school board. He and his wife are members of the Christian church at Point Isabel and he is a trustee. They are held in high esteem by their friends and neighbors and both have social gifts. Their children were all born on the farm where they now reside and are a credit to their parents. Mr. Lanham has practically made his own way in the world, having won success through untiring energy and hard work.

GEORGE W. LANHAM.

George W. Lanham is one of the most successful farmers and stock raisers of Franklin township, Clermont county, where he has spent practically all his life. He was born near his present home, September 1, 1853, son of Greenberry and Rachel (Grif-fing) Lanham. The parents are mentioned at some length in connection with the sketch of Charles A. Lanham, which ap-pears in another part of this work. The father was a successful farmer of Clermont county and was respected for his worth and integrity.

Mr. Lanham received his education in the schools of his na-tive township and took up farming as a young man. He worked for his mother in boyhood, his father having died when the son was a small boy, and worked for farmers by the month three years before his marriage, which occurred February 1, 1877, when he was united in marriage with Miss Anna Nichols; also a native of Clermont county, born May 31, 1855, daughter of John S. and Martha (Turner) Nichols, also natives of that county. Mr. Nichols was born in 1832 and died February 13, 1878, and the mother died when Mrs. Lanham was a small child. They were old settlers of the county, but the grand-parents came from Maryland and settled on land in Franklin township, where they developed farms. Four children were born to John S. Nichols and wife, of whom but two survive: Mrs. Lanham and Sarah Caroline, wife of Benjamin Fisher, residing near Calvary church.

After marriage Mr. Lanham settled on his father's old farm, which his grandfather had purchased on first coming to the county. This was their home twelve years, then they purchased one hundred and forty-five acres of fine farming land near Fe-licity, Franklin township, and began to further improve and de-velop it. He rebuilt the house and barn, erected a nice summer house, and in many ways added to the beauty and productive-ness of the place. He and his wife are highly respected in the neighborhood and are recognized as being desirable neighbors. They have been very industrious and thrifty and are now able to enjoy many comforts denied them in earlier years. Both be-long to well known families and have many friends and ac-quaintances. Their pleasant home is the scene of pleasant hos-pitality and they take an active part in various movements for the good of the community. Mr. Lanham is a Democrat in pol-itics and has served in local offices, such as road commissioner

and school director. He and his wife belong to the Christian church, of which he is a deacon. He is a member of the Masonic order.

One child has blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Lanham, a daughter, born on the same farm as was her father, now Mrs. Etta Nichols Gardner, wife of John Gardner, who lives with her parents. Mr. Gardner helps carry on the farm and they have two children, Mary Florence, born March 6, 1908, and Ruth Marie, born on April 20, 1913. Mr. Gardner was born in Clermont county, April 11, 1880, and is a son of B. E. Gardner, a sketch of whom appears on another page in this work. He is an able and energetic farmer and has a good standing with his neighbors and associates.

JAMES HARVEY GATES.

James Harvey Gates, a retired farmer of Washington township, is one of the oldest residents in the county. He is entirely self-made, having begun life on his own account with nothing, and won a competence by his industry and energy. He is the oldest Odd Fellow in the county and has a fine memory for old times and events. He is a native of the county, born in Monroe township, September 30, 1826, son of James Henry and Margaret (McMichael) Gates. The father was born in Chesterfield county, Virginia, near Petersburg, in 1790, and died in 1876, and his mother was born in Londonderry, County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1783, and died in the same year as the father. His mother moved to Mason county, Kentucky, where she lived from 1789 to 1794, during which time she lived in a fort, as there were many Indians in the region. James Henry Gates was one of the earliest settlers of Clermont county, Ohio, and had to clear land for a farm. He was a soldier in the war of 1812 and came to Monroe township in 1815. He was a farmer in Monroe township, but spent the last three years of his life with his son, both parents dying in the latter's home. They were Methodists and active in church work. They had seven children: Maria Jane, wife of James Hunt, both being deceased; Sarah B. married Joseph Dawson and both are deceased; Mary A. married Isaac Bainum and both are deceased; Paulina W. married Samuel West and both are deceased; Louisa V. married David Bainum and both are

deceased; Margaret married James Dixon and both are deceased; J. Harvey. The father and mother were both buried in Laurel cemetery.

James Gates Dawson, son of Joseph and Sarah Dawson, served in the Civil war from Ohio, in the Eighty-ninth regiment.

After attending the common schools, Mr. Gates took a course at Parker's Academy, entering the latter institution at the age of thirteen years, in 1839, and being the first pupil enrolled there. He remained with his father until 1859. In 1849 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Elvina Simmons, born in Monroe township, Clermont county, in 1824, daughter of Leonard and Elizabeth (Pollard) Simmons. Mr. Simmons was born in Pennsylvania and died in 1835 and his wife was born in Maryland and died in 1855. They were farmers of Monroe township and had twelve children, all of whom are now deceased: Pollard, Wesley, James B., Sanford, Willis, Milton; Julia, wife of Samuel Bettle; John A.; Nancy, wife of Sam Buchanan; Eliza, wife of Dixon Buchanan; B. H.; Mary Elvina, who married Mr. Gates. A grandson of Leonard Simmons and wife, John W. Simmons, served from Ohio in the Civil war.

After marriage Mr. Gates remained on the farm with his father ten years, then moved to Indian Creek, Washington township, where he purchased a farm. He began with one hundred and twenty-five acres of land and has added to it until he now has two hundred acres. He cultivated his farm himself until about fifteen years ago, then retired from active life, for some time making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Abrams. He is well known throughout his part of the State as an old member of the order of Odd Fellows, having joined Mistletoe Lodge at New Richmond and later transferred his membership to Point Isabel, where he became a charter member. He has served as noble grand of the lodge. He can remember much of conditions in early days and looks back on a long life of industry and toil, during which time he was always a progressive and useful citizen and interested in whatever affected the welfare of his community. Mrs. Gates died November 30, 1886.

Mr. and Mrs. Gates had thirteen children, namely:

Margaret Elizabeth, born in Monroe township, married L. H. Padgett, lives in Kansas, and has five children: Jessie, wife of Emmett Philips, of Batavia, has three children, Margaret,

Homer and Arlyn; Mary Elvina, wife of Andy Phillips, lives in Kansas and has two children, Lena and Frances; Angenette, wife of Martin Edwards, of Kansas, has two children, Martin and Marguerite; Harvey Gates Padgett married Effie Grace Fox, lives in Kansas, and they have three sons, Glen, Paul and James; Susan Alice married Simpson Foster, of Kansas, is deceased and left one son, Gerald.

James Henry, born in Monroe township, married Miss Jennie Florence Hill, lives in Washington township, and they have three children: Allen Thurman married Emma House, lives in Moscow, and has two children, Homer and David Russell; George Frederick, of Moscow, married Lellie Roush and they have one child, William Frederick; Mabel Alice, wife of Jesse Prible, lives in Washington township.

Luella J., born in Monroe township, wife of Thomas G. Hill, of Washington township, has had six children, four of whom survive: Nichols H., deceased; Edna Florence; Peter C.; Robert married Miss Josephine Castleberg, lives in Kansas, and they have a son, Thomas; Bertha is the wife of Francis O'Neil, of Washington county, Ohio, and they have a son, Milton.

Mary Ann, born in Monroe township, died in 1891, and is buried by the side of her mother.

Julia Virginia, born in Monroe township, married McClellan Reed, lives in Colorado, and they have five children: Anna, wife of William Toner, of Colorado; Royal, John, Alice and Enoch.

John Simmons, born in Washington township, lives at Salina, Kan., married Mabel Simmons.

Emma Louisa, born in Washington township, married Charles J. Pealtz, of Tate township, and they have four children: Minnie, wife of Glen Hill, of Tate township; Louise, Gladys and Naomi.

Harriet Elvina, born in Washington township, married Frank Buchanan, and died in 1892, being buried in Calvary cemetery.

Alice C., widow of Markley Abrams, who was also born in Washington township, in 1867, son of James and Emeline (Bunton) Abrams, was a farmer and died in 1906, being buried in Calvary Cemetery. Mrs. Abrams has two children, born in Washington township, Emeline May and Clara Elizabeth.

The other four children born to J. H. Gates and wife died in infancy.

SAMUEL A. CANTER, M. D.

Dr. Samuel A. Canter, of Point Isabel, Clermont county, is a broad minded, liberal thinker, highly respected and enjoying the benefits of a good practice. He is a man of recognized ability in his profession and is doing very good work in his chosen field. He has been identified with Clermont county all his life and is well known in various circles. He was born in Tate township, Clermont county, March 16, 1846, son of Stephen and Keturah (Altman) Canter, also natives of Clermont county. The mother was born in Tate township July 24, 1827, and died November 13, 1902, and the father was born in Washington township, November 6, 1822, and died November 2, 1866, both being buried in Bethel, Ohio. The father was a good mechanic, but was very fond of agricultural pursuits and became an excellent farmer. He and his wife had nine children, six of whom grew to maturity and four of whom now survive: Dr. Samuel A., the oldest; William T., born October 3, 1849, resides in Tate township; Nelson E., born November 4, 1851, died in 1902; John R., born September 16, 1853; Thomas A., born January 20, 1859, died at Williamsburg, Ohio, November 23, 1897; Orlando R., born in Tate township, May 31, 1863, lives in Columbus, Ohio.

After graduating from Clermont Academy, Samuel A. Canter attended the College of Medicine and Surgery, of Cincinnati, from which he graduated in March, 1879. He began practice at Point Isabel, where he has remained ever since, the only physician and surgeon in the village. He has built up a large practice and has won the confidence of the community. He takes a genuine interest in his fellowmen and has many sincere friends. He is a Democrat in politics and has served as township trustee and as a member of the blind relief committee of Clermont county. He has belonged to the Masonic order since attaining his majority and is also an Odd Fellow.

On April 1, 1875, Dr. Canter was united in marriage with Miss Harriet M. Parrish, born in Tate township February 22, 1848, daughter of Stephen and Missouri (Davis) Parrish, her father a native of Kentucky, and her mother of Clermont county, and both now deceased. They lived for many years in Clermont county and were prominent farmers of Tate township. They had nine children, of whom Rebecca, wife of William McChesney, lives in Tate township; B. F. lives on

the old home place in Tate township; Elizabeth was the wife of Joseph L. Canter, both deceased; Mrs. Canter, wife of Dr. S. A. Canter, of this review.

Dr. and Mrs. Canter have a very pleasant home on Main street, where he has his office. This has been their residence for a great many years. She is a member of the Methodist church, and he of the Christian church. Two children blessed their union, both born in Washington township: Walter E. died at the age of one week; Lena D., born January 16, 1881, died May 30, 1907. Both are buried in Bethel cemetery. The daughter was a great worker in the Order of the Eastern Star, and for several terms was matron of the local organization.

Dr. Canter has won success by his own unaided efforts, for he is self-educated and made an independent start in life at an early age. He belongs to a very old family of the county through his mother, whose parents came to Clermont county from Pennsylvania. His father's parents were of Scotch-Irish descent. The grandfathers of Dr. Canter were named Thomas Canter and Samuel Altman, both well known names in the county's early history.

JOHN J. BOLENDER.

John J. Bolender, a progressive fruit grower and farmer of Franklin township, Clermont county, has made a favorable impression on all who have had dealings with him and has a large number of warm friends. He belongs to an old family in Clermont county, of which he is a native, born near Felicity, son of Joel and Melissa (Trisler) Bolender. The father was born near Felicity in 1824 and died in 1908, and the mother was born in 1830 and died in 1904, both being buried in Zion cemetery. The Bolenders came from Pennsylvania to Clermont county at a very early day and always held a respected place in the community. Joel Bolender spent all his active life farming in Franklin township, except for two years, when he was engaged in mercantile business.

John Trisler, father of Joel Bolender's wife, died on December 10, 1880, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James Coffman, aged ninety years, eleven months and eleven days. He was born near Hagerstown, Md., December 31, 1789, youngest of the four children of Michael Trisler. Michael Trisler

moved to Lexington, Ky., when John was ten years of age, and died soon thereafter, leaving John and his brothers to support themselves and their mother. In 1811 John Trisler married Miss Fannie Reid and moved to Lewis township, Brown county, Ohio, which was then an unbroken wilderness, the habitat of deer, elk and bears, and the home of the Indian. They made their home near Feesburg, and in company with a few others, Mr. Trisler erected a little stone church at Shinkle's Ridge, where they met to worship. In June, 1825, his wife died, and he subsequently married Catherine Gray and moved to Tate township, Brown county, where he became one of the charter members of the local church, and where he remained until 1870, at which time he retired from active life and thereafter lived with his children. At the time of his death he had thirteen children, ninety-two grandchildren, over one hundred great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren. He was the father of eighteen children, and he lived to see fifteen of them married, and with families. Three died in infancy. On the 11th of December, 1880, the remains of "Grandfather Trisler," as he was affectionately known by all, were conveyed to Mt. Zion church, where Rev. J. Lowell delivered an appropriate sermon, which touched the hearts of the assemblage of relatives and friends come to pay their last tribute of respect to the pioneer and friend who was revered and loved by all. His body was then consigned to the grave in the cemetery near the church, there to await the coming of Him upon whose name he delighted to call. Thus closed a beautiful life and the entire community felt the loss of this kindly old man.

Joel Bolender and wife had eight children, all born in Clermont county: Martha married Samuel Ross and both are deceased; Daniel lives near Felicity; William lives in Brown county; Susan married Tilman Richie and resides in Brown county; John J. is the subject of this sketch; Albert died at the age of six months; Wright is deceased; Lottie, the wife of Frank McGahan, lives in Franklin township.

In boyhood John J. Bolender attended the local schools and learned the rudiments of farming. He well remembers his old school days in Benton school house, near his father's farm. He remained with his father until his marriage, in December, 1887, to Miss Sylvia Hill, who was born in Fayette county, Ohio, on August 6, 1868, daughter of Warren and Anna Allen Hill, both natives of Ohio and farmers of Fayette county,

that State. Mr. Hill was born in Fayette county, September 30, 1847, and died March 11, 1871, at the age of twenty-three years, eleven months and five days. He served six months in the last call for men during the Civil war. His wife, Alma L. Allen, was born near Georgetown, Brown county, May 17, 1849, and died October 13, 1885, aged thirty-six years, four months and twenty-six days. After the death of Mr. Hill his widow lived for a time in Fayette county. The only child of this marriage was Mrs. Bolender. Mrs. Hill was married (second) to David Draper, and by this marriage there were five children, three of whom are now living: Minnie, wife of Sherman Wilson, of Indiana; George lives at New Castle, Ind., and William at Benton Harbor, Mich.

Mrs. Bolender's great-great-grandfather, Alexander Hill, father of Arnold Hill, was born in Maryland and moved thence to Pennsylvania, later to Kentucky, and eventually to Brown county, Ohio. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Kelly, was born in Ireland. James K. Hill, Mrs. Bolender's great-grandfather, was born in Pennsylvania, and came to Brown county, Ohio, when his son, John A., was but fourteen years of age. His wife, Amelia, was a daughter of John and Elizabeth Arnold, and was born in Virginia. The ancestors of the Hills were people of good circumstances, all having good homes and many of them wealthy. They were well known for their frugality, industry, honesty and integrity. The Arnolds were all honest and industrious, well-to-do, and noted for neatness. John A. Hill, who was the grandfather of Mrs. Bolender, was the eldest child of James and Amelia Hill and inherited the qualities of both families in a marked degree. John Arnold and Abby C. (Leach) Hill were the parents of Warren Hill. She was the third daughter of Walter and Elizabeth Leach, and was born in Maysville, Mason county, Kentucky, her father being a native of Indiana. Walter and Elizabeth Leach moved to Mason county, Kentucky, and in 1816 came to Brown county, Ohio, buying a farm at Georgetown. John A. Hill was born in Ripley, Ohio, married Abby C. Leach, November 27, 1832, and moved to Fayette county, Ohio, in 1834. He and his wife were members of the old school Baptist church, which he joined in 1843, and she in 1844. Their hospitable home in Jasper township, Fayette county, seven miles from Washington Court House, was the scene of many gatherings. Mrs. Hill's father, Walter Leach, was a fine man, very handy at most kinds of work,

and was able to do all kinds of odd jobs, such as making baskets, etc. He was a man of good principles and highly regarded. He was born in Maryland, December 28, 1773, moved to Kentucky with his parents, and married Elizabeth Francis, daughter of Thomas and Tabitha Francis, who was born in New Jersey in 1784 and died in 1843. He built a fine two-story house after locating near Georgetown, Ohio, in 1816, as before mentioned, and this old home, about two and one-half miles from the town, is still occupied.

Mr. and Mrs. Bolender made their first home on one hundred and twenty acres of land, where he now lives. For a number of years they raised corn and tobacco principally, and eighteen years ago set out their first fruit trees, consisting of apple and peach trees. The following year he added one hundred and fifty pear trees, and later added plums and quinces. He has become an extensive fruit grower and ships all his choicest fruit to Cincinnati. He has been successful in raising a high grade of fruit and has found a good market for his product. In 1911 he erected an elegant modern home, well arranged and one of the finest in the county. He has put up substantial barns and other buildings and keeps his place in an excellent state of repair. He stands high with his neighbors and fellow citizens, and is regarded as a useful member of the community. He was reared a Democrat and in spite of the fact that he votes for the men he considers best fitted for office, he is a Democrat in principle today. He has never aspired to office. He and his wife are members of the Apostolic Holiness church, and their children are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Felicity, Ohio. The family is one of refinement and culture and worthy to represent the best type of America. They are all proud of their ancestry and interested in the earlier history of the community, with which many of their forebears were closely associated.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bolender: Josie M., Herbert J. and Harry H., all born on the home farm. Josie M. was born August 2, 1889, and after graduating from the Felicity High School spent one year at Miami University at Oxford. She is now teaching her fourth year in the school near home and boards with her parents. Herbert J., who was born August 15, 1890, graduated from the Felicity High School, taught two winters in Clermont county, and assists his father on the farm. Harry H., born September 29, 1896, is now a student at God's Bible School, Cincinnati, Ohio.

J. C. GINNINGS.

J. C. Ginnings belongs to one of the older families of Clermont county and is well known for his former business activities and connections. He has retired from active life and resides in Felicity, where he was born in 1847, son of Joseph M. and Mary A. (Young) Ginnings. The father of Joseph Ginnings was a soldier in the Revolution and his wife's father served in the War of 1812. Mr. Young started for New Orleans, but as he heard of the victory of General Jackson, he returned to Virginia. Joseph Ginnings was born in Virginia in 1808 and died in Clermont county in 1894. His wife was born in Virginia in 1812 and died in Clermont county in 1882. Both are buried in Felicity cemetery. He came to Adams county, Ohio, with his parents, about 1820, and soon afterwards the family located in Clermont county. The Youngs also came to Clermont county at an early day. Joseph Ginnings was a Democrat in politics, and served as assessor and constable when a young man. He became prominent in local affairs and was a man of influence. In 1849 he went to California, one of the first from Clermont county to make the trip, and seek for gold. He remained there with advantage for four years, then returned to Felicity, where he spent the remainder of his life. He and his wife had nine children, all born in Clermont county, five of whom grew to maturity: Melissa C., married John Walker and died in 1893; Margaret E., married Louis Miller, of Franklin township; Mary A., is the wife of J. A. Smith and resides at Fullerton, Cal.; Joan B., wife of B. F. Moreland; J. C., whose name heads this sketch.

In boyhood Mr. Ginnings attended Felicity public schools and later worked for a time in the local tobacco houses. Later he was employed as clerk on a steamer on the Ohio river for some nine years. He then became bookkeeper for the Globe Tobacco Warehouse in Cincinnati for six years, after which he returned to his birthplace. He has since been retired from active life. He is largely self-made and became successful through energy, uprightness and industry. He is much respected as a progressive citizen and has many friends, among whom he is very popular for his pleasant manner and kindly spirit. He has recently purchased an automobile, which affords him much interest and pleasure. For many years he was a director in the Traction Railroad Company, which con-

structed a line to Felicity, and was a charter member and secretary until 1912, when he resigned.

In 1878, Mr. Ginnings was united in marriage with Miss Fannie Gill, a native of Felicity, born in 1852, daughter of John and Maria (Lawson) Gill, both natives of Ireland, who emigrated to Ohio in the early 40's. Mr. Gill was a tailor by trade and he and his wife have been dead many years. They had five children: George, of Indiana; Mary, wife of Frank Lanham, is deceased; Fannie M., Mrs. Ginnings; Julia, widow of E. Prather, of Felicity; Annie, widow of Charles Adams, of Felicity. After the death of her first husband, Mrs. Gill married Thomas Simmermon, and by this union there were four children: Thomas L., of Pleasant Ridge, Hamilton county, Ohio, where he is principal of the schools; E. A., also a teacher of Hamilton county; Fred H., of Felicity, a druggist; Margaret, deceased, was the wife of C. E. Day. Mr. Ginnings is a Democrat in politics, and although much interested in public affairs, is not an office seeker. Fraternally he is a Democrat. Mrs. Ginnings was a devout member of the Christian church and was an exemplary wife and mother, striving to do her duty in all relations of life. She died in 1879, deeply and sincerely mourned by her family and her many friends, and was buried in Felicity cemetery.

DANIEL BOLENDER.

Daniel Bolender is one of the substantial citizens of Franklin township and belongs to an old family of Clermont county. He is a native of the township, born November 5, 1849, son of Joel and Melissa (Trisler) Bolender. A sketch of Joel Bolender, also a native of the county, is given at some length in connection with the sketch of John J. Bolender, which appears in this history. The Bolenders and Trislars were early comers to Clermont county and influential in the early history of Ohio. They are old American families and people of industry and integrity. The children of Joel Bolender and wife are mentioned in connection with the sketch of J. J. Bolender, mentioned above.

In boyhood Daniel Bolender attended Benton school in Franklin township and remained on the home farm until his marriage, November 24, 1874, to Miss Ida Wells, born in

Franklin township, April 5, 1855, daughter of James C. and Sarah (McMurchy) Wells. Mr. and Mrs. Wells were born in Clermont county and their parents came from Scotland. They were farmers of Franklin township but both are now deceased, the father having died some twenty years ago and the mother when Mrs. Bolender was a small child. They had six children: Edwin R. and Charles J., deceased; James C. lives in Arkansas; Ida E., Mrs. Bolender; Milton, deceased; a daughter who died in infancy.

Three children were born to Mr. Bolender and wife: Jessie Wells, born November 17, 1879, married Harley O. Hanna, lives in California, and has one daughter, Elizabeth Lou, aged one year; Norman J., born March 19, 1882, married Nellie, daughter of Dr. Trout, and they live in Columbus and have one daughter, Helen Marie, six years of age; Ida Blance, born September 4, 1888, wife of Stanley Manchester, of Feesburg, Brown county, and they have one son, Herman. The mother of these children died September 14, 1888, and is buried in Mount Zion cemetery.

On October 8, 1889, Mr. Bolender married (second) Miss Lucy Owen, born near Georgetown, Lewis township, Brown county, daughter of George and Mary Bole Owen. Her parents were natives of Brown county and the mother died when Mrs. Bolender was a small child. Mr. Owen lives in Feesburg and is now eighty-four years of age. He served in the Mexican war and was a farmer of Brown county. There are only two veterans of the Mexican war now living in Brown county or State of Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Owens had nine children: Joseph lives in Brown county; Charles died in Missouri; Martha, wife of William Slack, of Hamilton, Ohio; Lee, of Brown county; Ella, wife of Oliver Hendrickson, of Brown county; Edward, deceased; George W., of Clermont county; Jennie, wife of Charles Bryant, of Cincinnati; Mrs. Bolender. The Owen family came to Brown county in an early date and were members of the Methodist church.

After marriage Mr. Bolender located on a farm in Washington township, which he purchased, and this was the home for four years. Later he moved to his father-in-law's place in Franklin township, the latter moving to Felicity at that time. After residing there four years Mr. Bolender moved to his present farm of two hundred and six acres, and in the fall of that year erected the elegant home which they have

since occupied, and which is one of the best in the county. It is located on a good road, near a school house, and is convenient to church and the town. About 1880 Mr. Bolender put up one of the best barns in the county, thirty-six by sixty feet, and he built all the outbuildings and fencing on the farm. This is one of the best kept places in the county and its appearance is a true index of the thrift and industry with which the work is conducted in general. Mr. Bolender is a man of energy and foresight, managing his affairs with business acumen and ability. He is a Democrat in politics and has served as school director. He and his wife are devout members of the Benton Christian church, he being a charter member. They are much interested in its work and he has been an elder for many years. He is a worker in the Sunday school, has been superintendent many years and is now assistant superintendent. He is a man of simple tastes and is very fond of his home and family. He is self-made man, having won success through long years of hard work.

Mr. Bolender and wife have two children, born on the present farm: Eibert Owen, born December 20, 1891, is a graduate of Felicity High School and is now attending the State University at Columbus, and Homer Wright, born June 11, 1897, attends Felicity High School.

GEORGE WASHINGTON HALSE.

George Washington Halse is one of the most industrious and progressive farmers and has one of the nicest homes in Tate township. He is a native of that township, being descended from two of the oldest families of the region. He was born October 12, 1846, son of William and Margaret Luccetta (Bredwell) Halse. William Halse was a son of George Halse, who came to Clermont county from England in 1818 and became the owner of some six hundred acres of land there. The latter was a carpenter as well as a farmer. William Halse was born in Tate township, August 26, 1824, and died June 22, 1904, and his wife was born in Tate township, November 15, 1824, and lives in Tate township, where she has resided continuously since 1865. She is active and in good health and has a large number of friends. Her grandparents, Elventon Bredwell and Catherine Collins Bredwell, came from

Kentucky to Clermont county in 1806-07, and her parents were Thomas Bredwell and Mary Willis Bredwell, and they had fifteen children. There are four sisters and two brothers of Mrs. William Halse now surviving, namely: Mrs. Mary D. Malick, of Amelia, Ohio; Mrs. Rachel Sapp, of Bethel; Mrs. Josephine Phillips, of Bethel; Elizabeth O. Canter, of Point Isabel; Thomas S. Bredwell, of Blanchester, Ohio; Dean M. Bredwell, of Bethel, Ohio. Another sister, Mrs. Lydia Willis Dean, died September 5, 1912, and was buried on the 8th, in Bethel cemetery. She was the mother of Thomas Albert Dean; of Fremont, Ohio, who was elected to the Senate of the Seventy-eighth General Assembly as a Democrat, and re-elected to the Seventy-ninth General Assembly.

William Halse applied for enlistment in the army at the time of the Civil war, but was rejected on account of poor health. He and his wife had children as follows: George Washington, of this sketch; Sarah Catherine, wife of William A. Aultman, of Mt. Orab, Ohio; Thomas Lewis, living on Rural Route No. 4, Bethel; Miss Mary Ann, of Columbus, who is the general manager and secretary treasurer of the Felber Biscuit Company. Mr. Aultman served in the Civil war in an Ohio regiment.

The early boyhood of George W. Halse was spent on the home farm, but his education was received away from home, for he had the sad misfortune to lose his speech and hearing. He entered the School for the Deaf in Columbus, Ohio, and graduated with honors in 1869. His grandfather, George Halse, gave each of his daughters a farm of one hundred acres, and to his grandson, George W., in consideration of his misfortune, gave the nice farm of seventy-seven acres where the family now reside. There was a nice house on it, which George W. Halse later remodeled, and his parents lived on the place while he was away from home. After graduating, he taught in the Columbus school for a period of twenty-two years, and at Salem, Ore., nine years. In October, 1909, he returned from Oregon, and has since been operating his farm, which lies two miles southeast of Bethel.

Mr. Halse is a Democrat in politics, but takes no very active part in public affairs and he belongs to no secret societies. He and his wife are active members of the Bethel Baptist church.

On July 26, 1876, he was married to Adeline Trunkey Evans, and in May, 1898, she passed away. She was a graduate of the Columbus (Ohio) School for the Deaf, where she after-

wards taught for five years. She was a daughter of Harvey Trunkey and Ann Fell Trunkey, of Burgh Hill, Ohio. Her grandfather Trunkey helped to fight with Lafayette in the Revolutionary war, after which he, with his wife, lived in the State of Connecticut to the end of his life. Harvey Trunkey was for a period of thirty-two years a justice of the peace of Vernon township in Trumbull county, Ohio, and was often called to act as judge in the courts of that county.

On September 3, 1902, Mr. Halse was united in marriage with Beulah B., daughter of Willard D. and Cordelia J. Crout, born in Fulton county, Ohio, November 28, 1867. Mr. Crout was born March 12, 1838, and died in October, 1902, and her mother, whose maiden name was Hodge, was born August 29, 1842, and died in March, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Crout had children as follows: Mrs. Ella Shadle, of Wauseon, Ohio; Mrs. Ida Borton, of Toledo; Ora E., of Wauseon, Fulton county; Beulah C., Mrs. Halse; Ray D., of Ironton, Ohio, who is now the principal of the high school. Mrs. Halse was educated in the School for the Deaf in Columbus, from which she graduated in 1884, and after her marriage spent seven years teaching and supervising the small boys in the school at Salem, Ore. Both she and her husband are well read and take an intelligent interest in the topics and issues of the day. She is a distant relative of Lafayette, a famous French military officer and statesman.

Mr. and Mrs. Halse own a house and lot in Columbus, Ohio, and have one hundred and five acres of fine farm land in Tate township, all under cultivation except twenty-five acres of timber land. He is very handy in making improvements on his place and has done considerable carpenter work. He has also done a great deal of cement work and at present is laying cement walks all around the house and wherever needed. His wife as well, is an ambitious worker in improving her home, and has done all the papering and painting on the house, both inside and out. The home is modern in every way and most convenient. Mr. Halse's mother resides with them. He inherited some land upon the death of his father. The family are very fond of reading and are examples of happy and devoted members of a well regulated household. The mother, although eighty-eight years of age, retains great interest in her family and friends, and has a good memory of old days in the township and county. Mr. Halse has been undaunted by the misfortune which befell him and has always made the

most of his opportunities, with upright and ambitious effort making light of every difficulty. He has accomplished a great deal and if he had been able to hear and speak would undoubtedly have made a brilliant career for himself. He and his wife have one child, Hazel Durand, born in Salem, Ore., February 19, 1909, also partly deaf.

Mr. Halse continues to do a great deal of good for his deaf friends and hearing ones and has held services in churches. He took a regular course in a business college in Columbus, Ohio. Besides her children, his mother has nine grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

CHARLES J. POELTZ.

One of the most progressive farmers of Clermont county is Charles J. Poeltz, of Tate township. He and his family are interested in the advancement of every good cause and are devout and earnest workers in the Methodist church. They have a very pleasant home and the farm buildings are kept in good repair, giving the whole place an air of prosperity and thrift. Mr. Poeltz is a native of the county, born in 1862, son of Julius E. and Wilhelmina (Knull) Poeltz, both born in Germany, the mother in 1826 and the father in 1827.

The father died in 1885 and is buried in Laurel, Mt. Carmel cemetery, and she lives with her son, Charles J. They brought two children to America, in 1854, and settled in Madison, Ind., coming from there to Clermont county, where Mr. Poeltz spent the rest of his life in agricultural operations in Monroe township. He lived near the present farm of Charles J. Poeltz. He was in Capt. John McNeil's Company D, One Hundred and Fifty-third Ohio volunteer infantry

Julius Poeltz and wife had four sons and four daughters, all of whom had reached maturity by the time of the father's death, and all now surviving save one. They are: Edward, of Adams county; Ida, wife of Philip Nort, of Clermont county; Rosa, who died in 1885 and was buried in Carmel cemetery, was the wife of Dan Bohl; Annie is the wife of John Marsh, of Oklahoma; John lives in Brown county; Charles J. is the subject of this sketch; Frank is a hardware merchant of Russellville, Brown county; Lyda is the wife of Almedia Marsh, of Clermont county. The parents were de-

vout Methodists and during most of his lifetime the father served as a steward and trustee, keeping this post until his death. He was an enterprising and progressive farmer and an excellent citizen. He was one of the best bass singers in the county and was in much demand at revival meetings to lead the chorus. After his death his widow at Laurel put in a memorial window in the church in affectionate remembrance of his good life and earnest work for the cause. His widow is a great worker in the church and was a class leader for eight years. She is a woman of superior intelligence and has many firm friends.

Mr. Poeltz attended the public school at Laurel and was reared to farm work. At the age of twenty-one years he began working away from home and was employed four years on the farm of David Y. Fisher, an old and influential member of the Methodist organization, whose father was an early preacher in Clermont county. On December 28, 1887, Mr. Poeltz was united in marriage with Miss Emma Gates, also a native of Clermont county, born October 28, 1862, and daughter of James Harvey Gates, a sketch of whom is to be found elsewhere in this work. The Gates family have a high standing in Clermont county, where they were early settlers.

After marriage Mr. Poeltz spent three years on a farm north of Moscow, then lived for a time near Calvary. After they had rented land five years they purchased a farm near Pekin, where he lived fourteen years. In November, 1907, they moved to their present farm in Tate township, where they have one hundred and twelve acres. They have repaired and improved the buildings and have erected a good barn and henhouse, as well as other farm buildings. Mr. Poeltz carries on general farming and stock raising and follows modern methods in his enterprise. The place is known by the pretty name of "Maplewood Farm." Mr. Poeltz is well known and is very popular with all, for he is broad and liberal minded and a good friend and neighbor. He loves his home and his domestic life is very happy. He is a "dyed-in-the-wool" Republican and has served as road supervisor and several years on the school board and treasurer of the same. He and his wife are earnest members of and workers in the Methodist church and for ten years he was superintendent of the Sunday school, during which time he was never late for service and missed but eight Sundays. He is a trustee and steward in the church fourteen years.

Mr. and Mrs. Poeltz had five daughters, all born in Clermont county: Minnie, born October 16, 1888, wife of Glen Hill, of Tate township, whose farm adjoins her father's; Mary Elvira, born January 27, 1890, died July 7 of the same year and is buried in Carmel cemetery; Anna Louise, born July 26, 1891, taught school two years at Macedonia and now teaches in the home school, Crane District, No. 4; Gladys Armilda, born August 6, 1893, has prepared for teaching and holds a certificate; Lydia Naomi, born October 23, 1895. The three first named are graduates from the high school at Bethel and the youngest expects to complete the same course. They are four charming young ladies and help to make the home a very happy one. Mr. Poeltz is a self-made man, for when he left home he owned nothing but a horse, on which he owed \$70.25, and now he is one of the most substantial farmers in his township. His wife has worked intelligently and earnestly as his faithful helpmeet and his daughters have been an inspiration to both, as well as some practical help. All know how the comforts they now enjoy have been earned and appreciate them for what they are worth. Mr. Poeltz is a genial, pleasant man to meet and is well read.

B. F. ELLSBERRY.

Clermont county has no more respected citizen than B. F. Ellsberry, who belongs to a fine old family of the region and is a man of liberal ideas and broad sympathies. He is reasonably proud of the part taken by his parents in the early history of the county and has followed in their footsteps by becoming himself actively interested in the public welfare. He is a native of Bethel, Clermont county, born March 24, 1842, son of John and Sarah (Carter) Ellsberry. The father was born July 12, 1806, in Tate township, Clermont county, and the mother was born May 17, 1814, in New Jersey. He died on August 10, 1888, and she in 1895. He was a Democrat in politics and held township offices for many years. He was a member of the school board, for many years justice of the peace, and for several terms was county treasurer. They had ten children, all born in Clermont county: Aurelius, Thomas Benton and Isaac, deceased; B. F., of this sketch; George, deceased; Darius, a retired blacksmith of Bethel; John, deceased; Mary

died unmarried, and two died in infancy. The parents were strong Methodists and the father of Mrs. Ellsberry, John Carter, was a Methodist preacher. Mr. Ellsberry's father, Isaac Ellsberry, served in the Civil war, from North Carolina, and his father, great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, served in the war of 1812 and died in Bethel, an old resident of Clermont county.

John Ellsberry was a brickmaker and building contractor and erected many of the substantial brick houses in Bethel and other parts of the township. He was township trustee four years, for fifteen years was a peacemaker in the office of justice of the peace, and from 1851 to 1854 was county treasurer, as before mentioned. He was an honest man—one of the noblest works of God—greatly beloved and revered by all who knew him, and never wishing to see anyone receive unfair or unjust treatment. He helped many of his neighbors to keep out of litigation and settled many disputes and differences of opinion. He was a most faithful church worker and firm in his faith. His funeral, held in Bethel, was conducted by Rev. George W. Swing, and was attended by friends and acquaintances from all parts of the county, all feeling that they had lost a valuable friend and the county a citizen of the highest integrity.

Benjamin Franklin Ellsberry attended Bethel schools and in young manhood worked in a saddler's shop, learning the trade. He remained at this occupation until he was twenty-five years old, and later took up farming. February 2, 1867, he was united in marriage with Melissa Jane Eder, born in Brown county, November 15, 1841, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Green) Eder. The Eders came from Maryland and were farmers to some extent, although Mr. Eder had a saddlery business in Bethel for a number of years. Mr. Eder was born in 1816 and died January 23, 1903. He was a prominent Odd Fellow and lived in Bethel for a period of nearly eighty years, where at times he engaged in manufacturing and other local enterprises. He was affectionately known as "Uncle Sammy" by all and was always regarded as a man of the highest integrity and uprightness of character, whose word was as good as his bond. For many years he kept one of the largest stores in Bethel. He was buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery and his funeral was conducted by Rev. Washburn. Mrs. Eder was born in Clermont county and was a good Christian woman, a good helpmeet to her husband and liked by all. She was probably some seventy-five years old at the time of her death.

Soon after marriage Mr. and Mrs. Ellsberry went to live with her parents and he worked in his father-in-law's saddlery shop. In the course of time they removed to the country, about one mile from Bethel, where they erected a fine brick house. This house was erected some thirty years ago and some fifteen years ago they put up a frame addition which makes it a very attractive looking home, and it has many modern conveniences. He has put up substantial barns and has added in many ways to the appearance and value of the place. They have one hundred and nine acres of good farm land and he and his wife have worked hard, hand in hand, to accomplish this result. She has been a good manager and helpmeet and they are self-made, beginning in a small way and adding to their possessions and prosperity as they were able. He is a very quiet man, of domestic tastes, and he and his wife are enjoying the fruits of their earlier years of toil.

Three children have blessed the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Ellsberry, all born in the county: Frank Morris, born September 22, 1868, married Miss Maude Prickett, and they live in Cincinnati, and have one child, Dorothy Melissa, born March 20, 1909; Edwin, born May 4, 1874, married Miss Alice Smith and they live with his parents; Ida May, born November 10, 1877. Miss Ida May is a very intelligent young woman, fond of historical works and family data, and proud of the part her ancestors have taken in the history of Clermont county. They are a hospitable family and stand well with their neighbors. They have a large circle of friends and are well known for the pleasant manner in which they treat all who pass over their threshold.

ISAAC N. CRAIN.

Isaac N. Crain, the well known owner of "Forest Farm," in Tate township, Clermont county, is a representative citizen, standing for all that makes for the good of his community and county. He is a progressive and enterprising farmer and has erected every building on his farm, which takes its name from the magnificent grove of maples which he planted in 1899, one of the finest wind breaks in the county. He was born near Mt. Sterling, Ky., in 1862, son of Richard M. and Elizabeth

(Ketrion) Crain, natives of Scott county, Virginia. His father was born in 1822 and died in February, 1897, and the mother, who was born in 1829, died in the same month and year as her husband. They died and are buried in Kentucky. They had thirteen children, all but the eldest born in Kentucky, as follows: John, of Morgan county, Kentucky; James, born in Kentucky, lives in Bethel, Clermont county, Ohio; Andrew J. lives in Pendleton county, Kentucky; Sarah, married first James Gray, and second Oscar Watkins, and is now deceased; Nancy Ann, wife of Francis Hall, lives in Pendleton county, Kentucky; Rev. William H., minister in a Methodist Episcopal church of the same county; Rose E., wife of Thomas Hunter, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Eliza, deceased, was the wife of Oliver Ford; Melissa D. died at the age of seven years; Isaac N.; Joseph S., the only one of seven brothers not now surviving, died in Harrison county, Kentucky; Charles S., of Bellevue, Ky.; Dora S. died in infancy. Sarah Crain, who married James Gray, by him had a son, Dalbert, who served as a corporal in the Spanish war, took part in the engagement at San Juan and was there wounded. He became a member of the regular army. He lived with his uncle, Isaac N. Crain, after the death of his mother, and went from his uncle's home to the war. A cousin of Mr. Crain, named Isaac H. Crain, served in the Civil war.

Mr. Crain was educated in Pendleton county, Kentucky, and remained on the farm until reaching his majority. On October 27, 1886, he married Miss Sallie H. Bonar, born in Pendleton county, in 1867, daughter of James I. and Eliza (Mattox) Bonar, both natives of Kentucky. Mr. Bonar was born in 1805 and died in 1887, near Butler, Ky., and Mrs. Bonar was born near Foster, in 1848, and died in 1888. They were farmers and had six children: Nancy, wife of Thomas J. Carnes, lives near Butler, Pendleton county, Kentucky; Mrs. Crain; Lizzie died in childhood; William M., living near Butler, Ky.; Mary, wife of Clayton Glasgow, lives in Cincinnati, Ohio; Gertrude, wife of Robert Carnes, of Oklahoma City.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Crain settled in Sandsuck precinct, near Butler, Pendleton county, and remained on a farm there five years. They then removed to Brown county, Ohio, and spent eight years on a farm there, coming to their present location in November, 1899. They purchased thirty acres of land, erected a very pretty cottage of eight rooms, and have put in good fences and other improvements. He has planted

a fine orchard and is now erecting an ice house. He and his wife have worked hard and have won success by careful planning and great ambition. He is accounted one of the substantial men of the community and has many friends. He is a Republican in politics and his wife belongs to the Baptist church. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow. He is a man of quiet manner, but genial and prepossessing, having a kind heart and generous nature. He is proud of his home and his family, as he has every reason to be.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Crain, viz.: Joseph L., born in 1889, graduated from Bethel High School, took the Federal examination in 1910, and is now employed as time keeper for the Cincinnati Milling Machine Company; Roscoe, born in Brown county, Ohio, in 1895, is in the sophomore class at Bethel High School; Carrie B., born in Clermont county in August, 1900, attends the local school; Effie Fay, born in Clermont county in 1905. Roscoe was a delegate for the State Agricultural Association to the State Fair sent by Clermont county, which had two delegates. Mr. Crain is much interested in raising corn, in which industry he is an adept. He is president of the Tate Township Corn Association. He and his wife have met with some reverses, but have forged steadily ahead and have been generally successful in their enterprises.

Larkin Crain, brother of Isaac N. Crain's father, of Virginia, served in the Confederate army, and his son, James Crain, fought in the Union army. A cousin of Isaac N. Crain, Joseph Crain, also served in the Union army. Several relatives of the mother, Elizabeth Ketron, Crain, also served in the Civil war.

WILLIAM E. WISE.

William E. Wise, a prominent and successful farmer and stockraiser of Tate township, was born near Higginsport, Brown county, Ohio, November 8, 1861, on the same farm where his father first saw the light of day in 1837, and is a son of George F. and Mary Ellen (Jennings) Wise. The father died in 1906, and the mother, who was born near Georgetown, Brown county, Ohio, April 22, 1835, died June 7, 1863. He was buried in Felicity and she in Georgetown. The parents had a good farm in Brown county and were lifelong

Presbyterians. He held office most of his active life. The father of George F. Wise came to Ohio from Pennsylvania in 1802, at the age of two years, and his wife's father, Mr. Jennings, came to Ohio from the same State in 1800, when six years of age. They came down the Ohio river in flat boats. They endured many hardships and privations, but by dint of hard work and perseverance won positions of comfort and prominence. George F. and Mary E. Wise had three children: Henry, of Point Isabel; William E.; one child died in infancy. George F. Wise married second Mary Rebecca Barber, of Clermont county, and they had four children: Frank, living near Williamsburg, in Clermont county; Josie died at the age of three years; Ray lives near Batavia; Maud lives near Williamsburg.

Mr. Wise was educated in the Brown county schools and remained at home until he reached his majority, then worked for uncles for three years. On November 18, 1886, he married Miss Maggie Heizer, born November 19, 1863, daughter of John and Margaret (Kanary) Heizer. Mr. Heizer was born in Augusta county, Virginia, December 9, 1805, and died March 10, 1895, and his wife, born in Brown county, April 5, 1821, died October 26, 1891, both being buried in Brown county. They were successful farmers and had six children. By her former husband, Martin Miller, who died of cholera in 1849, Mrs. Heizer had two children: Granville Miller, who died of cholera at the same time as his father; Lizzie, the wife of Arthur Wise, of Felicity. Mr. and Mrs. Heizer had the following children: Joseph, of Covington, Ky.; William, a farmer of Williamsburg; Josephine, deceased; Sallie, deceased; Addie, wife of Will C. Sargent, living near Chilo; Mrs. W. E. Wise, who was born near Higginsport, Brown county.

After marriage Mr. Wise continued farming at the home of his uncle, Andy Wise, in Franklin township, Clermont county. In 1892 he purchased sixty-seven and one-half acres of land in Tate township, where they located in 1893, and he has repaired the house and other buildings, and in many ways added to the value and appearance of the place. He is a progressive farmer and is the kind of man who succeeds in any undertaking. He is a quiet, intelligent citizen, pleasant and hospitable, making no pretensions. He works in a manner which shows he has carefully planned his activities, and has the cooperation of his wife in his undertakings. Both come of good families and have numerous friends in the community.

M. J. GROPPENBACHER.

M. J. Groppenbacher, a progressive and successful farmer of Tate township, is largely self-made and has reached prosperity by the industry and thrift of himself and his wife. He was born in Brown county, Ohio, in 1866, son of Mack and Anna (Dart) Groppenbacher. Mack Groppenbacher was born in Germany in 1822 and came to the United States about 1858 and became a farmer in Brown county, where he died in 1870. His wife was born in Germany and died in 1897, at the age of seventy-three years. They had nine children: Lena, wife of Daniel Roth, of Cincinnati; Barbara, wife of Samuel Ryan, of Cincinnati; Jacob, of Brown county; Laura, wife of Jacob Trees, of Bethel; Matilda, wife of Peter Hartmetz, of Clermont county; Katie, wife of George Wurm, of Norwood; Gus, of Brown county; M. J., subject of this sketch, and Lewis, of Clermont county.

Mr. Groppenbacher was educated in Higginsport, Brown county, and remained on his father's farm until he was of age. He then engaged in farming on his own account and in January, 1893, was united in marriage with Miss Hattie Boggess, of Clermont county. She is a daughter of William and Susan (McClain) Boggess, and was born in Clermont county in 1870. Mr. Boggess was born in Clermont county in 1828, and died in 1900 and his wife was born in Kentucky in 1847, and now resides in Clermont county. Mr. Boggess was a farmer of Tate township and his parents were early settlers of Clermont county. The family were highly respected and substantial people. There were four children in the family: Ida, wife of Lewis McNutt, of Clermont county; Hattie, Mrs. Groppenbacher; Mary, wife of George Fagley, of Tate township; Mellicie, wife of Harry Floyd, of Tate township.

Mr. and Mrs. Groppenbacher lived one year on a farm near Higginsport and came to their present farm in 1894. They purchased one hundred and seventy-five acres of land, erected the house and remodeled the barns. It is an ideal location for a home and the grounds are beautiful. Mr. Groppenbacher is a Republican and much interested in public affairs. He and his wife have worked hard many years to gain their present prosperity and are highly esteemed by all. Their home shows the result of thrift and orderliness inside and out, and has many modern conveniences. Probably no other woman in the county is able to do nicer work with a crochet needle than Mrs.

Groppenbacher. Mr. Groppenbacher's step-father, Lewis Wolf, served in the Civil war from Ohio, and performed most creditably in this respect.

Two children, who are a credit to their parents, have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Groppenbacher, William Earl and Susan Annabell. William Earl was born May 2, 1894, graduated from the Bethel High School and is now taking a post-graduate course there. Susan A., born July 25, 1897, attends the district school near home. They are bright young people and are being well reared.

WILLIAM HEINY.

William Heiny is a representative German-American citizen of Pierce township, Clermont county, Ohio, where he is engaged in farming and stock raising. He was born in Germany, October 13, 1869, son of Stephen and Frances (Doll) Heiny. The parents were natives of Germany, the father born in 1841 and the mother in 1850, and they came to America in the spring of 1880. They located on a farm in Pierce township and have since resided there. They were parents of seventeen children, of whom seven now survive: William, whose name heads this sketch; Stephen and Otto, of Pierce township; Mary, at home; August, of Pierce township, is employed as a fireman on a dredge boat; Leo is also employed on a dredge boat; Lawrence lives in Pierce township. The parents of these children became successful farmers and took an intelligent interest in local affairs. They are members of St. Peter's Catholic Church, of New Richmond.

Mr. Heiny received a public school education in Monroe township and at New Richmond, and as a young man joined the regular army of the United States as a member of Troop G, Fourth cavalry, serving six years, being discharged with the rank of sergeant. He served in the Spanish-American war. While living at Walla Walla, Wash., he attended night school for a time. For seven months he was employed as an attendant at Longview Hospital for the Insane at Cincinnati, and later for eight years worked on a government dredge boat. For the last three or four years he has been engaged in farming and has been successful in this enterprise. He is regarded with respect and confidence and is a broad, liberal-

mindful and upright citizen. He and his family stand high in the community and have a pleasant and well located home.

In January, 1909, Mr. Heiny was united in marriage with Mrs. Clara (Wolf) Werner, widow of Ferdinand Werner, and a daughter of Nicholas and Roselia (Schwey) Wolf. She was born in Clermont county in 1877 and is a descendant of an old family in Ohio. Mr. Wolf was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, in 1857 and Mrs. Wolf in Paris, France, in 1847, and they are now residents of Pierce township. There were eight children, namely: George Longhouser, a step-brother of Mrs. Heiny; Andrew L. Longhouser, of Pierce township; Mrs. Heiny; Jacob, of Hamilton county; Mary, wife of Joseph Greis, of Cincinnati; Barbara, wife of George Brailer, of Pierce township; Charles, of Pierce township; Henry, of Norwood. Ferdinand Werner was born in Germany in May, 1838. The Werners were old settlers of Clermont county. He was a son of Frank and Agnes (Keller) Werner, and died in May, 1907, leaving a farm to his widow. He and his wife had two children, Frank, now aged seven, and Ferdinand, five years old October 5, 1912.

Mr. and Mrs. Heiny located on the farm of eighty-one acres, which had been left to her by her first husband, and there have since resided. Mr. Heiny is a Democrat in politics and he and his wife are devout members of the Catholic church. They have three children, Alberdina, born October 15, 1910; Clarence William, born March 13, 1912, and Helena Clara, born March 18, 1913. Mrs. Heiny is well known in the community, as is her husband. Her grandfather, Jacob Wolf, served in the Civil war from Ohio.

JOHN LUSH.

John Lush, a progressive farmer and fruit raiser of Pierce township, is serving as township treasurer and is well known and popular in his community. He is upright and liberal minded and he and his wife have a very pleasant home, which is known for its pleasant hospitality. He was born in Germany, in 1840, son of Ferdinand and Elizabeth (Linedecker) Lush, also natives of that country. His father, born in 1810, died in 1868, and his mother, born in 1811, died in 1881. Ferdinand Lush and wife came to America in 1853 and located in

Pierce township, Clermont county, Ohio, where they spent the remainder of their lives. They were parents of five children: John, of this sketch; Christine, wife of Louis Rath, is deceased; Annie married Clement Taphorn and both are deceased; Margaret, wife of Thomas Spencer, of Locust Corner, Ohio; Nicholas, of Arkansas.

Mr. Lush began his education in Germany and after his parents brought him to Clermont county attended school for a time at Locust Corner. He remained with his parents until the date of his enlistment in Company C, Twelfth Ohio volunteer infantry, for three years. He participated in battles at Carnafax Ferry, Clyde Mountain, Fayetteville, W. Va., Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, and several minor engagements. He made a good record as a soldier and at the close of his term of service returned home, remaining two years longer with his parents.

In 1866 Mr. Lush married Miss Nancy J. Ward, who was born in Pierce township in 1847, daughter of Sanford and Elizabeth (Short) Ward. Mr. Ward was born in Madisonville, Hamilton county, Ohio, in 1810 and died in 1882, and Mrs. Ward was born in Amelia, Ohio, in 1818, and died in 1884. They were farmers in Pierce township and had nine children: William P. and Adeline, deceased; Hulda, wife of Seymour Olmsted; Mrs. Lush; Martin Luther, of Pierce township; Mary, wife of Frank Holderfield, of Dayton, Ohio; Asenath, wife of James Bennett, of Pierce township; James H., of Cincinnati; Charlotte, wife of Aurelius Tuttle, of Cincinnati. Mrs. Ward had six brothers in the Civil war: Isaac, Elijah, John, Ephraim, Levi and Abraham Short. Mr. Ward's brother, Elijah, also served in the war. The six Short brothers enlisted from Amelia, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Lush located on a Pierce township farm after marriage and a few years later moved to their present place of forty-two acres, where he erected a nice house and built suitable farm buildings where they were needed. He has kept the place in first-class condition and has a well-kept space of ground around the home. He and his wife have worked hard and have won their present success through their united efforts, starting out in a small way and persevering in their work. Both are in good health and do not show the years they have reached. They are now able to enjoy many comforts and luxuries they could not afford in earlier life. He is a Democrat in politics and has held many

township offices, having been trustee, school director, infirm-ary director, and so on, and is at present giving very able and efficient service as township treasurer. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. His wife is a member of the Methodist church.

Four children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Lush, namely: Frank A., born in 1867; Charles Everett, born in 1870; Frederick B., born in 1878, and Annabel, born in 1886. Frank A., the eldest, is a dentist and practices in Madisonville, Ohio. He married Miss Maude Peak and they have two sons, Alviere and Harold. He graduated from Amelia High School, also Lebanon University. Charles Everett, the second son, married Miss Grace Patterson and they live in Cincinnati. He graduated from Batavia High School and for the past twenty-three years has been connected with an art firm in Cincinnati, now having an interest in same. He is a very bright man and has made a good start in life. Frederick A., a dentist who practices in Cincinnati, married Miss Edna McAlister, resides at Madisonville, Ohio, and they have one son, Edgar Burr. Annabel is the wife of George H. Madison, of Pierce township. These children were given good educations and all are a credit to their parents and to the various communities in which they reside.

Mr. Lush raises some especially fine pears, peaches and apples in his orchard, having some of the finest trees in his section of the county. He has reason to be proud of his fruit and has spent considerable time and attention in improving his farm in all ways since first locating on it.

MARION BUTLER.

Marion Butler is a native of Clermont county and belongs to one of the old and prominent families there. He was born in Pierce township, January 26, 1847, son of Ferdinand and Nancy (Dawson) Butler. The father was born at Hamlet, Pierce township, in 1820, and died in 1895, and the mother was born March 19, 1826, and died May 17, 1875, both being buried at Lindale. There were four sons and four daughters in the family, namely: Uriah B., of Mt. Pisgah; Marion, subject of this sketch; Julia Ann and Luella died young; Ann Eliza was the wife of Darius Welch and is deceased; Mary Elizabeth, de-

ceased, was Mrs. George Myrick; Alonzo died in the fall of 1911; Abner lives near Bantam, Ohio. The parents of Ferdinand Butler came from Martha's Vineyard to Clermont county at a very early date.

Mr. Butler was educated in the public school at Ten Mile and was reared to farm work. He remained with his parents until nearly thirty years of age, then for a year was a huckster, working up a good trade in this line and living where his business demanded. In 1879 he married Miss Susan J. Townsley, who was born near Nicholasville, Clermont county, November 23, 1855, daughter of John and Lucinda (Tompkins) Townsley, both natives of the county. Mr. Townsley was born near Locust Corner and his wife near Nicholasville. He participated in the Civil war four years and spent some time in the infamous Andersonville prison. Both belonged to the oldest Clermont county families and they were farmers of Pierce township. Mr. Townsley died in 1899 and Mrs. Townsley in 1890 and they were buried in Ten Mile cemetery. They had four sons and two daughters, namely: Rose, widow of Peter Walters, of Silverton, Ohio; Mrs. Butler; Frank, deceased; Albert, of Louisville, Ky.; Stanley, of Silverton, and Charles, deceased.

Mr. Butler and wife located on a farm at Ten Mile and later located near Concord School at Hamlet. They spent eighteen years near Lindale, but returned to their farm and erected a larger house. They traded their house for a store property and a residence adjoining, in 1907, and have the only mercantile establishment at Span, or Ten Mile. They have enjoyed a liberal patronage in the community and stand well in various circles. He is a Democrat in politics. They are self-made and worked long and hard for the property and success they now enjoy. Both are well known and represent some of the oldest families of the county. They are representative of the best interests of the community and have an excellent reputation. Albert Townsley, Mrs. Butler's brother, served in the Spanish-American war and went to the Philippines. He is a wealthy contractor and builder and now resides in Louisville, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler became parents of three children, all born in Clermont county: Raymond, born in 1880, married Miss Mary Price, of Mason, Warren county, Ohio, and they live at Sixteen-Mile Stand, Hamilton county, Ohio; Wayland S., born in 1882, graduated from the Locust Corner school,

and when preparing to teach school died suddenly, in 1903, being buried at Mt. Pisgah; Miss Ethel M., born in 1895, graduate of Locust Corner High School, stays with her parents and helps her father in the store. She is a young woman of pleasant manner and is an excellent clerk.

EBEN S. RICKER.

In the antiquity and celebrity of its honored lineage and in honorable association with the material growth, political development and literary and social culture of the county, no family in Clermont has ever surpassed that of Ricker, which has always been in the foreground of all movements for the advancement of the county materially, as well as in everything pertaining to educational progress. The Ricker family is found very early in the Puritan settlements on Massachusetts Bay, and occupies a prominent place in the annals of New England in its early history and all through the colonial period, in which great struggle it was found battling on the side of humanity and the rights of the people. In Great Britain it is traced through a remarkable and distinguished pedigree back to the time of William the Conqueror, and its achievements adorn many pages of English history. This famous family descended through the Wentworths, illustrious personages on the pages of English annals, sprang from Rynold (or Reginald) de Wynterwood, a baron of great wealth, high renown and strong power, who lived at the zenith of his greatness in 1066, at the time of the invasion and conquest of England by William, Duke of Normandy. The next seven succeeding heads of this famous family were Henry Wynterwood, Richard de Wentworth, Hugh Wentworth (who died in the year 1820 A. D.), and William Wentworth.

Twenty-one more generations of this ancient and celebrated family followed, until we find Elder William Wentworth, the first of the name in America, a historical account of whom places his first known appearance in New England in 1639, nineteen years subsequent to the historic landing of the Mayflower.

May Wentworth, of the fourth generation from Elder William Wentworth, and a granddaughter of Timothy Went-

worth, married Jabez Ricker, by whom she had ten children. Jabez was born in 1742 and died in 1838. Deborah, also of the fourth generation from Elder William Wentworth, married Joseph Ricker. Samuel, son of Jabez and Mary (Wentworth) Ricker, was born at Berwick, Me., July 7, 1776, married, January 17, 1790, Susanna, daughter of Benjamin and Mary Jewett, who was born in Londonderry, New Hampshire, March 28, 1770. To this couple, the first of the family to settle in Clermont, were born seven children: Rufus, April 3, 1791, in Sanford, Me., died June 29, 1846, and is buried at Davenport, Iowa, where he was judge ten years; Jabez, born May 25, 1794, in Poland, Me., never married, taught the first school in Union school house in Monroe township, Clermont county, and was drowned January 12, 1841, in the Arkansas river; Benjamin Jewett, born in Poland, Me., July 7, 1797, was the father of the late Samuel G. Ricker, and died October 7, 1861; Samuel, born February 3, 1800, at Poland, Me., was senator in Louisiana in 1849, consul-general at Frankfort eight years; Susan, born in Poland, Me., November 1, 1802, wife of John Fitzpatrick, died September 10, 1854; the subject of this sketch, Eben S. Ricker, born in Poland, Me., March 9, 1805; and the youngest, Darius, born April 25, 1810, died July 15, 1855. Samuel and Susannah (Jewett) Ricker, parents of the above seven children, emigrated from Maine to Clermont county in 1814, settled in Pleasant Hill, then in Ohio, and later in Pierce township, where descendants reside to this day. They were a most worthy couple, with the marked characteristics of their respective families, Susanna Jewett being of the noted Jewett family so well and favorably known in connection with the Wentworths and Rickers. Samuel Ricker, after a long and useful life, of seventy-two years, died at Pleasant Hill, March 10, 1838. His devoted wife died October 20, 1855, mourned by relatives and the whole community.

Eben S. Ricker inherited the noblest qualities of blood from a long line of illustrious ancestried men of Clermont, and dedicated his life to science, literature and the service of humanity. He was liberally educated in the best schools of Southern Ohio, and married Harriet, daughter of John and Mary Pumpelly, who was born in the State of Maine, May 11, 1803, and sprang from one of New England's oldest and most respected families. The issue of this union was Celia Pumpelly Ricker, born May 21, 1830, married August 24, 1854, Dr. Hiram Frease, of Napoleon, Ohio, and Ellen T. Ricker, born May 16, 1835, married October 9, 1856, Dr. Z. Freeman, of Cincinnati.

Dr. Hiram Frease is deceased and his widow lives at the old Ricker home in Pierce township. They are given mention at some length in connection with the sketch of Charles O. Hays, which is to be found elsewhere in this history.

FRANK SNIDER.

Mr. Frank Snider, president of the Bank of Owensville, Owensville, Ohio, since its organization, in September, 1909, which office he has filled with dignity and great satisfaction, has been a resident of Owensville, Ohio, since the year of his birth, 1858, his parents being John and Maggie (Smith) Snider.

John Snider was born in Germany in 1815 and crossed the Atlantic when a young man to seek his fortune in a land where there was greater opportunity for business advancement. He was a tanner and a manufacturer of leather and his first settlement was made in Williamsburg township, Clermont county, Ohio, and later he removed to Owensville, where he continued his occupation. His wife, Maggie (Smith) Snider, was also a native of Germany, her birth occurring in 1818. She died on November 5, 1899, at the age of eighty-one years. They were the parents of seven children, all of whom were born in Clermont county. They are as follows:

Mary, who is the wife of Peter Bichard, of Owensville, Ohio.

Andrew, John and Thomas reside in Owensville, Ohio.

Kate is the wife of Joseph Fitzpatrick, and is a resident of Chicago.

Frank, the subject of this mention.

Carrie, deceased.

Mr. Frank Snider pursued his education in the schools of Owensville, Ohio, later attending for a short period the schools of Dayton, Ohio. At the age of fourteen years, he entered his father's tannery, and there learned the trade from his father. He was thus employed for four or five years, but thinking that he would prefer another vocation, he and his brother, Andrew, established a flour mill at Owensville, which has been one of the principal industries of that place. A few years after the business was started, Andrew withdrew from the company, and Mr. Frank Snider assumed the entire business. He continued the business from 1883 to 1909, at which time he sold the mill. During the time he conducted the milling business,

Mr. Snider met with an unusual degree of success and because of his industry and frugality, he is now counted as one of the well-to-do and substantial men of this section.

Mr. Frank Snider was married in June, 1885, to Miss Mary Meyers, who was born in Owensville, Ohio, in 1860, and is a daughter of Minrod and Elizabeth (Hipt) Meyers, the latter of whom was born in Germany, in 1826, and died in 1896. The former was born in Germany, in 1833, and died in September, 1911, both he and his wife being laid to rest in the Owensville cemetery. They came to America in 1847, settling in Clermont county. He was a stone mason by trade and was known to the citizens of Owensville for many years as an energetic and enterprising man of affairs. He devoted three years to his country's service during the Civil war, having enlisted in Company I, Sixty-first regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry. To this union were born five children:

Louis Meyers, of Owensville, Ohio.

Ollie, who became the wife of John Fatter, is deceased.

John is a resident of Walnut Hills, Cincinnati.

Mary, became the wife of our subject.

Joseph, is a resident of Owensville, Ohio.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Snider has been blessed with four children, all born in Clermont county:

Louis, who was born in 1886, is a graduate of the Owensville High School. He is still at the parental home.

Carrie, who is also a graduate of the Owensville High School, is at home.

Olien was graduated from the Owensville High School.

Stanley, who was born January 2, 1899, attends the Owensville school.

The present family home of Mr. Snider was purchased in 1890, and is a very beautiful place, consisting of about two acres, and the general appearance of the place shows careful supervision and personal pride in possession of a comfortable home.

In politics, Mr. Snider is a standard advocate of the Democratic party and takes an active party interest in all local affairs. He has served on the school board and as township treasurer, and in the discharge of these duties, he has always been conscientious and faithful.

Mr. Snider might well be termed self-made for his success in life has depended entirely on his own efforts. He is counted as one of the most progressive and enterprising of the business men of the county.

CHARLES O. HAYS.

Charles O. Hays, who carries on a farm in Pierce township, is well known in that part of Clermont county as a man of ability and energy. He has made a careful study of agricultural matters and carries on his work in accordance with modern approved methods. He was born in Shelbyville, Ind., in 1860, son of Seeley and Sarah (Bullard) Hays, the father at one time a general mechanic in Cincinnati. The father was born in Cincinnati in 1833 and died in 1907, and the mother, who was born in Connecticut in 1839, died in 1906, and was buried in Indiana. They had ten children, of whom six now survive: Charles O.; Perry, of Oklahoma; Harry lives in Indiana; Lewis, also of Indiana; Bessie, wife of Robert Winings, of Cincinnati; Mary, wife of John L. Nickey, of Van Wert, Ohio; Seeley, of Indiana.

Mr. Hays attended school for a time in Cincinnati, but is largely self-educated. He has mastered considerable knowledge on the subjects of astronomy, surveying, mathematics, physics, ancient and general history and general mechanics, and has lectured on history, geology and astronomy. He has made a special study of theology and the Bible and has made research into the religions of all people, ancient and modern. He is never satisfied to give up study, but expects to be a student all his life. He thinks deeply on various subjects as he studies them and is very enthusiastic about the research work which occupies his spare time. When fifteen years of age he was employed as a bookkeeper by a Cincinnati firm, but as his health was delicate, he came to the home of Eben S. Ricker as a farm boy. This was in 1876, and he expected to return to the city at the end of the season, or when his health had improved sufficiently. However, his work was satisfactory and he and the family were mutually attracted, so that he remained, and for the past fifteen years has had complete charge of the farm and its business. He takes care of the buildings, improving, managing the question of crops, and handles all branches of the work. He is a Republican in political views, and is much interested in general affairs. He had great affection and regard for Mr. Ricker, as well as for other members of the family, and they reciprocated the feeling. He honored the late Dr. Hiram Frease and considered him one of the best men he ever had the pleasure of knowing. A sketch of Mr. Ricker is to be found elsewhere in this work,

and in a succeeding portion of this article Dr. Frease is given more extensive mention.

On February 29, 1912, Mr. Hays married Miss Julia Noelcke, born in Cincinnati, daughter of Edward and Margaret Noelcke, who were born in Germany, and died in Cincinnati. Mrs. Hays is one of eleven children.

Dr. Hiram Frease, deceased, was born in Somerset, Pa., in 1825, and died in Clermont county, Ohio, in 1896, being buried in Spring Grove cemetery. He was a son of John and Elizabeth Frease, natives of Somerset county. He was educated in Cincinnati and began the practice of medicine early in life, in Pittsburgh. Comparatively early in life he retired from professional life and located on a farm near Napoleon, Henry county, Ohio, but spent most of his time after retirement with his family in Pierce township. He made a great study of political affairs and understood politics better than the average citizen. He lectured in medical schools and colleges and made a special study of history. He was partly self-educated and was a man of a large fund of general knowledge, as well as knowledge along the special lines in which he was most interested. His death was a sad loss to the community, where all held him in great esteem. His wife was Miss Celia P. Ricker, a native of Clermont county, daughter of Eben S. Ricker; she has one sister, Mrs. Ellen Freeman.

Part of the beautiful home was erected in 1828 and has stood the severe test of years very well. It has been improved and additions have been made several times, the last in 1892 and 1893, by Dr. Freeman and Dr. Frease. Mr. Hays is a close student of the political situation and has often predicted the elections, never making a wrong prediction. He is a genuine gentleman and occupies almost the place of a son in the home of Mrs. Frease, who says that in the thirty-six years he has been with her he has never spoken an unkind or unthoughtful word.

A. C. IUEN.

Mr. A. C. Iuen, vice-president of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Owensville, Ohio, is well known throughout the county of Clermont both in connection with his banking interests and agricultural pursuits. Mr. Iuen resides on his excellent farm of ninety-five acres in Stonelick township,

which he has nicely improved to the present condition of modern convenience. He was born in Boston, Ohio, in 1858, and is a son of Joseph and Theresa (Rosslett) Iuen.

Joseph Iuen was born in Belford, France, in 1820, and came with his parents to America about 1834, settling in Boston, Clermont county, where they followed the occupation of farming. Joseph Iuen passed from this life in 1909, after an active and useful life. He was a believer of the faith of the Catholic church and burnt the brick, also helped to build, the Owensville church, some fifty years ago.

Theresa (Rosslett) Iuen was born in Belford, France, in 1822, and came to America about 1834, and with her parents made her home in Stonelick township, Clermont county. To her union with Joseph Iuen were born the following named children:

Henry, deceased.

Mary, is the wife of John Slick, of Kalamazoo, Mich.

Louise, married Henry Bauman, of Beechwood, Hamilton county, Ohio.

Joseph L., of Plainville, Hamilton county, Ohio.

A. C., who is the subject of this mention.

James, of Cincinnati.

Millie, is the wife of David Bauman, of Beechwood, Ohio.

Josephine, is the wife of Emil Parnell, of Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mr. A. C. Iuen attended the school in Jackson township until he reached the age of eight years, after which he became a student of the Terrace Park school. He received a good education, which has since enabled him to successfully attend to his business interests as the years have passed away.

The business career of Mr. Iuen began as a farmer, being associated with his cousin, Joseph Felter, and for a period of four years followed this occupation in this connection. At the expiration of this time, Mr. Iuen purchased a huckster wagon and was engaged in this line of business for some five years, after which he undertook the management of his father's farm for nineteen years. In 1904, he purchased his present farm, where he has continued to reside since.

In 1885 Mr. Iuen wedded Miss Elizabeth Berwanger, who was born in Fayetteville, Brown county, Ohio, a daughter of Bernard and Mary Frances (Cattecelle) Berwanger, the former of whom was born in Loraine, Germany, in 1824. After he settled in Brown county, he was occupied as a farmer, making his home now with Mr. Iuen. The mother was born

in France in 1839, and died in 1902. Mrs. Iuen is one of eight children:

Charles, deceased.

Charles, lives in Brown county, Ohio.

Maggie, is the wife of Henry Russlett, of Middletown, Ohio.

Elizabeth, wife of Mr. Iuen.

John, of Fayetteville, Ohio.

Annie, is the wife of Frank Russlett, of Newtown, Ohio.

Bernard, is a resident of Norwood, Ohio.

Edith, wife of Charles Straup, of Lynchburg, Ohio.

In connection with his farming interests, Mr. Iuen has been associated with the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Owensville since it was organized, in August, 1909, as director and vice-president.

Mr. Iuen is a Democrat in politics and is now serving out a term of county commissioner, having also served as trustee of Jackson township. For a period of ten years he was superintendent of the Horse Thief Association.

In religious matters, both Mr. and Mrs. Iuen embrace the belief of the Catholic church, of which they are devout members. Mr. and Mrs. Iuen are numbered among the substantial people of Clermont county and enjoy the respect of all with whom they are associated. Mr. Iuen is possessed of remarkable executive ability, perseverance and enterprise and is a man of wide acquaintance throughout the county.

THOMAS DAUGHERTY.

Mr. Thomas Daugherty, of Stonelick township, who has a wide and favorable acquaintance in Clermont county, Ohio, has practically retired from active connection with agricultural interests, to which he has devoted his energies for many years. During the active period of his life he gave a great deal of attention to the raising of fine stock, as well as to general farming. He was born at Boston, now Owensville, Clermont county, October 13, 1847, and is a son of James and Rosanna (South) Daugherty, the latter of which was born at Owensville, Ohio, July 17, 1817, and died February 1, 1896, her remains being laid to rest in the Owensville cemetery.

James Daugherty was born May 1, 1818, in Bracken county, Kentucky, and died in 1870. He was a soldier in the Civil

war, participating in the one hundred-day service, having enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifty-third regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry. He was a cooper by occupation and was a resident in Stonelick township. To the union were born five children, all born in Clermont county:

Thomas, our subject.

Albert married Lucinda Patterson and is deceased.

Kate died at the age of fourteen years.

Martha Jane became the wife of Albert Brunk, of Owensville.

Annie became the wife of Charles Ulrey, of Owensville.

The religion of Mr. and Mrs. James Daugherty was evidenced by their membership in the Methodist church, and their lives were consistent with their profession of faith.

Mr. Thomas Daugherty obtained his education in the public schools of Owensville, remaining at the parental home until he reached his twenty-sixth year, when he was united in marriage to Miss Adelaide Roudebush, the ceremony being celebrated October 16, 1873. Miss Roudebush was born in 1849 in the home where she and her husband now reside, and is a daughter of James and Paulina Medaris Roudebush, the former of whom was born near Owensville, in 1821, and died in 1863, and the latter was born in Batavia township, in 1823, and died in 1876, both being buried in the Owensville cemetery. They were the parents of seven children:

Adelaide, who became the wife of our subject.

Leonidas married Maude Davidson, of St. Louis, Mo.

Lydia became the wife of James Hoffman and is now deceased.

Mary is Mrs. George Hill, of Cleves, Ohio.

Charles, deceased, married Minne Hensil.

Emma is the wife of William Reichard, a resident of Iowa.

James is a resident of Kenova, W. Va.,. He married Blanche Fisher.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Daugherty settled on a farm adjoining the one he now owns and carried on general farming for three years, then removed to Batavia township, where they made their home for a period of eight years. At the expiration of that time they returned to the farm of Mrs. Daugherty's father, which they purchased. This farm consists of seventy acres of fine farm land and they have built additions to the house and barns at various times until they have modernized all of the buildings according to their own ideas of convenience and comfort.

Mr. Daugherty has always supported the Republican party, but his life has been too busy to admit of great activity in politics.

In religious matters both Mr. and Mrs. Daugherty embrace the faith of the Methodist denomination, in the work of which they take an active part.

Mr. and Mrs. Daugherty are both members of prominent pioneer families of Clermont county, who were closely connected with the growth and development of this section.

Mr. Daugherty is a man of genial manner and is broad and liberal in all his views, standing for all that is for the good of the town. He is a great reader and keeps well informed on all public issues and questions of the day. Mrs. Daugherty is a great lover of flowers and devotes much time to the culture of flowers and plants. They have worked persistently day after day in the agricultural interests, finding ample opportunity in the duties of the farm for the exercise of their talents and industry and meeting thereby the success which is the just reward of earnest labor.

FRED B. SCHAFROTH.

Mr. Fred B. Schafroth, a well known optical specialist and watchmaker, formerly of Cincinnati, has been a resident of Stonelick, Clermont county, Ohio, since March, 1910. He purchased seventy-six acres of land adjoining the village, rebuilt the hotel; can accommodate twenty-five or thirty summer guests and supplies special dinners to automobile parties.

Mr. Schafroth was born in Switzerland, in 1861, son of Samuel and Mary (Mertz) Schafroth, both natives of that country, where they spent their entire lives. The father was born in 1838 and died in 1906. The mother passed away when our subject was but one year old. He is the only one of the family of three children who came to America.

Mr. Schafroth received his education in Switzerland, where he also learned the watchmaker's trade, and followed the same in that country for seven years, coming to America at the age of twenty-two. Settling in Cincinnati, his home for some twenty-five years, he conducted a jewelry and watchmaker's store, and in 1901 became a graduate optician, which profession he has successfully engaged in to the present time. He

still maintains an office at Stonelick and practices in all parts of the county. He is well known and popular in the Swiss colonies of Cincinnati, having held office in all of them.

March 16, 1887, occurred the marriage of Fred B. Schafroth and Miss Bertha Karl. The latter, a native of Germany, was born in 1862, daughter of Carl and Mary Karl. Mr. Karl died in Germany, in 1888, and his widow is now the wife of R. Metzner, residing in Germany. Mrs. Schafroth has a brother and sister who live in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Schafroth have one daughter, Ella M., born December 10, 1887, at Cincinnati, Ohio. They are members of the Lutheran church, Cincinnati, but for convenience attend the Baptist church at Stonelick.

In politics, Mr. Schafroth is independent, voting for the man he believes best qualified for the office.

WILLIAM A. BROWN.

Mr. William A. Brown, a successful farmer and stock-raiser of Clermont county, Ohio, resides on a fine farm of twelve and one-half acres three miles from Owensville. He is also the owner of a splendidly improved farm in Goshen township, which consists of one hundred and thirty-four and one-half acres. He has accumulated his possessions through his own efforts and careful management of his business interests. He was born at Elenor, Ohio, in 1858, and is a son of James M. and Jerusha (Combs) Brown, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania, in 1828, and died in 1894. He was a farmer in Wayne and Miami townships for many years. His wife was born in Elenor, in 1835, and died in August, 1911.

William A. Brown is one of a family of nine children, all of whom were born in Clermont county. They are as follows:

William A.

Lydia, who is the wife of Wylie Felter, resides near Dayton, Ohio.

Etta married George McFarland, of Dayton, Ohio.

Alva is a resident of Indiana.

Frank is residing in Iowa.

Charles lives in Iowa.

Anna is the wife of William Burdsall, of Newtonsville, Ohio.

Ella is a resident of Covington, Ky.

Sallie, who married Clifford Rybolt, lives in Covington, Ky.

The education of Mr. William A. Brown was obtained in the public schools of Georgetown, Ohio, after which he worked on a farm in the neighborhood for a period, becoming proficient in all the details of farm labor.

In 1880 occurred the marriage of Mr. Brown to Miss Jessie Knott, who was born in Belfast, Clermont county, in 1863, a daughter of Lytle and Abigail (Beltz) Knott. Her father was a native of Clermont county, having been born in 1818, died in 1902, and the mother, who was born in Hamilton county, in 1824, died January 27, 1908. They were the parents of the following children:

Adaline married Eli Boyer, of Clermont county, Ohio, and now resides in Virginia.

Mary Ann died in March, 1865.

Marvin, of Milford, Ohio.

Jessie married William Brown.

John, of Goshen, Ohio.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Brown settled in Miami township, where they spent some time, being occupied in tilling the soil. They removed to Wayne township, after a time, and later to Defiance county, Ohio, still following the pursuits of agriculture. They returned to Clermont county, and after three years spent in Miami township, they purchased the farm of one hundred and thirty-four acres in Goshen township, and there remained until May, 1912, when they removed to their present home.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Brown eleven children have been born, all but two natives of Clermont county.

Clarence, who was born in Wayne township, married Edna Liming and their home is in Illinois. They have one son, Alvin.

Laura, who was born in Defiance county, Ohio, is the wife of Walter Bodley and resides in Miami township and is the mother of two children, Edward and Jessie May.

Jessie May, who was born in Defiance county, Ohio, is a teacher at Branch Hill, Ohio, and is a graduate of the Goshen High School. She holds a five years' certificate for teaching.

Clifford, who married Lena Burns, is a resident of Goshen township. He is a graduate of the Goshen High School and has taught some in the schools of the county. He is the father of one son, LeRoy.

Clyde is at home as a farmer.

Nellie, a graduate of the Goshen High School, is a stenographer in Cincinnati.

Elizabeth is attending the high school at Goshen.

Walter and Ida are attending school.

In politics, Mr. Brown is a Democrat and has served in the various township offices, including the office of township trustee, in which capacity he has served three terms. He is finishing his second term as a director of the Infirmary board.

Fraternally, Mr. Brown is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Masonic order and the Woodmen, and to all of these organizations he gives full allegiance.

Mr. Brown is a genial, social gentleman and is justly respected in the community in which he resides. His desire is to cast his influence in the direction of morality, endeavoring to inculcate the principles of good citizenship.

CONRAD J. WISSEL

Mr. Conrad J. Wissel, director of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank, of Owensville, Ohio, is one of the progressive and representative men of Clermont county, and is well known as an instructor, having taught in the schools of this section for over twenty years. He was born in Stonelick township, Clermont county, in 1857, and is a son of John Francis and Elizabeth (Baumgardner) Wissel, the latter of whom was born in Cincinnati, in 1827, and is now a resident of Stonelick township.

John Francis Wissel was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1825, and died in January, 1907. He was a son of John Conrad, who was a soldier under Napoleon, and who came to America in 1838, to avoid the necessity of entering his sons in the German army. He was a farmer and raised his sons to the same occupation, and his first settlement was made in Union township, Clermont county, then moving to Stonelick township, where he remained until his death. John Francis was known as an enterprising farmer of Stonelick township for over sixty years. He was a participant in the Morgan Raid. In the family of John Francis Wissel were eleven children:

Philomina, who is the widow of John Chrisman, is a resi-

dent of Middletown, Ohio, and is the mother of three children, Nora, George and Charles, all born in Stonelick township. George Chrisman married Reba Jones and has two children, Donald and Edward. He resides in Middletown, Ohio.

Anna M. is deceased and was never married. She died at Heartwell, Ohio, in 1902.

Caroline died at the age of twenty years.

Conrad J., of this sketch.

Jacob married Dora Clark and to them were born two children, Mamie and Charles, both born in Cincinnati. Jacob died in 1895 in Cincinnati.

Joseph P. at home with his mother.

John died at the age of fourteen months.

Cecelia E., Mary J. E. and Francis M. are at home with their mother.

Andrew A. married Gertrude Dausman. To this union one son was born, John Francis. Andrew is superintendent of the Ice Delivery Company, of Cincinnati.

Both John Francis Wissel and his wife were devout members of the Catholic church.

Mr. Conrad J. Wissel attended the public schools of Stonelick township and finished his education at the Lebanon, Ohio, Normal School. Immediately following his graduation he entered upon the profession of teacher in the rural districts. In the twenty years of his professional life he never had an assistant, teaching all the branches and thoroughly wedded to his work. He gave up his chosen occupation to be at home with his mother, who is declining in health.

The farm on which Mr. Wissel resides was first owned by John Williams, the father of Mr. Byron Williams, who sold it to Mr. Maxfield, and he sold it to John Conrad Wissel, the grandfather of the Mr. Wissel, of this sketch.

The two farms consist of one hundred and sixty-eight acres, with about sixty-eight acres under cultivation and the remainder in pasture land. The home was built by the father of Conrad J. Wissel and the general appearance of the farm indicates great pride in the farm and energetic labor.

In politics, Mr. Wissel is an advocate of the principles of the Democratic party and has given his support to that party since he reached his majority.

The religious belief of the entire family is evidenced by their membership in the Catholic church.

Mr. Wissel and his brothers are self-made, especially the

subject of this mention. He earned his way through school by raising tobacco and farming during the summer and attending school during the winter. He also assisted his brother, Andrew, through the Commercial College at Lebanon, from which he was graduated. Mr. Wissel has worked earnestly and energetically and whatever success he has achieved is attributable entirely to his own efforts.

FRANK W. WISE.

The "Meadowbrook Farm" is well known in Clermont county, both for its great productiveness and for the fine grade of cattle and stock produced. The owner and operator of this excellent farm is Mr. F. W. Wise, one of the eminently successful agriculturists and influential citizens of this section. He is a native of the county, his birth occurring near Cedron, January 5, 1868, and is a son of George F. and Mollie (Barber) Wise.

George F. Wise was born near Felicity, Ohio, in 1837, and his whole life was devoted to the occupation of farming. He was industrious and honorable, being considered by one and all as one of the reliable and substantial men of this locality. He was a son of Henry Wise and was one of eleven children. George F. Wise, the father of our subject, was twice married and to his first union were born two sons:

Henry Edgar, who resides near Point Isabel, Ohio.

William E., who resides near Bethel, Ohio.

To his union with Mollie (Barber) Wise, who was born near Felicity, Ohio, in 1838, were born four children:

Frank W., the subject of this review.

Josie, deceased.

Raymond S., of near Batavia, Ohio.

Maude E., who married George Ireton, whose record appears elsewhere in this work.

The Barber family were natives of Ireland, the first of whom to come to America was James, the grandfather of our subject's mother. He settled first in Boone county, Kentucky, and there raised a family of eight children, all now deceased.

Frank W. Wise assisted his father on the home farm until he was twenty-five years of age, becoming familiar with all the details of farm work, which enabled him to choose his life work.

In 1893 the marriage of Mr. Wise and Miss Minnie Fletcher occurred, she being a daughter of Thomas and Jane (Bennett) Fletcher, and was born near Moscow, in 1866. Her father was born at Neville, Washington township, in 1818, and died in May, 1896. Her mother was born near Moscow, Ohio, in 1823, and passed away in November, 1911. Both parents were buried in Calvary cemetery. They were the parents of eight children:

Addie married Thomas Norris, of near Chilo, Ohio.

Amanda, deceased.

William, of near Moscow, Ohio.

Ella, who married Robert Norris, lives near Moscow, Ohio.

Lucy is the wife of Edward Dawson.

James died in infancy.

George married May Delano and lives near Bantam, Ohio.

Minnie, the wife of our subject.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Wise located on a farm near Moscow, Ohio, where they made their home for five years. At the expiration of this period, they purchased their present farm of ninety-eight acres and have one of the finest homes in the township. They have one child, a daughter, Hazel May, who was born in Washington township, in 1894, and is a graduate of the Williamsburg High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Wise are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of Williamsburg, to which they give liberally.

Mr. Wise is one of the self-made men of the county and deserves all that the term implies, for it is through his own efforts that he is enjoying his present prosperity.

Mr. Wise is an advocate of the principles of the Republican party, strong in his convictions, but in no way an office seeker.

HENRY G. SCHOBERT.

Mr. Henry G. Schobert is a retired farmer residing at Batavia, Ohio, who, after years of active connection with the agricultural interests of Clermont county, during which time he won a gratifying measure of success, is now enjoying a well earned rest in a pleasant home in Batavia. He was born near Batavia, Ohio, in 1856, and is a son of Frederick and Doretta (Prell) Schobert, both representatives of old German families.

Frederick Schobert was born in Germany in 1833, and in the country of his nativity he spent his boyhood. In 1852, at the age of nineteen years, he immigrated to America and settled in Clermont county, where he became one of the foremost agriculturists of the county. At the call for volunteers at the time of the Civil war Mr. Schobert entered the one-hundred-day service. He married Dorretta Prell, who also was a native of Germany, her birth occurring in 1825. She left her native home in 1853 to come to America, and to this union were born six children:

Henry, our subject.

Charles died January 29, 1912, aged fifty-one years.

Rosa became the wife of Randolph Sweet, of Batavia, Ohio.

Lena lives in Batavia.

George died September 9, 1902, aged thirty-seven years.

Clara, wife of Henry Reynolds, in Batavia.

Frederick Schobert was a great worker of the United Brethren church and for many years was a Sunday school leader. He lived all that he professed in his daily life. Mrs. Schobert was also an active worker in the same church with her husband and hers was a beautiful character.

Mr. Henry Schobert received the education afforded by the schools of Batavia township, and with the exception of one year spent in the West, remained at the parental home until his marriage. He was thus reared to habits of industry and thrift, early becoming proficient in the work of the farm.

The marriage of Mr. Schobert to Miss Mary Erion was celebrated in 1881 and her parents were John and Barbara (Hess) Erion, the former of whom was born in Germany, May 29, 1816, and the latter was born in Germany December 4, 1826. They were the parents of eight children, all born in Clermont county, Ohio:

Lena, deceased, at the age of nine years.

Christie died at the age of six years.

George died at Olive Branch, Ohio, February 1, 1907, age fifty years.

Elizabeth, the wife of Jacob Wolf, lives in Clermont county.

Mary, who became the wife of Mr. Schobert.

Hannah, the wife of Thomas Carter, died April 23, 1910, age fifty-three years.

John is living near Olive Branch, Ohio.

Kate, of Batavia.

After his marriage Mr. Schobert settled on a farm near Batavia and for eleven years tilled the soil, and became en-

abled to purchase a farm of seventy-six acres on the East Fork in Stonelick township, which proved to be the very best land in the county, on which he lived twenty years. This farm he afterward sold and purchased a farm of one hundred and thirty-three acres in Batavia township, which he still owns. Recently Mr. Schobert purchased a comfortable and convenient home in Batavia in which to spend his declining years.

As the years passed by four children have come to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Schobert, which constitute a family of whom they are justly proud. They are as follows:

Etta, who was born in 1884, married Louis Bauer and lives on her father's farm near Batavia. They have two children, Allen and Hilda.

Saloma, born January 12, 1888, died at the age of twenty years and is buried at Batavia.

Sophia, who was born May 28, 1893, is at home.

Ruth, who was born January 24, 1898, is attending the Batavia school.

Mr. Schobert has long voted the Democratic ticket and is unfaltering in his advocacy of the principles of the party. He is interested in educational matters and has served on the board of education for several years.

In religion both Mr. and Mrs. Schobert are devoted members of the United Brethren church and the former has been steward of his denomination for a number of years. He has also served his church as trustee for many years. The lives of Mr. Schobert and his wife are in harmony with the faith they profess.

With practically few advantages in his youth Mr. Schobert started out to make his own way in life and placed his dependence on untiring labor and diligence. It was a splendid foundation on which to build the superstructure of success, and as the years went by he became one of the prosperous farmers of this part of the State. He is progressive and enterprising and deserves and receives the respect of those with whom he comes in contact.

WILLIAM B. CHRISTIE.

Mr. William B. Christie, retired farmer of Jackson township, Clermont county, Ohio, is an example of that class of men who by earnest and honest industry have achieved suc-

cess in the battle of life. By his labors of former years Mr. Christie is enabled to spend the evening of his life in calm and peaceful enjoyment of a well earned rest. He was born January 16, 1838, on a portion of the farm which is his present home and is a son of Robert and Rebecca (Gaston) Christie.

The Christie family is of Scotch origin. The great-grandfather and great-granduncle of Mr. Christie of this sketch bore the title of Laird in Scotland, and the grandfather, Robert Christie, came to America when seventeen years of age as a British soldier and was a sergeant in Lord Cornwallis's army. He was an expert weaver and wove two coverlets for Mr. William Lytle, who gave him in return ten acres of land where the present site of Fountain Square, Cincinnati, now is.

Robert Christie, father of William B., was born on the farm now known as the Charles McKeever farm, across the East Fork from Williamsburg, in 1794, and died May 6, 1856.

Rebecca (Gaston) Christie, mother of William B., was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, near Montgomery, in 1788, and passed away in 1845. To her union with Robert Christie were born ten children, the seven younger of whom were born on the west end of the farm on which our subject now resides. Their names are as follows: Elizabeth, who became the wife of John Kittz, is deceased; Frances and Lydia died unmarried; John P. died at the age of sixty-five years; Margaret, who became the wife of Nathaniel Behymer, who died while in service of the Civil war, is also deceased; Mary Ann died unmarried; William B., our subject; Rebecca, who was the wife of W. W. Wiley, who lives in Blowville, Ohio, is deceased; Robert and Martha are deceased. Both Mr. and Mrs. Robert Christie were devout Christian people and were numbered among the substantial citizens of Clermont county.

William B. Christie attended the Marathon school and assisted his father with the duties of the farm, becoming well versed in all that tends to the making of a good farmer. His youth and boyhood were uneventful until September 28, 1864, when he enlisted in Company C, Fifteenth Ohio volunteer infantry, and was sent to Chattanooga, where he, with others, was put in charge of cattle for Sherman's army, at Atlanta. Exposure to inclement weather in Georgia gave him rheumatism and he was sent back to Chattanooga and after a few days an officer came and asked who wanted to go their commands, and although he could not get up, Mr. Christie said he did, and was the only one who responded. On November

18 he joined his company at Pulaski, Tenn., and at 3 p. m., on the 23d, started on retreat to Columbia, fifty miles distant, where they arrived at 11 a. m. on November 24, with Hood following. There they fought a three-days battle before they crossed the river, where they fought two days more, after which they retreated to Nashville, having fought the battle of Franklin on the way, being one of the fiercest during the war, where they lost over six thousand in one and one-half hours after 4 p. m. He was later in the battle of Nashville. At one time at Nashville a ball singed his hair near the left ear. Later he was at Huntsville, Ala., then to Greensburg, East Tennessee, then to Nashville, where he was honorably discharged, June 1, 1865. After his release he remained on the home farm until his marriage to Miss Mary M. Williams, on August 15, 1869, after which he moved to his present farm, which he purchased from the home farm, January 4, 1870. At that time he began purchasing the interest of various heirs until he became the owner of sixty-seven acres, and has since added to his worldly possessions a fine farm of thirty-two and one-half acres in Brown county, Ohio.

Mrs. Christie was born on the East Fork, in 1847, a daughter of W. B. and Thursy Ann (Curry) Williams, the former of whom was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of whom was born near Batavia, Ohio. Both Mr. and Mrs. Williams are deceased. They were the parents of ten children, of whom three sons and one daughter are living:

Olive, wife of Robert W. Christie, of Marathon.

Courtland, of Blairsville, Jackson township, Clermont county, Ohio.

Curry, living near Newtown, Hamilton county, Ohio.

George, of Williamsburg.

Mr. Williams had a mill in connection with farming, and was a successful business man.

Mrs. William B. Christie passed to her eternal reward November 18, 1910, and was laid to rest in the Williamsburg cemetery. She was the mother of five children, of whom four survived her.

Thomas C., who was born in 1872, married Miss Grace Gilmore, their home being in Lebanon, Ohio, where he is an attorney. They have three children, Loraine, Alma and William G.

William Edward, who was born in April, 1874, married Miss Zelphia Innis and they reside with his father on the

home farm. They have one child, Alma Marie, aged four years.

Clara, who was born in 1876, is the wife of Frank Dimmitt, now of Newtownville, Ohio. They are the parents of one child, Gladys.

Olive died in infancy. Annetta, who was born in 1881, is the wife of Raymond Weaver, who lives near Lebanon, Ohio, and has two children, Helen, aged five years, and Mildred, aged three years.

Rev. William B. Christie, uncle to our subject, was one of the most prominent of the early Methodist ministers of Clermont county and was most zealous in his work. He traveled over a considerable of the territory surrounding and often was compelled to swim his horse across the streams to meet his engagements. His birth occurred September 3, 1803, and a son of Robert Christie. Christie Church, of Cincinnati, was named in honor of this devout minister.

Mr. Christie favors the measures and methods of the Democratic party.

In religious matters both Mr. Christie and his wife embraced the faith of the Methodist church and in his younger days held many of the church offices, being class leader several years.

Mr. Christie is a type of the true Scotch gentleman—liberal, broad-minded, and during his active life was one of the most progressive and enterprising men of the county. He enjoys the high regard of all with whom he is acquainted.

WILLIAM ELMER DUCHEMIN.

Mr. William Elmer Duchemin, who in his business career, through his enterprise and well directed activity, has reached prominence in the industrial circles of Clermont county, Ohio, is successfully engaged as a brickmason and contractor. He is thoroughly conversant with the best methods employed in his business and moreover manifests close application and diligence in his work. He is one of the native sons of Clermont county, his birth having occurred near Monterey, January 20, 1875, and is a son of Samuel J. and Samantha (Foster) Duchemin.

Francis Duchemin, the paternal grandfather of the subject

of this review, was a native of France, who, hoping that he might enjoy better business opportunity and secure more rapid advancement in the new world, crossed the Atlantic to the United States and settled in Clermont county in its early history. He chose for his home New Boston, which is now Owensville, became a farmer and brickmolder, and raised a large family.

Samuel Duchemin was born near New Boston, in 1847, and after receiving the usual education afforded the young men of his day learned the trade of brick mason from an uncle, Abe Duchemin, who lived near New Vienna. When he reached the age of maturity Samuel J. Duchemin wedded Samantha Foster and they became the parents of the following named children:

Permelia, who became the wife of John Carrol, is now married to Fred Switzer, of Spencerville, Allen county, Ohio.

William Elmer, of this mention.

Edwin is a resident of Jackson township and is in business with his brother, William.

Paulina is the wife of Charles Rogers, of Madisonville, Ohio.

Joseph died in 1908 at the age of twenty-one years. He was three months old when his mother left this life, and was raised by his grandparents.

Samuel Duchemin chose for his second wife Miss Sallie Clark and to them has been born one child:

Mary, who spends a portion of her time at the parental home and the remainder with her sister at Madisonville, Ohio.

Mr. William Elmer Duchemin, spending his boyhood days in his parents' home, was educated at Monterey, and when but a young lad began to learn the trade of brickmason with his father. The father, Samuel, and his two sons, William and Edwin, have been associated together in the contracting business until a broken arm, in 1912, forced the father to inactivity for a time. They have worked on the Odd Fellows building and under Mr. James Barr, of Batavia, as journeymen. Their handiwork is also seen on the Masonic temple, the Farmers' bank and the Presbyterian church, of Williamsburg. They worked on the ice plant building at Loveland and on numerous residences throughout the county. The work of these gentlemen is satisfactory in every way and they are in great demand all over the county.

Mr. W. E. Duchemin was united in marriage, in 1897, to Miss Florence Emma Glancy, who was born near Pleasant

Valley, October 20, 1878, and is a daughter of Francis M. and Mary Jane (Gorman) Glancy, the latter of whom was born in Jackson township, in 1836, and passed from this life in 1881 and is buried in Hartman cemetery. Francis M. Glancy was born in Stonelick, June 27, 1832, and died in February, 1912, he also being laid to rest in the Hartman cemetery. He enlisted in the army of the Civil war in Company G, Eighty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, at the first call for men and served during the entire war. He was engaged in the battles of Chickamauga, Tullahoma, Brown's Ferry, Buzzard's Roost, Rocky Face Ridge, Fayetteville, Savannah, Peach Tree Creek, Chattahoochie river and others. He participated in the grand review, May 25, 1865, and was honorably discharged on June 7, 1865. Mr. Glancy had four brothers in the Civil war, whose names are Philip, Clinton, William, Addison, all enlisting from Ohio. The Glancy family were among the first families to settle in Clermont county, John Glancy, the grandfather of Mrs. Duchemin, having come to the county when there were still many Indians in the locality. There were also deer and wild turkeys to be found in great numbers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Duchemin have had four children to bless their home:

Gwendolyn Imo was born February 14, 1900, and is a student at her home school.

Florence Adrian was born September 2, 1902, attending school.

Dorothy Edrie was born April 26, 1905.

William Allen was born December 28, 1911.

Mr. Duchemin votes the Republican ticket and is interested in all that tends to the betterment of his locality.

The fraternal affiliations of Mr. Duchemin are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and in this organization he is well and favorably known.

The religious faith of both Mr. and Mrs. Duchemin is evidenced by their membership with the Christian church, of Monterey, he being a valued trustee and superintendent of the Sunday school.

The home of Mr. Duchemin is a fitting monument to his skill as a mechanic and is a credit to the township. He is progressive and energetic and has accomplished a great deal during his comparatively short business career. His manner is pleasant and his home and family are such that any man may be justly proud.

HENRY S. WATSON.

Although he has been a resident of Clermont county for a comparatively short space of time, Henry S. Watson has won many friends. He is recognized as an upright and conscientious citizen, and a credit to his community. He is retired from active life and has a pleasant home in Jackson township. He was born in Washington county, New York, October 6, 1831, son of David R. and Lydia (Whedon) Watson, also natives of that county. His father was born March 5, 1806, and died October 6, 1890, and his mother was born March 21, 1811, and died February 6, 1871. He was buried in Cattaraugus county, New York, and his widow was buried in Clay county, Illinois. He was a merchant and mechanic and spent the latter part of his life in Georgia. Their three children were: Henry S., who served in the Union army; William D., of Clay county, Illinois, served in the Civil war; Mariah, wife of John McKinnon, is deceased, as is her husband also. William Terrell, great-grandfather of Henry S. Watson, served in the Revolutionary war.

Mr. Watson attended the public school in his native State, later worked on a farm in Georgia, and from the age of fourteen years until the year 1854 he clerked in a store. In the latter year he married Miss Julia Wood, who was born in Southwick, Mass., February 3, 1832, daughter of William Wood and wife, who were natives of Massachusetts and spent their entire lives there. There were four children in the Wood family and the only one now surviving is a daughter, Mrs. Lucy A. Cushman, of Short Beach, Conn.

Mr. Watson and his wife remained in Georgia until 1857, then removed to Clay county, Illinois, where he became a carpenter and farmer, and later was a banker. He served as county treasurer and was always an earnest worker for the cause of the Republican party. He remained there until 1912, when he came to his present home and purchased seven and one-half acres of good land and built part of the house. He stands well with his neighbors, is pleasant and genial, and is very gentlemanly in manner and general appearance. He is a fine penman, and is well informed on the topics of the day. He has a very good memory and gained most of his education by his own efforts, for he has made his own way in the world since he reached the age of fourteen years. While a resident of Illinois he held many local offices of trust, and performed his

duties with ability and usefulness. Fraternally he is a Mason.

In 1862 Mr. Watson enlisted in an Illinois regiment for service in the Union army, serving nearly three years in Company C, Ninety-eighth mounted infantry. He was detailed on scout duty for some time, and served as port quartermaster at Macon, Ga., until the close of the war. He was honorably discharged at the close of an honorable service to his country.

Mrs. Watson died in Illinois April 24, 1900, a faithful member of the Presbyterian church, and held in high regard by all who knew her. She had two children, both born in Georgia, Laura S. and Henry E. Laura S. is the widow of John F. Rapp, lives in Clermont county, has one son, Harley, at home, and a sketch of her deceased husband appears in this volume. Henry E. was married in Illinois twice, now resides in Arkansas, and has five children: William H., M. E., Henry S., Jr., Mark A. and Ernestine.

On June 8, 1904, Mr. Watson was united in marriage with Miss Ruth Vincent, a native of New York, born May 12, 1848, daughter of Van Rensselaer and Mary (Lawton) Vincent, natives of Dutchess county, New York, and both deceased. They had six children. A daughter, Cora, wife of a Mr. Vincent, lives in Los Angeles, Cal. She writes for a Los Angeles paper. Mr. and Mrs. Watson are members of the Presbyterian church and she, as well as her husband, has a large number of friends in Clermont county.

JOHN F. RAPP (Deceased).

The Rapps were among the early settlers of Clermont county, and several generations have made it their home. They are representative citizens and have done much to help forward the general welfare and progress of the region. The late John F. Rapp was a native of the county, born February 20, 1849, and died November 25, 1905. He was a son of John and Rebecca (Roudebush) Rapp. John Rapp, a deceased farmer of Jackson township, was born near Straight Creek, Brown county, Ohio, in 1810, and was a son of Jacob and Mary (Heizer) Rapp. Jacob Rapp was born in Virginia in 1772 and died in 1846, and his wife was born in 1789 and died in 1868, and both are buried in Stonelick cemetery, formerly known as

Rapp cemetery, the land having been donated by Jacob Rapp and used as early as 1816.

John Rapp was a farmer in early life but in his later years bought and operated a saw mill on the farm still owned by members of the Rapp family. This farm was his home until his death. He and his wife had eight children, all born in Clermont county: Mary, deceased; Samantha, of Monterey; Olive and Jacob O., deceased; Emma, at home; John F., deceased; W. D. Rapp, of Sabina, Clinton county, Ohio; Sallie, at home. The parents of these children were members of the Christian church, in which the father served as elder. He was married in 1838 to Rebecca Roudebush, born in Stonelick township in 1813, and died December 22, 1891, two days after the death of her husband, and both are buried in the same grave in Rapp cemetery. Her father, Mr. Roudebush, was born at Hagerstown, Md., and her mother in New Jersey. He came to Clermont county about 1800 and he and his wife had ten children: Daniel married Elizabeth Rapp, and both are deceased; Mary married Michael Cowen, and is deceased; Rebecca married John Rapp, and is deceased; John, deceased; Paulina married James Rapp, and is deceased; James married Paulina Maderis, and is deceased; Ambrose married Ellen Patchell; Sarah, deceased; Francis J., who was familiarly known throughout the county as F. J., is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Roudebush were members of the Baptist church. The Roudebush and Rapp families were located in Clermont county before 1810, cleared their land a little at a time, and were hard working and industrious citizens. John Rapp carried on farming eight years near Branch Fork that opens into Stonelick creek, and lived there eight years, then located on the farm of two hundred acres which is now owned by his three unmarried daughters. He erected a very fine brick residence and in 1851 erected the mill. He was a Republican in politics, and for some time served as justice of the peace. He received a common school education and was so eager to learn that he made it a practice to study on the way to and from school. Throughout his life he retained a great love of reading and was an intelligent and clear thinker on subjects in general. He was a man of liberal ideas and was interested in everything that stood for the good of the community.

John F. Rapp was educated at Lebanon, Ohio, and remained with his parents until he attained his majority. He was a merchant in Illinois at the time of his marriage, November 5, 1874,

to Miss Laura Watson, born in Boston, Ga., November 9, 1854, daughter of H. S. and Julia (Wood) Watson, whose history is to be found on another page of this work. After marriage the young couple lived until 1877 at Iola, Ill., then they located near Monterey, Clermont county, and engaged in farming. Mr. Rapp was an energetic and industrious farmer and won success in his undertakings. He won the respect and esteem among his neighbors and at his death was missed in many circles. He was buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Owensville. He and his wife became members of the Christian church, of which he was secretary. Both were much interested in good works, which they felt would be for the benefit of the community and both had many friends. In February, 1910, Mrs. Rapp and her son moved to their present farm of eighty acres, where they built a beautiful home, selling the old place near Monterey.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rapp: Frank W., born at Louisville, Ill., April 16, 1877, died August 2, 1898, and is buried beside his father; Harley, born in Clermont county, November 20, 1881, is a graduate of Valparaiso (Ind.) College, and carries on the farm. He is a young man of good habits and follows modern methods of farming. He is a Republican in politics and has held the office of county surveyor one term, as had his father. He is a member of the Christian church and stands well in the community.

ELI H. SPEIDEL.

Clermont county includes among her foremost citizens, Eli H. Speidel, who has been active in the public life of the county and his home town of Batavia for the last ten years. Mr. Speidel is an attorney with offices in the Hamilton Building. He enjoys a lucrative practice and represents many of the business concerns of the county, together with the Cincinnati & Columbus Traction railroad and the Cincinnati, Milford & Loveland Traction railroad. Mr. Speidel has the reputation of being extremely zealous of the cause of his clients and ever loyal in his devotion to their interests, and these traits have brought to him the confidence and esteem of the public.

Mr. Speidel is a son of Henry C. Speidel, who was formerly

sheriff of Clermont county, and Lillie (Conkling) Speidel, and is the eldest of four sons, the brothers being:

Dr. Thomas A., of Felicity, Ohio.

Louis, who is a farmer living near Milford, Ohio.

Gatch W., who is in the automobile business at West Union, Ohio.

The subject of this review was born and raised at Milford, Ohio, and attended the public schools at that place. He graduated from the Cincinnati Law School in 1902, and was admitted to the bar in June of the same year. After spending a few months in Mexico and Arizona he located at Batavia, where he has continuously since resided and practiced his profession.

Mr. Speidel was married, in 1904, to Miss Alpha Frazier, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gustavus A. Frazier, Mr. Frazier being one of the prominent lawyers of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Speidel have three children: Russell Frazier is eight years of age; Anna Virginia is six years of age, and Charlotte is one year of age.

In politics, Mr. Speidel is a Democrat. He was elected prosecuting attorney in November, 1912, and by one of the largest majorities ever received in the county.

Mr. Speidel has always taken a keen interest in fraternal work, being a member and past master of Batavia lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, No. 104, and also a member of Batavia chapter, Royal Arch Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of Batavia encampment. Both Mr. and Mrs. Speidel are members of the Order of Eastern Star, and belong to the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Speidel is widely known in Clermont and adjoining counties, where he enjoys the esteem of his clients and the confidence and good will of his fellow citizens.

WILLIAM RICHARD BUSHELMAN.

William Richard Bushelman conducts one of the leading industries of Jackson township and is well regarded as a business man and as a citizen who appreciates the needs of the community. At his plant at Marathon he turns out first-class work in the lines of cement, tile and brick, and he also carries on general farming and stock raising. He is a native of Cov-

ington, Ky., born in 1858, son of Henry and Mary (McCarthy) Bushelman. The father was born in Germany, in 1822, and died in April, 1888, and the mother was born in New Orleans, La., in 18—, and died in 1861. Both were buried in Covington, Ky. The father was also a dealer in brick and carried on his business in Kentucky. They had eight children, namely: Mary, widow of Luke McDermott, lives in Pennsylvania; John, of Cincinnati; William R., of this sketch; Theodore, of Kentucky; Elizabeth, wife of Anton Frischi, of Kentucky; Kate, wife of John Overman, of Cincinnati; two are deceased.

Mr. Bushelman received his education in parochial schools in Covington, and at the age of seventeen years began working out by the month. He continued this most of the time until his marriage, in 1888, to Miss Mary Rosselot, born in Lerado, Clermont county, in 1860, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Clerce) Rosselot, natives of France. The parents came to America in their early married life and were among the early settlers of Jackson township. Mr. Rosselot died in April, 1903, at the age of seventy-eight years, and Mrs. Rosselot lives in Brown county with a daughter. They had eight children, all born in Clermont county, namely: George died in December, 1910; Henry, of Middletown, Ohio; Mrs. Bushelman; Frank lives near Newtown, Hamilton county; Kate, wife of Charles Berwanger, on Gladly Run, Brown county; Elizabeth, deceased; Julia, wife of John Boggs, of California; Charles, of Lerado. Mr. and Mrs. Rosselot and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bushelman were members of the Catholic church.

After marriage Mr. Bushelman held a position as gardener for three years, then bought his present fine farm of one hundred and forty-two acres in Jackson township. He rebuilt the barn, erected a silo and windmill, and in many other ways improved the place. He now also owns fifty-four acres of land near Greenberry, Ohio. Besides carrying on this farm he has developed a good business in the village of Marathon, where he employs six men and manufactures a high-grade of tile, cement building blocks, columns and brick. His output is shipped to all parts of the State and he has a growing demand for it. He is a man of probity and square dealing, and as such is much respected. He is hard working and industrious, being a self-made man. He started out in life as a poor boy and now, besides owning a fine farm, has built up a prosperous and growing business, which furnishes employment to a number of persons. He is broad and liberal in his opinions and is well

liked among his associates. Politically he is a Democrat and he and his wife belong to Vera Cruz Catholic Church.

Four children have blessed the union of Mr. Bushelman and wife, all born in Clermont county: Clarence was born at Avondale, where his parents spent the first three years of their married life, February 5, 1889, is a graduate of the Lerado schools and runs a hay press; Charles, born in Jackson township, October 12, 1891, attended Lerado schools and spent one year at school in Owensville, and now works on the home farm; George, born September 29, 1893, is on the home farm; Ada, born January 21, 1899, attends school at Lerado. All live with their parents. The sons are industrious and ambitious, following in the footsteps of their father. All give promise of becoming good citizens and business men. The family have a nice home, with every comfort, and have many friends. Mrs. Bushelman's uncle, James Rosselot, served in the Civil war.

JESSE OWEN RIDINGS.

J. O. Ridings is a highly respected citizen of Jackson township, Clermont county, Ohio, where he is one of the younger farmers and stock raisers. He was born at Hollowtown, Highland county, Ohio, in 1876, son of S. M. and Hester C. (Brown) Ridings, the father having been born in the same place, in 1851, and the parents are now residing in Goshen township. The father is a farmer by occupation and is well known in his vicinity. The mother was born in Edenton, Clermont county, and is now sixty-one years old. Her parents had to clear land for their farm, having located in Clermont county in 1810 from Knox county. They were Dunkards and settled in Wayne township. S. M. Ridings and wife had six children and have four sons living: J. O., of this sketch; Cyrus F., a farmer living near Monterey; Clarence E., of Hamilton, Ohio, is a traveling salesman; S. F. is a teacher of Clermont county.

Mr. Ridings attended the local schools and graduated from Goshen High School, then took a course in the Ohio State University, fitting himself there for the profession of teacher. He taught school seven years in Goshen and Jackson townships and during part of this time lived at home. In 1905 he married Miss Nellie Hutchinson, born in Clermont county, in 1875, daughter of E. J. and Marie Louise (Robb) Hutchinson, whose sketch may be found in another part of this work.

After marriage Mr. Ridings and his wife began housekeeping in a primitive log cabin, and in 1910, he erected their present beautiful home, which is a model of neatness and arranged for convenience and comfort. Mr. Ridings is a progressive farmer and follows modern methods. He does general farming, raising grain and paying considerable attention to stock. He is a Democrat in politics and fraternally a Mason, his wife belonging to the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mr. Ridings enjoys the good opinion of his neighbors and he his marriage was of considerable assistance to his family at home. He enjoys the good opinion of his neighbors and he and his wife are representatives of old Ohio families. Mr. Ridings had four uncles in the Civil war, three of whom were killed, their names being Frank, George, C. C. and William Ridings, C. C. being an ex-judge, of Kansas.

AUGUSTUS FRESCHARD (Deceased).

Augustus Freschard, who passed away November 8, 1895, had been a resident of Clermont county, Ohio, for half a century, and is remembered as a merchant of uprightness and fair dealing, who had the respect of all. He was a native of southern France, born February 15, 1828, son of Nicolas and Rose (LaCroix) Freschard, who also were born in that country. The mother died in 1836 in France, where she is buried. The father had retired from active life, and, in 1840, came to Ohio with friends. He died in Darke county, Ohio, February 27, 1848, at the age of sixty-one years, and is buried at Versailles.

Mr. Freschard began his education in France and was a bright, active child. He was an ambitious student and became proficient in his native language. He began life on his own account as a clerk in a store in Darke county, and for some time worked in this capacity at a little town named Newport, on the canal. In this establishment were kept supplies for the men working on the canal, and it had a good trade. In 1861 he married Miss Mary A. Gomien, a native of Miami township, Clermont county, born in 1845, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Martin) Gomien, natives of France. She was the only one of their children born in America. The family located in Cincinnati, in 1832, lived there for some fourteen years, then settled in Clermont county.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Freschard located in Stonelick township and he kept a general store in the place now occupied by Mr. Will Craver, the latter having purchased the business of him. After conducting this business seventeen years Mr. Freschard retired and moved to Owensville and bought from Dr. J. S. Combs the home now occupied by Mrs. Freschard, one of the finest homes in the city, and kept up in very good shape, inside and out. Mr. Freschard was a man of modesty and loved a quiet home life. He was a member of the St. Louis Catholic Church, of Owensville, and was buried in the church cemetery there. He was missed in many circles, for he was a man who did his duty and had at heart the best interests of all, being a public-spirited citizen. He was a kind husband and father and a generous, true friend. His wife is a devoted member of the church named above and helps in its various good objects. Her beautiful home shows the marks of taste and refinement, but contains the vacant chair which belongs to the father and husband who is so greatly missed.

Mrs. Freschard has four daughters, namely: Matilda, widow of Charles Von Weller, of Cleveland, Ohio; Miss Mary L., at home; Jennie F., wife of B. P. Wagner, of Sidney, Ohio, and Miss Clara E. at home. The two younger daughters are graduates of Ursuline Convent, of St. Martins, Brown county, Ohio.

WILLIAM M. FEE.

William M. Fee is the oldest merchant in Clermont county, having been in this business since 1858, and is one of the most prominent and popular citizens of Moscow. He was born in what is now Washington township, November 9, 1825, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Camery) Fee. The father was born in what is now Washington township, Clermont county, in 1804, and died in 1886, and the mother was born in Pennsylvania in 1802 and died in 1862, both being buried near Moscow. Jacob Fee became a general farmer in Washington township, where he made his home many years, and the Fees were among the earliest families in the county, coming there when it was very sparsely settled. They were active in early affairs and were valuable residents of the community. The parents were members of the Methodist church and had twelve children, all born in Clermont county: Eliza, wife of John Fletcher, who died in

1896; William M.; John married Miss Alice Allee and is now deceased; Daniel died in 1897; Enos died in childhood; Elijah is a carpenter and lives in Richmond, Ind.; Thomas, deceased; Sarah Jane, wife of James Mahan, resides at Anderson, Ind.; Elizabeth died single; Wesley R., a retired merchant of Moscow; Jacob Dimmitt lives at Edinburg, Ind.; Mary Ann died in infancy. The Fees came to Ohio at a very early date, from Bracken county, Kentucky, the grandfather and great-grandfather of William M. Fee.

Mr. Fee attended the public school at Moscow, Ohio, which were then typical pioneer schools, and for a few months attended a private school. Upon leaving school he became clerk in the store conducted by Nathan Keyt, in Moscow, where there was a line of general merchandise, beginning this work in 1848. In 1849 he went into business as a general merchant with J. R. Downs, and this arrangement continued two years. Mr. Fee's next partner, B. F. Fisher, who remained with him a year, and for the next two years he was associated in business with Robert Smith. He was in partnership with his brother, John, four years, and in 1858 engaged in business for himself, having at one time the largest stock of general merchandise in the village of Moscow, and this business has been continued up to the present time. For two years he was interested in buying and selling tobacco, and had a large warehouse. He is an energetic and industrious merchant. He is upright and conscientious in his dealings and has the full confidence of his patrons.

Mr. Fee is a strong Republican, as his father was before him, and has served in various local offices of honor and trust. He was mayor of Moscow and served on the school board when it contained but two members. For the past twenty years he has been a notary public, and for nearly fifty years he has been a trustee of the Methodist church, being an active member of the church. In 1851 he married Miss Emma Eliza Pinney, born in Vermont, daughter of Haskell H. and Melina (Towne) Pinney. Mr. Pinney was a cooper by trade and a cattle dealer in Vermont. He followed his trade in Moscow many years. Mrs. Fee died in 1884 and was buried in Moscow. Although she was reared in the Presbyterian faith, she became a Methodist after her marriage.

Mr. Fee married (second), July 14, 1885, Miss Elfa McKibben, who was born in Florence, Ind., daughter of Dr. Charles T. McKibben. Dr. McKibben was born in Augusta, Ky., in 1821, and died in 1893. His wife, whose maiden name was

Elizabeth Lindsey, was born at Rising Sun, Ind., and lives with a son and daughter in Cincinnati. For over eighteen years Dr. McKibben resided in Moscow, where he most successfully practiced his profession. He was a Republican in politics and very prominent in the Masonic order. He was a staunch Presbyterian. He died in Moscow and was buried in Augusta, Ky. Dr. and Mrs. McKibben had seven children, namely: Anna Maria, wife of James Handsaker, of Mattoon, Ill.; Hiram C., purchasing agent for a traction company in Cincinnati; Grace E. lives with her aged mother; Mrs. Fee; Gertrude, wife of E. C. Shelley, of Cincinnati; Dr. J. T., is a very prominent physician and an excellent citizen of Cincinnati, and lives with his mother; Dr. William, of Toledo, Ohio, like his father and his elder brother, is a fine physician and has won a good standing in his profession.

Mrs. Fee belongs to the Methodist church and is one of the charter members of the local organization of the Eastern Star. She has held all the chairs and is past worthy matron.

In 1878 Mr. Fee built his present home at Second and Elizabeth streets, one of the best and largest residences in the village, and had erected his store some years before this. Mr. Fee is one of the oldest men in the county, but is hale and hearty and is each day able to attend his duties in the store, assisted by his capable and efficient wife. Both are well fitted for this work and are highly regarded by all. Their home is known as one of the most hospitable in the vicinity and they have done many good deeds to their fellow men. Mr. Fee's brothers, Wesley R. and Jacob Dimmitt, served in the Civil war, as members respectively of the First Ohio independent battery, and in a regiment of heavy artillery, and won good records therein.

FRANKLIN M. FRIDMAN.

Prominent in both agricultural and commercial circles, and known as a worthy son of one of the foremost of pioneer families of Clermont county, Ohio, is Franklin M. Fridman, who was born at Clermontville, Monroe township, in the home which he now owns, December 8, 1849. Mr. Fridman was reared and educated in the schools of the county, assisting his father, Franklin Fridman, Sr., on the farm, thus becoming

thoroughly conversant with all the details that fall to the lot of the successful farmer. After finishing the common schools, he attended Parker's Academy for several terms, after which he assisted his father in the management of his varied business interests, until 1895, when death severed the pleasant relations.

Mr. F. M. Fridman was united in marriage to Miss Ella Luke in 1875, and to their union have been born three children:

Miss Veola, at home.

Miss Carrie, employed in Cincinnati.

A twin sister of Carrie died in infancy.

Mrs. Fridman is a daughter of Charles and Mary Luke, both members of early resident families of the county. Charles Luke was born in Heidelberg, Germany, and came to America when quite a small boy. Mrs. Fridman was born and reared in Monroe township, and attended Parker's Academy.

Politically, Mr. Fridman is a Democrat, being now nominee for county commissioner. He has served in the various township offices as trustee, assessor, and has been a member of the school board for nearly twenty years. Socially, Mr. Fridman holds membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of New Richmond, Ohio. The family as well as himself are members of the Mt. Zion Christian Church.

For many years Mr. Fridman has been an extensive dealer of tobacco and live stock, and has met with an unusual degree of success by reason of his keen business insight and practical methods. Mr. Fridman's characteristics include unswerving loyalty to personal and political friends, adhering to principle regardless of political favor, and limitless faith in whatever he undertakes. His personal qualities contribute largely to his successful career.

CHARLES MITCHELL (Deceased).

The late Charles Mitchell was a substantial and highly respected citizen of Pleasant township, Brown county, and had a large number of friends. His leading attribute was kindness of heart and uprightness in all his dealings. He spoke no ill of anyone, but looked for the good points of his friends and acquaintances. His parents cleared land for a farm and were

upright, honest, God-fearing people and highly respected among the early settlers. Mr. Mitchell was born in Ireland in 1845, and died on his home in Pleasant township, Brown county, June 15, 1909. He was a son of William and Catherine (Murphy) Mitchell, natives of Ireland, who brought him, when he was nine years old, to Brown county. The father was a carpenter, contractor and farmer, and he and his wife had eight children, of whom three now survive: Elizabeth, widow of William Carroll, of Buffalo, New York; William, of Dayton, Ohio; Margaret, wife of Martin Talbut, of Buffalo. The father died some sixty years ago, being drowned in White Oak creek while crossing with a team, and the mother died in Buffalo, about forty-five years ago. Mrs. Elizabeth Carroll is known among her friends as a second Hetty Green, from the way in which she has managed her financial affairs. She has displayed great energy and thrift and made her start with her needle.

Mr. Mitchell was educated in Brown county and there learned the trade of brick mason, after returning from the Civil war. He had enlisted in 1861 in Foster's Fourth independent cavalry, in which he served two and one-half years, being eighteen years old at the time of his enlistment. He won an excellent record and after his return to Brown county, worked at his trade in Buffalo, N. Y. For a number of years he resided at Charleston, W. Va., where he continued to work at his trade. He returned to Brown county in 1879 and engaged in work at Georgetown, also becoming a contractor. He secured the contract for and erected the bank, hotel, commercial block, the printing office, and most of the prominent buildings of the town. He was a conscientious workman, and thoroughly looked after every part of the work he undertook.

In 1881 he was united in marriage with Miss Anna Timany, who was born in Georgetown, in March, 1861, daughter of Patrick Timany and wife. Her father was born in Ireland in 1819, and died in 1901, and her mother was born in Ireland in 1829, and died in 1912, both being buried in Georgetown. He came to America as a young man and worked on coal boats at Cincinnati, and later in Georgetown, where he worked building pipes, and various kinds of work. He and his wife had eight children, five of whom are now living: Mary, born in Cincinnati, is a Sister of Charity and a teacher in a boys' college at Fayetteville, where she is known as Sister Mary; Bridget is the wife of William Moyer; Anna, Mrs. Mitchell;

Elizabeth, wife of Frank Campbell, of Forestville; Ignatius lives in Cincinnati.

After marriage Mr. Mitchell lived in Georgetown six years and in 1889 located on the fine farm of fifty-six acres where his widow now lives. He sold the house he had erected in Georgetown and built the present family home on the farm, as well as the other buildings. He set out the orchard and in many ways improved the place. He still continued his contracting in the town and had a very good business. He was a Democrat in politics and he and his wife were members of the Catholic church. He served as chief of police of a town in Virginia for several years while residing there. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell were the parents of nine children, all born in Brown county, namely: Paul J., born September 12, 1882, a graduate of the Morris School of Telegraphy, is a railroad contractor, living in Norwood, Ohio, married Rosa Weiser, and they have two children, Florence and Louisa; Catherine Beatrice, born August 2, 1884, is taking a course for a trained nurse in Colorado Springs, Colo.; Mary Elizabeth, born February 27, 1887, is at home with her mother; Charles V., born September 11, 1889, was nineteen years old at the time of his father's death, but took hold of the management of the farm and has since carried it on in a very efficient manner; Anna Agnes, born April 23, 1892, graduated from Georgetown schools and at the age of nineteen years became a teacher, being now employed in the Boys' Industrial School at Lancaster, Ohio; Margaret Miriam, born October 7, 1894, is a graduate of the Georgetown High School; Leo Francis, born January 21, 1897, at home; Genevieve Regina, born January 10, 1900, at home; William Frederick, born September 19, 1902. The youngest child was baptized in Mt. Mary's Catholic Church in Georgetown, in December, 1903, by young Father Ignatius, being the first child baptized in the new church, and the first child the young priest had baptized. Mr. Mitchell lived each day by the faith of his church, and was greatly honored for his simple piety and his broad and liberal attitude toward all.

Mr. Mitchell was a self-made man and reached comfortable circumstances through hard work and earnest effort. He was left in early life, a poor boy, to make his own way in the world. He had an independent spirit and was eager to make a good start in life. When his parents decided to come to America he did not like the idea of leaving his native land, so at the time the ship was ready to sail, he took off his shoes, threw them

to his mother, returned to shore and walked fourteen miles to his uncle's home. His parents, meanwhile, grieved for him all the journey long, thinking he had found a watery grave. When they landed they found a letter from the uncle, telling of his safety. He was always very fond and proud of his family and gave his children the best care and thought of which he was capable. He was much respected for the manner in which he conducted all his affairs and for his high courage and honesty. Mrs. Mitchell is a soft-spoken, lady like woman, much esteemed for her many virtues, and held in great affection by her children. She owns a farm of seventy-nine acres on the Russellville pike road. All her sons who are old enough to vote are Democrats in political matters. Mr. Mitchell's brothers, William and Thomas, enlisted in the Union army, the former spending some time in Andersonville prison, and both served four years. William was sixteen, Charles eighteen and Thomas twenty years of age, and they ran away from home to enlist because their parents objected to their doing so. The father went after them and brought them back, but they ran away a second time and succeeded in enlisting their services.

MANVILLE LYON.

Manville Lyon is well known in the neighborhood of Edenton, Clermont county, where he has built up a good business in the past twenty-two years. He is a good business manager and has won success by his uprightness and honesty. Mr. Lyon enjoys the confidence of his customers and carries the best line of goods possible. Although his home is in Wayne township, Clermont county, his operations are chiefly within the boundaries of Brown county. He was born on a farm near Westboro, Clinton county, Ohio, December 29, 1861, son of Azel and Julia (Odon) Lyon, his father being a son of Thomas Lyon, who was a soldier in the Revolution.

Azel Lyon was born and reared at Whitehall, N. Y., and served in the War of 1812. He was twice married and died when his son, Manville, was but six years old. After the death of the father the widow had a home, but had to earn her living, with the help of her children.

The subject of this sketch received a good common school education and remained with his mother until he reached

young manhood. He began at an early age to earn money to help his mother, and his first recollection of work was dropping corn at twenty-five cents per day. He left home when he was seventeen years of age and went to work by the month on a farm, remaining four years each at two different places, in the latter of which he learned the huckster business, which he has since followed on his own account. He was married, June 7, 1884, at Midland City, Clinton county, to Miss Mary J. Conklin, of Westboro, where she was born. She is a daughter of James R. and Margaret E. (Morseman) Conklin and received a common school education. In November, 1886, this couple moved to Edenton, and in 1890 they were able to buy a huckster business for themselves. It was small at first, but by his honorable dealing Mr. Lyon has added to his list of customers, year by year, until he has an extensive trade. In 1899 he added farming to his business, purchasing seventy-eight acres near his home.

Mr. Lyon has done business with some of his customers ever since he began operations on his own account, and is on excellent terms with them. He has stopped on his rounds every time he made a trip, for the past twenty-two years, with one customer, where he remains over night. He takes an interest in everything affecting the general welfare and prosperity of the region and in politics is a Democrat. He has served as township treasurer and has been school treasurer for ten years. He is a member of the Blue Lodge and Chapter of Masons at Blanchester, and has filled all the chairs in the former. He is a representative citizen, well regarded by all, industrious and energetic, and has many friends.

Six children were born to Mr. Lyon and his wife, namely: Emmett, who was a student in the high school at Blanchester, died at the age of eighteen years; Margaret E., a graduate of the Blanchester High School, in the class of 1910, attended Wesleyan College, at Delaware, Ohio, one year; two children died in infancy; Tacy is at home with her parents, and Galen M. The family have a pleasant home in Edenton, and the farm land is well improved.

ROBERT L. JOHNSTON.

The Johnston Paint Company 224-30 Main street, Cincinnati, wholesale and retail dealers and manufacturers of paints, oils and paint supplies of all kinds, is well known over the

entire United States by reason of the excellency of their products and the business integrity and enterprising methods of the men who are at the head of the concern. The company makes a specialty of "Johnston's Dull Kote" paint, which gives such perfect satisfaction in every way.

The officials of the company are as follows: R. F. Johnston, president; R. L. Johnston, vice-president; W. G. Johnston, secretary, and H. P. Aiken, treasurer. The board of directors are: R. F. Johnston, R. L. Johnston, W. G. Johnston, H. P. Aiken, B. F. Bruenger, Charles Boalt and Lowe Emerson.

The Johnston Paint Company was incorporated in 1905, with a capitalization of \$50,000, and employs nine traveling representatives, who distribute their goods from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the Great Lakes to Mexico. The growth and progress of this company has been very gratifying to all who are interested in any way.

Mr. Robert L. Johnston is a native of Clermont county, his birth having occurred at Moscow, August 30, 1846. He is a son of William and Mary (Fee) Johnston, the latter being also a native of the county and died in the forty-seventh year of her age, at her home in Moscow, Ohio.

William Johnston was born at Campbell, Scotland, in 1806, and came to America with his widowed mother when he was nine years of age. They located at Nicholasville, Monroe township, and there William was reared and educated in the school at that place. Later he studied medicine and practiced at Moscow, where he resided until his death, in 1876. He was a Mason, being a Knight Templar.

The marriage of Mr. Johnston to Miss Mary Pattison was celebrated in Moscow, Ohio. Her father, W. G. Pattison, resides in Brown county, where she was born.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnston have had six children born to their union: Robert F.; L. P. is in the War Department at Washington, D. C., where he was married, and is the father of one child, a daughter; W. G., of Cincinnati, is a member of the Johnston Paint Company; Miss Mary A., at home; Mrs. Dr. George Lane, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Mrs. C. B. Jones, of Cincinnati, is the mother of one child.

The life of Mr. Johnston has been one of great activity in business, and is an example of that class of men who, by their earnest and honest industry, have achieved success in the battle of life, being rewarded by a measure of prosperity.

JOSEPH FOSTER WEAVER.

Joseph Foster Weaver, who resides at Batavia, Ohio, in a beautiful home, which consists of three well-laid lots and a splendid modern house, at the corner of Broadway and Water streets, conducts a thriving feed business, operating under the firm name of J. F. Weaver & Sons. The firm enjoys a large patronage and is well known throughout Clermont county for their prompt and efficient service.

Joseph Foster Weaver, who is a son of Henry Griffith and Ellen (Foster) Weaver, was born in Batavia township. Henry Griffith Weaver was a captain of the militia in the early days before the Civil war. He passed away in 1891 and is buried in the Union Citizens' cemetery. Ellen (Foster) Weaver died in 1879. Both of these good people were devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was a Whig and cast his vote for William H. Harrison. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver were the parents of seven children:

Laura V., married Martin Wood. They had two children. Mrs. Wood is deceased.

William, died at the age of five years.

Ulysses Randolph, deceased. He left five children.

Eben Idephard, deceased. He had no children.

Joseph F., the subject of this sketch.

John W., deceased. He left no children.

Charles H. lives in Batavia township, and has three children.

John Weaver, the paternal great-grandfather of Joseph Weaver, was a soldier in the War of the Revolution, while his maternal grandfather, Thomas Foster, was a soldier in the War of 1812.

Joseph Foster Weaver was reared on the home farm of his father, and received a good common school education. He remained at home until he was twenty-four years of age, assisting his father in the duties that fall to the lot of the average farmer.

When Mr. Weaver left home, he did so to attend the commercial college of Higginsport, Ky., which is a branch of the commercial college of Cincinnati.

Mr. Weaver was married to Miss Eva Applegate, in 1879. She is a daughter of Nelson and Jane (Tate) Applegate. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver have eight children:

Homer Foster, is one of the firm of J. F. Weaver & Sons. He lives at home.

Lloyd, also one of the firm and lives at home.

Ethel, is a graduate of the Batavia High School. She attended the college at Oxford, Ohio, for two terms, and at the Wesleyan College at Delaware for one term, and at the Ohio State University. She is a teacher in the high school at Batavia.

Frank W., a member of the firm.

Lulu Belle, a graduate of the Batavia High School.

Ruth, is in the high school, class of 1913.

Dale, at home.

Harold, agent for the "Cincinnati Post."

Mr. Weaver is a Republican and a member of the Batavia Lodge, No. 104, Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the Methodist church, while Mrs. Weaver is a member of the Presbyterian church. The family attend both churches.

FRANKLIN FRIDMAN.

Franklin Fridman's record as a progressive and honorable business man of Clermont county for many years entitles him to representation among the honored dead of the county. He resided for fifty-four years at Clermontville, where he won the respect and high esteem of all with whom he was associated by his kindly purposes and upright conduct.

Mr. Fridman was born in Stolhoven, in the principality of Baden, Germany, on the River Rhine, October 4, 1816, and died August 21, 1895, his life taken by a negro. He was the youngest son of George and Elizabeth (daughter of Michael Miller) Fridman, who had six children born to them: Leonard, who came to America about 1830 and was a contractor in the construction of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, and who died in 1889, aged about eighty years; Mathias, who died, aged eighty-eight years; Franklin, Theresa, Sabina and Elizabeth.

The mother and two sisters died in Germany. In 1833, the family started for America, but the father died in France while en route. They spent a little time in Baltimore then moved to Wheeling, Cincinnati, Louisville, Ky., finally locating at Rockford, Ind., on the White river, near the present site of Seymour.

When only eighteen years old, Franklin came on to Cincinnati, alone, to learn boiler making under Thomas Justice and Mr. Banks, following the same for two years under Richard Dumont and Mr. Parker.

Mr. Fridman was second engineer on the "Lady Scott," the first steam packet plying the Ohio river between Maysville and Cincinnati, for nearly a year, when he met with a severe accident to his hand, which compelled him to give up this work. He then began peddling over parts of Ohio and Kentucky, on foot. In this business, Mr. Fridman was most successful, and he was enabled to locate, in 1839, on Boat Run, near the Ohio river. Shortly after this time he established a store near the present home of his son, Franklin M., and subsequently built a large store and warehouse in Clermontville, where he conducted one of the largest general stores in Clermont county until 1880, when he transferred that business to his three oldest sons, and by them carried on until a few years since.

Mr. Fridman married, September 9, 1840, Rebecca Bushman (daughter of Demos and Elizabeth Bushman, early settlers of Clermont county). To this union was born the following children: George Henry, Lewis L., Franklin M., Lincoln W., Charles A. (died in infancy), Elizabeth (Tomkins), Annie (Rice). Mrs. Fridman is deceased.

On September 28, 1859, Mr. Fridman married a second time, to Millie A. Bushman (daughter of William and Drucilla Houseman Bushman). Their children are as follows: Calvin D., William M., Leonidas S., Fred W., Belle, Wallace and Grace (deceased).

Mrs. Fridman was born, April 5, 1835, and passed away January 31, 1897, in the sixty-second year of her life. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fridman were members of the Christian church.

Politically, Mr. Fridman was a staunch Democrat and was often solicited and strongly urged to accept a candidacy for office, but refused because of his many other public interests. He was a director and one of the largest stockholders of the First National Bank of New Richmond from its organization and was president from 1880 until his death. He was for years a director of the Clermont Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and was one of the owners of the "Virginia Home" steamboat, plying between Foster's Landing and Cincinnati. For many years this enterprising man of affairs built and owned a large number of flat boats trading on the Ohio river,

and with Mr. Theodore Steelman owned and operated at New Richmond, Ohio, the largest steam saw mill in Clermont county, which was afterwards incorporated as the Fridman Lumber Company, and is now owned and operated by his sons.

On the exchange in Cincinnati and in the business circles of Southern Ohio, Mr. Fridman's name and word were ever held in high regard. A man of strictest integrity, but ever public-spirited, doing much to relieve the distress of the deserving poor. Never taking advantage of the necessities of others for his own gain.

Mr. Fridman was strong in his convictions of right and wrong, and never allowed himself to be turned from his decisions. One instance of this trait of character: Nearly all the merchants of his time handled whiskey to a certain extent, but feeling that he could not conscientiously sell liquor he could never be persuaded to do so. Such a character as this well deserves the most reverent remembrance.

JOHN W. LYTLE.

Mr. John W. Lytle, whose death occurred December 7, 1875, was for many years a well known farmer of Williamsburg township, Clermont county, Ohio. He represented one of the oldest families of this part of the State, the name of Lytle having been closely interwoven with the history of the county for many years. John W. Lytle was a son of John and Dorcas (Warring) Lytle, both of whom were natives of Kentucky, the former being a brother of Gen. William Lytle, known as the founder of Clermont county.

John W. Lytle was united in marriage to Miss Isabelle Wiseman, who was born in Manchester, England, in January, 1828, the marriage rites being solemnized on January 15, 1856. Isabella Wiseman is a daughter of Rev. John and Christina (Thompson) Wiseman, both of Scotch nativity, of Ayrshire and Lanarkshire, Scotland, respectively. They came to America in 1851, settling at Paterson, N. J. Rev. John Wiseman was ordained to the ministry in Glasgow, Scotland, having been graduated at St. Andrews. He became a Presbyterian minister in England and accepted a pastorate at Paterson, N. J. He later came to Clermont county, where for many

years he preached at Williamsburg and elsewhere in the county. His death occurred May 2, 1876, at the home of a son, Gavin Wiseman, at Danville, Ky.

Gavin E. Wiseman, a brother of Mrs. Lytle of this mention, entered Hanover College in 1851, remaining until 1853, after which he entered Centre College, at Danville, Ky., from which institution he graduated in 1858. He was engaged in the dry-goods business at Danville until 1902, when he retired from active life.

Mrs. John Wiseman, the mother of Mrs. Lytle, passed away at the home of a daughter, at Springfield, Ohio, a few years after the death of her husband.

Mrs. Lytle has resided at her present home near Williamsburg, Clermont county, Ohio, for the past fifty-one years. During the Civil war the Confederate soldiers camped in the yard during John Morgan's raid, and Major Weber used the home as an office for a time.

The union of John W. and Isabella (Wiseman) Lytle has been blessed with three children:

John W., a prominent business man of Williamsburg, who makes his home with his widowed mother.

Mrs. T. G. Foster.

Mrs. Dr. D. L. Hines, of Williamsburg, Ohio.

During his life time, Mr. Lytle affiliated with the Democratic party and served in many of the school offices, being school treasurer at the time of his death.

Mrs. Lytle is an earnest Presbyterian and has always taken an active part in all that tends to the betterment of those around her, doing good at all times, a living example of the faith she professes.

WILLIAM CRAVER.

Mr. William Craver, conducting a profitable general store at Quaver, Clermont county, Ohio, has various other interests, including farming and trucking, operating several wagons. His intense and well directed activity has merited the success that has come to him. He was born on the farm on which he now resides, and which was purchased by his father in the pioneer days of the county, in Stonelick township, in 1868, and is a son of John Peter and Johanna (Cullen) Craver.

John Peter Craver was born in Germany in 1846 and came to America when a very young man. He located in Clermont county soon after his arrival, where he kept a hotel and farmed at Perintown, in addition to his hotel interests. He had been a farmer of Clermont county for forty-four years when his death occurred in 1904.

Johanna (Cullen) Craver was born in Ireland in 1834, and passed from this life in 1894. To her union with John Peter Craver were born the following named children:

Mary died at the age of five or six years.

Cecelia died at the age of eighteen years.

Ellie, who became the wife of Charles Goman, died about 1896.

Christopher died at the age of twelve years.

William, of this mention.

Louis lives at Owensville, Ohio.

Carrie is the wife of Augustus Calier and resides at Batavia.

James, a resident of Allensburg, Ohio.

Gilbert is in the navy.

John Peter and Johanna (Cullen) Craver were devout members of the Catholic church, being pioneer members in this section.

The education of Mr. William Craver was obtained in the Mt. Zion school in Stonelick township and acquired experience in the huckster business by running the wagon for his father until he became twenty-three years of age.

The marriage of Mr. William Craver to Miss Josephine Gomen took place in 1891. She was born at Olive Branch, Ohio, in 1870, a daughter of Michael and Mary Ann Gomen, both parents being natives of France, the former having been born in 1821 and died in 1886. Mrs. Gomen lives with her son at Madisonville, Ohio. They were the parents of seven children, all born in Clermont county.

William, of Norwood, Ohio.

Louis, makes his home with Mr. Craver.

Aim is a resident of Illinois.

John is a resident of one of the suburbs of Cincinnati.

Josephine, Mrs. William Craver.

Bert is a resident of Newtown, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Gomen were devoted members of the Catholic church.

After his marriage Mr. Craver purchased the old home farm of one hundred and ten acres in Stonelick, which he has im-

proved and modernized to suit himself and the family. In addition he is engaged in running the huckster wagon, raising the supplies on the farm. In 1892, he purchased the store which he is now operating, from his father, and enjoys a fine patronage.

Mr. and Mrs. Craver are the parents of seven children, all born in Stonelick township:

Marie, born in 1892, is at home.

Ethel, was born in 1894, and is a graduate of the Owensville High School, and of the Wilson Business College, having graduated in short hand. She is also at home.

William, who was born in 1897, is a student of the Owensville school.

Leon, born in 1899, is attending school at Mt. Zion, in Stonelick township.

John, born in 1902, is a student at Mt. Zion.

Alice, born in 1905, is attending school at Mt. Zion.

Alvin, born in 1906, attends school at Mt. Zion.

In politics, Mr. Craver is a Democrat, voting for the men and measures of the party, but he has never had political aspirations for himself, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business affairs. He has served on the board of education for a number of years.

Mr. Craver is largely self-made and has made the most of each opportunity as it presented itself and through perseverance has worked his way to the ranks of the well-to-do of the community in which he lives. By his honest dealings he has won the respect and high regard of his fellow citizens. He is well informed and is broad and liberal in his views on all questions.

BENJAMIN E. CURLIS.

Among the successful and enterprising young business men of Clermont county, Ohio, are many who are born and reared on the farm and spent their boyhood days gaining a foundation for a life of activity and energy. Such a man is Mr. Benjamin E. Curlis, a son of Joseph and Eliza (Watson) Curlis. He is the owner and proprietor of a profitable saw mill at New Marathon, and is conducting his business in accordance with the progressive ideas of modern times. His concentration on his business interests has brought to him

prosperity and substantial advancement. He was born in Paloski, Ky., December 15, 1883.

Joseph Curlis was born near Afton, Ohio, in 1855, and Eliza (Watson) Curlis was born in 1855. They are resident farmers of Brown county, living near Fayetteville, Ohio. They became the parents of three children:

Benjamin E., the subject of this mention.

Oscar, of Marathon, has a small interest in the mill.

Nellie is at home.

Joseph is a son of John Curlis, a veteran of the Civil war.

The educational privileges of Benjamin E. Curlis were those afforded by the public school system of Brown county. He remained at home on the farm until 1894, when he was united in marriage to Miss Mollie Morgan, who was born in Brown county, Ohio, in 1883, and is a daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Malott) Morgan, the former of whom was born in Brown county in 1846, and the latter also a native of Brown county, was born in 1867. They are prosperous farmers of Brown county, and in their family have been seven children:

Addie, at home.

Ella, the wife of Mack Hessler, residents of Brown county.

Mollie, who is Mrs. Curlis.

Allen, of Bethel, Ohio.

Lee, at home.

Bertha, is also at home.

After his marriage, Mr. Curlis located on a farm in Brown county, near Fayetteville, and there his early training along agricultural lines assisted him greatly in the management of his farming interests. He spent seven years on this farm and at the end of this time removed to their beautiful new home on the Milford and Hillsboro pike, west of Marathon. This farm consists of one hundred and sixty-eight acres of highly cultivated land and the home is modern in every respect.

In 1903, Mr. Curlis added to his agricultural interests, those connected with the saw mill business, and now has in his employ from ten to twelve men, and is doing a splendid business.

Mr. and Mrs. Curlis have had two children to bless their union:

Joseph Ralph, aged three years.

Mildred, born February 23, 1912, died June 9, 1912.

Mr. Curlis is a man of broad outlook, readily recognizing opportunities and bringing to bear the practical in the accomplishment of the ideal. In business transactions he is the soul

of honor and deserves all the praise called forth by the term self-made, for it is by his own efforts that he is enjoying his present prosperity.

Mr. Curlis exercises his right of franchise in support of men and measures of the Republican party, with which he has affiliated since reaching his majority.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Curlis is one of the pleasant, refined homes of the county, and there hospitality and good will abound. Mr. Curlis has accomplished much during his short business career and the family is well known in the community, and the members of the household enjoy an enviable position in social circles.

W. H. LEEDS.

Mr. W. H. Leeds is one of the most popular, energetic and progressive farmers of Clermont county, Ohio, and is held in high esteem by the citizens of this community for his many sterling qualities and excellent traits of character. Mr. Leeds resides on his handsome farm of ninety-eight acres in Jackson township, known throughout the county. Mr. Leeds devotes his land to general farming and stock raising, giving much attention to pure blood Jersey cattle. He also owns forty acres of good land near Marathon, Brown county, which he devoted entirely to pasture. Mr. Leeds was born in Sterling township, Brown county, Ohio, in 1874, and is a son of Moses and Emily (Simpkins) Leeds.

Moses Leeds was born in Williamsburg township, Clermont county, Ohio, January 18, 1838, and is at present a resident of Brown county, where he is living in retirement, after an active life as a farmer. He gave three years and three months time to his country at the time of the Civil war, enlisting in Company B, Fifth Ohio cavalry. He was in the engagement at Pittsburg Landing, Bull Run and others. He was one of twelve children, six sons and six daughters, and the six sons and the six sons-in-law were all soldiers in the war. The six sons were: Lafayette, Gorham P., Frank, Lewis, Andrew and Moses, the father of our subject. The six sons-in-law were: Frank Code, Walter Beell, John Fields, Sam Rambaugh and two others. Several of these were killed in action. Andrew Leeds and John Fields were in the same company and regi-

ment with Moses Leeds. The widow of Lewis Leeds is still a resident of Williamsburg, Ohio.

Emily (Simpkins) Leeds was born in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1844, and resides at the home in Brown county. A brother, Enoch Simpkins, was in the same company and regiment as Moses Leeds during the Civil war. To her union with Moses Leeds were born twelve children, eight of whom grew to maturity, and of those six still survive:

Margaret, became the wife of Charles Cowdry, of Cincinnati.

Elizabeth, who married T. W. Twicher, of Cincinnati.

Lulu, died at the age of nineteen years.

W. H., the subject of this review.

Blanche, who is Mrs. George Fingstag, of Cincinnati.

Roy, who has not married, and is at home.

Grace, at home.

Beausie, died at the age of eighteen years.

Mr. W. H. Leeds was educated in the Salem school, near Williamsburg, in Brown county, and after his school days were over, he entered the employ of Mr. James McKeever, and for eight years worked at farm labor, by the month. At the expiration of this period, he assisted his father on the home farm for four years, and in 1904 purchased the present farm, beginning life for himself.

The marriage of Mr. Leeds to Mrs. Carrie Christie was celebrated in 1904, and her parents were J. R. and Mary (Anderson) Johnson. She was born in Stonelick township, in 1872, and was married to Mr. Christie, and by this first marriage she had one son, John G., who was born in 1897, and is attending school at Hillsboro, Ohio. Mrs. Leeds' father was born in Jackson township, about 1847, and her mother in Goshen township about 1852, and both are living in Brown county and are retired farmers, who are enjoying the fruits of the former years of industry. They were the parents of seven children, six of whom are living:

Carrie, who is now Mrs. Leeds.

Dr. F. A., of Fayetteville, Brown county, Ohio.

E. T., is a dentist of Danville, Ill.

Jessie, who became the wife of E. W. Gray, of Toledo, Ohio.

Martha is a kindergarten teacher and makes her home with her sister, Mrs. Gray, of Toledo, Ohio.

Grace, who is an instructor in music, is at the parental home.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Leeds has been blessed with one child, Martha Isabell, who was born in Jackson township, September 7, 1909.

Since the purchase of the present home farm, Mr. and Mrs. Leeds have greatly improved it and today it is excelled by few in the township. They have rebuilt the house, making it one of the prettiest in the county, which, with its delightful surroundings, good buildings and well cultivated fields add much to the general air of prosperity to this section.

In addition to the raising of the pure blood Jersey cattle, Mr. Leeds also raises and ships great numbers of hogs. He has a fine lot of chickens, horses and cattle, and has all the conveniences for the care of all of his stock.

Mr. Leeds is a Democrat in politics, although he does not aspire to office.

Mr. and Mrs. Leeds are active workers of the Methodist church, and well deserve the respect and esteem of those with whom they are associated. The present comforts of the family are due to the persistent effort and careful management of his business affairs, combined with strict honesty and integrity of Mr. Leeds. He is genial and pleasant and by his affable manner has won many friends.

JOHN D. WHITE.

The name of White is well known in Brown county and brings to mind one of the finest families in the region. They have long been identified with the best interests of the county and State, and have held many offices of trust and confidence. John D. White is well known as mayor of Mt. Orab, also as a successful attorney and a patriotic citizen. He was born in Georgetown, Brown county, June 6, 1854, son of Chilton Alden and Fannie E. (Boyle) White. The father, also a lawyer in profession, took a prominent part in the affairs of Brown county and was born near Maysville, Mason county, Kentucky, in 1823, and died in November, 1900. His wife was born at Fayetteville, Brown county, Ohio, in 1826, and died in 1882, both she and her husband being buried in Brown county. He practiced his profession at Georgetown for many years and was active in the interest of the Democratic party. Soon after his admission to the bar he was elected prosecuting

attorney of the county. This was but a stepping stone to higher things and later he served the county in the State legislature two terms, in the Senate two terms, in the National Congress two terms, and in 1882 served as a member of the constitutional convention from Brown county. He was an important factor in these august bodies and served on many important committees. He made his influence plainly felt wherever he was, and was closely identified with other well known public men, two of the most notable being George H. Pendleton and Clint L. Vollandingham. He was a prominent Mason and Odd Fellow and was buried by the two orders. He was an active member of the Christian church and his home was always hospitably opened to entertain ministers. He was a pioneer of the Sunday school and a trustee of the church, being active in the interests of erecting their church building. He and his wife had three children, born in Brown county, namely: Edward B., of Cincinnati; John D.; Mary Isabel, wife of Dr. E. Whitaker, residing in Maysville, Ky. The father served in the Mexican war in 1847, with Thomas B. Homer, with whom he studied law. He was a schoolmate and warm personal friend of Gen. U. S. Grant, who once offered Mr. White a place on the Supreme bench for life if he would give the General his support. However, Mr. White could not see his way clear to do so, being fully convinced of the justice of the principles of the Democratic party. Mr. White was one of the leading men of Georgetown, and one whom his fellow townsmen were glad to honor and pleased to call friend and neighbor.

After taking a course in local schools, John D. White attended Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, and in 1874 began reading law in his brother's office in Cincinnati. He was admitted to the bar in Georgetown in 1875, and went into partnership with his father and W. W. McKnight, then prosecuting attorney of the county. He has continued in active practice ever since, with unqualified success. He remained twelve years in Georgetown, and in 1887 came to live in Mt. Orab. He is a Democrat in politics, and has held various offices. He was justice of the peace in Georgetown one year, then resigned the office, and after living in Mt. Orab a number of years returned to Georgetown temporarily, again serving as justice of the peace there two years. He removed thence to Greenfield, Ohio, then returned to Mt. Orab permanently. He was elected mayor in November, 1910, and still holds the

office. He is also notary public and his office is located in the city building in Mt. Orab. He has the confidence and esteem of the entire community and stands well in professional circles. He has an excellent memory and feels proud of his father and family. The father's old home in Georgetown opposite the old General Homer (or Harner) home, and is occupied by Col. U. S. G. White, a cousin of John D. White. This old place, on North Main street, is a landmark of Georgetown, being one of the older buildings there.

In 1888 Mr. White was united in marriage with Miss Mary Tucker, who was born near Mt. Orab in 1870, daughter of Frank and Margaret (Smith) Tucker. Mr. Tucker and his wife were born in Brown county, he in 1842, and she in 1847, and they now reside in Illinois. He was a farmer in Green township, Brown county, and served in the Forty-eighth Ohio volunteer infantry during the Civil war. He removed to Illinois several years ago. He and his wife had six children, born in Brown county, namely: Henry, of Green township; Mrs. White; Sallie, wife of Philip Vilvans, lives near Fayetteville; Elizabeth, unmarried, lives with her parents; Ora and James, of Green township, Brown county.

Mr. and Mrs. White have five children, the two youngest born in Brown county: Fannie, born in Mt. Orab, married Henry Cade, resides at New Vienna, Clinton county, Ohio, and they have two children, Austin and Henry; Minnie, born in Mt. Orab in 1891, married Grant Kibler, and they live near New Vienna, and have one child, Howard; Ethel, born at Middletown, Butler county, in 1894, is at home; Robert Emmett, born in Fayetteville in 1896, attends school; Edna, born in Georgetown in 1903, attending school. The Whites have a pleasant home in the eastern part of the village.

WILLIAM HENRY HOBSON.

The Hobsons were among the earliest families in Clermont county and have always stood for progress and good citizenship. William Henry Hobson is a worthy representative of the family, and is much respected as a veteran of the Civil war and for his liberal views and personal qualities. He is popular with all and is a man of genial nature, enjoying the companionship of friends. He was born at Marathon, Decem-

ber 8, 1844, son of William and Elizabeth (Prindle) Hobson, natives of Clermont county. The father was born in Marathon in 1820, and was killed September 22, 1863, at the battle of Chickamauga. The mother was born near Marathon in 1824 and died in 1907. She was buried at Clearwater, Kan., and he at Chickamauga. They carried on a farm in Clermont county, where all save one of their six children were born. In 1856 they moved to Indiana and the father served two years in Company I, Thirty-eighth Indiana volunteer infantry. His children were: William Henry, the eldest; R. H., of Kansas; Rosanna, wife of George Carter, of Williamsburg; Wooster, deceased; Elizabeth, wife of William Seigfried, of Springboro, Ohio; Jacob, deceased, was born in Indiana.

Mr. Hobson received most of his education in Marathon, but attended school some after the family's removal to Indiana. He remained with his parents until, at the age of seventeen years, he and his brother, R. H. Hobson, enlisted in Company D, Sixty-sixth Indiana volunteers, and served two years and eight months. Neither of the two ever missed a roll call and they participated in many important battles, including Maysville, Atlanta, Richmond, and more than a dozen others. He won a most honorable record, of which he has every reason to feel proud, but the father and husband did not return, and in his death the family received a severe blow. Two of his brother's sons also served in the war. After William H. Hobson returned from his military service, his mother decided to return to Clermont county, where she could live among old friends, and he lived with her in Marathon until his marriage, in 1869, to Miss Adeline Applegate, who was born near Marathon, in 1846, daughter of William and Nancy (Fox) Applegate, natives of Ohio, and both deceased. The father served in the Civil war and he and his wife had six children, of whom four now survive: Mrs. Hobson, who died in 1876; William, of Newtonville, Ohio; Sarah A., wife of Gordon Joy, of Dayton, Ohio; Lydia Bell, wife of Samuel Davidson, of Lerado. Mr. Hobson carried on farming near Marathon until the spring of 1910, when he purchased his present farm of one hundred and thirty acres of choice farm land in Jackson township, where he has a very pretty and comfortable home. He is a Republican in politics and has at various times served as school director. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and is prominent in the local organization.

On June 8, 1878, Mr. Hobson was united in marriage with

Miss Ada Luella Hensel, born in Indiana in 1859, daughter of Thomas and Sarah A. (Highland) Hensel. Her father was born near Owensville, Ohio, in 1833, and lives in Clermont county, and her mother, who was born at Milford, Ohio, in 1835, has been dead over thirty-seven years and is buried in Owensville cemetery. Her father served in the One Hundred Day Service during the Civil war and received three discharges altogether. Mr. and Mrs. Hensel had six children, of whom five now survive: Bertha, wife of George Snell, living near Franklin, Ind.; Mrs. Hobson, who was born in Indiana; Ethel, widow of Charles Hathaway, of Indiana; Emma, wife of Frank Snell, living near Lockland, Ohio; Cora lives with her father; Edith, wife of Raper Moore, died in 1910. Mrs. Hobson's uncles, Wesley, William, George, Jasper, Joe and Courtland Hensel, also her father, served in the Civil war from Indiana.

Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hobson, all in Clermont county: Amanda, wife of George Conover, of Jackson township, has a daughter, Elizabeth; Luella, wife of Walter Shuff, of Hamilton county; James Arthur married Miss Myrtle Moyer and they live near Blanchester, Ohio; William H. married Coral Harlow, lives in Brown county, and has one daughter, Edith Lucile; Cora Viola, wife of George Felter, of Brown county, has one son, Clifford; Beulah, graduate of Marathon grammar school and Owensville High School, lives at home; Charles Harner married Ethel Martin and they live near Newtonville; Frank Lloyd is at home with his father; Hazel May, who lives at home, has passed the Pattison examination; and Thomas Milton, at home. This is a family of culture and refinement, representative of the best interests of Clermont county. The Hensels, as well as the Hobsons, were early comers to Clermont county, and both families have always stood high in the esteem of their fellows.

WILLIAM H. JONES.

William H. Jones is a substantial farmer and stock raiser of Jackson township, and is respected as an upright citizen. He is largely self-made and has made his way in the world through energy and hard work. He is an intelligent and progressive farmer and successfully follows approved modern methods in his operations. He was born in Sterling town-

ship, Brown county, Ohio, September 20, 1869, son of Levi and Sarah (Doris) Jones, natives of Clermont and Brown counties, respectively. The father was born near Goshen in 1845, and now lives on the farm in Brown county, where all his children were born. He served from Ohio in the One Hundred Day Service, and by trade was a mechanic, carpenter and chair maker, following these occupations for a number of years. The mother was born in 1845 also. They had four children: Etta, wife of Harvey Cregar, deceased; Almeda, wife of Charles Patton, of Clinton county, Ohio; William H., and George C., of Brown county.

Mr. Jones attended school in Sterling township, Brown county, remaining with his father until attaining his majority. On March 19, 1888, he was united in marriage with Miss Minerva Wallace, born near New Hope, Scott township, Brown county, June 14, 1870, daughter of Nichols and Martha (Brown) Wallace, natives of Brown county. Mr. Wallace was born in 1848 and his wife in 1850, and they now live in Clermont county, although for many years they carried on farming in Brown county. They had fifteen children, born in the two counties just mentioned, namely: Four who did not reach maturity; Sarah, wife of Adam Morse, living near Edenton; Ella, wife of Allen Malot, of Brown county; Minerva, Mrs. Jones; Zerelda, wife of Walter Henderson, of Warren county, Ohio; Addie, wife of Gus Hulick, of Batavia, Clermont county; Laura and Lena, twins, the former living in Cincinnati, and the latter the wife of Richard McElfreth, and is now deceased; Levi, of Clermont county, married Gertrude Turner; Goldie, wife of Quinn Leonard, of Owenton, Ky.; Eli, at home with his parents; Zetta, wife of Jacob Lang, of Cincinnati. Both the Jones and Wallace families were among the very early settlers of Brown county.

After marriage Mr. Jones and his wife spent four years in Brown county, spent two years in Pike township, spent the two succeeding years at Crosstown, Clermont county, and returned to Brown county. Eight years later they located at East Fork, Jackson township, Clermont county, remained there three years, and in March, 1909, moved to their present home on the farm owned by Samuel Pridmore, an uncle of Mr. Jones. He runs two hundred and nineteen acres of land, devoted to general farming, and does well for himself and for the owner. He is a Democrat in politics, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist church. They have had five

children, of whom three now survive, namely: Alma, born in Clermont county, September 22, 1888, died at the age of twenty-one months, and is buried in Brown county; Carroll, born in Brown county, in 1891, married Miss Florence Johnson, of Clermont county, and they have one child, William; Etta, born in Brown county, in 1894, at home; Letha, born in 1896, died when two days old; Goldie Catherine, born in Clermont county, in August, 1910. The family have a wide acquaintance and many warm friends. Anthony Wallace, the grandfather of Mrs. Jones, and her uncle, Jacob Wallace, served in the Civil war. John and James Jones, uncles of William H. Jones, also served in that war from Ohio.

DR. W. C. CROWELL.

Dr. W. C. Crowell, one of the rising young men of Bethel, Ohio, who is successfully engaged in the practice of denistry, with a well appointed office and liberal patronage, is a native of Kentucky, having been born at Maysville, Ky., April 27, 1887. He is a son of Simon and Mollie (Clinger) Crowell, who were both born in Mason county, Kentucky. The former is a house contractor and painter, and has made a name for himself in his business. The maternal grandfather Clinger was a Civil war soldier and was on the boat "Sultana," which was blown up on the Mississippi river. Mr. and Mrs. Simon Crowell were the parents of three children:

Dr. W. C., who is the subject of this sketch.

Lucile is at home with her parents, at Maysville, Ky.

Mabel is also at home with her parents.

The education of Dr. W. C. Crowell was received in the schools of Maysville, from which he was graduated with credit to himself and his teachers. After his graduation from the Maysville High School he continued his education at the Ohio Dental College of Cincinnati, finishing there in 1911. He then did some office work in Cincinnati, but shortly after began practicing at Bethel. Before going to college he had spent some time in the dental office of Dr. R. C. Pollet, of Maysville, which proved of great benefit to him.

By reason of his intelligent and thorough knowledge of his profession, Dr. Crowell has established a fine business, although he has been in the town less than a year. His manly

qualities and pleasing manner have won for him many friends and well wishers.

On October 15, 1912, Dr. Crowell moved to 308 West Fifth street, Cincinnati, Ohio, where he has fitted up elegant parlors for his business.

J. R. JOHNSON.

J. R. Johnson, a retired farmer of Marathon, now engaged in real estate business, is a leader in every movement for the good of his community, and belongs to one of Clermont county's old families. He was born in Jackson township, Clermont county, in 1848, son of Benjamin and Senith (Tribble) Johnson. Benjamin Johnson was born in New Jersey, and came to Clermont county in childhood, and his wife was born near old Clover, Williamsburg township, Clermont county. Both are buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Owensville. Their nine children were all born in Clermont county, namely: Anna, wife of Cornelius J. Works, of Williamsburg township; Cornelius Jefferson lives in Austin, Tex.; Jonathan, of Monterey, Clermont county; J. R., subject of this sketch; Alpheus, of Batavia; Charles, of Hillsboro, Ohio; Harvey and Henry, twins, the former of Norwood and the latter of Hillsboro; Senith, wife of Coates McKeever, of Williamsburg. The parents were Methodists and active workers in the interest of the church. The father held a church office most of his life.

Mr. Johnson was educated in Greenberry school and remained with his parents until 1871, when he married Miss Mary Anderson, born in Clermont county, in 1851, daughter of Peter and May (Smith) Anderson. Mr. Anderson was born in New Jersey and came to Clermont county as a small boy, and Mrs. Anderson was born in Clermont county. Both were buried in Owensville. Mr. Anderson's first wife was Catherine Hatfield, and by both marriages he had children, thirteen in all, as follows: Debby, wife of William Shin, and both she and her husband are deceased; Nathan, Josiah, Samuel and Catherine, all deceased; all children of the first wife. By his second marriage there were: Elizabeth, wife of Louis Ellis, and both are deceased; William, of Tennessee; Margaret and Harvey, of Marathon; Martha, wife of Thomas Smith, of Wilmington, Ohio; Addie, deceased; May, Mrs. Johnson. Mr.

Anderson was a Presbyterian and his second wife was a Methodist. The Andersons and Smiths were among the very early settlers of Clermont county, and were representative of the best interests of their communities.

After marriage Mr. Johnson and his wife located on a farm in Jackson township, where they lived many years, rearing their children there. Some twelve years since he retired from active life, and they now live on a very pretty place of seven acres on the Chillicothe pike, Marathon, just over the edge of the county line, and in Brown county. He is engaged in real estate business to some extent, although he does not carry on this line very aggressively, for he has well earned a rest from great activity. He is well known throughout Clermont county and has a host of friends and acquaintances. He is a Democrat in politics, and has held various township offices. He was appointed to fill a vacancy as county commissioner, serving eight months, and served two terms of three years each, by election. His service in this office was most satisfactory, and he is held in respect by one and all. He and his wife are members of the Methodist church, and he has held office in the church for many years until recently. He has spent practically all his life in Clermont county, and his integrity and good citizenship are well recognized there. He is proud of the part taken by his ancestors in the early affairs of the county, and has been a worthy representative of his family. He is progressive and liberal in his views in general and is a man of considerable influence. He and his wife have a comfortable and very tastefully furnished home and she is a woman of rare good judgment and refinement.

Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, as follows: Carrie, widow of G. R. Christy, by whom she had one son, John, married William Leeds and they now live in Jackson township; Dr. Frank married Miss Julia Day, and they live at Fayetteville, Brown county; Edward married Eva Smith, lives in Danville, Ill., and they have one child, May; Jessie married Edward Grey, of Toledo, and they have one child; Margaret; Katie, deceased; Martha is now a kindergarten teacher in Toledo; Grace is a music teacher in Marathon. Mr. Johnson began life on his own account with almost nothing in the way of worldly goods, and he and his wife worked side by side, with industry and energy, to build up their prospects, with very good results.

DAVID S. McPHERSON.

Mr. David S. McPherson, familiarly known as "Dave" McPherson, is among the most progressive and enterprising of Brown county farmers, and is a representative of one of the earliest of pioneer settlers. He was born on his present home farm, which has been in the family since the year of 1832, and which consists of two hundred and fourteen acres. The date of his birth was January 1, 1862, and his parents were James and Elizabeth (Hopkins) McPherson.

James McPherson (formerly spelled McFerson) was born in Byrd township, near the corners of Byrd, Jefferson and Union townships, Brown county, in April, 1815, and his death occurred in May, 1898, after a useful, honorable and upright life. His occupation was that of farming and stock raising, and the success which he so well deserved was due to his untiring energy and careful management. He was a member and elder of the Red Oak Presbyterian church, and was active in all affairs of that denomination. James was a son of David and Anne McPherson, who were of Scotch parentage.

Elizabeth (Hopkins) McPherson was born in Union township, Brown county in November, 1821, and passed from this life in August, 1909. She was a daughter of Robert Hopkins, a pioneer settler of Brown county. In religious faith she was a member of the Presbyterian church.

David S. McPherson is the eighth child in order of birth of a family of nine children: Frances Ann, died in 1866, at the age of twenty-two years; Robert H., was born in 1846 and died in January, 1853; William A., born in April, 1848, is a resident of Byrd township; Louisa J., born in April, 1850, died in January, 1910, the wife of Joel Morrow, of Russellville, Ohio; Milton C., who was born in November, 1851, married in March, 1880, to Hannah Fenton, and died about 1905; Samuel Lewis, born in March, 1854, passed away in August, 1881; Agnes, born in June, 1856, married in 1878, Ackles Culter, and are residents of Russellville; David S., our subject; Edward P., who was born in January, 1864, married Louise Beaty in September, 1892, and resides at Evanston, Chicago, Ill.

The marriage of Mr. D. S. McPherson took place in May, 1891, and his union was with Miss Ella McCutchen, who was born and reared at Manchester, Ohio, a daughter of John and Eliza McCutchen, the former of whom was for a number of years a farmer, but is now a merchant of Manchester.

Mr. McPherson has always given his attention to his chosen calling and is successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising. He has made many improvements on the farm property, including a comfortable new home in the place of the old one, which he had torn down in 1911. The home was completed in 1912, and is one of the most modern farm houses in the county.

Mr. McPherson takes an intelligent interest in politics, and his study of the questions of the day have led him to give his support to the Republican party and he has served in the various township offices.

In religious matters, Mr. and Mrs. McPherson hold membership, and he is on the board of trustees, of the Red Oak Presbyterian Church. He is well known in his locality and is highly regarded as an honorable man and a first class citizen.

JOHN C. FLOWERS.

John C. Flowers belongs to an old and well known family of Brown county and he and his wife count their friends by the hundreds. He is a man of quiet, modest demeanor, and everything around his home shows him to be a progressive, up-to-date farmer. He is broad and liberal-minded and favors every cause he believes will benefit the township and county. He was born at the Brown county infirmary, in Pleasant township, in 1859, son of Davis and Catherine (Kier) Flowers. The father was born in Pennsylvania in 1829 and died in Brown county March 4, 1910, being buried in the cemetery at Georgetown. He served three years in the Civil war, first in Company K and later being transferred to Company C, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry. He participated in the battles of Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain and many others. He was a Republican in politics, and for five years had charge of the county infirmary, this time including his service before and after the war. He and his wife had to provide all the help in the institution and conducted it in a manner that did credit to them and to the county. They had three children: Namon D., of Lewis township; William Henry died in Colorado some twenty years ago, and John C. The mother

was born near Fincastle, Brown county, in 1828, and now lives with her son, the subject of this sketch. Her parents came to Brown county from Pennsylvania among the earliest settlers and Mr. Kier cleared land for a farm. He and his wife lived to the ages of ninety-three and one hundred and three years, respectively. Mrs. Flowers was a Methodist in earlier life, but is now too feeble to attend services, although she is much interested in the work of the church. Mr. Flowers spent most of his life farming in Lewis township and raised garden truck.

Mr. Flowers, of this sketch, attended the Blue Bird school, and after leaving school worked for various farmers by the month for some ten years. In 1882 he was united in marriage with Miss Louisa Letitia Drake, who was born on White Oak creek, Lewis township, in 1861, daughter of John and Elizabeth J. (Newland) Drake, who were early settlers of Brown county. The Drakes originally came from England. John Drake was born in Pennsylvania in 1808 and died on February 12, 1873, and Mrs. Elizabeth Drake was born in Brown county in 1828 and died August 17, 1911. Both are buried in Higginsport, Ohio. They had a farm in Lewis township and were the parents of eight children, all born in the county, and seven now surviving: Hannah J., widow of George Watson, of Portsmouth; Sabina A., wife of Rufus Dugan, of Higginsport; Jacob W., of Washington State; Phoebe E., wife of John A. Stephens, of Straight Creek; Rebecca, widow of Benjamin White, lives near Higginsport; Ruth Mary Ellen, wife of Mirian Fry, of Milford, Clermont county; Mrs. Flowers; Martha C. died some thirty years ago. The Drakes were members of the Baptist church. Jacob Newland, Mrs. Drake's father served in the Revolution.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Drake spent four years on a farm on White Oak creek, Lewis township, then they lived in Pleasant township, and in 1899 purchased the fine farm of one hundred and eight acres where they now reside. He erected a comfortable eight-room farm house and suitable out buildings, and has in other ways improved the appearance and value of the place. He carries on general farming and raises hogs, horses and cattle. His tobacco crop is a good one, and he raises considerable grain and hay also. In politics he is a Democrat, but in local affairs votes for the man rather than for party. He and his wife formerly were members of the Christian church at Higginsport. They had two children,

Arminda Ellen, who died in 1883, at the age of eleven months and eight days, and is buried in Georgetown, and William David, born in 1885, a graduate of the Georgetown High School. The latter married Miss Gertrude Alma Brown and they reside on the home farm. Mr. and Mrs. Flowers have worked together since the time they joined hands in the marriage knot, and began with debts on all sides, but have prospered and now have a nice home and good prospects. They have given their son all advantages for fitting himself to take his place in the world, and have won a very good standing with their neighbors and associates. Their success is self-made, for they began with very little and have added to their possessions from time to time and bit by bit. They enjoy many comforts and have well earned them. In the summer time they keep city boarders with good success.

Solomon Flowers, an uncle of Mr. Flowers, was killed at New Orleans during the Civil war.

CHARLES HARLOW

Charles Harlow, superintendent of the Marathon schools, and a resident of Jackson township, belongs to one of the oldest families of Clermont county. He was born in Jackson township in 1887, son of Cornelius W. and Anna E. (Stark) Harlow. Cornelius W. Harlow was born in Jackson township in 1853, and still lives there, and his wife was born in Stonelick township, Clermont county, also in 1853. He is one of the most progressive farmers of the region, devotes considerable attention to stock raising and is a man of influence and high standing. He is a Democrat in politics and has held several township offices. There were four children born to him and his wife, namely: Edwin died at the age of six years; Jesse also died when six years old; Charles, the only surviving son; Addie C. is a teacher in the public schools of Clermont county, but is taking a rest at the present time. Miss and Mrs. Harlow are devout members of the Methodist church.

Cornelius W. Harlow is a son of Jeremiah and Emeline (Johnson) Harlow, his father born on the Cornelius Harlow farm in 1818 and died in 1890. Mrs. Emeline Harlow is deceased and both are buried in Bloom Rose cemetery, Brown

county, Ohio. Jeremiah Harlow was a miller in Jackson township, where he had a saw and grist mill and afterwards carried on farming. He and his wife were the parents of thirteen children, of whom seven now survive: Rachel lives with her sister, Mrs. Hamilton, of Jackson township; Mary, widow of Mont Ferce, has two children, Orie, who married Miss Thersa Curtis, lives near Batavia, and has two children (Orie and Mary Helen), and Clara, widow of Homer Mahon, living on a farm near Afton, has one child, Beatrice; Cornelius is the father of the subject of this sketch; H. W., Oliver J. and Samuel, of Jackson township; Julia E., wife of Alvin Hamilton, of Jackson township, has two children, Lena, aged sixteen years, and Harlow, aged thirteen. The Harlows were very early comers to Jackson township and cleared their land, a little at a time, and always taking great interest in the general welfare and progress of the county. They purchased two hundred acres of land at two dollars per acre, which is still in the family. An ancestor of Cornelius W. Harlow, Cornelius Washburn, was known as the Indian hunter. The Indians had killed his mother and he had vowed that he would hunt the particular tribe that had perpetrated the deed, but they finally killed him. He had served in the War of 1812 and his father in the Revolution.

Charles Harlow graduated from the Williamsburg High School, and took a post-graduate course in agriculture under Prof. J. R. Rounds, superintendent of schools in Hocking township, Fairfield county, Ohio. He entered upon his profession by teaching one year in Perry township, Brown county, then taught four years at Greenberry, Clermont county. In 1911 he was appointed superintendent of schools at Marahon, and teaches all subjects and grades. He is well prepared for his work and keeps in touch with modern methods and ideas. During the summer of 1912 he taught in the Boys' Industrial School at Lancaster, Ohio. He is well known in Clermont county, where his family is prominent. He is a Democrat in politics and fraternally is a Mason, being affiliated with the Blue Lodge at Marathon, and the Royal Arch Chapter at Batavia. He holds office in his lodge. He gives good satisfaction in the performance of his duties and is popular as a young man of genial and courteous manner. He lives with his parents on the old home farm. He is proud of the part taken by his ancestors in the public affairs in the early days of Clermont county.

An ancestor of Mr. Harlow, Cornelius Washburn, was a colonel and led the whites against the Indians, near Marathon, Clermont county, where the first bloodshed occurred in the first battle fought on Ohio soil between the Indians and whites.

ELIJAH G. PENN.

Elijah G. Penn, deceased, died June 27, 1910, at his home in Amelia, Clermont county, Ohio. He was born near Point Isabel, in this county, June 28, 1835, son of Elijah T. and Philena (Walroven) Penn. The parents were both natives of Maryland and drove to Ohio at a very early day. The father was in the flour milling business in early life, but later owned and operated a large farm. Our subject was the next youngest of their eleven children, of whom but one is now living, in 1912, viz., their ninth child, William W., who married Mona Sargent (deceased), and resides at Moscow, Ohio. The others were: Mary; Sarah, married the late Judge Thomas Q. Ashburn, extended mention of whom appears on other pages of these volumes; Anna S., married the late John Holter; George W. was a Civil war soldier and married Margaret Gilfillen, now the widow of Rev. W. H. Southerland; Julius A., first married Miss Minor, deceased, and second Mary J. Brock, also deceased; John D., whose widow was Charlotte Ashburn, now residing at Wilmington, Ohio; Joseph W., who first married Caroline Sargent, deceased, and second Viola Nichols, who, as his widow, resides at Amelia; Benjamin F. married Mahala Foster, deceased, and Milton, who married Susan Berger, now deceased.

Elijah T. Penn was four times married. His second wife was Mrs. Margaret Nichols; his third was Miss Lizzie Sargent, while his fourth was Mrs. Caroline Corbin, an aunt of the late General Corbin, mentioned elsewhere.

Mr. Penn, of this review, attended the common schools of Clermont, later taking a business course at Bartlett's Business College. Upon leaving college, he went at once to Warsaw, Mo., where he was most successfully engaged in the real estate business until 1859, when he returned to Clermont county and was married by the Rev. John Fowble, at 7:30 p. m., November 9th of that year, to Miss Mary A. Foster, born

May 5, 1842, near Batavia, Ohio, only child of Joseph R. and Susan (Ricker) Foster, who were married at 12 o'clock noon, July 13, 1837, by Rev. Robert Cheeney. Joseph R. Foster, who was born in 1816, and died September 17, 1871, was a cousin of the late Bishop Randolph Foster, and both were educated at Augusta (Kentucky) College. He was a farmer and an active Republican, serving as justice of the peace some seventeen years. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was an officer many years and until his death. She was born in 1822 and died May 26, 1891; her brother, the late Maj. Elbridge G. Ricker, served in the Civil war, as did also his son, Benjamin J. Ricker. Adeline (Ricker) Frazee, widow of Benjamin Frazee, is now aged eighty-eight years, and is an aunt of Mrs. Mary A. Penn and residing at the latter's home, is the only survivor of that generation of the Ricker family.

After marriage, our subject and wife settled in Batavia. He served as county clerk and later removed to Amelia, where he engaged in real estate business until he volunteered and enlisted, October 3, 1861, as first lieutenant in the Fifth Ohio cavalry, serving until discharged, October 20, 1862. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the Methodist Episcopal church. Following are the children of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Penn: Susan Foster, wife of Frederick Harting, a newspaper man of Portland, Ore., was a pupil at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio; and Miss Philena M. Penn, a graduate of the Amelia High School, and who also took a business course at Cincinnati, is a teacher in the public schools of Clermont county.

Mrs. Penn was educated at Hillsboro, Ohio, Female College, under tutelage of Prof. J. McDowell Matthews, noted scholar and instructor. She is general pension attorney, since 1892, and is a woman of rare business qualifications. The first Clermont county institute was organized and held at Mrs. Penn's home, headed by Prof. John Hancock. Her home is historical, formerly owned by the Hopkins family, bought by Mr. Foster, who remodeled and left it to his daughter. Her parents are buried in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows cemetery, where rest four generations, including a grandchild of Mrs. Penn, the lot marked by a beautiful monument. She has the discharge papers left by her father at a little historical legacy, the document being signed in General Grant's own hand writing.

Mr. Penn was of a highly refined and intelligent nature, well informed on all subjects and a man very highly respected in Clermont county, while Mrs. Penn is quiet and graceful, possessing those charms which make it a real pleasure for one to meet; thus the Penn home has ever been pervaded by a spirit of true hospitality. This spirit is inherited by their daughter, who evidenced her devotion by giving her father every attention possible, and is now showing every consideration for her mother. Both ladies are members of the Methodist church.

FRANCIS MARION EDWARDS.

Mr. Francis Marion Edwards, who has passed the eighty-fifth milestone on life's journey and is therefore living retired, owns, however, ninety-eight acres of valuable land in Batavia township, Clermont county, and his possessions are such as to bring him a very desirable income, so that he is enabled to enjoy all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. He was born in Bird township, Brown county, May 27, 1827, and his parents were John and Demiah (Jones) Edwards, the former of whom was born in Brown county and the latter was born in Kentucky. Both have been deceased for many years. They had six children, all being deceased but Mr. F. M. Edwards.

Mr. Edwards was educated in Brown county and at the age of sixteen years went to Amelia, where he learned the trade of tanner. As his employer worked in a shoe shop during the winter, Mr. Edwards was enabled to learn the shoe maker's trade also. After he had learned this trade thoroughly he entered the employ of his brother, who owned and operated a harness and carriage trimming shop in Amelia, and who had offered him three dollars per day to work for him. He was thus engaged for six years making collars, and for another period of six years was employed by a sewing machine company to run a wagon.

On January 11, 1855, Mr. F. M. Edwards was united in marriage to Miss Amelia L. Byers, who was born in Fulton, Hamilton county, Ohio, in 1837, and her parents were James and Jane Ann (Collerton) Byers, the former being born in Ireland and the latter born in New York. Both are now deceased, leaving two children:

Amelia, who became Mrs. Edwards.

John, who went to South America at the age of twenty years and died there after a residence of twenty-five years. He gave his sister, Mrs. Edwards, the farm of ninety-eight acres, that is now their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwards had six children born to their union, those living being:

Kate became the wife of William Clayton, and they have three children, Florence, Lottie and William. Their home is in Chicago.

John B. is also a resident of Chicago, and has three children, Kate, Delia and George.

J. F. is at home with his father and operates the home farm.

Mr. Edwards is an advocate of the principles of the Republican party, although he has never been a politician in the light of an office seeker.

The fraternal affiliations of Mr. Edwards are with the organizations of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Knights of Pythias, and for many years has been prominently identified with the affairs of both orders.

All of the members of the family of Mr. Edwards are devoted members of the Methodist church, and are active in all that tends to the advancement of Christianity.

Since his marriage Mr. Edwards has followed the occupation of general farming and stock raising. He has a good breed of horses, sheep and hogs, which he raises for market. Mr. Edwards has been practically retired for the past six years, although save for a partial loss of hearing he is able to enjoy all the pleasures of life. The farm and building show great pride in keeping the home in good condition, and in good repair, and although he has given over the management of the farm to his son, he is very active for one of his years.

The life record of Mr. Edwards is characterized by all that is honorable and manly and has moreover proved what may be attained by close and persistent purpose supplemented by unqualified business integrity.

GEORGE JARMAN (Deceased).

In the death of George Jarman Clermont county lost an upright, useful citizen and one who was highly respected by all. He was industrious, public-spirited and progressive, having at heart the best interests of the community. He was long a

farmer in Washington township, and was successful in his undertakings. Although he died October 19, 1878, he is well remembered by all who had the pleasure of his friendship, and is held in most loving memory by his family, as a kind father and devoted husband. He was born near Neville, January 18, 1841, son of Azariah and Martha (Kelsey) Jarman, who are mentioned at some length in connection with the sketch of another son, Levi Jarman, deceased, which appears on another page of this work.

Mr. Jarman attended school in Neville and carried on farming with his father until he enlisted in Company A, Fifty-ninth Ohio volunteers. At the end of his term he was discharged, and although he was drafted to go to the front a second time, he hired a substitute and remained at home. He participated in action at several battles. On December 27, 187—, he married Miss Alice Rose, who was born near Chilo, August 1, 1851, daughter of Timothy and Eliza (Brown) Rose. Mr. Rose was born in Cincinnati, November 5, 1827, and died February 25, 1879, and Mrs. Rose was born November 25, 1832, and died May 21, 1885. They had a large family of children, of whom but four now survive: Alonzo, of Manchester; John Brown; Sarah, widow of Newton Kirk, of Maysville, Mason county, Kentucky; Mrs. Alice Jarman. Mr. Rose came to Clermont county in an early day and his father, Timothy Rose, kept a store on the farm where Mrs. Alice Jarman was born. Mr. Rose and wife are buried in Chilo cemetery, Woods Hill.

Soon after marriage George Jarman settled on a farm about a mile from her birthplace and about a mile from the place where she now lives, where Mr. Jarman carried on farming until his death. His widow later sold this place, and in May, 1909, bought the pretty place of sixty acres, where she now resides. Mr. Jarman was a Republican in politics, and he and his wife belonged to the Methodist church. They had four children, all born on the home place: Martha, wife of Dr. C. S. Bolander, of Indianapolis, was born September 26, 1872; William died at the age of eleven months; John, born November 28, 1875, married Miss Hattie Essex, and his sketch is published in this volume; Mary Eliza, born October 10, 1877, married Robert Eddington, and they have a son, John.

By a life of industry and economy Mr. and Mrs. Jarman accumulated a competence and reared their family to honorable man and womanhood. Mr. Jarman was a kind friend and neighbor, and was greatly missed in many circles. He was

buried in Vesper cemetery, near Neville. Mrs. Jarman is a good Christian woman, greatly liked by all; and is proud of the part taken by her ancestors and those of her husband in the earlier history of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Jarman proved worthy representatives of these families and always endeavored to do their whole duty by their children and the community.

DAVID W. GAMES.

Among the representative and substantial men of Brown county, the above named gentleman is a leading figure. He lives on his splendidly improved and productive farm of over two hundred acres near Hiatt postoffice in Huntington township. He carries on general farming and stock raising, and his well tilled fields and beautiful meadows give his property a pleasing and prosperous appearance. Mr. Games was born and reared on a nearby farm, a part of which he now owns, September 11, 1841, and his father was the Hon. John F. Games, whose sketch also appears in these volumes.

Mr. Games' present home is a substantial frame structure, which was erected in 1856, by his grandfather, a short time before the latter's death. Mr. Games has resided on this farm since his marriage thus far, with the exception of the time he was in the service of his country during the Civil war. On October 16, 1861, he enlisted at Camp Hamer, at West Union, Ohio, in Company F, Seventieth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and in August, 1862, was discharged on account of disability. On September 16, 1864, he re-enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Eighty-second regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, a part of Steadman's brigade. He was at the battle of Nashville, and was under fire, although not actively engaged in that battle. A part of this brigade, however, made the first charge of the engagement. July 7, 1865, Mr. Games was finally mustered out and he returned to his home.

In 1866, Mr. David W. Games was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J. Case, who was born in Adams county, Ohio, January 2, 1849, and who passed from this life January 12, 1907. She was a daughter of T. W. and Julia (Shelton) Case. She left nine living children besides the eldest, Wilson Games, who died at the age of twenty years. The others are:

John, a carpenter of Dayton, Ohio, married Ellen Thompson, of Adams county, Ohio.

James C., a farmer of Adams county, married Margaret Cooper.

Cary, a farmer of Adams county, married Sarah Grierson.

Annie, wife of George H. Knechtly, a farmer of Texas.

Olin H., a farmer of Huntington township, Brown county, married Verdie Roush.

Watson E., a teacher, resides near Columbus, Ohio.

Stanley C., is by occupation a farmer.

Charles Ross is a farmer and teacher, and married first, Miss Nellie Lane, who died leaving one son, and his present wife is Miss Geordie McGuire.

Amanda J., wife of Elmer Lawwill, a farmer of near Mt. Orab.

Mr. Games married, in March, 1910, Miss Cora Atherton, who was born and reared in Huntington township, a daughter of George G. and Margaret (Kimball) Atherton, early residents of Brown county. Mrs. Games has one brother and three sisters living in Adams county, Ohio, and two brothers living in Kentucky.

The political support of Mr. Games has always been given to the Republican party, in which he has taken an active interest.

Mr. Games is a member in good standing of George Bailey Post of Aberdeen and has served as officer of the day.

Mr. Games and his family are regular in attendance of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which he has ever given a liberal support.

Mr. Games is a man who keeps fully abreast of the times and is influential in his neighborhood because of his upright and honorable life.

H. W. DENNISTON.

Mr. H. W. Denniston is one of the best known men in Clermont county, through his business relations. He carries on his farm and also deals in leaf tobacco, being successful in both enterprises. He is a self-made man and he and his wife have worked together to gain a good start in life. Both are highly respected by all. Mr. Denniston is considered one of

the substantial citizens of his community and is well liked for his broad, liberal ideas and his kindness of heart. He was born in Illinois, December 25, 1859, son of William and Elvina (Savage) Denniston. The parents were born in Brown county, the father in 1832, and the mother in 1841. He died in 1898, and is buried in old Pisgah cemetery, and she died in 1908. He served through the war, enlisting in the Eighty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, and spending two years and two months in infamous Andersonville prison. They had six children, three of whom now survive: H. W., of this sketch; Belle, wife of Robert Pork, of Dayton; John C., of Indiana. Mr. Denniston's grandmother married Mr. J. P. Dougherty, a well known preacher, who preached at Point Isabel and various other places in Clermont county, died in the edge of Brown county, and was the oldest Christian minister in the conference at the time of his death. He had preached longer, had married and buried a larger number of persons than any other preacher in the conference. He was a noble man and was held in great affection by all, for he had broad sympathies and was able to touch the hearts of his hearers, as well as to give them comfort and advice in the every day affairs of life.

Mr. Denniston was educated in Higginsport, Georgetown, and Lebanon college, spending three years at the latter place. He taught school in Brown county for some ten or eleven years, with good success, and won a reputation in the profession, then took up the business of farming, which he followed in Brown and Clermont counties. He has always had a good understanding and natural ability in the tobacco business, in which he has always dealt more or less, and in 1907 he became more extensively interested in it. He has a large warehouse in Chilo and employs ten men in winter and five in summer, being the only large dealer in his part of the county. He resides on the Felicity and Chilo turnpike road, where he has one hundred and twenty acres of land, but altogether he has two hundred and sixty acres in Franklin township. He has made many improvements on the place and erected the house and some of the barns on his home farm. He is an energetic and wide-awake business man, and a skilled farmer. He is an excellent judge of tobacco and is honorable in his dealings. He has been successful through hard work and careful management, and now has a nice family and a beautiful home. He is a Democrat in politics, and fraternally is a Knight of Pythias.



In 1882 Mr. Denniston was united in marriage with Miss Nannie C. Mefferd, born in Brown county in 1861, daughter of Rev. G. W. and Nancy (Evans) Mefferd, whose parents were also natives of Brown county. The father died when about ninety years of age, and the mother died at the age of about eighty-nine years. Rev. Mefferd was a prominent preacher of the Christian church and spent his whole life in this work. He was much respected and was a great power for good in the community and county. He and his wife had seven children, only four of whom are now surviving: Minerva, wife of Ellis Trunnell, of Illinois; James, of Lexington, Ky.; J. D., of Point Pleasant; Nannie C., Mrs. Denniston.

Mr. and Mrs. Denniston had seven children: Irene, born in Ohio, graduated from the Lexington High School, and married John Olmsted, of Chilo; Eugene, aged twenty-six years, was born in Ohio, is manager of his father's warehouse in Chilo; Lola, born in Ohio, is at home; Henry Clay, born in Kentucky, is at home on the farm; Cecil, born in Kentucky, at home; Blythe and John, born in Ohio, are at home.

J. F. RICHARDS.

Among the native sons of Clermont county who have helped materially in furthering the general progress and prosperity, J. F. Richards deserves prominent mention. He belongs to one of the oldest families of the region and was born in Franklin township, June 26, 1862, son of Robert and Bena (Smith) Richards. The father, also a native of that township, was born August 11, 1825, and died July 29, 1908, and the mother, a native of Germany, was born in 1823, came to America at the age of eighteen years, spending thirty-five days on the water, and died in March, 1898. Both parents were buried in Calvary cemetery. The father was a farmer and a prominent citizen of Franklin township, where his father had settled in an early day. The grandfather Richards was one of a family of nine children, and his wife was one of nine children. Robert Richards was one of four children, and is now deceased. The others of the family were: Caroline, deceased, was the widow of Gideon Winterood; William and Thomas, deceased. These four children all formerly lived near Felicity, and all bore an honorable part in the affairs of the neighborhood.

To Robert and Bena (Smith) Richards five children were born, namely: Stasia; Anna, formerly a teacher in Clermont county, lives with a younger brother in Cincinnati; Addie, wife of M. A. Wood, lives at Mt. Carmel, Ohio; J. F., of this sketch; D. S., a teacher in the Oyler School, Cincinnati, one of the best elementary schools in the world and well known in educational circles.

J. F. Richards remained with his parents until his marriage, receiving his education in his native place. In 1894, he was united in marriage with Miss Caddie Moore, a native of Moscow, Washington township, Clermont county, October 12, 1861, daughter of J. E. and Anna (Smith) Moore. Mr. Moore was born in Belmont county, Ohio, April 16, 1825, and died in 1906, and his wife, a native of the same county, born May 24, 1824, died May 3, 1883, both being buried in Felicity cemetery. Mr. Moore had been a local preacher. He was one of twelve children and eight children were born to him and his wife, namely: James E. E., born November 30, 1847, died at the age of twenty-five years; Lucinda Anna, born August 7, 1852, taught school many years in Clermont county, Ohio, and in Chicago, Ill., and now resides with her sister, Mrs. Richards; Sarah Isabel, born June 5, 1854, died young; Elizabeth Jane, born March 20, 1855, died at the age of thirty-two years; Eva Josephine, born May 7, 1857, died at the age of three years; Rachel Eliza, born May 19, 1859, is the wife of Charles S. Warner, a minister living in Oklahoma; Clara May, born October 12, 1861, Mrs. Richards; Belle Smith, born January 10, 1865, died at the age of seventeen years. The father's brother, Eugene Moore, served in the Civil war from Ohio.

Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Richards located on the old Moore homestead, of which she inherited two hundred and fifty-one and one-fourth acres. He carries on general farming and pays especial attention to stock raising. He has been very successful and has established a reputation for integrity and industry. He is actively interested in public affairs and is a Prohibitionist in politics, although reared a Republican. He and his wife are members of the Methodist church, in which he has served as trustee and steward for some time, and for many years was superintendent of the Sunday school. They are much interested in various measures for the public welfare and for the uplifting of the race. They are among the best known people of the community, being natives of the county and members of prominent families.

Two children have blessed the union of Mr. Richards and wife: Dorsey Smith, born July 8, 1895, attends Woodworth School in Cincinnati, and is taking a course in domestic science; Robert Moore, born October 1, 1903, attends the local school, which is on a part of the old Richards farm.

DR. T. V. FITZPATRICK.

Dr. T. V. Fitzpatrick, one of the most eminent laryngologists and aurists of Cincinnati, Ohio, was born at Nicholasville, Clermont county, Ohio, April 9, 1855, and is a son of Solomon and Zerelda (Vanhook) Fitzpatrick, natives of Crab Orchard, Ky., the former of whom was born December 14, 1793, and passed away February 5, 1868.

Dr. Fitzpatrick came to Cincinnati in 1871, and there attended the Hughes High School, later becoming a student of the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, from which he graduated in 1875. From 1875 to 1876, Dr. Fitzpatrick practiced his profession at Paragon, Ind., and the year following was spent at New Baltimore, Hamilton county, Ohio, where he was also engaged in the practice of medicine. In 1888, Dr. Fitzpatrick attended the New York Post-Graduate School of Medicine, devoting special attention to otology and laryngology. After the completion of this course, he spent some months abroad and upon his return was tendered a professorship in the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, to teach otology and laryngology, which position he filled until the year of 1892. In 1890, Dr. Fitzpatrick received an honorary degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the Twin Valley College.

Dr. Fitzpatrick is a prominent member of the following medical associations: The American Medical Association; the American Laryngological Association, the American Rhinological Association; the American Otological Association; the Pan-American Congress; the Mississippi Valley Medical Association; the Ohio State Medical Association and the Cincinnati Academy of Medicine.

The political views of Dr. Fitzpatrick are in accord with those of the Republican party and he has filled the office of mayor of Norwood, which is his present home.

In religious matters, Dr. Fitzpatrick is broad and liberal in his views and gives largely to the support of the churches and worthy charities:

Dr. Fitzpatrick is a Thirty-second degree Mason.

In 1885 occurred the marriage of Dr. Fitzpatrick to Lotta A. Willey, who passed from this life October 8, 1893, leaving one son, E. Verne, born in 1889.

The second union of Dr. Fitzpatrick was with Florence Swing, and to them was born one son, Thomas S.

E. C. BEE.

The Bee family has been well known in Clermont county since the great-grandfather of E. C. Bee located there in 1818. He located at New Richmond and died three days after his arrival. They are of English descent and have always been respected as public-spirited and progressive citizens. James Bee, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a successful contractor of Cincinnati for many years. E. C. Bee was born below Bethel, Clermont county, September 24, 1868, son of Joseph and Anna (Carter) Bee. The father, who was born in Cincinnati in 1846, lives near Bethel, and the mother was also born in Cincinnati, the date of her birth being 1859. After coming to Ohio Joseph Bee took up farming and has followed this occupation all his active life. He and his wife had eleven children, all born in Clermont county: William lives near Bethel; Joseph and George live in Tate township; E. C. is the subject of this sketch; Walter, Lewis and John live in Tate township; Fannie, Nellie, Gracie and Charlie, all live at home.

Mr. Bee was educated in the local schools and remained on the farm with his parents until his marriage, in 1902, to Miss Ethel Holland, born November 10, 1880, daughter of Thomas and Anna (Brogdon) Holland. Mr. Holland was born in Cincinnati in 1833 and Mrs. Holland was born near Bantam, Pierce township, Clermont county, in 1857. Their children, all born in Clermont county, were: Samuel C., an expert mechanic, lives at Providence, Rhode Island; Archie, a civil engineer, lives with his parents in Williamsburg township; Mrs. Bee.

Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bee located near Nicholasville, Pierce township, but one year later moved to

Stonelick township, where they remained two years. They then came back to Tate township and purchased their present very comfortable home. This purchase was made in 1904, and they have seventy acres of good farm land. Mr. Bee erected the present house and made an addition to the barn, besides making many other improvements. He is a progressive farmer and successfully follows modern methods. He is a Republican in politics and he and his wife belong to the Methodist church. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic order, and the Knights of Pythias. Mr. and Mrs. Bee have one child, Ralph Edward, born in Tate township, February 22, 1905, a promising child. Mr. and Mrs. Bee have worked side by side in gaining their start in life, and both have been most energetic and industrious. They stand well with their neighbors and are recognized as desirable members of the community. Mrs. Bee's uncle, Pierce Holland, served in the Civil war from Williamsburg township, Clermont county. Her parents were rather early settlers of Tate township, where they spent the remainder of their lives, and became highly respected by all.

FRANK J. DALE.

Frank J. Dale, one of the progressive and enterprising citizens of Clermont county, Ohio, is the owner and proprietor of the general store at Ashdale, which he built and named. He was born July 22, 1868, in Miami township, and is a son of Ephrim and Louisa (Jordon) Dale.

Ephrim Dale was born in North Carolina, in 1825, and came to Clermont county with his parents when he was a very small boy. He was a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting from Ohio, but would never accept a pension from the government because of the feeling that he did not wish any remuneration for duty done at a time when the country needed the services of all loyal citizens. His death occurred in 1907 and his remains were laid to rest in the Green Lawn cemetery.

Louisa (Jordon) Dale was born in Clermont county, near Edenton, in 1832, and passed from this life in 1904. She was a member of an old family of the county, who were among the earliest settlers. She also is buried in Green Lawn cemetery, beside her husband. She became the mother of five children, all of whom were born in Clermont county:

Louis is a resident of Stonelick township, is operating the old home place.

J. C. is married and is living at home.

Charles is a farmer of Miami township.

Frank J., of this mention.

Mr. Frank J. Dale attended school in Stonelick township, and remained at home until the age of seventeen years, after which he worked at the blacksmith trade until he reached the age of twenty years, when he returned to his home.

The marriage of Mr. Dale to Miss Sallie Hill took place September 5, 1888. Her parents were Benjamin and Mollie (Murphy) Hill, who are residents of Milford, Ohio, formerly farmers of Stonelick township. Mrs. Mollie (Murphy) Hill was born in Stonelick township. They became the parents of five children: Olin, of Stonelick township; Sallie, who is the wife of Mr. Dale; Milton; Nancy, the wife of Charles Wilson, is a resident of Madisonville, Ohio; Homer is a resident of Madisonville, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale located on a farm on the Woodville and Edenton pike after marriage, where he engaged in the horse business for one year, following which they moved to a farm in Stonelick township, carrying on general farming for a period of two years. The next four years were spent in Milford, and at the end of that time, they removed to this locality, where they purchased one acre of land and engaged in the grocery business, making this their home also. They have a fine farm of fifty acres in Stonelick township.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Dale have been three children, all born in Clermont county:

Roy, who was born in 1890, is in the grocery business in Cincinnati. He married Nellie Wilson, in August, 1912.

Court, born in March, 1892, is in the store with his father.

Lilla was born in December, 1894, and is at home.

Mr. Dale is a Republican in politics, and is always active in the interests of the party. He has served his party in various local offices, having been twice supervisor and is only the second assessor ever elected on the Republican ticket in this township, and in this capacity he has given the utmost satisfaction. At present he is serving as committeeman of the township and has served on the school board for the past nine years.

Mrs. Dale has membership with the Methodist church, to which both she and Mr. Dale give liberally of their means.

Mr. Dale enjoys a large patronage, and is held in high regard by his fellow citizens. He is an enterprising farmer, as well as an energetic store keeper, and it would be hard to find a more genial, practical and popular gentleman.

WILLIAM S. KELSEY.

Mr. William S. Kelsey, one of Brown county's most progressive and public-spirited citizens, has for the past six years filled the office of postmaster of Levanna, where he is also engaged in the mercantile business. His birth occurred at Levanna, Ohio, January 19, 1867, a son of Henry C. and Lydia (Jordan) Kelsey.

Henry C. Kelsey was born in Cincinnati in April of 1844, his parents immigrating to America from Ireland about 1832, locating first in Pennsylvania, where he engaged as a mechanic and who came to Cincinnati about 1840. They both passed from this life at Cincinnati. Henry C. Kelsey served three years and ten months in the First Kentucky infantry during the Civil war, and the exposure and hardship of the battle field brought about poor health. He was by trade a decorator and painter, which he followed after his return from the war. In 1866, he removed from Cincinnati to Levanna. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Hostirt Liggett Post, No. 145, of Ripley, Ohio, and was a devout member of the Christian church. His death took place in 1901.

Lydia (Jordan) Kelsey was born at Levanna, Ohio, in 1844, and her death occurred in 1897. She was a daughter of Jeremiah and Melinda (Mefford) Jordan, the former of whom was one of the pioneers of Brown county, who came from Pennsylvania, and the latter of whom was born at Washington, Mason county, Kentucky, and died at Levanna, Ohio.

To the union of Henry C. and Lydia (Jordan) Kelsey were born four children: William S., the subject of this sketch; Edward L., a ship builder and foreman, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Lulu M., wife of W. A. Dunham, of Cincinnati; and Bert S., a ship carpenter, of Cincinnati.

William S. Kelsey was reared at Levanna, Ohio, and after completing his education in the school at his native town, learned the trade of painter and decorator, in which business he has been engaged until December of 1906. He was suc-

cessful in the business, but tired of it, and determined to take up the mercantile business, and his large patronage is proof that he is prospering in this line also.

His union with Miss Annie L. Chapman took place in 1890. She is a native of Levanna, and is a daughter of William and Geneva (Dunham) Chapman, the latter of whom passed away in March, 1909, and the former residing at Levanna. Mrs. Kelsey has brothers and sisters living as follows: Charles, of Chilo, Ohio; William, of Cincinnati; Mrs. I. W. Lawrence, of Chilo, Ohio; and Mrs. J. L. Pangburn, of Levanna.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey have three sons, Roy E., Roland S. and Howard C., all of whom are at the parental home. Roy E. is principal of the Higginsport schools and Roland S. is a teacher in the Brown county schools.

The political views of Mr. Kelsey are in accord with those of the Republican party, and although he does not desire public office, is interested in all that affects the interests of the community in which he lives.

The social relations of our subject are with the Modern Woodmen of America, of Ripley. The family of Mr. Kelsey attend the Christian church, of which Mrs. Kelsey is a consistent member.

FRANKLIN PIERCE HITE.

Numbered among the most progressive and prosperous of Brown county citizens, is Mr. Franklin Pierce Hite, who for the past forty-one years has been successfully engaged in the tobacco business, as a buyer and dealer, at Ripley, Ohio, where he owns two large tobacco ware houses. Mr. Hite was born at Higginsport, Ohio, August 7, 1852, and is a son of James and Elizabeth (Dugan) Hite, the latter of whom was born in Brown county and is a daughter of Jesse Dugan, an early merchant at Higginsport, where he was a large dealer in pork. She passed away in October, 1910, at the age of eighty-six years.

James Hite was born in the neighborhood of Sandusky, Ohio, coming to Higginsport as a young man. He was a merchant and large tobacco dealer, and in this line of work was very successful. He reared a large family, consisting of eleven children, of whom eight are living. He was a staunch Demo-



SCENE ON EAST FORK OF LITTLE MIAMI RIVER.

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crat, and served as postmaster for many years. In religious belief, he was a Universalist and his death occurred at Higginsport.

Mr. F. P. Hite is the fifth of eleven children, and was reared and resided at Higginsport until his removal to Ripley, about the spring of 1893. He purchased a beautiful old home on West Second street, which he has remodeled and modernized.

In 1877, Mr. Hite was united in marriage to Miss Julia Davidson, of Higginsport, where she was born and reared, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Holden) Davidson, the latter of whom was a native of Maine, and the former a native of Washington, Mason county, Kentucky. He came to Brown county as a young man and married here. He was a mill wright by business, and died in 1892, at the age of seventy-eight years, while his wife died in 1879, aged sixty-seven years.

Mrs. Hite is the youngest of seven sisters, three of whom are living: Miss Mary, of Ripley; Mrs. Fannie Brookbank, of Champaign, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin P. Hite have one daughter, Mayme, now Mrs. O. C. Ellis, of Ripley, and they have two children, Elizabeth Virginia and Ruth Evelyn. Mr. Ellis is in the tobacco business, and is also a farmer. He was born and reared at Higginsport.

In politics, Mr. Hite is a Democrat, but not in the light of an office seeker, preferring to give his entire attention to his business interests.

Mrs. Hite and her sister are consistent members of the Christian church of Higginsport, Ohio.

Mr. Hite is an energetic business man, thoroughly reliable in his dealings and whatever of success he has achieved is attributable entirely to his own efforts.

WILLIAM A. GILLILAND.

Mr. William A. Gilliland, who has passed the eighty-fourth milestone of life's journey, is numbered among the oldest native born sons of Brown county, and has resided for more than fifty years on his present home farm in the northern part of Union township. He is recognized throughout the county as one of its most influential men, known alike to rich and poor,

he is esteemed by all with whom he is associated. Mr. Gilliland was born in Union township, April 20, 1829, and is a son of James and Narcissa L. (McLain) Gilliland.

James Gilliland was born in South Carolina, in the year of 1804, and the year following, his parents, Rev. James and Frances (Baird) Gilliland, became residents of Brown county, Ohio. Rev. James Gilliland was born in Lincoln county, North Carolina, in 1769, and his death occurred in Brown county, in February, 1845. He was a Presbyterian minister, and preached for over thirty-seven years at the Red Oak Presbyterian church, which was erected in 1817.

James Gilliland carried on the business of farming for many years, and raised much good stock, always taking an interest in the improvement of both stock and land. In later years, he was associated with the Farmers' Bank, as president, and his death took place on his farm in Union township, in 1881. He was a Whig and later a Republican in politics, and was a staunch member of the Presbyterian church, in which he was always active and a liberal contributor.

Narcissa L. McLain was born in Pennsylvania, December 16, 1808, and passed from this life in 1882. She came as a child down the Ohio river, with her parents, who were early settlers of Brown county, and were prominent members of the Presbyterian church. She and James Gilliland were the parents of five children, of whom William A., of this mention, is the eldest. The others are: John L. and Amanda, died in infancy; James M., of El Paso, Tex., until recently a farmer of Union township; and Luther, deceased.

William A. Gilliland enjoyed the educational privileges of the Marietta College, where he took a preparatory course of one year and one-half, after which he pursued his studies at Hanover College, graduating in the class of 1853. He then took up the study of medicine, under Dr. Alexander Dunlap, and further broadened his knowledge at the Jefferson Medical College of Pennsylvania. Following his graduation from this institution, he entered upon the practice of his profession at Hillsboro, Ohio. After a period of about one year, he concluded to give up his practice and this he did, purchasing his farm in Brown county, and turning his attention to the pursuits of agriculture.

Mr. Gilliland was first united in marriage to Elizabeth Jane Hopkins, who was born in Union township, in 1832, and died in the latter part of 1860. She was a daughter of John and

Nancy (Mayes) Hopkins, who were from South Carolina. Of this union, seven children were born:

Frank W., a farmer of Union township, is the father of five children.

Miss Hattie N., at home.

Anna Mary, who is now Mrs. S. W. Kincaid, of Hillsboro, Ohio.

Elizabeth, who became the wife of Dr. S. L. McCreight, of Chicago.

James H. is in business at Los Angeles, Cal.

Jeanette, who is the wife of Mr. Chambers Baird, of Ripley.

Miss Althea, at home.

For his second wife, Mr. Gilliland chose a sister of his former wife, Miss Harriet Ann Hopkins, the ceremony taking place in the year of 1871. Both ladies are sisters of Mr. Archie Hopkins. The present Mrs. Gilliland was born May 9, 1834, and is a lady of great intellectual ability, having had collegiate advantages.

Mr. Gilliland and his family are members of the Red Oak Presbyterian Church, of which he has been a ruling elder and superintendent of the Sabbath school for many years.

LOUIS O. GARDNER.

Mr. L. O. Gardner is engaged in the raising of draft horses and other blooded stock on his well tilled farm of one hundred and eighty acres in Huntington township, Brown county, Ohio. He has registered Percheron horses, stallions and mares and devotes his entire attention to the improvement of his farm and the raising, buying' and selling of fine stock.

Mr. Gardner is a native of Brown county, his birth having occurred in Union township, October 18, 1860, and his parents are Mr. John W. and Nancy Jane (Boggs) Gardner. He was reared to farm life and attended the common schools of his district, thereby obtaining a good education. He made farming and stock raising his life occupation, and in this line he has met with an unusual measure of success.

Mr. L. O. Gardner was united in marriage to Miss Jeanette Buchanan, on October 21, 1884. She was born in Huntington township, and is a daughter of Thomas and Ellen (Hiett)

Buchanan. Their family consists of four children, all born in Brown county:

Earl is a member of the undertaking firm of Trapp & Gardner, of Ripley, Ohio.

Thomas is at home on the farm.

Frank died at the age of three years.

Charles is also at home. He married Miss Margaret Earsley, a daughter of Joseph Earsley, of Union township, Brown county.

In politics Mr. Gardner votes the Independent ticket. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Gardner and family are members of the Hiett's Chapel Christian Church, in Huntington township.

All four sons of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner are graduates of the Ripley High School, and the eldest, Earl, spent three years as a student of the University of Ohio and attended Nelson's Business College of Cincinnati. They are a family of whom their parents are justly proud.

Mr. Gardner enjoys the universal esteem and regard of all who know him and his success in life is due entirely to his own energy and enterprise.

THOMAS BUCHANAN.

Mr. Thomas Buchanan, a leading citizen of Brown county, and one of its most prosperous farmers, resides on his well improved and highly cultivated farm of two hundred and fifty acres in Huntington township, his home since 1849. Mr. Buchanan was born in Belfont, Sterlingshire, Scotland, his natal day being November 30, 1833, and his parents were Thomas and Jeanette (McCuen) Buchanan. The mother passed away about 1843, and the father died in 1849, aged about seventy-five years. They were both devout and active members of the Presbyterian church.

The subject of this mention remained at the parental home in Belfont until the year of 1846, when he accompanied a sister to the city of Glasgow. In 1849, the youth sailed for America in company with an older brother, George, who located in Brown county. George Buchanan brought with him from Scotland, his wife and two children, they having been influenced to leave the old country by his wife's uncle, John

Thomas, who had settled in Brown county some time previous.

Thomas Buchanan had very little capital with which to begin life in the new country, but he, with his brothers, George and John, purchased his present home farm, then mostly timber land. Two years later, Thomas bought out his brothers' interest in the farm and George removed to near Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he followed the occupation of general farming until his decease, in 1906, at the age of eighty-five years.

In April, 1853, Mr. Thomas Buchanan married Miss Ellen Hiatt, who was born in Huntington township, Brown county, August 23, 1828, whose death occurred January 27, 1909, at the age of eighty-one years. She was a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Gilbert) Hiatt, who were from Pennsylvania, and were among the pioneers of Brown county. She was a member of the Christian church, Hiatt's Chapel in Huntington township.

Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan were the parents of ten children, of whom one, Samuel, died in infancy, and another, George, died in 1908 in California, leaving a widow, formerly Miss Myrtle Kendall, and one daughter seven years of age. Those living are:

John, who is a farmer of Huntington township, Brown county.

Thomas Jr., of Ripley, who is engaged in the coal and feed and stock business.

Miss Sarah Ann, at home.

Jeanette, wife of Louis O. Gardner, mentioned elsewhere.

Griffith, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits near Russellville, Ohio.

Elizabeth, Ruth and William are at home.

The home of Mr. Thomas Buchanan, which he erected in 1855, stands in the midst of well tilled fields. He has made all the improvements on this farm and has remodeled the home which is one of comfort in every respect.

During the winter of 1877 and 1878, Mr. Buchanan was privileged to visit the home of his childhood and youth in Scotland, and the pleasure this trip afforded him has never been forgotten.

Politically Mr. Buchanan has voted the Republican ticket mainly, although he voted for President Buchanan.

Socially, Mr. Buchanan is a member of Ripley Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Ripley Chapter, Royal Arch Masons,

and Hanselm Commandery of Cincinnati. He was made a Mason in 1856.

Religiously he has been an active member and generous supporter of the Presbyterian church of Huntington township, for many years.

REZIN HAWKINS.

Among the substantial and highly esteemed citizens of Clermont county, is numbered Mr. Rezin Hawkins, a farmer and fruit grower on Twelve Mile creek, where he owns and operates his sixty-five-acre fruit farm, in Ohio township. He has a fine pear orchard of twelve acres and a five-acre cherry orchard, beside berries of all kinds. He is thoroughly up-to-date in his methods and has followed the business of fruit culture most of his active life. He was born on the farm which he now owns, which is a part of the old home place, February 27, 1848, and is a son of William Hawkins, whose family record appears elsewhere in these volumes.

Rezin Hawkins was reared to habits of industry and enjoyed all the advantages of a good home and kind parents. He acquired a good common school education and grew to manhood on the parental farm. At the time of the war he took passage to Charleston (now West Virginia), in 1863, and enlisted in Company A, Thirty-fourth Ohio volunteer infantry, serving until his discharge on account of disability, in March, 1865. He participated in all the engagements during his service and was seriously injured at Fisher Hill, after which he spent four months in the hospital, in Delaware and West Philadelphia. For three years after his return to his home, his life hung in the balance. He had been wounded in the elbow and he was advised to have the arm removed, but it finally healed up and he engaged in the fruit growing business as soon as he was physically able to do so. Mr. Hawkins is one of five brothers who were soldiers, four of whom are now living.

Mr. Hawkins has been twice married, first in Ohio township to Miss Hattie Leeds, who was a native of Stonelick township, Clermont county, a daughter of Lewis Leeds, an early settler of the county, a carpenter and builder, who is long since deceased. She died in 1875, at the age of nearly twenty-two years. To this union were born two children:

Edmond married a Miss Cook and they are the parents of two children, Ada and Roy.

Rezin, Jr., who died in infancy.

The second marriage of Mr. Hawkins was to Mary Ellen Leeds, a sister of his former wife, and they have had ten children, eight of whom are living:

William married and has two children. He is a resident of lower Kentucky.

Harriet married William Baldwin, and died in 1905, leaving two children, Raymond and Stella.

Henry married a daughter of Edward White, and has one son, Edward. They are residents of Monroe township, this county.

Melvina, who became the wife of William Lake, and resides in Arkansas.

Rezin, Jr., of Monroe township, married a daughter of Charles Carnes, and has three children, Ella, Arthur and Mildred.

Catherine is Mrs. Guy Smith and is a resident of Monroe township.

Lorraineo, at home.

Mart, at home.

Daisy, the youngest of the family, is at home.

Mary, died at the age of four years.

In political views, Mr. Hawkins is a staunch Republican, and has served his party in the various local offices, for six years as township trustee and has been an active member of the school board for the past twelve years. He was elected count commissioner in 1904 and served four years. Socially, he is and has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for the past forty years, being also a member of the New Richmond Encampment. He and his family are members of the New Richmond Methodist church. As residents of Clermont county, the family of Mr. Hawkins has many friends.

CAPT. GEORGE W. TEMPLE.

Capt. George W. Temple, United States gauger, in the Department of Internal Revenue, since June 17, 1901, is a representative of one of the oldest pioneer families of Clermont county. His beautiful home at Lindale, Ohio, stands very

nearly on the site of the cabin home erected by his paternal grandfather, Rev. Ichabod Temple, who was pastor of the Baptist church of Lindale for thirty-eight consecutive years.

Rev. Ichabod Temple came to Clermont county from near Bangor, Me., in 1816, and erected his log cabin, which was said to be the best built cabin in this section of the country. Rev. Ichabod Temple was born in the North of Ireland in 1762 and had two brothers, one of whom remained in the land of his nativity, while the other came to America and settled in the southern part of the United States. Rev. Temple was ordained in Maine and there was twice married, his first wife being the grandmother of Mr. Temple of this biographical sketch. His first charge in Ohio was at Ten Mile, where the first stone church in this locality was erected.

Cyrus Temple, the father of George W. Temple, was born in Maine in 1804, and when eleven years of age accompanied his parents to Clermont county, the long trip being made by ox team. Cyrus Temple assisted his father to clear the farm, which was mostly timber, and spent most of his life on this farm. His wife was Sarah West, who was born near Bethel, in 1801, and was a daughter of James and Mary (Atkinson) West, who were born and raised forty miles south of Alexandria, Va., and located near Bethel in the latter part of the Eighteenth century. James West was a brick layer and built many of the homes and buildings in the county. He died in 1852, in December, at the age of sixty-six years. His wife died at the age of eighty-six years. She was of unusual height for a woman, being six feet tall, and her brothers were very tall, one of whom was six feet, eight inches. They were the parents of two sons and six daughters, Eliza, Rosanna, Rebecca, Sarah, Elizabeth, Nancy, James and Edmond. The boys died as young men.

Cyrus Temple was one of eight children, Jacob, Robert, Nathaniel, Henry, William, Mrs. Edmond and Mrs. Preble, all of whom are now deceased.

Capt. George W. Temple is one of four sons and two daughters:

Mary died September 20, 1863, leaving a husband, Arthur Wyatt, and four children.

Hester A. married Jacob Donham, and died in June, 1906, leaving one son and five daughters.

James Perry died in 1855, at the age of twenty-four years.

Oliver C., a member of Company F, Eighty-ninth Ohio vol-

unteer infantry, died in Libby prison, having been captured at Chickamauga, September 20, 1863, and died the following October 24th.

A. J., of Lindale, was first lieutenant of the Thirty-fourth Ohio volunteer infantry of the "Zouave" regiment, being the tallest man in his regiment:

George W., our subject, who was born May 20, 1842.

Capt. George W. Temple was reared at Lindale, where he received his preliminary education. He further pursued his studies at the Clermont Academy for one year and for two years he was a student in the Amelia High School. He attended a select school under Prof. John Ferguson, at Lindale, and at the end of his study here, taught school for twelve winters, farming during the summer.

From 1882 to 1884 he served as deputy revenue collector and was nominated and elected in the fall of 1884 to the office of county auditor, and in this capacity served for six years. For one term Mr. Temple served as sheriff, after which he returned to the revenue service, being reinstated June 17, 1901.

Capt. George W. Temple was one of the brave soldiers of Company F, Eighty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, having enlisted on July 29, 1862, and mustered out June 7, 1865. He participated in many dangerous campaigns and was with General Sherman on his famous "March to the Sea," also taking part in the Grand Review, at Washington. He was mustered out as first sergeant, although he had served as sergeant-major, and has always been known as "Captain."

On June 9, 1867, occurred the marriage of Captain Temple to Miss Sallie J. Idlet, a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Bainum) Idlet, both of whom were born in Clermont county, and who are now deceased. Mrs. Temple has four brothers and seven sisters, all living with the exception of one.

Captain and Mrs. Temple are the parents of the following children:

Della, who became the wife of E. C. McCaskill, president of a college at Superior, Wis.

Allen P. is a professor of Natural Science at Springfield, Mo. He married Miss Blanche Wyatt, of Stephen's Point, Wis., and they have one daughter, Jane, who was born June 19, 1908.

Politically, Captain Temple has always voted the Republican ticket, and cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, at his second election. His first vote for Governor of Ohio was given to John Bluff. He has held many positions of trust

and responsibility in connection with public affairs, but has never sought political honors. In fraternal circles, he is widely known, having membership in the Masonic order, of Amelia, the Knights of Pythias, of Batavia, now demitted and is the oldest in the county, from 1872, and formerly of the Odd Fellows of New Richmond. He is a member of Amelia Post, No. 319, Grand Army of the Republic, and attends the Methodist church, of which Mrs. Temple is a member.

Captain Temple is a man of upright life, who well represents the very best citizenship of this section and the whole family is held in the highest esteem.

FRANK L. POELTZ.

Frank L. Poeltz, one of the most respected merchants of Brown county, is a self-made man and worked very hard to get a start in life, advancing slowly to his present position. He has been successful through energy and industry and is interested in the progress and welfare of his community, as a good citizen. He was born in Clermont county in 1864, son of Julius and Wilhelmina Poeltz. The parents are mentioned at some length in connection with the sketch of their son, Charles Poeltz, which appears in another portion of this work. The father was born in Germany in 1827 and died in 1855, and the mother, who was born in 1826, lives with her son Charles in Clermont county.

Mr. Poeltz attended school at Laurel, Clermont county, and his first work was assisting his father on the home farm. He remained with his parents until his marriage, devoting his time to farming and to the trade of blacksmith. He spent twelve years at this trade in Monroe township, Clermont county, and was an expert workman, having a large trade. In 1894 he married Miss Laura Metzgar; who was born in Cincinnati, in November, 1866, daughter of Gottlieb and Harriet (Flinchpaugh) Metzgar. Mr. Metzgar was born in Germany and his wife, who was born in Cincinnati in 1835, lives with her son-in-law, Mr. Poeltz. She had several brothers who served in the Civil war. Mr. Metzgar was a machinist and locksmith, doing expert repair work in nearly all mechanical lines, and was highly regarded as a workman and as a citizen. He and his wife had the following five children: William died in 1909; John and Edward live in Cincinnati; Frank died in 1909, six months before the death of William; Mrs. Poeltz was the only daughter.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Poeltz settled in the village of Laurel, Clermont county, and as before mentioned, he followed his trade of blacksmith there a dozen years. In 1906 they came to Russellville, Ohio, and engaged in business there. He keeps a full line of general hardware and agricultural implements, making a specialty of heating and cook stoves. He also has paints and oils, and handles a high grade of fence, tiling, sewer pipe, and a similar line. He has a patronage extending for many miles around the village and has a good standing in business circles. He is known to be upright and conscientious in his dealings and his personality has helped bring him custom. In politics he is a Republican and at the age of twenty years he served as assessor in Monroe township. He and his wife belong to the Methodist church, of which he is steward and trustee. They reside on Main street, where the store is located, and he owns both pieces of property, as well as some vacant lots in the new division.

Two children have blessed the union of Mr. Poeltz and wife, both born in Clermont county: Edith May, who died at the age of two and one-half years, and Carson Harold, born in 1900.

GEORGE W. TURNER.

George W. Turner is the owner of a valuable farm of eighty-eight acres in the Valley of the East Fork, in Union township, and has an attractive residence in the midst of well cultivated fields. His place gives evidence of industry and thrift and he is considered as one of the leading stock men in the county.

On November 26, 1847, in Hamilton county, Ohio, occurred the birth of George W. Turner, his parents being Michael and Nancy (Flinn) Turner. George W. is the sixth of a family of eleven children, of whom five are now living:

Isaac D. was born April 4, 1844, and is a resident of Summer-side, Clermont county.

James J., of Monterey, this county, was born January 26, 1846.

Miss Anna E., residing with her brother, Edwin J.

Edwin J., who was born October 13, 1860, is operating the home farm.

Those who are deceased are as follows:

John W. married Rhoda Davis, a sister of Benjamin F. Davis,

whose sketch appears in these volumes. He was born June 24, 1855, and died October 23, 1888.

Joseph died in infancy, May 14, 1857.

Sarah died January 27, 1857, in her sixteenth year.

Syrena died October 20, 1868, in her sixteenth year.

William died in infancy, July 30, 1841.

Van Buren M. died January 18, 1847, at the age of nine years.

Michael Turner was born October 13, 1809, in Pennsylvania, near the town of Sparta, and died August 28, 1889. He came with his parents, Isaac and Sarah (Winton) Turner, to Ohio by flatboat, where they located at what is known as "Round Bottom" in Hamilton county. Later Isaac removed to the farm which is now the home of his grandson, Edwin J., and built a part of the home now standing, in 1817. Isaac was born January 1, 1778, in Pennsylvania and died in Ohio, July 17, 1833. Sarah (Winton) was born October 9, 1779, and died August 30, 1849. They were the parents of nine children:

Michael was a successful farmer and stock raiser, being also a large dealer in meats. He was married December 3, 1835, to Miss Nancy Flinn, near Madisonville, Ohio. She was born January 1, 1817, and died December 19, 1879. Her paternal grandmother is reputed to be the first white woman to land at Columbia, near what is now the city of Cincinnati. She was a Methodist from girlhood, but Mr. Turner never joined any church or secret order.

George W. Turner was reared in Hamilton county, Ohio, and was well educated, attending, in addition to regular schooling, the Nelson Business College at Cincinnati, and has followed the occupation of farming along scientific lines and has met with splendid success.

In 1875 Mr. Turner was married to Miss Lucy J. Ragland, of Hamilton, who is a sister of John G. Ragland, mentioned elsewhere on these pages. In 1876 Mr. Turner removed to Clermont county, locating one mile above Perintown, where he carried on general farming until 1890, when he sold the farm and purchased the present home. He has made many improvements and his farm is one of the attractive homes in the county.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Turner consists of the following children:

Clifton R. died in infancy.

Flora S. became the wife of Henry Friend, a member of the Cincinnati Fire Department.

Alice R. married John Rosenberger and they have one daughter, Helen F.

Nannie E., who is Mrs. Edwin Ernst, farmers of near Batavia. They have two sons and one daughter: Emmerson T., George C., and Mary Lucille.

Politically Mr. Turner gives his support to the Democratic party and has served in the various local offices of his township. He is a member of the Masonic lodge of Newtown, also being a member of the Grange. Both Mr. Turner and his wife are members of the Methodist church and give liberally to its support.